

City of Fountain Valley
Fiscal Year 2023-2024
Annual Action Plan



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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Fountain Valley is a recipient of federal Community Development Block Grant funding and is a designated Entitlement City. As required under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, the City of Fountain Valley has prepared its FY 2023-24 Annual Action Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs (FY 2023-24 Action Plan). This is the fourth year of the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan. An approved FY 2023-24 Action Plan is a prerequisite for funding under HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The period covered by this action plan is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

The FY 2023-24 Action Plan describes the projects and activities that the City of Fountain Valley is proposing to undertake utilizing funds made available by HUD under the CDBG program. The plan also describes community development projects and activities that will be implemented utilizing non-federal sources. The City of Fountain Valley will utilize a variety of funding sources to accomplish the projects and activities outlined in the Consolidated Plan. These funds include Federal, State, and private sources.

The annual FY 2023-24 Action Plan has been prepared utilizing HUD's eConPlan suite, a module of the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). This ensures that the FY 2023-24 Action Plan includes all HUD required components and report formatting.

On February 27, 2023, HUD announced the CDBG allocations for the upcoming fiscal year. The City of Fountain Valley will receive \$347,498 in CDBG grant funding for FY 2023-24. This is an increase of \$27,612 from last year. The FY 2023-24 allocation will be combined with \$122,244 in unobligated Carry Forward from prior year grants, and \$30,258 in CDBG-CV funds, for a total budget of \$500,000 for CDBG funded programs and activities.

HUD caps the amount of funding that may be expended on administration costs to twenty percent (20%) of the total entitlement which must include the cost to provide HUD required fair housing services. For FY 2023-24, \$64,499 is budgeted for program administration and \$5,000 is budgeted for fair housing services. CDBG regulations allow a maximum of fifteen percent (15%) of the entitlement for Public Service Agency (PSA) grants. The City will allocate the maximum allowed, \$52,124, to the PSA grant program. The balance of the entitlement is budgeted for the provision of low-moderate income housing related programs for home preservation, which

include \$260,619 for home rehabilitation, \$7,500 for lead based paint testing, and \$80,000 for code enforcement activities.

Other Federal funding sources, although not directly funded by the City, includes Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly Section 8) that is administered by the Orange County Housing Authority.

National COVID-19 Emergency Response and Funding

In response to the national COVID-19 Pandemic, the City received \$616,554 in CARES Act funding to be used for CDBG activities that prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus. Approximately \$30,258 of the CARES Act funding remains and all of it will be used to fund the fourth year of the Senior Services program in Response to COVID.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

HUD's CDBG grant program has pre-determined objectives and outcomes and each CDBG funded activity must be designed to meet these requirements. To that end, the City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division has proposed the following programs, projects and activities for implementation during FY 2023-2024, each of which has been designed to meet HUD requirements.

Objectives:

- #1 – Decent Housing - Improve and preserve existing residential neighborhoods by implementing home improvement, code enforcement, and public facility and infrastructure improvement programs.
- #2 – Suitable Living Environment-Address the needs of persons with special needs through the provision of financial assistance to public service agencies, and the removal of architectural barriers to the physically challenged. Administration of grant and the provision of fair housing services to the community.
- #3 – Economic Opportunity- Provide affordable housing opportunities for renter households through an on-going partnership with the Orange County Housing Authority.

The listed goals and objectives below will be implemented during the five-year period:

High Priority Need

- Administration of Grant: 5 - year program

- Owner Occupied Home Improvement: Rehab 75 units
- Housing and Supportive Services: Assist 2,285 persons
- Code Enforcement in eligible areas: 1250 households
- Fair Housing Services: 300 persons
- Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant: 75 homes
- Fair Housing 5 –Year Report: 1 report covering city population of approximately 57,000

Low Priority Need

- Affordable Housing: 1 unit
- Residential Rehab for Rentals: 1 unit
- Affordable Rental Development: 1unit
- Capital Improvement Projects: 1 unit
- Natural Disaster Funds: 1 other
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Outcomes are discussed in the next section, Evaluation of Past Performance.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Year-end totals are not available for FY 22-23 therefore FY 21-22 will be the primary source used to evaluate past performance.

Priority #1: Improve and preserve existing residential neighborhoods by implementing home improvement, code enforcement, and public facility and infrastructure improvement programs.

During FY 21-22, the City’s Home Improvement Program funded 23 applications for grants, rebates or loans to assist low- income homeowners rehabilitate their properties and eight grants for lead based paint testing and abatement, 8 more than the projected goal. CDBG funding was also used for code enforcement services in CDBG eligible areas to identify and abate 227 residential properties with code violations. Funding was not allocated for public facility or infrastructure programs during this program period as they were not identified as a high priority need.

For FY 22-23, the City is on target to meet or exceed the projected annual goals.

Priority #2: Address the needs of persons with special needs through the provision of financial assistance to public service agencies, and the removal of architectural barriers to the physically challenged. Administration of grant and the provision of fair housing services to the community.

Fountain Valley addressed this priority by providing grant funding to five (5) non-profit public service agencies providing six (6) programs under the City's Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant Program. In allocating funding under this program, the City followed HUD's Continuum of Care philosophy by ensuring that resources were made available to assist as many special needs populations as possible. In FY 21-22, 610 persons/households were assisted through six (6) PSA programs funded under the City's PSA Grant Program. This total was higher for the senior based services whom have continued to have a significant increase in clients as a result of COVID-19.

Elwyn California received PSA grant funding for a program that provided case management to developmentally disabled adults in the community for FY 22-23. After many successful years as a program participant, they were forced to terminate their program at the end of December 2022, because it was no longer financially feasible for their agency. The grant funds that became available due to their withdrawal were redistributed to the Meals on Wheels Congregate Program who had doubled their projected numbers at mid fiscal year.

CARES Act funding was used to fund the third year of the Senior Social Services Program in Response to COVID to assist Fountain Valley seniors prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic. Due to significant interest in the program, it is on track to easily surpass their anticipated goals of number of clients assisted for the year.

The administration of the City's housing and community development programs that benefited low and moderate-income persons included the following task/accomplishments:

- Preparation and submission of all funding applications including the Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER); and all reports required by HUD and other governmental agencies;
- Administration of CDBG funded projects including on site monitoring of home rehabilitation projects and annual audits of the public service agencies receiving CDBG funds;
- Preparation of all environmental review records (ERR's) and other administrative reports required by federal, state and local funding agencies;

- Implementation and oversight of the City's Home Improvement Program, Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant Programs, and Code Enforcement Program;
- Contracted for fair housing services with Orange County Fair Housing Council.

For FY 22-23 the PSA's are on target to meet or exceed the projected annual goals.

Priority #3 Provide affordable housing opportunities for renter households through an on-going partnership with the Orange County Housing Authority.

During FY 21-22, the City of Fountain Valley continued to provide renter households with access to affordable housing opportunities through its ongoing partnership with the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA). Under this partnership, extremely low- and very low-income households can receive Section 8 Rental Assistance Vouchers provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 433 households in Fountain Valley received Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) during FY 21-22.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In order to encourage citizen participation in the development of the City's FY 2023-24 Action Plan, a number of actions were taken to receive the greatest amount of participation:

- On September 7, 2022, a public meeting of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) was held to review the Annual Action Plan process and timeline.
- On September 29, 2022, Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff published a Public Notice in the Fountain Valley View announcing the availability of funding under the City of Fountain Valley's FY 2023-24 Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant program. Correspondence further detailing the availability of funding was sent to all prior-year program applicants and posted on the City's website.
- On November 2, 2022, the application period to submit applications for PSA Grant funding closed. Five (5) program applications were received from four (4) nonprofit organizations that provide services for low-income Fountain Valley residents.
- On December 7, 2022, a public meeting of the HCDAB was held to receive presentations by the four (4) agencies applying for PSA grants and one (1) fair housing services provider

applying for funding to provide fair housing services to city residents. The PSA's provided input regarding the services they felt were needed in the community.

- At the February 1, 2023 HCDAB meeting, the board considered applications and made funding recommendations for the PSA grant and fair housing services provider. Recommendations will be forwarded within the Action Plan to the City Council for review and approval.
- On February 9, 2023, a Public Notice was published in the Fountain Valley View announcing the commencement of the minimum 30-day review comment period beginning March 1, 2022 and concluding March 31, 2022. It advised the Action Plan was available on the website and can also be requested via email, or phone. The Public Notice advised of a public hearing at the March 1, 2023 HCDAB meeting to receive public comments on the FY 2023-24 Draft Action Plan, and a second Public Hearing at the Fountain Valley City Council on May 2, 2023, to receive comments, review and approve the FY 2023-24 Action Plan.
- The March 1, 2023, HCDAB meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum and the items scheduled for the meeting were continued until the April 5, 2023 meeting.
- On April 5, 2023, HCDAB held a public hearing to review the draft FY 2023-24 Action Plan and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council. No public comments were received. (TBD)
- On May 2, 2023, the City Council held a public hearing to review the FY 2023-2024 Action Plan that includes the CDBG budget. The Fountain Valley City Council unanimously approved the Action Plan and requested the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to forward the plan to HUD. No public comments were received. (TBD)

5. Summary of public comments

No comments received. (TBD)

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The City of Fountain Valley did not exclude any comments or views. (TBD)

7. Summary

The Action Plan covers the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and identifies how the city will allocate its Fiscal Year 2023-24 CDBG grant funding. As stated above, the City of Fountain Valley continues to foster and maintain affordable housing and services to

the underserved by successfully implementing housing and community development programs including its home improvement, code enforcement, fair housing, and public facility and infrastructure improvement programs. The grantee chose its goals or projects for the coming year based on the success of each program's past performance and needs of the community.

The City will continue to use CARES Act funding for the Senior Social Services Program in Response to COVID to assist in the response to COVID and COVID-related issues.

CR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	Planning & Building Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Fountain Valley is an Entitlement City. The City of Fountain Valley Planning and Building Department is the lead agency for developing and implementing the strategic plan for the CDBG Program. The Housing and Community Development Division within the Planning and Building Department administers the CDBG Program.

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1. Introduction

The City contacts and consults with public agencies, private agencies and city residents to get a better understanding of community needs for the plan year during the development of the FY 2023-24 Action Plan. For the Action Plan, the city consulted with the entities that are identified in the following sections.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The City of Fountain Valley does not have any public housing within its jurisdiction. The city partners with the OCHA who administers the rental assistance program in the city and issues Rental Assistance Vouchers, Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and other forms of housing assistance to city residents. The city is a member of the OCHA Cities Advisory Committee, which provides OCHA staff with input regarding program policies. The city continues to work closely with other Orange County HUD-grantee communities to develop regional plans and to share program management data.

Additionally, many of our PSA grantees provide physical and mental health evaluation within their scope of services and provide assistance for residents when needed, either from their organization or by referring them to an appropriate agency for support.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Fountain Valley is a member of CA-602 Santa Ana, Anaheim, Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC). The County of Orange is the lead agency in Orange County’s CoC and the Orange County Office of Care Coordination administers and organizes the implementation of the program. Together with cities, non-profits, community organizations and businesses, Orange County’s CoC has built a system of care to connect those experiencing homelessness to available resources and assistance. The County’s regional planning process has been devised to ensure a single well-coordinated system of care to end homelessness. This is accomplished by balancing

emergency, transitional, and permanent housing plus supportive services to address the needs of homeless persons so they can transition from streets and shelters to independent living.

Orange County is divided into three Service Planning Areas (SPAs) that efficiently direct resources as individuals experiencing homelessness enter the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The City of Fountain Valley is in the Central SPA and staff attends quarterly meetings with all members to share information and give input into the development of plans across the region.

The goal of the Coordinated Entry System is to effectively connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness to appropriate services and housing interventions to end homelessness in Orange County through:

- dynamic prioritization
- collaborative coordination
- intentional resource utilization
- equitable resource distribution
- regional service planning area prioritization

The CES has a road map in place to ensure that individuals or families seeking housing and/or supportive services can easily access all available opportunities. The path includes:

- Access - Includes multiple service providers, a virtual front door and a “no wrong door” approach
- Assessment – Includes a standardized assessment process including initial screening, diversion and CES assessment
- Prioritization – A consistent and transparent process for matching individuals and families to the most appropriate services and housing resources available
- Referral – Includes a warm hand-off between access point providers and housing or supportive service providers

While the County’s CoC and other supportive services are designed to move the homeless out of crisis and into self-sufficiency, the needs drastically exceed the funding available. To assist with this endeavor, the City of Fountain Valley grants 100% of the CDBG funds that are permitted to be allocated to public service agencies, to local PSA programs that assist the underserved. Many of these grantees offer supportive services that fill the gaps in the CoC system for the homeless and persons at- risk of becoming homeless.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Fountain Valley is not a recipient of ESG funds nor do we administer HMIS. The Orange County CoC makes the determination of ESG fund allocations and the development, operation and/or administration of the fund and HMIS entries. The City attends and contributes to the COC's Central Service Planning Area meetings regarding these items.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

See Table 2 and Table 3 on the following pages.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	INTERVAL HOUSE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interval House is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. They provide input into the needs and numbers of women and children that are victims of domestic violence in the City. Interval House provides quarterly updates of the number of people served.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Waymakers (Formerly Community Services Program)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Special Needs Facility and Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Services Program, now known as Waymakers, Inc. is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. The agency provides statistics on youth diversion needs and programs available to residents as well as potential programs that can be implemented in the future to address local needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Special Needs Facility and Services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. The agency provides quarterly updates on the financial needs of low- income children in the city and the amount of assistance they provide to city residents.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Community SeniorServ/ Meals on Wheels
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Special Needs Facility and Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community SeniorServ aka Meals on Wheels is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. Agency helps identify and support the needs of the City's special needs-elderly population specifically elderly and the frail. Agency submits quarterly statistics for city review.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Orange County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Impediments to Fair Housing

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Fair Housing Council of Orange County is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. They provide quarterly input on housing issues in the City as well as providing annual workshops for landlords and tenants and sharing anecdotal as well as statistical data with the city.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Orange County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides data regarding HUD rental assistance and vouchers. Disseminates information regarding waiting lists for assistance countywide.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	211 ORANGE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides data regarding regional homelessness, housing and service gaps for homelessness and the availability of countywide programs. Provides Point in Time information regarding homelessness specific to the City of Fountain Valley.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	SPECTRUM INTERNET PROVIDER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Broadband Internet Services Provider Services- Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Other- Broadband Specific
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Spectrum provides broadband internet services throughout Fountain Valley which are easily accessible to all residents. They also provide high speed internet at a special, discounted rate to low income households to "Narrow the Digital Divide" in their service areas. They participate in the FCC Emergency Broadband Program thru the federal government to provide additional discounts to qualified households. Spectrum will continue to provide internet services to the community and special rates to qualified households.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	FRONTIER COMMUNICAIONS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Broadband Internet Services Provider Services- Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Other- Broadband Specific

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Spectrum provides broadband internet services throughout Fountain Valley which are easily accessible to all residents. They also provide high speed internet at a special, discounted rate to low income households to "Narrow the Digital Divide" in their service areas. They participate in the FCC Emergency Broadband Program thru the federal government to provide additional discounts to qualified households. Spectrum will continue to provide internet services to the community and special rates to qualified households.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	COUNTY OF ORANGE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency – Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency- Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Other- Resilience Specific
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The County of Orange manages 350 miles of flood control facilities throughout the county designed to handle water flow from storm drains and other runoff. They inspect and maintain all facilities, including confined space underground facilities, dams, basins, and pump stations. They operate the County's urban runoff diversion program and are first responders to flood emergencies. They will continue to provide these services to the entire county.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	FEMA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency – Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Other- Resilience Specific
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted with FEMA regarding the FEMA-identified flood risks in the City that appear on the Flood Insurance Rate Map(FIRM). Currently approximately 10% of the city is in the 100-year flood plain. FEMA will continue to provide this service, as well as Disaster Support Services and Emergency Management, during major crisis.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

No agency or service was intentionally excluded from the open consultation process.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	County of Orange	Orange County has developed its CoC system in a comprehensive and coordinated effort to provide a service delivery system for the at-risk and homeless population.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Multi-Jurisdictional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	OC HUD Grantee Cities	Identified multi-jurisdictional fair housing impediments that were applicable to the City and which were incorporated into Consolidated Plan/Annual Plan goals.
5-Yr and 1-Yr. Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plan	Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)	OCHA provides information regarding the needs and availability of low-income renter households throughout the county. City confirms consistency with the OCHA annual PHLA.
City of Fountain Valley Housing Element	City of Fountain Valley	Fountain Valley Housing Element identifies the needs, goals, projects and availability of housing for all income levels throughout the city.
City of Fountain Valley Housing and Community Development Advisory Board	City of Fountain Valley	Provides input on City programs and activities for low-income households funded with the CDBG allocation.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

In order to encourage citizen participation in the development of the Action Plan, a number of actions were taken to receive the greatest amount of participation as indicated in the table below. The City did not receive any public input other than from members of the Housing and Community Advisory Board.

Citizen Participation

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	September 29, 2022 Public Notice in the Fountain Valley View announcing the availability of funding under the City of Fountain Valley's FY 2023-24 Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant program.	No comments were received	N/A	N/A

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Direct Mail	Non-profits and local government	September 29, 2023, grant applications mailed or emailed to all prior-year program participants.	No comments were received	N/A	N/A
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notice posted September 29, 2023 on city website of the availability of public service agency grants.	No comments were received	N/A	N/A

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On December 7, 2022, the HCDAB held a public meeting to hear presentations from public service agencies applying for grants and one agency applying to provide fair housing services. Recommendations forwarded to City Council within Action Plan.	No comments were received	N/A	N/A

5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>On February 9, 2023, public notice published in the Fountain Valley View summarizing the FY 2023-24 Action Plan budget. The public notice advised of a 30-day public review of the Draft Action Plan and comment period, from March 1 to March 31, 2023. The public notice advised of a public hearing on March 1, 2023 at the HCDB meeting and a public hearing on May 2, 2023, at the City Council meeting to receive public comments.</p>	No comments were received. (TBD)	N/A	N/A
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	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Draft Action Plan posted on City website for public comments and review on March 1, 2023.	No comments were received (TBD)	N/A	N/A
7	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The March 1, 2023, HCDAB meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum and all items were continued to the April meeting.	N/A	N/A	

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On April 5, 2023, the HCDAB held a public hearing for public comment on the FY 2023-24 Action Plan and forwarded a recommendation of approval to City Council. (TBD)	No comments were received (TBD)	N/A	
9	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On May 2, 2023, a Public Hearing of the City Council was scheduled to approve the FY 2023-24 Action Plan and authorize submission to HUD	No comments were received (TBD)	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

P-15 Expected Resorces – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Fountain Valley will receive \$347,498 in CDBG grant funding for FY 2023-24. The FY 2023-24 allocation will be combined with \$122,244 in unobligated Carry Forward from prior year grants, and \$30,258 in CDBG-CV funds, for a total budget of \$500,000 for CDBG funded programs and activities.

Other Federal funding sources, although not direct funding to the City, include Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance that is administered by the Orange County Housing Authority.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$347,498	0	\$122,244	\$469,453	800,000	Annual allocation plus unused CDBG funds from previous years

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG-CV	public - federal	Housing Public Services		0	0	\$30,258	\$0	Funds must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Currently, the Federal funding the City receives from HUD is the sole source of funding for the City’s CDBG program.

The PSA grants provided to non-profit service providers allows them to leverage the City’s grant against funding received from other local, state, federal, and private resources to provide the much needed services to the community.

The City of Fountain Valley also benefits from the housing vouchers for low- income households provided by the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA). OCHA continues to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance program for a majority of cities in Orange County including Fountain Valley. The vouchers are funded by the Federal government.

The City does not participate in the federally funded HOME program so there are not any matching requirements.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City does not currently have any publicly owned land or property that can be used to address the needs of the Consolidated Plan. Fountain Valley is a nearly built out community with very little vacant land available for new developments. The Harbor Blvd South Island Specific Plan includes zoning that encourages the production of affordable housing units that, if built by affordable housing developers, would address some of the needs identified in the plan. The city continues to look for opportunities to partner with developers for affordable housing projects in the city.

Discussion

Funding sources to implement the City's Consolidated Plan are limited. Assuming the continued level of annual CDBG allocation, the City expects approximately \$1.6 million of CDBG funds available for the five-year Consolidated Plan period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025, to be used to achieve the goals within the Strategic Plan.

All CDBG-CV funding received from the CARES Act will be used to fund activities and projects that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus in the community.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Administration	City-Wide	Administration of Grant Program	CDBG: \$64,499	Other: 1 Other
2	Neighborhood Revitalization	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City-Wide	Owner Occupied Home Improvement	CDBG: \$260,619	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
3	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Code Enforcement	CDBG/Code Enforcement Eligible Exception Criteria	Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$80,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 150 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Services for Frail/Elderly	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly	City-Wide	Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly	CDBG: \$19,448	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 155 Persons Assisted
5	Youth Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Youth services	City-Wide	Youth Services	CDBG: \$17,676	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 95 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Homeless Services and Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Domestic violence shelter and services	City-Wide	Homeless Services and Housing	\$15,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 50 Persons Assisted
7	Fair Housing Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Fair Housing Services	City-Wide	Fair Housing Services	\$5,000	Other: 60 Other
8	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Lead Based Paint Hazards Testing	City-Wide	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant Abatement	CDBG: \$7,500	Other: 15 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	COVID-19 Response	2020	2024	COVID-19 Response	City-wide		CDBG-CV \$30,258	CDBG-CV-Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	CDBG program administration costs.
2	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Goal Description	CDBG funds for owner occupied rehabilitation grants, loans and rebates.
3	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	Housing and Building code enforcement to preserve housing stock in eligible residential areas, on deteriorated or deteriorating properties, and to refer qualified homeowners to Housing Division to apply for grants, loans and rebates.

4	Goal Name	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Goal Description	Provide funding to Meals on Wheels congregate and home delivery programs.
5	Goal Name	Youth Services
	Goal Description	Provide childcare scholarships and juvenile diversion services.
6	Goal Name	Homeless Services and Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funding to domestic violence shelter for emergency shelter and supportive services.
7	Goal Name	Fair Housing Services
	Goal Description	Contract with Fair Housing Council Orange County to provide fair housing services to residents per HUD requirement.
8	Goal Name	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Goal Description	Lead-based paint hazard grant to test and abate any hazards found in the course of a City of Fountain Valley Rehabilitation Program project.
9	Goal Name	COVID-19 Response
	Goal Description	Programs and activities to prevent, prepare for and/or respond to COVID-19.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects summarized below address the high priority needs of the Strategic Plan. The City of Fountain Valley will allocate CDBG funding to the projects below to address the needs of low-income residents in Fountain Valley.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Neighborhood Revitalization
2	Administration of CDBG Program
3	Code Enforcement
4	Meals on Wheels Congregate Meals
5	Meals on Wheels Home Delivered
6	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley
7	Waymakers
8	Interval House
9	Fair Housing
10	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
11	COVID-19 Response

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Due to limited amount of available funding, the City prioritizes the public service agency grant program and the home revitalization program, because more households benefit from these programs. The biggest obstacle to meeting the needs of the underserved is the considerable lack of public and private resources to fully address the priorities identified in this Consolidated Plan. Funding for the development and preservation of affordable housing is greater than the revenues available even though the needs are growing. Housing costs are high in Orange County and very large subsidies are needed for affordable housing development, or homeownership assistance. Because of the lack of available resources, the City is not able to fund all community needs as identified during the citizen participation process.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Owner Occupied Home Improvement
	Funding	CDBG: \$260,619
	Description	Provide loans, grants and rebates to low income homeowners for rehabilitation. Must be owner occupied.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 qualifying low income homeowners a year
	Location Description	City-wide as qualified
	Planned Activities	Provide loans, grants and rebates to qualifying low-income households for minor rehabilitation of their single family or mobile home. Owner occupied only.
2	Project Name	Administration of CDBG Program
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration of Grant Program

	Funding	CDBG: \$64,499
	Description	CDBG program oversight and coordination
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program admin
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	CDBG program management
3	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CDBG/Code Enforcement Eligible Exception Criteria
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	Enforcement of zoning, housing and building codes in CDBG eligible areas
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 150 code enforcement violations abated in CDBG eligible areas per year
	Location Description	CDBG eligible areas
	Planned Activities	Conduct code enforcement in CDBG eligible areas on deteriorating and deteriorated properties. Educate residents on City's Home Improvement Program.

4	Project Name	Meals on Wheels Congregate Meals
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Needs Addressed	Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,950
	Description	Provide meals to low income residents at Fountain Valley Senior Center at low or no cost
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 low-income seniors per year.
	Location Description	Fountain Valley Senior Center, 17967 Bushard St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708
	Planned Activities	Provide lunch 2 times a week to low income seniors in a congregate setting at low or no-cost
5	Project Name	Meals on Wheels Delivered
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Needs Addressed	Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,498
	Description	Home delivered meals to frail elderly
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 frail and elderly low income seniors a year
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Deliver meals to homebound frail and elderly persons and provide case management
6	Project Name	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,676
	Description	Provide childcare scholarships to low income families
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low income families a year
	Location Description	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley, 16582 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708
	Planned Activities	Provide childcare scholarships to low income families
7	Project Name	Waymakers
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services

	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	Provide juvenile diversion services to city residents
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 juveniles and their families will benefit from services
	Location Description	Fountain Valley Police Department and other locations across the city
	Planned Activities	Provide diversion services to juvenile residents in an effort to keep them out of the juvenile justice system.
8	Project Name	Interval House
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Services and Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 victims of domestic violence
	Location Description	Confidential
	Planned Activities	Emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence.

9	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing Services
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Provide fair housing services to low income residents
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 low income households assisted per year
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Provide fair housing services to low income households in the community
10	Project Name	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Needs Addressed	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500
	Description	Provide lead based paint hazard testing to participants of Home Improvement Program
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low income households that are participating in the home improvement program per year
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Tests for lead based paint and abate if necessary
11	Project Name	COVID-19 Response
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	COVID Response
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Impact
	Funding	CDBG-CV \$30,258
	Description	Programs and Activities to assist community with COVID-19 response.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 senior and/or low-income clients
	Location Description	Citywide and Fountain Valley Senior Center, 17967 Bushard St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Many services provided via phone and internet.
Planned activities	Year 4 of new Senior Social Services program providing information, referral services, food pantry and case management to seniors in response to COVID.	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.22 AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.22

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The majority of CDBG funded activities will be available citywide because the programs are available to low-income households regardless of where they live in the city. The exception to this is CDBG funded code enforcement activities that are restricted to the CDBG eligible areas of the city.

Resources are utilized to benefit areas with racial/ethnic minority concentrations as these areas do have some overlap with CDBG eligible areas. According to the latest Census data for 2021, Fountain Valley is approximately 46.7% White, 37.3% Asian, 9% Two or more races, and the remaining 7% consisting of less than 1% Black, 1% American Indian, or 1% Native Hawaiians along with those who didn't identify race. Different races are scattered throughout the City with concentration of non-white households getting progressively greater in the farther northeast areas. Residents in Fountain Valley who identify as Hispanic comprise approximately 16.9% of the City's population. The Hispanic population is also slightly more concentrated in the northeastern area of the city.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-Wide	75
CDBG/Code Enforcement Eligible Exception Criteria	25
CDBG ELIGIBLE EXCEPTION CRITERIA	0

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City has limited resources and all program funding comes from the annual CDBG allocation. The City strives to allocate funds to help persons and households for which the greatest need exists, and where services relate most closely to other activities affecting neighborhood revitalization and quality of life. To that end, the City has determined that allocating funding to public service agencies and the neighborhood improvement program, which provide services specifically to low income households throughout the city, and funding code enforcement in CDBG eligible areas to maintain the quality of neighborhoods, are the most effective use of

CDBG funding for the residents of Fountain Valley.

Discussion

As discussed above, the City's CDBG program allocates funds to provide activities that promote a better quality of life, that provide safe and secure living environments, and preserve neighborhoods in order to instill pride of ownership throughout the community.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The proposed activities for FY 2023-24 will allocate CDBG funds to meet the housing needs of the following households.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	440
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	15
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	455

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Due to the limited resources, the City of Fountain Valley focuses on the Owner-Occupied Home Improvement Program that offers loans, grants, and rebates to qualifying households for minor rehabilitation that will allow low-income households to stay in their homes for a longer period of time. Oftentimes, older homeowners, with reduced income, are better off aging in place and the program can assist them in making the necessary improvements that allows them to do so.

Rental assistance for city residents is provided by the Housing Voucher program administered by the Orange County Housing Authority.

The City also funds Interval House Domestic Violence Shelter that assists homeless victims of domestic violence with emergency shelter and supportive services. This assistance does not meet the HUD definition of Homeless in Table 7 however the funding of the program assists

approximately 55 homeless domestic violence victims annually.

The city continues to look for opportunities to partner with developers to build affordable housing projects in the city. These projects would be funded outside of the CDBG program but would benefit low income households in the area.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are no Public Housing developments within the City of Fountain Valley.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

There are no actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

There is no Public Housing within the City of Fountain Valley.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

There is no Public Housing within the City of Fountain Valley.

Discussion

The City supports the County's efforts to increase the supply and quality of affordable housing countywide.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City's homeless strategy using CDBG funds is to provide services that prevent future homelessness. The programs, such as the Home Improvement Program and Public Service Agency Grant Program, benefit low-income households in an effort to ensure they are able to stay in their current housing and/or obtain social services that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

In addition to the programs and activities that are funded with CDBG allocation, the City provides further services to those experiencing homelessness. The City contracts with City Net, a homeless services provider whose mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by connecting people experiencing homelessness to transformative care and innovative housing solutions. They contact unhoused people in the city and offer a variety of outreach and engagement services to reduce homelessness and provide much needed services with the purpose of getting them into permanent housing. To that end, the City of Fountain Valley has entered into a partnership with the neighboring cities of Garden Grove and Westminster to develop a regional navigation center that will provide temporary shelter and supportive services to unsheltered persons experiencing homeless in the tri-city area. The Central Cities Navigation Center is anticipated to open by the end of 2023. City Net services and the navigation center are both funded outside of CDBG.

The City also participates and supports the Santa Ana/Anaheim/Orange County Continuum of Care (COC CA 602) that coordinates a vast network of homeless shelters and support services throughout the county.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The unsheltered homeless population in the City is limited and largely transient; the City does not have a specific gathering spot or permanent encampment for homeless individuals. The common spots for transient homeless in the City are along the Santa Ana River and Mile Square Park that are primarily under County jurisdiction.

Goal: Continue to fund City Net from the General Fund to provide persons experiencing

homelessness information and referrals to nearby assistance and services provided by the various agencies including the Orange County 2-1-1 program.

Goal: Continue to fund a Homeless Liaison Police Officer from the General Fund that is dedicated to homeless issues in the city and educates homeless individuals regarding available programs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

There remains a shortage of year-round emergency beds across the County. In an effort to provide additional emergency beds the City of Fountain Valley has partnered with the cities of Garden Grove and Westminster to construct and operate an 80- person navigation center to assist with emergency housing and services to unhoused persons.

Goal: Continue Development of the Central Cities Navigation Center funded with Fountain Valley Housing Authority Funds and the General Fund.

Goal: Continue to fund City Net from the General Fund to provide persons experiencing homelessness information and referrals to nearby assistance and services provided by the various agencies including the Orange County 2-1-1 program.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Fountain Valley provides CDBG funds to a local shelter that provides emergency shelters and transitional housing for domestic violence victims. The shelter also provides educational classes such as preparing resumes, job interviews, career enhancement, and money management. Medical and legal services are also provided for their clients. These services are designed to provide a foundation for their clients to learn to be more self-sufficient and financially stable.

The contract with CityNet and the development of the Central Cities Navigation Center will address these issues and provide positive outcomes to those experiencing homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely

low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The cost of housing is high in Fountain Valley therefore it very difficult for low- income persons to maintain housing without some type of assistance. Programs such as Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and VASH vouchers for veterans are a great help but are in such limited supply that persons just being released from public institutions, or systems of care, would have great difficulty in obtaining a vouchers in order to get immediate housing.

The Orange County 2-1-1 program allows individuals access to a large variety of assistance with a one stop approach and staff make referrals to the program as needed. 2-1-1 Orange County has a fully developed Community Corrections Program to assist people recently exiting from a corrections facility. The program includes a Proposition 47 Re-Entry Center, Stepping-Up Initiative program and Collaborative Courts that assist people recently discharged from the corrections system.

The County uses SHP, ESG, CDBG, EHAP, and OCHA/HSS funds to support the Continuum of Care system by providing emergency shelters and supportive services. In collaboration with the entire CoC, the County of Orange Health Care Agency has also implemented Proposition 63 Full Service Partnership Programs. These programs have created outreach options for homeless persons to access services starting at the street outreach level and continuing until the individual and/or family is well established in permanent supportive housing.

Discussion

The City is dedicated to assisting persons experiencing homelessness. To that end, the Central Cities Navigation Center is projected to open by year end to provide shelter and services to this population. City Net is currently providing outreach services to the City's unhoused and they will collaborate with the navigation center when it opens. Both of these projects are funded outside of CDBG. The City continues to use CDBG funds to support Neighborhood Improvement programs and social service providers in an effort to prevent future homelessness.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The main barrier to affordable housing in Fountain Valley is the lack of developers interested in constructing affordable housing projects. This is primarily due to the high cost of land in the city and the lack of vacant or underutilized land to develop.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City believes its land use controls, fees and permitting processes do not present a constraint to residential development due to the fact that the Fountain Valley General Plan and Municipal Code provide for a range of housing types and densities. The City's fees are low when compared to surrounding jurisdictions.

The City's 2021-2029 Housing Element was approved in fall 2022 and has a goal of conserving and supporting affordable housing opportunities in the city. The following strategies to further this goal are outlined in the Housing Element:

- Promote and encourage the development of a variety of housing opportunities to accommodate current and projected households.
- Assist in the provision of housing affordable to lower income households.
- Address and, where possible, remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, including housing for all income levels, as well as housing for people with disabilities.
- Encourage the maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's existing housing stock.
- Conserve and support affordable housing opportunities in the City.
- Promote housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, age, religion, sex, marital status, disability status, ancestry, national origin, or color.

Discussion:

A variety of factors add to the cost of housing in Fountain Valley and constrains the development of affordable housing units. The most significant is the high cost of land as well as the lack of vacant or underutilized land in the city. In an attempt to make affordable housing development more attractive to developers, the city provides zoning incentives for affordable

housing projects in specific areas of the city. The city continues to actively look for additional funding to promote affordable housing and welcomes proposals from affordable housing developers.

Another source for affordable housing units are Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). There have been a significant amount of new ADU's built in the city over the last few years. ADUs represent a viable option for additional affordable housing as they avoid the burden of land costs and are often provided at zero rent or a reduced rent. The city has amended the Development Code to permit ADU's by right in any zone that permits housing by right, consistent with state law, in order to encourage the production of ADUs.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City will implement programs that address the issues listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

One of the main obstacles to meeting underserved needs is inadequate funding. Many public service agencies struggle to obtain federal and state government funding as well as funding from private foundations to provide much needed services. The City will continue to allocate public service agency funding for activities that serve the needs of the underserved such as services for the elderly, youth and services that assist low income households. The home improvement program also serves low income homeowners of all ages who qualify for program assistance.

City staff refers any residents requesting information regarding rental assistance to OCHA who manages the Housing Voucher program for the majority of the county or 2-1-1 Orange County for additional services. Residents are also directed to Fair Housing Council of Orange County, whom the City contracts for fair housing services, to address questions or concerns of landlords and tenants in the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Fountain Valley utilizes its Neighborhood Revitalization Program to offer low interest loans, grants and rebates to income eligible homeowners to allow them to make necessary repairs to their homes to provide a safe a decent living environment at an affordable cost. The majority of the applicants are seniors; programs such as these allow seniors to stay in their home as they age, which is usually the most affordable housing option to them. The City is very committed to protecting housing that is affordable to the current resident, and in fact, 54% of the current year's CDBG budget is dedicated to making funds available for income eligible homeowners.

The City also supports the affordable efforts of the County of Orange as a member of the Cities Advisory Committee. The committee reviews and gives input to the administration of the housing voucher programs such as Section 8 and VASH programs. During times of enrollment in the voucher program, the City assists in distributing applications and providing guidance. The OCHA had anticipated opening the waiting list at the end of 2020 however, the coronavirus postponed that. They are now looking towards mid - 2023 for the possible re-opening of the

waiting list. As of December, 2022, there were still 6,000 people on the current OCHA waiting list.

The City also provides access to a list of countywide affordable housing options to prospective low-income tenants inquiring at City Hall.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Fountain Valley has established a Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant Program to test, evaluate and mitigate any lead based paint hazards found in the course of a home rehabilitation project. Each home that receives HUD funds for rehabilitation is tested for the presence of lead based paint hazards. Any necessary remediation work is covered by a Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant funded by CDBG funds.

The City promotes lead based paint training updates for local contractors by distributing flyers via the City Building Department as they become available from various government entities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 8.3% of the City's households are living at or below the poverty level. The City has identified several activities and services that can be implemented to combat poverty and to prevent possible homelessness. Specific examples include the following activities:

- Provide home improvement programs that allow low-income households to do necessary repairs on their owner occupied properties to allow them to stay in their homes longer.
- Support rental assistance programs provided by the Orange County Housing Authority for very low-income renters.
- Fund emergency shelter supportive services for domestic violence victims to prevent homelessness. Supportive services, counseling and rental assistance are also provided.
- Support public services programs to improve the quality of life seniors, youth, the disabled, and other populations that may be severely impacted by the cost of living in the region.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has made an effort to develop an institutional structure that will help identify and

access resources to improve the community and assist those most in need. The lead agency to administer the CDBG program is the Housing Division of the Planning and Building Department. The Division will prepare the Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice every five years, prepare the Annual Action Plan and CAPER, and complete all additional reports required by HUD. The City will ensure the public is notified of all opportunities to provide input and are given ample opportunity to engage in the process as established by the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

The City will continue to work with non-profit agencies in the delivery of services and programs for the benefit of low and moderate-income residents, and manage and promote the Home Improvement Program that provides funding to low income homeowners for repair and rehabilitation of their homes.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Fountain Valley does not have any public housing; however, the city supports OCHA who provides rental assistance for low-income households in the community. The City is a member of the Orange County Cities Advisory Committee that reviews the OCHA's 5-year and 1-year PHA to ensure that it is compatible with the City of Fountain Valley Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the City reviews PSA grant applications each year to ensure the goals of the PSA's are compatible with goals of the Consolidated Plan. The City continues to attend meetings with other Orange County grantees to discuss regional efforts and goals that benefit low-income households across the county.

Discussion:

The City allocates funding in the most cost-effective manner to best assist low-income households in the community.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	\$0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	\$0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	\$0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	\$0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	\$0
Total Program Income:	\$0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	\$0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. (2023,2024,2025)	70.00%

It is estimated that more than 70% of CDBG funds will be used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. The time frame to determine the minimum overall benefit to determine that 70% of CDBG funds are used to benefit low and moderate income are program years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Citizen Participation Summary

Map of CDBG Code Enforcement Eligible Low Income Areas

Proof of Public Notice

FY 2023-24 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

In order to encourage citizen participation in the development of the City's FY 2023-24 Action Plan, a number of actions were taken to receive the greatest amount of participation:

On September 7, 2022, a public meeting of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) was held to review the Annual Action Plan process and timeline.

On September 29, 2022, Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff published a Public Notice in the Fountain Valley View announcing the availability of funding under the City of Fountain Valley's FY 2023-24 Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant program. Correspondence further detailing the availability of funding were sent to all prior-year program applicants, participants from the past five years, and posted on the City's website.

On November 2, 2022, the application period to submit applications for PSA Grant funding closed. Five (5) program applications were received from four (4) nonprofit organizations that provide services for low-income Fountain Valley residents.

On December 7, 2022, a public meeting of the HCDAB was held to receive presentations by all PSA grant applicants and one (1) fair housing services provider applying for funding to provide fair housing services to city residents.

On February 1, 2023 the HCDAB considered the PSA and fair housing provider applications and made funding recommendations. The recommendations will be forwarded within the Action Plan to the City Council for review and approval.

On February 9, 2023, a Public Notice was published in the Fountain Valley View announcing the commencement of the minimum 30-day review comment period for the Action Plan beginning March 1, 2023 and concluding March 31, 2023. The draft was available for review on the City website, or could be emailed by request. The notice advised of the following public hearings on the Action Plan where public comments will be requested: 1) March 1, 2023 HCDAB meeting, and 2) April 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

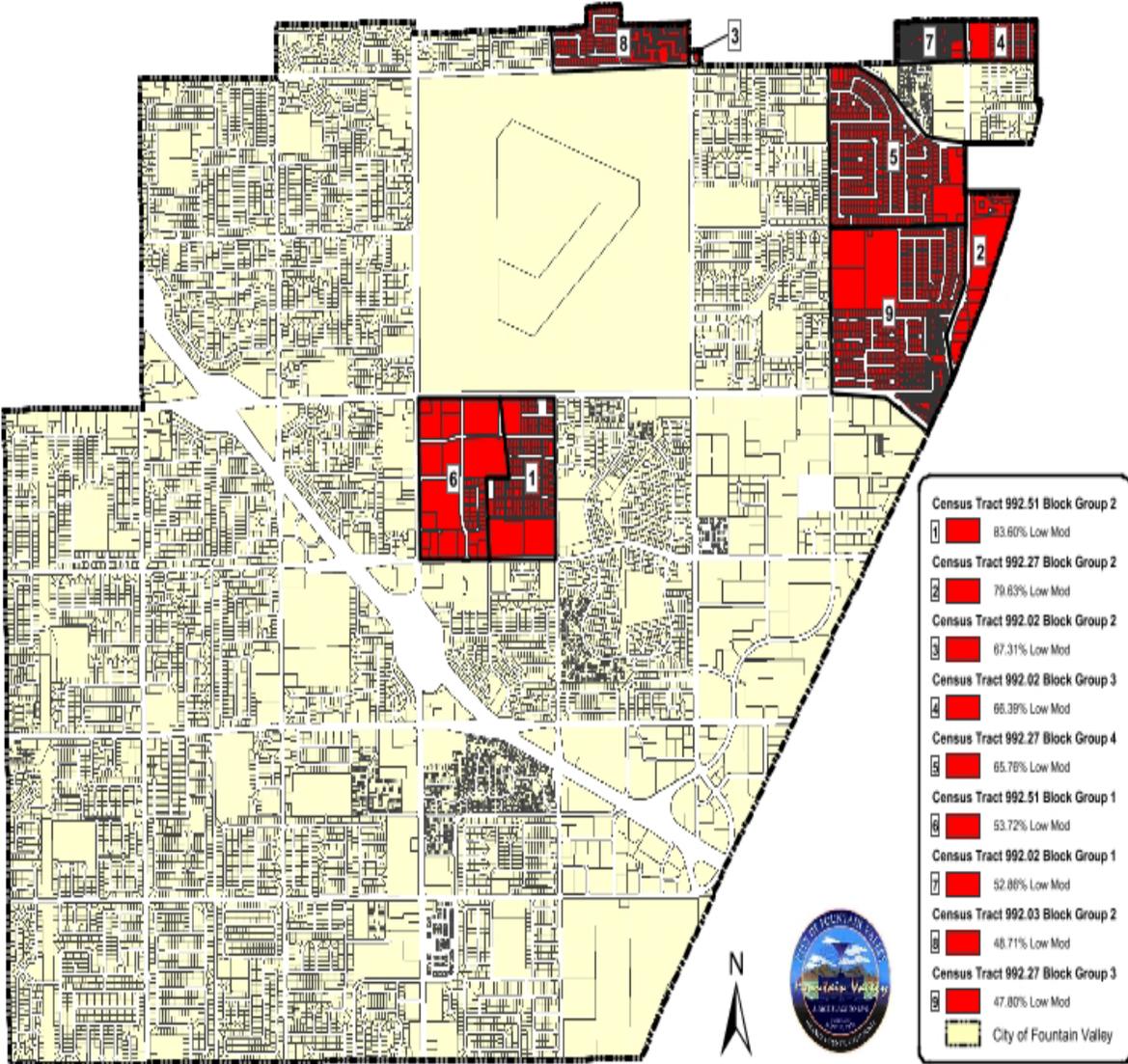
The March 1, 2023, HCDAB meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum and the public hearing to review the draft FY 2023-24 Action Plan was continued to the April meeting.

On April 5, 2023, a public meeting of the HCDAB was held to hold a public hearing to gain input on the draft FY 2023-24 Action Plan to make recommendations to City Council. The HCDAB voted

unanimously to forward the FY 2023-24 Action Plan to City Council for review and approval. No public comments were received. (TBD)

On May 2, 2023, the City Council held a public hearing in the City Council Chambers to review the FY 2023-24 Action Plan that includes the FY 2023-24 CDBG budget. The Fountain Valley City Council unanimously approved the Action Plan and requested the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and forward the plan to HUD. No public comments were received. (TBD)

CDBG CODE ENFORCEMENT ELIGIBLE LOW INCOME AREAS



Public Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY
FY-2023-24 PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that effective October 3, 2022, the City of Fountain Valley Housing and Community Development Division will begin accepting applications for grant funding under its FY 2023-24 Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant Program funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. It is estimated that \$48,000 in funding will be available.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Agencies providing services to residents of the City of Fountain Valley relating to housing, basic needs, education, crime prevention, childcare, health issues, employment/job training, and/or general welfare. PLEASE NOTE - At least 51% of the persons/households assisted under the proposed program/project must qualify as low-income persons/households as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Income Eligibility Table below outlines the maximum household income levels by household size used to define a low-income household.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY TABLE			
Household Size	Annual Income Limit	Household Size	Annual Income Limit
1	\$75,900	5	\$117,100
2	\$86,750	6	\$125,750
3	\$97,600	7	\$134,450
4	\$108,400	8	\$143,100

Applications will be available beginning Monday, October 3, 2022 on the City website at www.fountainvalley.org or you may email Ashlyn.Newman@FountainValley.org to obtain an application. Applications are submitted as proposals only and the City cannot guarantee the funding of any application submitted. The City of Fountain Valley reserves the right to hold, deny, or postpone funding of any, and all, applications for any reason.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMITTAL IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M. POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE EMAIL ABOVE OR (714) 593-4428.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY FY 2023-24 ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN**

The City of Fountain Valley (City) Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared its draft FY 2023-2024 Action Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs (Action Plan). The Action Plan describes the projects/activities proposed by the City utilizing available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

As of the writing of this notice, HUD has not released the actual CDBG funding allocation for FY 2023-24 therefore the entitlement has been estimated utilizing the current year's grant allocation. For FY 2023-24, we are estimating the City will receive \$319,886 in federal CDBG program funds. This will be combined with \$180,114 in carryover funds from previous years, for a total CDBG program budget of \$500,000. Once the actual funding from HUD is available, the allocations for each activity will be adjusted to reflect the actual Grant amount.

The following is a summary of the activities that the City is proposing to implement utilizing available FY 2023-24 CDBG program funding:

Proposed Projects/Activities

Neighborhood Revitalization Programs	\$277,786
Public Service Agency Grants	\$47,979
Public Service Agency-COVID Response (CV)	\$30,258
Code Enforcement	\$80,000
Administrative and Fair Housing Activities	\$63,977
	\$500,000

30-Day Public Comment Period

The draft Action Plan will be available March 1, 2023 for review and comment on the City website at www.FountainValley.org. You may request a copy at (714) 593-4428 or Ashlyn.Newman@FountainValley.org. Citizen input is greatly encouraged. All comments regarding the Draft Action Plan must be received on or before March 31, 2023. **Submit written comments** to the email above or mail to Fountain Valley City Hall-HCD, 10200 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

Public Hearings

A public hearing to discuss project design of the Draft FY 2023-24 Action Plan will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. before the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board. A second public hearing approving the application submittal of the FY 2023- 34 Action Plan will take place before the City Council on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6 pm. Both hearings will be in the City Council Chambers located at 10200 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. The public is encouraged to attend in-person watch on Channel 3 or stream live at http://fountainvalley.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=2 .

The final version of the FY 2023-24 Action Plan will be submitted to HUD on or about Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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