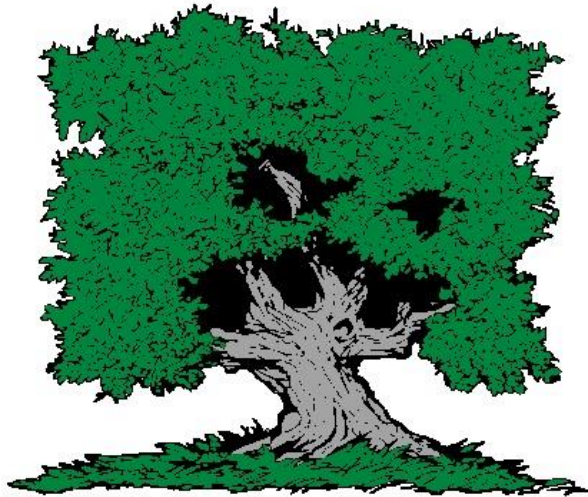


2019-2020

Annual Action Plan



C I T Y O F
WALNUT
CREEK

Approved June 4, 2019

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Walnut Creek receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods and developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate- income households. The priority needs for the City of Walnut Creek, and the strategy and objectives to address those needs are detailed in the Contra Costa Consortium's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan covers the fifth of the five program years discussed in the Consolidated Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Below is a brief summary of the overall goals identified within the Consolidated Plan.

Affordable Housing

AH-1: Expand housing opportunities for extremely low-income, very low- income, low-income, and moderate-income households through an increase in the supply of decent, safe, and affordable rental housing and rental assistance.

AH-2: Increase homeownership opportunities for Low-to-Moderate Income households.

AH-3: Maintain and preserve the existing affordable housing stock, including single family residences and apartments owned and occupied by Low-to-Moderate Income households.

AH-4: Increase the supply of appropriate and supportive housing for special needs populations, including seniors, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, Low-to-Moderate Income veterans, the homeless, and extremely low-income residents.

Assisting the Homeless

H-1: Assist the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless by providing funding to organizations that provide emergency shelter, and transitional and permanent affordable housing with appropriate supportive services.

H-2: Reduce the incidence and risk of homelessness and assist in alleviating the needs of the homeless.

Non-Housing Community Development

CD-1 General Public Services: Assist in providing opportunities and services to improve the quality of life for lower-income persons.

CD-2 Senior Services: Enhance the quality of life of senior citizens and frail elderly, and enable them to maintain independence.

CD-3 Youth Services: Increase opportunities for children/youth to be healthy, succeed in school, and prepare for productive adulthood.

CD-4 Non-Homeless Special Needs: Assist in providing opportunities and services to improve the quality of life and independence for person with special needs, such as disabled persons, battered spouses, abused children, persons with HIV/AIDS, and low-income veterans.

CD-5 Fair Housing: Promote fair housing activities and affirmatively further fair housing.

CD-6 Economic Development: Reduce the number of persons with incomes below the poverty level, and expand economic opportunities for very low- and low-income residents.

CD-7 Public Facility, Infrastructure and Accessibility: Maintain quality public facilities and adequate infrastructure, and provide access for lower-income persons and persons with special needs.

Administration

CD-8 Administration: Support development of viable urban communities through extending and strengthening partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, and administer federal grant programs in a fiscally prudent manner.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City is responsible for ensuring compliance with all rules and regulations associated with the CDBG program. The City's past Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation

Reports (CAPERs) provided many details about the innovations, projects and programs completed by the City over the past five years. The evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring the City and its subrecipients are implementing activities effectively and that those activities align with the City's overall strategies and goals.

In general, the community development and affordable housing activities that were implemented during the last Consolidated Plan time period served the identified needs. The five-year performance measures matrix and the one-year annual performance measures matrix in each of the City's CAPERs show how the City performed against the five-year strategic plan and the one-year action plan goals. The comparison of accomplishment data to goals indicate that the Consolidated Plan activities made a positive impact on the identified needs.

In the previous 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan, the City made significant progress on many of its short- and long-term housing, public service and economic development goals, including the development of a 10 unit affordable homeownership project and a 48 unit affordable rental project, certification of the 2015-2023 Housing Element, and providing public services to over 20,000 Walnut Creek residents.

In the current year (the fourth year of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan Period), the City is making progress on its identified goals and has used the 17-18 CAPER to evaluate its past performance. The CAPER and service providers continued showing high levels of need to address homelessness, and the City has made addressing that a priority. The City has partnered with the City of Concord to jointly fund an additional CORE Homeless outreach team split between the two cities, as well as funding a Winter Shelter homeless program at a local Armory.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan outlines the City's priority needs and identifies strategies and funding sources to meet those needs. The consolidated planning process included extensive community outreach, citizen input and consultation with government, non-profit agencies, and other stakeholder groups. Outreach included five community meetings and a widely distributed community survey that was available both online and in print form, and in both Spanish and English. On May 29, 2014, an evening meeting was held at Walnut Creek's assembly hall. More than 30 people attended the in-person meetings, in addition to service providers, and survey hardcopies were collected. Information on the survey and community meetings was advertised in the paper and sent to over 600 interested parties. Over 500 surveys were returned and tallied. The surveys and community meetings helped identify priorities and goals for the five-year period of the Consolidated Plan. Comments and survey results were included in Appendix A of the County's 2015 Consolidated Plan.

The Consortium held a kick off meeting for the 2017-2020 grant cycle in October 2016, attended by nearly 100 people representing various non-profit and public agencies. The RFP was sent to over 600

agencies and interested parties. The City received an initial 23 applications, mostly for public services. On March 9, 2017 the Council Housing and Community Development Committee (HCD) held a public hearing to consider all of the applications and applicants presented their program before the committee. The City issued a second RFP on March 27 for Housing/ Infrastructure and Public Facility/ Economic Development proposals. Two additional applications were received and reviewed, forming a list of eligible projects. On May 23, 2017, HCD held a public meeting to consider the two applications. On May 23, 2017 the City Council met to consider funding additional homeless services with non-CDBG funds. On June 21, 2017, HCD met to make recommendations regarding funding for additional homeless services using non-CDBG funds. The Draft Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, and funding recommendations were available for public comment between May 30-June 29, 2017. The Draft Citizen Participation Plan was available for public comment between June 24-July 4, 2017.

On July 5, 2017, the City Council held a public hearing and approved the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan, with funding for FY17-18 contingent upon fund availability and program performance. Public comments were accepted through the Council meeting.

FY19-20 is a renewal year because it is the third year in our three year funding cycle. Current recipients with good performance submitted renewal applications due February 5, 2019 to request the same level of funding. Applicants were notified by email. HCD held a public meeting on March 5, 2019 to consider funding recommendations and there were no public comments.

In addition, the City issued two NOFAs. The first was issued with the County in the Contra Costa Times on October 16, 2019 requesting IPF applications with a deadline of December 10, 2019. The City and County hosted a kickoff meeting on October 17, 2018. No applications were submitted. The City issued a NOFA on 3/18/19 in the Contra Costa Times for Housing Activities- Rental Housing with a deadline of April 19, 2019 for applications. No applications were submitted.

On May 4, 2019, the City published a 30 day public hearing notice in the Contra Costa Times for the June 4, 2019 City Council public hearing to adopt the Annual Action Plan and accept the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Two public comments were received during the public hearing portion of the City Council meeting on June 4, 2019.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

At the March 5, 2019 HCD meeting, there was no public comment.

During the 30 day public comment period from May 4, 2019- June 4, 2019, no public comments were received by email or phone.

During the City Council public hearing on June 4, 2019, two public comments were received. Jake Rosen, the Project Manager for the RCD/St. Paul's Commons IPF project, made a public comment at the City Council meeting in regards to the Annual Action Plan. He stated the need for additional funding for the ground floor tenant improvements for the project. Pete Bennet, resident, made a public comment regarding his experiences with homeless services.

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

None.

7. Summary

None.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	WALNUT CREEK	Community & Economic Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Walnut Creek is the Lead Agency for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement programs. The City’s HUD Programs Administrator in the Housing Division in the Community & Economic Development Department is responsible for the administration of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement grants, which include the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Margot Ernst

Housing Division/HUD Program Manager

City of Walnut Creek

Ernst@walnut-creek.org

925-943-5899 x2208

1666 N. Main Street

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City launched an in-depth and collaborative effort to consult with elected officials, City departments, community stakeholders, and beneficiaries of entitlement programs to inform and develop the priorities and strategies contained within the five year Consolidated Plan. The consultation activities associated with the consolidated planning process are detailed in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and included extensive community outreach, citizen input, and consultation with government, non-profit agencies and other stakeholders.

The FY17-18 Annual Action Plan was the first year in the three year program cycle and applications were sought for all eligible activities. Second and third year funds are contingent on fund availability and program performance. FY19-20 is a renewal year because it is the third year in the grant cycle.

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 works closely with community partners to enhance coordination between the affordable housing providers, homeless services providers, and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies. The Walnut Creek Police Department in particular works closely with the local homeless services provider, Trinity Center, and homeless outreach teams, to ensure that homeless residents get connected with the support services they need. The City provides mental health and other service resources to residents over the phone, on the City's website, and in person at City Hall. The City collaborates with other jurisdictions through the Contra Costa Consortium, and with services providers through the Continuum of Care and the local homeless task force.

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.

In 2007, Homeless Inter-Jurisdictional Inter-Departmental Work Group (HIJIDWG) and the Homeless Continuum of Care Board (CoCB) merged into one group: the Contra Costa Interagency Council on Homelessness (CCICH). CCICH is charged with providing a forum for communication and coordination about the overall implementation of the county's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and providing advice and input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts. CCICH provides a forum for orchestrating a vision on ending homelessness in Contra Costa County, educating the community on homeless issues, and advocating on federal, state, county and city policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. City staff regularly attends the quarterly CCICH meetings.

To help homeless individuals and families, and to prevent further incidents of homelessness, the City of Walnut Creek partners with homeless service providers, and has historically committed CDBG and CSG funds to activities addressing these issues. Partners include homeless shelters, daytime drop in centers, crisis lines, housing counseling agencies and homeless prevention service providers.

The Walnut Creek Police Department and Housing Division staff are active participants in a local homeless task force, which includes City staff, homeless service providers, the business community, homeless persons, and residents. The purpose of the task force is to address homeless related issues as they arise in the community, and to collaborate efforts to addressing the needs of the homeless.

Housing Division staff have also convened a Neighborhood Advisory Committee with the Trinity Center for an evening Winter Shelter program for the homeless. Housing Division staff also serve on the Oversight Board for the County's new Coordinated Entry efforts.

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 Walnut Creek does not receive ESG funds.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Link to the Needs Assessment Survey was sent to subrecipients, and the County's non-profit interested party list.

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

Not applicable.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CCICH	

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City is an active member of the Contra Costa CDBG Consortium (includes the Cities of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, the Urban County, and Walnut Creek), and regularly attends Consortium meetings attended by all of the entitlement jurisdictions in Contra Costa County, as well as the HUD representatives for each jurisdictions. The City is also a member of the HOME Consortium, and participates in funding discussions/decisions for the County HOME Funds.

The City works closely with the State to implement the programs and policies outlined in the Housing Element, and to administer the BEGIN funds awarded to the City for First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance.

The City is a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments, the East Bay Housing Organizations, the Non Profit Housing Association of Northern California, and the Contra Costa Interjurisdictional Council on Homelessness; and City staff regularly attend meetings and events.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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

Since FY19-20 is a renewal year in the 3 year grant cycle, FY18-19 and FY17-18 funding recipients with good performance applied to receive the same level of funding for FY19-20. The goals of the FY19-20 and FY17-18 Annual Action Plan are in accordance with the goals identified through the consolidated planning process, which was described in section AP-5. The citizen participation process for the FY19-20 Annual Action Plan builds on that conducted for the FY17-18 Annual Action Plan, which included the following:

- 9/6/16: a Notice of Funding Availability/Request for Proposals (NOFA/RFP) for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds was sent to the County's CDBG "Interested Parties" list.
- 9/5/16: NOFA/RFP notice was posted.
- 10/6/16: Competitive RFP Kickoff meeting held in conjunction with the Contra Costa Consortium at City of Concord's Senior Center, located at 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA. Nearly 100 people representing various non-profit and public agencies attended the Kickoff meeting. The City received 23 applications as a result.
- 3/9/17: Housing and Community Development Committee (HCD) held a noticed public hearing to consider the proposed 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan and expenditure of CDBG and CSG funds.
- 3/27/17: City issued a second RFP for Infrastructure and Public Facilities projects.
- 5/23/17: HCD held a noticed public meeting to make funding recommendations for the two applications received.
- 5/30/17: Public hearing notice was published in the Contra Costa Times newspaper announcing the public hearing at the City Council meeting on 7/5/17 to consider adoption of the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan including expenditure of CDBG and CSG grant funds.
- 5/30/17-6/29/17: Draft Annual Action Plan posted to the City's website and made available at City Hall.
- 6/24/17: Public hearing notice was published in the Contra Costa Times newspaper announcing the public hearing at the City Council meeting on July 5, 2017 to consider the approval of an updated Citizen Participation Plan.
- 6/24/17-7/4/17: Draft Citizen Participation Plan posted to the City's website and made available at City Hall.
- 7/5/17: City Council approved the Annual Action Plan, Citizen Participation Plan, and a new homeless services fund during a public hearing. 7 speakers gave public comment.

-10/16/18: County publishes NOFA in Contra Costa Times and to interested parties list, with Walnut Creek's request for applications for IPF category. Deadline to apply was 12/10/19. No applications received.

-10/17/18: County and Walnut Creek host kick-off meeting for NOFA.

-2/5/19: FY19-20 renewal applications due.

-3/05/19: Noticed public meeting of HCD to make FY19-20 funding recommendations.

-3/18/19: Notice of Funding Availability published in Contra Costa Times for Housing Activities - Rental Housing Activities. Deadline for applications is April 19, 2019. No applications received.

-5/4/19: Contra Costa Times newspaper publishes notice of 30 day public comment period for Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments, and 6/4/19 public hearing at City Council meeting for approval of the FY19-20 Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

-6/4/19: Held a public hearing where City Council adopted the FY19-20 Annual Action Plan, and accepted the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. 2 public comments were made (see below).

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	2 members of the public attended HCD meeting on 3/5/19	No comments received		

Sort Order	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	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	City Council public hearing 6/4/19	<p>Jake Rosen, the Project Manager for the RCD/St. Paul's Common IPF project, made a public comment at the City Council meeting in regards to the Annual Action Plan on June 4th, 2019. He stated the need for additional funding for the ground floor tenant improvements. Pete Bennet, resident, made a public comment at the City Council meeting on June 4th, 2019 regarding his experiences with homeless services.</p>		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Published two different NOFAs in the Contra Costa Times on 10/16/18 and 3/18/19. Two applications begun, but none were completed and submitted.			
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Hearing notice 30 day public comment period published in Contra Costa Times on 5/4/19.	No comments were received by email or phone.		
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Draft Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing posted to City's website.			www.walnut-creek.org/housing

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

For the Consolidated Plan period (2015-2020), the City anticipates that approximately \$14.368 million will be available for local affordable housing programs, community services, and economic development, including \$1.15 million of federal resources. The City will have an estimated \$11.393 million of affordable housing impact and commercial linkage fees, \$1.44 million from the General Fund, and the remaining amount will come from loan repayments, bond revenue and interest earnings.

For the FY19-20 program year, the anticipated uses of CDBG funds based on actual allocations include the following:

\$120,000 for the City's Home Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant program

\$52,958.32 for public services;

\$40,000 for economic development activities;

\$78,048.40 for program administration, with the ability to fund up to the 20% cap if additional program income is received;

\$354,114.29 for the category of Infrastructure and Public Facilities projects/ Housing Rehabilitation/ Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation/ Acquisition.

If additional or less program income or carry forward funds are received than anticipated any increase or decrease in available funding will be handled in the following ways:

- **Home Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant Program.** Based on spending so far, staff recommends that the Home Rehab Program be allocated \$120,000 for the next fiscal year, with the ability to increase funding up to \$160,000 if the program develops a significant

pipeline of projects in FY19-20.

- **Additional Program Income or Higher Carry Forward.** \$89,978 of program income and \$94,879.01 of carry forward is estimated for FY19-20. If more program income or carry forward is received than expected, staff recommends it be used for the following priorities:
 - Increase administration costs up to the capped level.
 - Any increase in Public Services funds for CBDG would be directed to the CORE Walnut Creek/Concord program up to the total program cost of \$88,472.
 - Any additional funds up to \$160,000 received should go to Home Rehab Program. Put additional funds toward the categories of Infrastructure and Public Facilities and Housing categories (Housing Rehabilitation, Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation, and Acquisition), with up to \$164,114 maximum available to Resources for Community Development/ St. Paul's project for additional tenant improvements to the ground floor at St. Paul's Commons to host future homeless services.
 - Consider issuing a NOFA if needed.
- **Less Program Income or Carry Forward.** If less program income or carry forward is received, staff recommends the following priorities:
 - Reduce administration funds according to the cap formula
 - Any decrease in Public Services funds for CBDG come out of the CORE Walnut Creek/Concord program.
 - Any additional decreases in funding would then be taken out of the Home Rehabilitation program.

The City supplements the Public Services portion of the CDBG program with \$100,000 from the General Fund for Community Services Grants.

The City also provides a new Homeless Services Fund with \$200,000 annually from the General Fund.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				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	300,264	89,978	94,879	485,121	485,121	Entitlement Funds from the CDBG Program, and program income through loan repayments.
General Fund	public - local	Admin and Planning Housing Public Services	637,514	0	0	637,514	637,514	General fund for Community Service Grant Program (\$100,000), CORE Outreach WC team (\$69,513.68), Winter Shelter (\$100,000), Program Administration (\$288,000) and Crisis Counselor Program (\$80,000).
Housing Trust Fund	public - local	Acquisition Housing	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	Housing Impact Fees and Commercial Linkage Fees
Other	public - local	Admin and Planning Housing	474,294	0	0	474,294	474,294	Housing Impact Fees (less than 10% for administration)

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - local	Admin and Planning Housing Public Services	400,000	0	0	400,000	400,000	Loan Repayments to the Housing Successor Agency through the First Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Program and Residual Rent Receipts.

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

For the development of Affordable Housing, the City is usually the first funder, providing acquisition financing for the development of affordable housing. The City's Acquisition funding is leveraged on an average ratio of 1/7. For every dollar we commit, an additional 7 dollars is leveraged. Leveraged funds include private lending institutions, tax credits, sweat equity, federal HOME and HOPWA funds, as well as other federal programs; and state funds such as the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) and BEGIN funds. All of the public service and economic development activities funded through the competitive process require additional funding from other sources. Often, CDBG and CSG funds account for only a small percentage of the overall program funding. In the case of the school crisis counselor program, the City requires a minimum of 50% from the school districts to fund the program.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

None.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	AH-1: New Construction of Affordable Housing	2015	2020	Affordable Housing	City Wide	Affordable Housing	Housing Trust Fund: \$5,000,000 Housing Successor Agency: \$400,000	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit
2	AH-2: Homeownership Opportunities	2015	2020	Affordable Housing	City Wide	Affordable Housing	Impact Fees: \$474,294	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 3 Households Assisted
3	AH-3: Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing	2015	2020	Affordable Housing	City Wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$120,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
4	H-1: Shelter for Homeless Population	2015	2020	Homeless	City Wide	Affordable Housing Homelessness Prevention	CDBG: \$6,000 General Fund: \$100,000	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 58 Beds
5	H-2: Services for Homeless (Non-Shelter Related)	2015	2020	Homeless	City Wide	Homelessness Prevention Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$23,958 General Fund: \$91,514	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 170 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	CD-1: General Public Services	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$10,000 General Fund: \$30,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 895 Persons Assisted
7	CD-2: Senior Services	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$7,000 General Fund: \$33,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 635 Persons Assisted
8	CD-3: Youth Services	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	General Fund: \$80,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 600 Persons Assisted
9	CD-4: Non-Homeless Special Needs	2015	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	General Fund: \$14,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 73 Persons Assisted
10	CD-5: Fair Housing	2015	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$6,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15 Persons Assisted
11	CD-6: Economic Development	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$40,000	Businesses assisted: 25 Businesses Assisted
12	CD-7: Public Facility, Infrastructure & Access	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 80 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	CD-8: Administration	2015	2020	Administration	City Wide	Administration	CDBG: \$78,048 General Fund: \$288,000	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AH-1: New Construction of Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Expand housing opportunities for extremely low-income, very low-income, and moderate-income households through an increase in the supply of decent, safe, and affordable rental housing and rental assistance. The City does not yet have a project designated for this funding, but has entered a goal of 1 because IDIS requires a goal.
2	Goal Name	AH-2: Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City provides downpayment assistance to low and moderate income households (up to 120% of AMI) through the First Time Homebuyer Assistance program. Household incomes range from 60% of AMI to 120% of AMI. The program provides up to \$65,000 or 17% of the price of the home (whichever is less) towards the downpayment. The loan is a silent second equity share loan that requires owner occupancy for the length of the loan.
3	Goal Name	AH-3: Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Home Rehabilitation Loans and Emergency Grants through the City's Home Rehabilitation Loan Program. Homeowners in Walnut Creek with household incomes below 80% of area median income are eligible for these low interest loans, and emergency grants for home repairs, particularly those related to health, safety, and accessibility.

4	Goal Name	H-1: Shelter for Homeless Population
	Goal Description	Funding for overnight emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families.
5	Goal Name	H-2: Services for Homeless (Non-Shelter Related)
	Goal Description	Funding for daytime drop in center, outreach programs and homeless prevention services.
6	Goal Name	CD-1: General Public Services
	Goal Description	Funding for programs providing critical and supportive services to low income individuals and households, including crisis intervention services, food provision services, tenant/landlord services, and support groups.
7	Goal Name	CD-2: Senior Services
	Goal Description	Funding for organizations that provide critical services to seniors and frail elderly including case management, legal services, and food provision.
8	Goal Name	CD-3: Youth Services
	Goal Description	Fund programs that provide services ensuring the well being and safety of children and youth.
9	Goal Name	CD-4: Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Goal Description	Funding for programs that provide critical, supportive, and emergency services to individuals with special needs, such as survivors of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and disabled persons.
10	Goal Name	CD-5: Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Funding for HUD certified fair housing providers.

11	Goal Name	CD-6: Economic Development
	Goal Description	Funding to assist low income individuals and business owners to start a new microenterprise, or expand existing businesses.
12	Goal Name	CD-7: Public Facility, Infrastructure & Access
	Goal Description	Funding to support accessibility upgrades to public facilities.
13	Goal Name	CD-8: Administration
	Goal Description	Funding to support the administration of the CDBG program, including application review, contract administration, preparation of required plans and reports, including the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, monitoring, and NEPA reviews.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In the Fall of 2016, the Contra Costa Consortium issued an RFP requesting applications for the 2017-2020 Grant Cycle. Walnut Creek received 23 applications for the CDBG and CSG programs and an internal request for program administration funds. On March 9, 2017, the Council Housing and Community Development Committee (HCD) held a public hearing to consider the applications. On March 27, the City issued a second RFP for remaining funds and on May 23, the Council Housing and Community Development Committee held a public meeting to review two applications for Infrastructure and Public Facilities projects and make funding recommendations. On July 5, City Council approved the FY17-18 Annual Action Plan. Because this is a renewal year, subrecipients reapplied for the same level of funding in February 2019. HCD held a public meeting on March 5, 2019 to consider the applications. Following a 30 day public comment period, Council approved the FY19-20 Annual Action Plan on June 4, 2019.

With a recommended \$100,000 for the CSG program, \$300,264 for the CDBG allocation, \$94,879 estimated in carry forward, and up to \$89,978 expected in Program Income, there is an estimated \$585,121 in CDBG and CSG funds available. This includes \$152,958 available for public services (CSG and CDBG); \$78,048 for program administration; and \$354,114 for Economic Development, Public Facility and Infrastructure, and Housing activities. There is also \$200,000 available from the Homeless Services Fund for homeless services, and \$169,514 recommended for homeless services from the Homeless Services Fund.

Should the City have more or less carry forward or program income than anticipated, the funding will be adjusted according to the priorities described earlier in AP-15.

#	Project Name
1	Contra Costa Legal Services
2	Monument Crisis Center
3	Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County
4	ECHO Housing - Tenant Landlord
5	ECHO Housing - Fair Housing
6	Contra Costa Crisis Center - Crisis Line
7	STAND! For Families Free of Violence - Crisis Line
8	Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa
9	Senior Outreach Services - Meals on Wheels
10	Senior Outreach Services - Care Management
11	Trinity Center - General Operating Support
12	Lions Center for the Visually Impaired - Independent Living
13	Rainbow Community Center
14	Community Violence Solutions

#	Project Name
15	Trinity Center - Winter Evening Program
16	Program Administration
17	COCOKids
18	Home Rehabilitation Loan Program
19	CORE Homeless Outreach
20	General Fund Public Services and Administration
21	Housing Trust Fund
22	Other Impact Fees
23	Contra Costa County Homeless Program
24	St. Paul's Commons Tenant Improvements (Trinity Center)
25	Housing/ IPF/ Acquisition

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The City prioritized projects and programs that meet the CDBG program primary objective to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities; principally for person of low and moderate incomes. The projects were also weighed against the City's highest priority needs. This year, addressing homelessness continues to be a focus for the City. As shown in the above chart, the City is funding a wide array of priority needs including maintaining and preserving affordable housing, services for the homeless, senior services, economic development activities, and fair housing services.

To address the underserved needs, the City contributes \$100,000 in General Funds for the Community Services Grant (CSG) program. The CSG program is specifically designed to augment the public service portion of the CDBG program. In 2017, the City also created a \$200,000 Homeless Services Fund to supplement homeless services programs. The local Homeless Task Force has identified a need for a Safe Parking Program for those who are homeless and living in their vehicles, and the City's Housing and Community Development Committee recommended some seed funding for the program. The City Council reviewed the Safe Parking Program funding request separately on May 21, 2019, and approved \$50,000 in seed funding. The Safe Parking Program will need additional approvals and permits through the Planning Commission in the future.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Contra Costa Legal Services
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-2: Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	5A - LMC. Provide free legal counseling, advice, representation and litigation services to low-income seniors in connection with their housing, income maintenance, consumer and individual rights and other elder law issues.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 seniors.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide on-site food distribution, direct referrals to shelter, referrals and workshops for financial assistance, basic employment workshop, and legal and crisis support services.
2	Project Name	Monument Crisis Center
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,500 General Fund: \$9,000
	Description	5- LMC. The Monument Crisis Center offers wrap-around safety net services through on-site food distribution, direct referrals to shelter, referrals and workshops for financial assistance, referrals and access to health care and health care services, basic employment workshops, court mandated community service programs, on site legal and crisis support services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	180 low-income individuals.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide on-site food distribution, direct referrals to shelter, referrals and workshops for financial assistance, basic employment workshop, and legal and crisis support services.
3	Project Name	Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-6: Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	18C - LMC. Create and retain jobs for low to moderate-income people through self-employment or micro-enterprise businesses expansion. Provides training and one-on-one business management consulting.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 businesses assisted.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) delivers group training and individualized advising to support low-to-moderate income individuals achieving self-sufficiency by starting and/or growing micro-enterprises. The project, utilizing matching SBA funds, also supports the creation of additional employment opportunities in key sectors by delivering services focused on accessing capital, securing certifications/procurement contracts, exporting and increasing sales.
4	Project Name	ECHO Housing - Tenant Landlord
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$5,500
	Description	5K - LMC. To prevent evictions by educating the public and callers as to their housing rights and responsibilities, to resolve conflicts between residents and their landlords and to help callers get and keep their homes by enabling them to exercise their housing rights.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 low-income persons.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	ECHO's staff shall provide information and build community awareness with regard to housing rights and responsibilities to both tenants and landlords residing in Walnut Creek. Services shall include telephone counseling regarding housing rights and responsibilities, dispute resolution, development and distribution of flyers and brochures, conducting housing clinics and community presentations.
5	Project Name	ECHO Housing - Fair Housing
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-5: Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	5J - LMC. To provide Federal and State Fair Housing Law information, counseling, investigation, mediation and educational training services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low-income persons.
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	ECHO Housing is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency, and satisfies the HUD definition of Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (FHO) and Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO). ECHO will affirmatively further fair housing by addressing discrimination in Concord and Walnut Creek; assist and educate residents who allege discrimination, conduct a systemic audit to uncover hidden discrimination, and provide training to owners and managers.
6	Project Name	Contra Costa Crisis Center - Crisis Line
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$9,500
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. Contra Costa Crisis Center's call center is comprised of a 24 hour crisis intervention service and a 211 information and referral service. Both programs utilize a robust social service database of local homeless, health and social services programs. Full-time professional staff and highly trained volunteers provide immediate crisis support service as well as immediate information and referrals 24 hours per day - to emergency shelters, emergency food programs, job training, health care and other services. These programs work on both the mental health as well as the basic needs of people in crisis - to enable those in need to access resources in their community quickly and easily, and allowing residents in need a single point of entry for a variety of resources.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 low-income persons.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide 24-hour crisis line services through two crisis line programs: Crisis Intervention Service and 211 Information and Referral Service.
7	Project Name	STAND! For Families Free of Violence - Crisis Line
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-4: Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$6,500
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. STAND!'s Crisis Line provides 24-hour phone-based response for domestic violence victims, families, and the community. Crisis Line services include immediate crisis response, safety planning and assessment, crisis counseling, screening for the Emergency Shelter, information, and referrals for both in-house and community services, such as counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, and others. The Crisis Line is the primary point of entry for STAND!'s comprehensive services.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	52 low-income persons, such as victims of domestic violence.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide 24-hour crisis line services.
8	Project Name	Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-2: Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$8,500
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. Dependent adults and elderly residing in long term care facilities will have access to safe and secure environments through the advocacy of trained and certified Ombudsmen who investigate abuse and ensure compliance of facilities with Title 22 California Code of Regulations for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 low-income seniors.

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Investigate abuse and ensure that long-term care facilities are in compliance with Title 22 California Code of Regulations.
9	Project Name	Senior Outreach Services - Meals on Wheels
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-2: Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$18,000
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. Meals On Wheels delivers nutritious meals to all frail, home bound seniors living in Contra Costa County and to help them to live at home in safety, in comfort, and with dignity for as long as they can. Clients are over 60, home bound, and are unable to shop and/or prepare meals for themselves. Seniors benefit from daily health and wellness checks from volunteer drivers and ongoing client monitoring through in-home visits by outreach workers.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	230 low-income seniors.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Deliver nutritious meals to home bound seniors.
10	Project Name	Senior Outreach Services - Care Management
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-2: Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$7,000

	Description	Not funded through CDBG. The Care Management Program provides an array of services geared to help older adults and their families meet long-term care needs. Care Managers assist seniors to resolve critical issues affecting their health and wellness while aiming to help them live as independently as possible. Our bilingual care management professionals are trained in gerontology, social work, or counseling, and have decades of experience in the field. One Care Manager is a certified HUD Specialist. Their knowledge and the sensitivity to seniors needs make them uniquely effective advocates for seniors in need.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 low-income seniors.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide care management services to assist seniors and help them resolve critical issues affecting their health and wellness while aiming to help them maintain their independent living.
11	Project Name	Trinity Center - General Operating Support
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	H-2: Services for Homeless (Non-Shelter Related)
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$10,000
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. Trinity Center is a dynamic, non-residential program that serves people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Clients receive resource and referral services, two meals a day, use of laundry and showers, distribution of clothing and food, and access to telephone and mail. The Center is an opportunity for community and safe place off the street.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 homeless persons.

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide onsite services to the homeless at a daytime multiservice center open 5 days a week. Services include case management, resource and referral, employment assistance, laundry and showers, distribution of clothing and food, and access to telephone and mail.
12	Project Name	Lions Center for the Visually Impaired - Independent Living
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-4: Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$7,500
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. The program provides in-home independent living skills instruction and training to visually impaired adults so they will maintain their independence and avoid institutionalization.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	21 visually impaired persons.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide in-home independent living skills instruction and training.
13	Project Name	Rainbow Community Center
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$7,000
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. The Rainbow Community Center is one of the only agencies in Contra Costa County dedicated to serving the needs of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. The Kind Hearts Program provides congregate meals, food pantry services, wellness calls and home visits to LGBT seniors and persons with HIV/AIDS to promote resilience, reduce isolation and rebuild our community members frayed and broken social networks.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 LGBT persons or persons with HIV/AIDS.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Kind Hearts Program provides congregate meals, food pantry services, wellness calls and home visits to LGBT seniors and persons with HIV/AIDS to promote resilience, reduce isolation and rebuild our community members' frayed and broken social networks.
14	Project Name	Community Violence Solutions
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$5,000
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. The Children's Interview Center program of Community Violence Solutions serves child sexual assault victims aged 2-17 years and their non-offending family members who are involved in criminal and/or child protective services investigations--primarily child sexual abuse, but, increasingly, including physical abuse, domestic violence as well. Services are also provided to developmentally disabled individuals of any age.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 children that are victims of abuse.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Services include forensic interview, advocacy, case management, and mental health services. Participants are referred from all areas and cities of the county and only by law enforcement and social services.
15	Project Name	Trinity Center - Winter Evening Program
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	H-1: Shelter for Homeless Population

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$100,000
	Description	Trinity Center will administer a temporary evening shelter in the Walnut Creek Armory for a 4 month period during the winter months.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 homeless individuals.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The shelter will be a service-rich program to provide overnight shelter services to up to 50 homeless persons. The program will work to find transitional or permanent housing and employment for participants
16	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-8: Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,048
	Description	21A. Covers salaries, benefits, training and general administrative costs associated with the management of the CDBG program. Up to 20 percent of the allocation plus 20 percent of current year program income will be used for Program Administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration benefits all programs.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	COCOKids
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-6: Economic Development

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	18C - LMC. The program benefits very low-income, low-income and moderate-income residents through microenterprise assistance for those who want to maintain or start stable small businesses as licensed home-based family child care providers.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low-income residents starting or maintaing a small business.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide microenterprise assistance for those who want to maintain or start stable small businesses licensed home-based family childcare providers. Activities will include outreach, recruiting new and existing childcare providers, assessing training needs, offering technical assistance and support in the application process for licensing, site visits, workshops and classes.
18	Project Name	Home Rehabilitation Loan Program
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	AH-3: Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	14A - LMH. The City of Walnut Creek's Home Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant Program provides low-interest loans and emergency grants to low-income Walnut Creek households in need of home repairs. The program prioritizes health and safety hazards, but also provides loans for energy efficiency upgrades and common repairs.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A maximum of 6 low-income households if only grants are distributed.

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Habitat for Humanity will administer the Home Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant program for the City of Walnut Creek. The program gives emergency grants and rehabilitation loans to low-income homeowners for healthy and safety upgrades, energy efficiency, removal of architectural barriers for the disabled, and more.
19	Project Name	CORE Homeless Outreach
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	H-2: Services for Homeless (Non-Shelter Related)
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,958 General Fund: \$81,514
	Description	3T - LMC. CORE teams will serve as an entry point into the coordinated entry system for unsheltered persons and work to identify, engage, stabilize and house chronically homeless individuals and families. CORE teams will conduct homeless outreach, such as street or encampment outreach.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 homeless individuals from the County-wide CORE team, with 50 additional homeless individuals served by the second CORE outreach team focusing only on Walnut Creek and Concord, with funding from Concord.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The outreach teams will contact homeless individuals to provide basic needs supplies, counseling, benefits assistance, linkages to healthcare, shelter placement, and referrals and transportation to C.A.R.E. Centers. The County-wide CORE team receives \$5,000 in CDBG and \$12,000 in CSG funds and the Walnut Creek/Concord CORE team receives \$18,958 in CDBG and \$69,514 in General Fund monies from the Homeless Services Fund.
20	Project Name	General Fund Public Services and Administration
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-3: Youth Services CD-8: Administration

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	General Fund: \$368,000
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. General Fund provides Crisis Counselors (\$80,000) and program administration (\$208,761) by providing salary and benefits to 1.30 FTE staff. The General Fund also funds Community Service Grants, but these projects are highlighted individually elsewhere. The second CORE Homeless Outreach team dedicated to Walnut Creek/Concord receives up to \$69,514 in General Fund monies, which is included in that project. The funding for the Winter Shelter (\$100,000) shows up for that individual project.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 youth at local schools benefit from the crisis counselors. Administration supports the crisis counselors, CSG, and HSF grant programs, and all of the affordable housing programs.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administrater grants for public services, including crisis counselors at schools (\$80,000). Administration of all of the affordable housing programs. Administration costs help to support salary and benefits fro 1.30 FTE staff positions.
21	Project Name	Housing Trust Fund
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	AH-1: New Construction of Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	Housing Trust Fund: \$5,000,000
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. The City's Affordable Housing Program uses Housing Impact Fees and Commercial Linkage Fees to assist in the development of new affordable housing, such as acquisition financing.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This funding will go to construction of a new affordable housing project. No project has been identified yet, but IDIS requiries a goal so 1 Rental Unit was entered for AP-15, and nothing was entered as an outcome for AP-20.

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Housing Trust Fund is funded primarily with Housing Impact Fees.
22	Project Name	Other Impact Fees
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	AH-2: Homeownership Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	Impact Fees: \$474,294
	Description	Not funded through CDBG. Housing Impact Fees: Administration and Planning, Housing. Impact fees also fund the City's First Time Homebuyer's Assistance program for down payment assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Downpayment assistance for moderate income homebuyers. We anticipate completing 3 loans in the program year.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The majority of the housing impact fees are set aside in a Housing Trust Fund for new construction/acquisition, but a small percentage is set aside to support other affordable housing programs. Currently, those fees are used to support the City's First Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Program, which provides deferred second mortgages to low- and moderate- income homebuyers. The City anticipates funding 3-6 loans during the program year.
23	Project Name	Contra Costa County Homeless Program
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	H-1: Shelter for Homeless Population
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	3T - LMC. Provides critical services to homeless individuals seeking emergency shelter at the single adult shelter in Concord. Provides meals, shelter, case management, telephone, vocational services, health care and substance abuse services, and one on one case management services.

	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 homeless persons.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This is a 24-hour emergency shelter program that provides wrap-around services to assist persons in finding appropriate long-term housing. The interim housing program is located in two facilities (in the Cities of Richmond and Concord) and serves consumers from all over the County. The program has a combined capacity to serve 167 homeless men and women and provides case management, housing and benefits assistance, meals, laundry facilities, healthcare, mental health services and substance abuse treatment to residents. Residents can stay at the shelter up to 120-days.
24	Project Name	St. Paul's Commons Tenant Improvements (Trinity Center)
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	CD-7: Public Facility, Infrastructure & Access
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	3C - LMC. This will add additional funding to the new construction public facility project by Resources for Community Development and St. Paul's. The ground floor community center, which will host the Trinity Center, of the St. Paul's Commons project will use the funding for tenant improvements. The Trinity Center serves the homeless community by providing meals, showers, services, and more. 45 affordable housing units will be built above the ground floor. The City will use CDBG funding to fund the construction and/or architectural and engineering work for the community center (to host the Trinity Center's homeless services program), not the affordable housing units above.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 homeless individuals.

	Location Description	1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek, 94596
	Planned Activities	The City will use CDBG funding to fund the construction and/or architectural and engineering work for the community center (to host the Trinity Center's homeless services program), not the affordable housing units above. The initial construction budget for this project had to be severely limited in scope in order to close before the 9% tax readiness deadline. As a result, the project initially included lower grade construction materials for countertops, waterproofing in shower rooms, and a lower administration estimate. With this additional funding, the project will upgrade from plastic laminate countertops to higher grade and more solid surface countertops (\$12,000). They would enhance waterproofing under the tiles in the showers to better protect the subfloor (\$11,000). In addition, the construction timeline has extended from beyond the initial 12 month estimate due to subcontractor labor shortages and utility delays and so an increase in administration costs is also proposed (\$7,000). Should the be additional needs identified during the construction process, this project could receive up to \$164,114 in additional CDBG funds.
25	Project Name	Housing/ IPF/ Acquisition
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	AH-1: New Construction of Affordable Housing AH-3: Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing CD-7: Public Facility, Infrastructure & Access
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$164,115
	Description	Funding will support activities in the Housing category, such as Acquisition, Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation, or Home Rehabilitation. Funds may also support activities in the Infrastructure and Public Facilities category.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These funds are currently unallocated, but IDIS requires a goal and outcome so 1 has been entered next to Other.
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	These funds are currently unallocated.
--	---------------------------	--

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

There are not geographic areas of entitlement and the CDBG funds will be distributed to low-income residents throughout the City. Many of the senior services will be utilized by residents living in Rossmoor, a senior-only housing area on the southwest side of Walnut Creek. The median age of Rossmoor residents is 77 years old, and the average income is less than 80% of Area Median Income.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City Wide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

N/A

Discussion

N/A

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The City participated in the Contra Costa Consortium's update of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI), which was approved by City Council on July 5, 2017. The AI was focused on fair housing issues, but also found the following barriers to affordable housing. The following impediments were identified:

1. Education and public perception: Inadequate information on fair housing issues and a lack of understanding about the potential extent of housing discrimination exists.
2. Housing affordability: The high cost of housing and the extreme burden of those costs, particularly for renters, present a barrier to fair housing choice. Also, low vacancies and lack of affordable housing options contribute to these issues. Concentration of the limited supply of affordable housing supply is also a fair housing concern.
3. Home purchase loan denials: Significant disparity between races and ethnicities in loan denial rates exists. Minorities are more likely to be denied loans than whites, even in high income categories.
4. Disability and elder care issues: Availability and access to housing for individuals with physical and mental disabilities is a rapidly emerging impediment to fair housing. Further, insufficient education and enforcement around issues of reasonable accommodations results in discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
5. Local Building Approvals: Lengthy, complex and extensive local review and approval processes discourage construction of affordable housing. Local governments sometimes require separate approvals for every aspect of the development process and sometimes stipulate public hearings that invite community opposition, which can have the same effect as exclusionary zoning.

The City has partnered with the Contra Costa Consortium on its next AI, using the framework of the AFH. During FY18-19, the Consortium has continued to work with a consultant on the AI to identify impediments to fair housing. The Consortium held a public meeting to discuss the draft of the AI findings for Central County on March 7, 2019 in Concord. Two other public meetings in East and West County were also held that week. The meeting was noticed in the newspaper and a public comment period ending March 22, 2019 was extended to March 26, 2019. The AI was taken to Walnut Creek's City Council for consideration along with the FY19-20 Annual Action Plan following a 30 day public comment period. No public comments were received directly by the City on the AI. The City Council reviewed and accepted the AI on 6/4/19 during a public hearing.

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 2017 AI has the following recommendations:

1. Increase public awareness of fair housing rights
2. Improve financial assistance for housing through actions such as direct and indirect financial support, lower development costs of new affordable housing, and allow for innovative housing options such as tiny homes and accessory dwelling units.
3. Review home purchase loan denial figures with local lenders
4. Increase access to special needs housing, particularly for individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Policies around reasonable accommodation and education may be needed.
5. Review municipal planning code and offer incentives. Local building and zoning codes could be modified to simplify local processes to encourage affordable and special needs housing.

The Bay Area has seen a rebounding economy resulting in more jobs, but a housing market that lags behind with insufficient housing development to meet demand, leading to rising prices. The affordable housing crisis in the Bay Area has intensified, with lower income residents experiencing large rent increases. On March 7, 2017 the City's Housing Program Manager gave a presentation to City Council on the housing crisis, the City's policies and programs, and potential future policies to address housing affordability. The City conducted a residential and commercial nexus fee study to review the City's current Inclusionary and Commercial Linkage fee ordinance, updated the supporting residential and commercial nexus studies, provided policy recommendations, and conducted a feasibility analysis of potential fee increases. An increase in the inclusionary housing fee was approved in August of 2017, and the Inclusionary and commercial linkage fee ordinances was updated in early 2018 to expand their applicability and increase both unit production and/or fee generation.

In August 2017, the City initiated an education and outreach campaign for Walnut Creek residents and business about the benefits of affordable housing and the state and regional housing affordability crisis. This campaign includes online information, posters, and presentations to local organizations, and community education events. The campaign will continue through the end of 2019. A video created for the campaign in early 2019 features a local resident who has benefited from securing affordable housing through the City's programs when facing eviction. The video was shared online through social media and had more than 4,000 views in its first week. View the video

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-o9vNFnf8Q>

The City gives priority review to affordable housing projects, and encourages market rate developers to utilize the density bonus ordinance to incentivize new affordable housing units. The City updated its Second Family Unit ordinance in the summer of 2017 to encourage and facilitate the development of second family units, and is compliance with California's new Accessible Dwelling Unit law. The City's Planning and Economic Development divisions are leading a process beginning in April 2019 to identify further streamlining improvements for the City's development processes, which may benefit affordable housing. The City issued an RFP for a consultant to reivev and update its Density Bonus Ordinance, and selected a consultant who began the project in May of 2018. The project is still underway in 2019.

California passed 15 pieces of housing legislation last year, and the City is working to ensure staff, policymakers, and the development community are aware of them. For example, the City Attorney's office provided training to staff, and presented to the City Council, Design Review Commission, and Planning Commission on the new legislation in early 2018. In addition, we are tracking state legislation in progress this year.

Discussion

The Consortium hosted three community meetings on fair housing issues the week of June 25, 2018. Early input from these meetings helped inform the development of the draft AI. The City hosted another three community meetigns the week of March 4, 2019 to receive input on the draft AI. The City has also contracted with a consultant to review and update its Density Bonus ordinance and identify additional incentives the City could provide to encourage more affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The Action Plan outlines activities planned to take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, remove barriers to affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The biggest obstacle to meeting the underserved needs are funding. To address this, the City continues to provide \$100,000 in General Funds for the Community Service Grant program. The CSG program is specifically designed to augment the public services portion of the CDBG program and will help to bring critical services to Walnut Creek's lowest income residents. The City is also reviewing the new expenditure guidelines for the Housing Successor Agency (former Redevelopment Agency Housing Set Aside Fund) and provides \$200,000 in Homeless Services Funds.

The City has a certified 2015-2023 Housing Element which describes obstacles to affordable housing development, and actions to address those obstacles. Two primary tools are the City's housing policies, including the Commercial Linkage Fee ordinance and the Inclusionary Housing ordinance, both of which require housing impact fee payments on a square foot basis. The ordinances and fees were recently updated (early 2018) to increase fees and expand the applicability in order to generate more units and/or fees. In addition, City staff prepared a series of Housing Workshops covering issues like affordable housing and homelessness for the City Council in 2017 to receive feedback on policies and actions that could be taken to better meet underserved needs, and has moved forward to implement identified actions, including a targeted education and outreach campaign, an update of the local density bonus ordinance, and an increase in homeless services in the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City has a strong commitment to foster and maintain affordable housing. In 2014, the City received State Certification for its 2015-2023 Housing Element, which outlines the City's goals, policies, and programs to meet the housing needs over the next decade. Affordable Housing, Special Needs Housing, Fair Housing, and Housing Preservation are among the 8 Primary Goals in the Housing Element.

Activities planned to foster and maintain affordable housing include:

- Completing the density bonus update process.
- Continuing to fund the Home Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant Program.
- Issue an RFP to subsidize a new affordable housing development.
- Advocate for regional, state, and federal programs that assist in meeting the needs of the lowest income residents and workers.
- The City will be exploring alternate funding sources for affordable housing, both local and regional.
- The City is reviewing permit streamlining and prioritization for affordable housing as part of an initiative to improve the City's development services. An expedited permitting process for 100% affordable housing has been developed and is being piloted.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Walnut Creek developed a Lead Based Paint Implementation Plan (LBP Plan) that describes the actions to be taken, and the responsibility for compliance with lead based paint abatement regulations (24 CFR 35 and Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) under each of its existing affordable housing programs. In particular, any homes constructed prior to 1978 that are assisted through the City's Home Owner Rehabilitation Grant Program or the City's New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation Program must be in compliance with lead-based paint abatement requirements.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

In FY19-20, the City of Walnut Creek will continue its efforts to reduce the number of families and individuals living in poverty. The City focuses primarily on supporting programs that raise household incomes through economic development activities, job training and job readiness skills, and increased access to employment opportunities for persons living below the poverty line.

To meet this goal, the City used CDBG funds to support a variety of economic development activities. Funded activities include programs to assist low-income individuals in establishing new businesses, and programs designed to teach job skills to under-employed low-income residents.

The City will provide continued funding for the COCOKid's Road to Success Program that offers technical assistance, training and general support leading to the State licensing of Walnut Creek family child care providers. The City is also increasing funding for this program to help cover the increased costs of permitting family day cares, an impediment to starting and expanding these small businesses. The City

will also continue to support the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center's Small Business Management Assistance program whose goal is to create and retain jobs for low- to moderate-income people through self-employment and micro-enterprise business expansion.

Additionally, the City funds a variety of public service activities that help improve household income by alleviating various obligatory expenses. Such activities include collaborative food distribution, meals on wheels, legal services for the elderly; homeless prevention activities and one-time financial assistance services. Additionally, the City uses CSG funds to support services to prevent and alleviate domestic violence, which often renders women and children impoverished or homeless.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Community and Economic Development Department's Housing Division administers federally funded housing and community development activities. The Housing Division has overall responsibility for the development of the City's housing plans and policies and plays a lead role in pursuing resources and strategies to implement housing programs including CDBG and redevelopment programs.

Housing Division staff administer the City's First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program, the New Construction and Rehabilitation Programs for affordable housing, and implement the Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan and Grant Program. Staff also implements the Inclusionary Housing and Commercial Linkage Fee Ordinances for the development of new workforce housing. The Housing Division staff administers the CDBG, CSG, HSF, and School Crisis Counselor Grant programs.

As part of the same department, the Housing Division staff work closely with the City Planners. Due to the Inclusionary and Linkage Fee Ordinances, collaboration between Housing Programs and City Planning has increased significantly.

Developers and Lenders: Nonprofit developers have received City subsidies to construct new rental housing affordable to very-low-income households. These projects leverage other lending institutions and banks at a ratio of up to 7 dollars for every city dollar. Private for-profit developers provide 10% of new units for either moderate or low-income households.

The City collaborates and trains local lenders to administer the City's First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. City staff review and approve buyers who have been pre-approved by the program lenders.

Public Service Providers: The CDBG/Housing Analyst monitors the progress and performance of CDBG funded programs, and provides technical assistance as needed. In 2013, the City Council (along with other consortium members) implemented an alternating 2-year/3-year funding cycle, streamlining funding recommendations to be consistent with the consolidated plan, with each new plan coinciding with a new funding cycle.

The Contra Costa Consortium is working closely with service providers to encourage and facilitate

collaboration and coordination in service delivery, thereby decreasing duplication.

Database: In 2008, the Contra Costa Consortium contracted with City Data Services (www.citydataservices.net) to set up an online data reporting and application process for the consortium's CDBG program. All applications for the following grant cycle were submitted through the database, as well as all corresponding reporting and invoicing. The Consortium works closely with City Data Services to continually update/improve/and streamline reporting and grant administrative activities.

Responding to the Public: The City collaborates with Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity to respond to tenant concerns throughout the City. City building inspectors and code enforcement officers are available to respond to housing issues that stem from code violations or structural integrity concerns. In 2016, the Housing Division initiated a new language translation service by phone for members of the public that have limited English proficiency, written document translation, and has added translated outreach materials to its website.

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

The City of Walnut Creek does not have any public housing.

Discussion

N/A

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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	94,879
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	94,879

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.	100.00%

Discussion

At least 70% of CDBG funds will be used to benefit persons of low and moderate income in the years 2018-2020 (two-year period). Up to 20% of funds will be used for program administration per the cap formula and the remainder are used to benefit LMI residents of Walnut Creek.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Annual Action Plan Public Comment

City of Walnut Creek

FY19-20

Jake Rosen, the Project Manager for the RCD/St. Paul's Common IPF project, made a public comment at the City Council meeting in regards to the Annual Action Plan on June 4th, 2019. He stated the need for additional funding for the ground floor tenant improvements, which include installing a higher grade and more solid surface countertop and enhancing the waterproofing in the shower rooms. Lastly, he hopes to use additional funding towards administration costs due to construction delays.

Pete Bennet, resident, made a public comment at the City Council meeting on June 4th, 2019 regarding his experiences with homeless services.