

City of Tulare

PY 2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment I



City of Tulare
Community & Economic Development Department
411 East Kern Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

The Program Year (PY) 2020-2021 Amendment involves only the adjustment of budgets on existing CDBG projects / activities. According to the City of Tulare's Citizenship Participation Plan, changes to a project / activity's original budget in excess of 25 percent requires a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan. Of the 11 projects / activities implemented during this program year, only three (3) projects required a budget adjustment in excess of 25 percent. The public infrastructure and facility projects, Tulare Avenue and Parkwood Meadow Phase II, involve budget increases of 31 and 28 percent respectively. These budget changes reflect a change in the total amount of expected resources for Program Year activities / projects. The new total expected resources is comprised of the 2020 annual allocation in the amount of \$713,191, remaining funds from the previous year's allocation in the amount of \$393,1034, and an estimate of program income in the amount of \$9,500, which is equal to \$1,115,795. This total is \$129,527 more than original expected resources / funding total of \$986,268 reported in the original Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan. Additional changes to individual project / activity budgets occurred to meet performance expectations and balance the overall Program Year budget.

(ALL TEXT IN BLUE FONT REPRESENTS INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AMENDMENT I OF THE 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN).

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Tulare (City) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has developed a five-year strategic plan, also known as the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) that identifies and prioritizes the use of future allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The ConPlan development process in early 2020 also included the establishment of the 2020 Program Year Annual Action Plan goals and projects.

In preparing its ConPlan, the City used several methods to analyze community needs such as surveying community residents and stakeholders, analyzing U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) as well as other demographic data. The City also used information from Planning documents at the local and county level. The City of Tulare hosted three community workshops and contacted organizations in an effort to encourage participation by all residents, particularly low and moderate-income (LMI) households. Outreach was intended to notify the public and garner participation in the ConPlan process. Overall, the ConPlan process identified goals to improve collaboration, eliminate service delivery gaps, maintain affordable housing and suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities.

The City of Tulare qualifies as an entitlement jurisdiction based upon having a population of over 50,000 people. Funds are allocated based upon a five part formula which factors population, extent of housing overcrowding, poverty, age of housing and growth lag. Therefore, funding allocation varies from year to year. To receive its entitlement funding from HUD, the City is required to approve an Action Plan for each fiscal year. The Annual Action Plan (AAP) must describe how the City intends to invest its CDBG funds to meet the needs and goals identified in the ConPlan. The City's FY 2020-2021 AAP identifies activities funded through an initial allocation of \$713,191 of CDBG entitlement funds, program income, and remaining entitlement funds from the previous Program Year.

HUD notified the City of Tulare by letter on November 9, 2020, of an error in HUD's initial formula allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2020 CDBG and HOME program grants. The City's initial formula allocation of \$713,300 was adjusted to \$713,191, which reflects a minimal decrease of \$109 in CDBG program funds for FY 2020. [To account for an increase in public infrastructure and facility projects over the threshold of 25 percent, the City completed a substantial amendment to the FY2020 AAP according to the guidelines in the City's Citizen Participation Plan. All projects and activities designated in the original AAP expired at the end of the Program Year on June 30, 2021. The AAP Amendment involved only adjustments to individual project / activity budgets to reflect changes in the total amount of CDBG funds available to the City and performance expectations.](#)

[City Council adopted the PY2020-2021 Action Plan Amendment I following a public hearing on May 18, 2021, by means of Resolution 2021-14.](#)

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Homeless & Public Services: Use CDBG funds to establish agreements with local organizations to provide case management, point-in-time count, and outreach and direct aid to people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless. Commit CDBG funds to support the preservation and cleanup of particular low- and moderate-income areas and neighborhoods in the City.

Preservation and Development Affordable Housing: Use CDBG funds to preserve the City's existing stock of affordable housing units through largely minor and substantial rehabilitation work.

Public Infrastructure & Facility Improvements: Use of CDBG funds to accomplish physical infrastructure (e.g., roadways, sidewalk, lighting) and facilities (e.g., parks) improvements in low-moderate income residential neighborhoods within the City. Address safety, environmental, and/or regulatory needs.

Economic Development: Use CDBG funds to support programs / initiatives that offer job training and foster employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and people experiencing homelessness.

Administration & Planning: Use CDBG funds to account for City staff oversight and strategy for the CDBG program and associated agreements with multiple organizations, as well as cover standard

operating and planning costs related to fair housing and program management (e.g., postage, public noticing).

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Tulare evaluated past performance during the preparation of the most recent Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2019. The report compared the objectives and outcomes identified in each year's Annual Action Plan and based an assessment of past performance on measurable indicators. CDBG reports on the last five-years of projects and activities implemented by the City are available for public review on the City's website at:

<https://www.tulare.ca.gov/government/departments/community-economic-development/housing-cdbg-services/reports>.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Community Needs Assessment: The City of Tulare took several steps to obtain the input of community residents and stakeholders to develop the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP), Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). Consultation efforts included dissemination of a community needs survey, three community meetings and a public hearing to obtain community input on prioritization of goals in the development the ConPlan, CPP, AI and 2020-2021 AAP. The City also consulted with state and regional agencies and local service providers. The three community meetings that took place during the community needs assessment were held at the following dates and locations:

- **Tulare Public Library**
475 North M Street
Tulare, CA 93274
July 2, 2019 at 5:30pm
- **Tulare Chamber of Commerce**
220 East Tulare Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274
July 11, 2019 at 5:30pm

- **Roosevelt Elementary School**

1046 West Sonora Avenue

Tulare, CA 9374

July 17, 2019 at 5:30pm

Both an English and Spanish community needs assessment public notice were published in the Tulare Advanced Register on July 1, July 11, and July 15, 2019. Public notices were also sent via the Tulare Chamber of Commerce listserv to 1,100 stakeholders on June 21, 2019 and the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (KTHA) listserv to 330 stakeholders on June 14, 2019. Public notices were sent in the City of Tulare July 2019 water bill to 19,000 households. English and Spanish community needs assessment public notices and surveys were available at Tulare City Hall, Tulare Library, Tulare Senior Center, the Tulare Community Center and on the City website at www.tulare.ca.gov from July 10 - July 31, 2019.

Public Hearings: A public hearing was conducted before the Tulare City Council on February 18, 2020 to obtain additional public comment input on the prioritization of goals during the development of the ConPlan. An English and Spanish public notice was published in the Tulare Advanced Register on January 20, 2020 notifying the public of the February 18 public hearing. The City held a public hearing prior to the Tulare City Council meeting on April 21, 2020, to accept community input on the draft 2020-2024 ConPlan, CPP, AI and 2020-2021 AAP. Another public hearing was held before the Tulare City Council on May 5, 2020 to approve the 2020-2024 ConPlan, CPP, AI and 2020-2021 AAP.

[The City Council held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, to review the proposed AAP Amendment I and receive additional public comments prior to adoption by Resolution.](#)

Public Review: The 30-day public review period took place from April 6, 2020 through May 5, 2020. During the 30-day public review period the City held a community meeting to obtain input on the draft 2020-2024 ConPlan, CPP, AI and 2020-2021 AAP. The following community meeting was held at the following date and location:

- **Tulare Public Library**

475 North M Street

Tulare, CA 93274

April 21, 2020 at 5:00pm

The draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP) were made available at the following locations:

- Tulare City Hall - 411 East Tulare Avenue
- Tulare Public Library – 475 North M Street
- Tulare Chamber of Commerce – 220 East Tulare Avenue
- Tulare Senior Center – 201 North F Street
- Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center – 830 South Blackstone Street
- Tulare City Website - www.tulare.ca.gov

Notice of public review was published in English and Spanish in the Tulare Advanced Register and Visalia Times Delta on April 6, 2020 and April 20, 2020. The public notices were published in the Tulare Chamber of Commerce April 2020 Newsletter to 2,000 stakeholders. In addition, a notice of public review was sent on the KTHA email listserv on April 6, 2020 and April 16, 2020 to 330 stakeholders. A City email notice was sent to 106 various community stakeholders on April 10, 2020.

The City utilized Waivers of Community Planning and Development Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts. The waivers permitted the City to hold a minimum of a (5) day public comment period on the proposed FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan from May 14 through May 18, 2021.

An English and Spanish public notice was published in the Tulare Advance Register and Visalia Times Delta newspapers on May 14, 2021. The public notices and a draft of the PY 2020 Action Plan Amendment was on display at City Hall and posted on the Department of Economic and Community Development's webpage at <https://www.tulare.ca.gov/government/departments/community-economic-development/housing-cdbg-services/public-notices>.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the City also followed measures to ensure the safety of residents in the community and staff during the public noticing and receipt of public comments on the proposed FY2020 AAP Amendment. To promote social distancing for the purpose of lower the risk of COVID-19 spread, a 6ft. seating policy was mandated during City Council meetings. Also, the City Council chamber public seating capacity was reduced to 12 seats and held on a first come, first serve basis.

Lastly, a public hearing on the Amendment was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The public hearing allowed for limited in-person attendance and fostered public participation via YouTube at www.youtube.com/channel/UCdWZiv2o7do1JY0OvGe1_aw/videos. For those sheltering in place and wishing to provide comments during meetings, instructions were given to call (559) 366-1849. Public notice, a draft of the PY2020 AAP Amendment, and instructions on how to review said documents and participate in the public hearings virtually, was posted at the entrance of the Tulare Public Library Council Chambers, on the City website, and on the Agendas for the City Council Meeting on May 18, 2021.

5. Summary of public comments

The City of Tulare had an extensive survey effort on the City's needs (on-line and print versions of surveys in English and Spanish). Survey respondents included 47 residents and four service providers. (Please see **Appendix A** for complete survey results). According to the results of the ConPlan Survey and community meetings, the top community needs from residents and service providers were:

- **Public Infrastructure:** Street, sewer, water system repairs, ADA sidewalks, and street lighting.
- **Homeless Services:** Mental health, substance abuse centers, homeless prevention services and emergency shelters.
- **Affordable Housing:** Housing for seniors, rehab energy efficiency, housing for persons with special needs, construction of new housing, and home rehab programs.
- **Public Services:** Neighborhood preservation and crime prevention.
- **Economic Development:** Job creation, job training, job start-ups and technical assistance to non-profits, job placement.
- **Public Facilities:** Health care, youth centers, senior centers, facilities for abused and neglected children and park improvements.

Public Hearings. Four public hearings were held prior to the adoption of the 2020-2024 ConPlan and the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. [There were no comments from the public during the hearings on February 18, April 21, and May 5, in 2020 and on May 18, 2021.](#) Comments received during the public hearings held during the 30-day public comment period were included in the final 2020-2024 ConPlan.

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

The City of Tulare reviewed and considered all comments and proposals for activities / projects when developing the 2020 Program Year Action Plan.

7. Summary

Please see **Appendix A** for full citizen participation summary.

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 ConPlan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	TULARE	Community & Economic Development Department

Narrative

The Community and Economic Development Department of the City of Tulare is the lead public entity for the City of Tulare's ConPlan and for administration of CDBG funds.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Alexis Costales
Housing and Grants Specialist
City of Tulare
411 East Kern Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274
(559) 684-4224
acostales@tulare.ca.gov

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Tulare took several steps to obtain the input of community residents and stakeholders to develop the 2020-2024 ConPlan, the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment. Consultation efforts included dissemination of a community needs survey, three community workshops and one public hearing during the development of ConPlan. The City also consulted with state and regional agencies and local service providers. During the 30-day public comment period, the City held one community workshop and two public hearings. Additionally, the City utilized its departmental webpage, several social media accounts, the list-serves of the Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance and Tulare Chamber of Commerce, their own list serve of more than 30 providers, and the local community newspaper to notify residents of the opportunity to review and comment on the draft of the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment. [The City held a public hearing on May 18, 2021, for review and comments on the proposed 2020 Amendment. Actions taken by the City are consistent with the City's Citizen Participation Plan which is incorporated into the ConPlan as Appendix A.](#)

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(I))

The City of Tulare works closely with the local Housing Authority and other local nonprofits and private developers. The Housing Authority of Tulare County (HATC) has a satellite office in the City of Tulare handling intake of housing applications and other matters. Various affordable rehab and new development projects are underway in the City. In continuing these relationships, the City of Tulare will encourage more coordination among these entities. Involvement with service providers that assist the homeless will also continue in the City, as specified in the next section. The HATC has a total of 620 number of units and 553 Section 8 vouchers currently being utilized within the City of Tulare.

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 Tulare has coordinated with the Housing Authority of Tulare County (HATC), the local and regional homeless service providers and bi-county Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance, which is the designated Continuum of Care Program – a community-based organization that developed a long range plan that addressed the needs of the homeless in order to help them reach maximum self-sufficiency. The City of Tulare has worked with the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance in the following manner:

- Contributed to the regional Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (CoC) planning process.
- Additionally, the City initiated the process to build relationships with the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance service providers, in order to address the needs of the City's homeless.
- In future years, the City will also explore options to link resources with providers that address the needs of special need populations such as the frail elderly, victims of domestic violence, and individuals with disabilities.

It is essential for the City to continue to support the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance through such means as financial support, membership, and attendance of meetings. The City of Tulare works closely with the Alliance, by actively participating in monthly Alliance meetings, which are intended to enhance coordination, share information on best practices, and develop a better understanding of the needs of the homeless population in jurisdictions across both counties.

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 is not a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; therefore, it does not assist the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance with the determination of ESG allocations or evaluating outcomes, and developing policies and procedures for the administration of the regional Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

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** on the next page.

Table 1 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Central California
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Impediments to Fair Housing Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided data and information that helped identify the needs of households requiring fair housing services. Also provided input regarding the region's strategy to address impediments to fair housing.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (CoC # 513)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – (Chronically homeless/ Families with children/ Veterans/ Unaccompanied youth)
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regional CoC coordinator and HMIS administrator provided significant information regarding regional and City homeless population and input to help prioritize community needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	State of California
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis Demographics Lead-based Paint Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Various State departments and agencies were consulted to obtain information regarding employment, demographics, and lead poisoning.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the County of Tulare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Housing Authority
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provided information regarding number and type of households receiving rental assistance, on waiting lists, and the number of households requesting housing assistance.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Tulare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Demographics Lead-based Paint Strategy Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Various county departments and agencies were consulted to obtain information regarding employment, demographics, mental health services, and homeless solutions at the Homeless Task Force.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Tulare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Economic Development

Annual Action Plan
2020

		Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City departments and City Council provided data and information, identified priorities, and recommendations for the allocation of HUD funds.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Tulare Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Economic development
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Addressed local economy and key trends. Chamber staff including the CEO completed the online survey and provided input of the development of the Con Plan
8	Agency/Group/Organization	The Lighthouse Rescue Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services – Homeless Services – Housing Services - Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Homelessness Needs (chronically homeless/ families with children/unaccompanied youth) Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives provided input to help prioritize the City's community needs on homelessness.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Service of Tulare County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Homeless Services – Housing Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Homelessness Needs (Chronically homeless) Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representative(s) completed community needs survey for input on the development of the Con Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Kings View Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Homeless Services Services – Mental Health Services – Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services – Behavioral Health Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Homelessness Needs (Chronically homeless/ families with children/unaccompanied youth) Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives provided input to help prioritize the City's community needs on homelessness.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Tulare County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Education Services – Homeless Services – Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Homelessness Needs (Chronically homeless/ families with children/Unaccompanied youth) Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization was contacted via email and asked to complete community needs survey for input in the development of the Con Plan.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Tulare Unified City School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan
		Homelessness Needs (chronically homeless/ families with children/unaccompanied youth) Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization was contacted via email and asked to complete community needs survey for input in the development of the Con Plan.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Self-Help Enterprises
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Education Services – Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Economic Development Regional organization
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization was contacted via email and asked to complete community needs survey for input in the development of the Con Plan.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Non-homeless special needs
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives completed community needs survey for input on the development of the Con Plan. Representatives also attended community workshops and provided community needs input in regards to home repairs for LMI homeowners.

15	Agency/Group/Organization	Altura Centers of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representative(s) attended a community meeting and completed community needs survey to provide input to in the development of the ConPlan.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Tulare Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Non-homeless special needs
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representative(s) attended a community meeting and provided input to help the development of the ConPlan.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Grandma's House - A Vision of Hope
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - After School Tutoring
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CEO and founder attended a community meeting held at the Tulare Chamber of Commerce and provided input in the development of the ConPlan.

18	Agency/Group/Organization	Tulare Emergency Aid
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Food Distribution Services - Rental/Mortgage and Utility Assistance
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization was contacted via email and asked to complete community needs survey for input on the development of the Con Plan.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	AMVETS California Charities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Veteran Service Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization was contacted via email and asked to complete community needs survey for input on the development of the Con Plan.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Job Training and Placement
		Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives attended a community meeting provided input in regard to the needs of job training and placement.

21	Agency/Group/Organization	Environmental Protection Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	HazMat Planning
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	EPA databases were researched and there were no superfund sites in Tulare
22	Agency/Group/Organization	AT & T
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Telephone Company
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Digital Divide
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provided information regarding broadband services available to lower income residents.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Frontier
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-profit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Digital Divide
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provided information regarding broadband services available to lower income residents.

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

The City had an open consultation process; no agency was prevented or excluded from participating.

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

See **Table 3**.

Table 2 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance	The Alliance conducts the regional and local Point-In-Time Survey and strategic plan to end homelessness. The City helps support the CoC goals by providing CDBG funding for the CoC, as well as participating in the CoC process. The City's Strategic Plan will provide support to social services needs of the City's residents with an emphasis on homeless.
City of Tulare Housing Element (2015-2023)	City of Tulare	Housing priorities and program goals
City of Tulare Capital Improvement Plan	City of Tulare	Multi-year capital improvement plan helped identify priority capital projects that may be CDBG-eligible.
Final Regional Housing Needs Plan for Tulare County	Tulare Council of Governments (TCOG)	Future housing needs of City of Tulare

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

The City implemented the following efforts to obtain a broad range of resident input during the preparation of the ConPlan and 2020-21 Annual Action Plan:

ConPlan Survey: An electronic (Survey Monkey) and hard copy survey instrument were utilized to obtain public input regarding priority housing and community needs. The survey was publicized and accessible on the City's website. Hard copies of the survey were also available at City Hall. A summary of survey results is incorporated into the ConPlan as **Appendix A**.

Community Workshops: During the community needs assessment, three (3) community workshops were held by the City on July 2, 11 and 17, 2019. The purpose of the meetings was to obtain public input regarding priority needs for the development of the ConPlan. During the 30-day public comment period, an additional community workshop was held on April 21, 2020 at the Tulare Library to give the public an opportunity to comment on the draft 2020-2024 ConPlan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan.

Notices/Website: Notices for all public meetings, including the required public hearings, were published in a local newspaper of general circulation (*Tulare Advance Register and Visalia Times Delta*). Additionally, the draft ConPlan and Annual Action Plan were posted on the City's website for public review and comment, and hard copies were made available during the required 30-day public comment period. [The City published and distributed a notice for the proposed PY2020 AAP Amendment and conducted a public review and comment period in line with HUD waivers concerning public health precautions for the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

Public Hearings: Consistent with HUD's regulations, the City held one public hearing during the development of the ConPlan on February 18, 2020 prior to the 30-day public comment period. During the 30-day public comment period the City held a public hearing on April 21, 2020 to obtain comment input on the draft ConPlan. The City held a final public hearing on May 5, 2020 to adopt the 2020-2024 ConPlan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. [A public hearing was held on May 18, 2021, to receive comments and adopt the proposed FY 2020-2021 AAP Amendment via resolution.](#)

Digital Divide: The City's outreach actions were consistent with HUD's new regulation to address the need for broadband access for low- and moderate-income residents. Rural communities have a need for more broadband services. In Tulare County, 54.3 percent of households have access to high speed internet. Within the City of Tulare the areas with the lowest access to high speed internet service are in the central areas of the City, corresponding with the lower income areas of the City. There are two broadband providers that offer low income households that qualify low cost broadband access of that could be as low as \$10, depending on program and services.

Narrative (optional):

None

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 3 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted & reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	ConPlan Survey	Non-targeted/ broad community	Survey to solicit input regarding housing and community needs June - July 2019	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	Community needs assessment public notice posted in Tulare Advanced Register on July 1, 8, and 15, 2019	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Residents, local service providers, city staff and community development consultants at Tulare Library on 7/2/19.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Residents, local service providers, city staff and community development consultants at Tulare Chamber of Commerce on 7/11/19.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A

5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Residents, local service providers, city staff and community development consultants at Roosevelt Elementary on 7/17/19.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	Community needs assessment public notice and survey links were available on City website from June 10 - July 31, 2019.	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
7	Public Posting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Public notices and surveys were available at City Hall, Tulare Library, Senior Center, Meitzenheimer Community Center from June 10 - July 31, 2019	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
8	Other	Non-targeted/ broad community	An English and Spanish Community Needs Assessment public notices were sent in the July 2019 water bill to 19,000 households.	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
9	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	Community Needs Assessment public notices were posted on the City Facebook page in June and July 2019.	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A

10	Other	Non-targeted/ broad community	Community needs assessment public notices were sent on 6/21/19 via the Tulare Chamber of Commerce email list server to 1,100 stakeholders.	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
11	Other	Non-targeted/ broad community	The community needs assessment public notices were sent via the KTHA email list server on 6/14/19 to 330 stakeholders.	No comments received.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
12	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	Public Hearing requesting community input for ConPlan Public Notice published in Tulare Advanced Register on 2/3/2020.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
13	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	Public Hearing on 2/18/2020 requesting community input for development of the ConPlan.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
14	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	30-day public comment period public notice was published in the Tulare Advanced Register and Visalia Times Delta on 4/6 and 4/20/2020.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A

15	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Residents, local service providers, city staff and consultants at Tulare Library on 4/21/2020 at 5:00pm.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
16	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	Public notice and draft ConPlan and 2020 Action Plan was available on City website from April 6 – May 5, 2020.	No Comments Received	All comments were accepted.	N/A
17	Public Posting	Non-targeted/ broad community	30-day public notice and draft ConPlan and 2020 Action Plan were available at City Hall, Tulare Library, Senior Center, Meitzenheimer Community Center from April 6 – May 5, 2020.	No Comments Received	All comments were accepted.	N/A
18	Other	Non-targeted/ broad community	30-day public notice published in the April 2020 Tulare Chamber of Commerce Newsletter and sent via email listserv to 2,000 stakeholders.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
19	Other	Non-targeted/ broad community	30-day public notice sent via the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance email listserv on 4/6 & 16 to 330 stakeholders.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A

20	Other	Non-targeted/ broad community	City emailed public notice to over 100 stakeholders on April 10, 2020.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
21	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	April 21, 2020 public hearing requesting community input on the draft 2020-24 ConPlan and 2020 Action Plan.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
22	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	May 5, 2020 public hearing to approve 2020-24 Con Plan and 2020 Action Plan and to authorize submission of the Plans to HUD.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
23	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted / broad community	Public Notice for review, comments, and a public hearing on the proposed AAP Amendment in Tulare Advance Register and Visalia Times Delta on 5/14/2021.	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A

24	Other	Non-targeted / broad community	Public Notice and Draft of AAP Amendment sent through Tulare Chamber of Commerce and Kings-Tulare Homeless Alliance Listserves (several hundred stakeholders).	See summary – Appendix A	All comments were accepted.	N/A
25	Public Review Period	Non-targeted / broad community	Public Notice and draft of AAP Amendment available at City Hall and posted on Department webpage from May 14 through May 18, 2021.	See summary – Appendix A.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
26	Public Hearing	Non-targeted / broad community	May 18, 2021, held hearing during City Council Meeting to receive final comments, adopt the AAP Amendment via resolution, and authorize submission to HUD.	See Summary – Appendix A.	All comments were accepted.	N/A

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 CDBG annual entitlement allocation is \$713,191 and anticipates \$9,500 in program income and \$393,104 of prior year resources, totaling \$1,115,795. As a result, the City anticipates a total of \$3,879,577 in available CDBG funds over the next five-years. The City will continue to apply for HOME funds through the State of California. Those expected funds are not listed below. The City currently is not a participating jurisdiction of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The following describes the anticipated CDBG resources for the City of Tulare.

Anticipated Resources

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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	Public Services, Homeless Services, Affordable Housing, Public Infrastructure & Facility Improvements, Economic Development, Administration	\$713,300 (original); \$713,191 (adjusted as 11/5/2020)	\$9,500	\$393,104	\$986,268 (original); \$1,115,795	\$2,893,200 (original); \$2,763,782	Funds will be allotted to the following CDBG projects public services, homeless services, affordable housing, public infrastructure & facilities improvements, economic development, & administration.

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

The City works with nonprofits, and other government institutions to try to develop additional resources. The City provides CDBG funds to partner organization Family Services to provide case management services to the Tulare Housing First grants to provide Permanent Supportive Housing vouchers to chronically homeless individuals with a disability. The City allocates funds to the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance the local Continuum of Care who coordinates and leverages resources and community partners to address homelessness in the bi-county region.

These other resources that are available to carry out activities that address the goals of the ConPlan include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Housing Authority of Tulare County – HATC administers federal funds to provide 553 eligible Tulare households with Section 8 rental choice vouchers, which 4 are under the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) rental vouchers. It is anticipated that they will continue to assist City households over the five-year period of the ConPlan.

CDBG does not require matching funds.

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

A current CDBG owned public facility serves as a women and children homeless shelter maintained by Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission.

Discussion

The City uses a variety of resources to address the needs of the City and its residents. Since the City of Tulare does not receive HOME or ESG funds directly from HUD, service providers within the City are eligible to apply for these funds from the State.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Indicator Outcome
1	Public Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements	2020	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	LMA	Improvements to streets, storm drains, water systems, sidewalks, and park facilities.	CDBG: \$605,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5,965 Persons Assisted
2	Homeless Services	2020	2021	Public Services	Citywide	Homeless Services	CDBG: \$75,500	250 Persons Assisted
3	Affordable Housing	2020	2021	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Availability and accessibility to affordable housing	CDBG: \$264,310	Home Repairs: 8 Households Multi-Family Rehab: 49 Units
4	Public Services	2020	2021	Public Services	LMA	Neighborhood Cleanup / Graffiti and Waste Abatement	CDBG: \$30,000	20,000 Persons Assisted
5	Economic Development	2020	2021	Economic Development	Citywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$52,500	5 Persons Assisted
6	Program Administration	2020	2021	Administration	Citywide	Administration	CDBG: \$88,485	N/A

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
	Goal Description	Street, sewer, storm drain, water systems, ADA sidewalks, and parks facilities improvements
2	Goal Name	Homeless Services
	Goal Description	Case management and direct relief services to people experiencing homelessness
3	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Single-family residence and multi-family unit rehabilitation
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Neighborhood cleanup
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Job training and placement services
6	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Grant management, operations, and planning

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Six projects received CDBG entitlement and program income funds in the Fiscal / Program Year 2020, which spans July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Projects

Table 7- Project Information

#	Project Name
1	Public Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
2	Homeless Services
3	Affordable Housing
4	Public Services
5	Economic Development
6	CDBG Program Administration

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

These projects match the priority needs identified during the Consolidated Plan development process. Priority needs focused on serving low-moderate income persons and people experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless. The corresponding projects aim to improve the quality of life, condition of public infrastructure and facilities, condition of existing housing stock, and economic opportunity for the aforementioned groups of people. The City addressed priority needs and allocated funding to projects according to estimates of actuals costs and the caps to public service and administration activities.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
	Target Area	Low/Moderate-Income Areas (LMA)
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$605,000
	Description	Use of CDBG funds to accomplish physical infrastructure (e.g., roadways, sidewalk, lighting) and facilities (e.g., parks) improvements in low-moderate income residential neighborhoods within the City. Address safety, environmental, and/or regulatory needs.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Tulare Avenue Project - estimated 5,965 total low/mod universe population, with 4,740 total number of low/mod in the particular area benefit. Parkwood Meadow Phase II - estimated 1,895 total low/mod universe population, with 1,170 total number of low/mod in the particular area benefit.
	Location Description	Low/Moderate-Income Areas

	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tulare Avenue – street pavement and utility project on Tulare Ave. between West St. and the Union Pacific Railroad that includes ADA concrete work and improvements to water, sewer, and surface water facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - \$390,000 Parkwood Meadow Phase II – installation of ADA compliant sidewalk and solar pathway lights at the Parkwood Meadow Park located at 1200 S. E Street. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - \$215,000
2	Project Name	Homeless Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Services
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,500
	Description	Use of CDBG funds to establish agreements with local organizations to provide case management, point-in-time count, and direct relief services to people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 homeless individuals and 50 at-risk of homelessness
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance / Continuum of Care Agency – administer the yearly point-in-time count for unsheltered population in the City, a monthly event to connect people experiencing homelessness to services, and regular housing navigator staff in the City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget - \$10,500 • Family Services of Tulare County – administer the Tulare Housing First (Shelter Plus Care) voucher program that offers rental assistance, case management, counseling, transportation, and referral services for people who are chronically homeless and exhibit a disabling condition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget - \$25,000 • Kings View – conduct outreach to and provide services to people experiencing homelessness. Services include referrals to mental and behavioral health aid and assistance with security deposits, rent, utility costs, transportation, and documentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget - \$20,000 • United Way of Tulare County – provide emergency subsistence payments to low- and moderate-income households at risk of eviction, foreclosure, and/or utility shutoff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget - \$20,000
3	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$264,310
	Description	Use CDBG funds to preserve the City's existing stock of affordable housing units through principally minor and substantial rehabilitation work.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	57 low- and moderate-income individuals / families will participate in this project's activities.
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bardsley Garden Apartments Rehabilitation – form an agreement with Pacific Development Group to oversee the replacement and/or repair of dryrot, fascia, gutters, in unit detectors and painting at the Bardsley Garden Apartments property located at 1150 S Laspina St. This is an affordable housing complex of 49 units for seniors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - \$200,310 Habitat for Humanity of Tulare / Kings Counties – administer a minor home rehabilitation program for low- and moderate income households. Principally physical improvements to key building features and ADA enhancements for at least 8 LMI households. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - \$64,000
4	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Low/Moderate-Income Areas (LMA)
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services - Neighborhood Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Use CDBG funds to support the cleanup of particular LMA / neighborhoods. Principally involves the abatement of graffiti and waste.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,000 persons
	Location Description	Low/Moderate Income Areas
	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Cleanup –City’s Public Works Department manages the removal of graffiti and illegal waste / trash dumping on streets, alleyways, and structures in distinct LMI areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - \$30,000
5	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development

	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,500
	Description	Use CDBG funds to support programs / initiatives that offer job training and foster employment opportunities among low- and moderate-income households and people experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 LMI persons
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County – administer a job training and placement program through Community Services and Employment Training (CSET) staff for LMI persons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget - \$52,500
6	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Grant Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$88,485
	Description	Use CDBG funds to account for City staff oversight and strategy for the CDBG program and associated agreements with multiple organizations, as well as cover standard operating and planning costs related to fair housing and program management (e.g., postage, public noticing).
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	CDBG Administration and Planning Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - \$88,485
--	---------------------------	--

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

CDBG funds will be available citywide for eligible projects that serve LMI individuals or households. City wide eligible projects include homeless services, affordable housing projects, economic development projects, and administration.

Low-Mod Census Tracts (CDBG Eligible Target Areas): Low-Mod Income Area Benefit (LMA) concentration is defined as census tracts where at least 51% of the median household income is 80% or less the jurisdiction as a whole. LMA projects include graffiti abatement, neighborhood clean-up, public infrastructure, and public facilities improvements. There are a total of 9 tracks with 19 blocks groups, which are recognized as low-mod areas. The City's current CDBG eligible LMA boundaries are:

1. **Census Track No. 0022.02/Block No. 1, 2 and 3 (Low/Mod: 79.46%):** bound by east of Enterprise Street, south of W. Cross Avenue, west of N. J Street, and north of W. Inyo Avenue.
2. **Census Track No. 0022.04/Block No. 1, 2 and 3 (Low/Mod: 74.55%):** bound by east of N. West Street, north of W. Cross Avenue, west of N. J Street, and south of W. Prosperity Avenue.
3. **Census Track No. 0023.04/Block No. 1 (Low/Mod: 62.98%):** bound by east of N. J Street, south of E. Cross Avenue, west of Cherry Street and north of E. Tulare Avenue.
4. **Census Track No. 0024.00/Block No. 3 (Low/Mod: 56.20%):** bound by east of Highway 99 to Southwest city limits and south of E. Paige Avenue to Avenue 184 city limits.
5. **Census Track No. 0029.01/Block No. 1, 2 and 3 (Low/Mod: 75.91%):** bound by east of S. I Street, south of Highway 137, west of Highway 99, and north of E. Paige Avenue.
6. **Census Track No. 0029.03/Block No. 2 and 3 (Low/Mod: 66.16%):** bound by east of Highway 99, south of Highway 137, west of S. Laspina Street, and north of E. Bardsley Avenue.
7. **Census Track No. 0030.01/Block No. 1, 2 and 3 (Low/Mod: 72.99%):** bound by east of S. West Street, north of W. Bardsley Avenue, south of W. Inyo Avenue and east of S. I Street.
8. **Census Track No. 0030.02/Block No. 2 (Low/Mod: 61.745%):** bound by east of Pratt Street, south of W. Bardsley Avenue, west of S. I Street, and north of W. Paige Avenue.
9. **Census Track No. 0031.00/Block No. 1 and 2 (Low/Mod: 67.11%):** bound by East Road 80, north to W. Paige Avenue, east to Highway 99, south to City limits which include Ave 208 to West Street, Pratt Street south to Wade Street, Wade Street east to I Street, south to Avenue 184.

A map of the City's CDBG Eligible LMA Target Areas is provided in the ConPlan **Appendix F**.

Geographic Distribution – Table 8

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	52
Low/Moderate-Income Areas (LMA)	48

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

For FY 2020-2021, funding is allocated 48 percent CDBG eligible LMA target areas and 52 percent is allocated citywide. CDBG funds will be distributed citywide for eligible projects. LMA projects will include project specific to certain LMA target areas; such as, graffiti and neighborhood clean-up, Tulare Avenue improvements and Parkwood Meadows improvement projects.

Discussion

CDBG funds will be allocated to programs that serve Tulare residents citywide or within CDBG eligible LMA target areas.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

During FY 2020-2021 the City is planning to help at least 8 low and moderate-income owner occupied families with needed minor rehabilitation; such as, ADA accessibility, energy conservation, weatherization and emergency home repairs via a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. In addition, the City is plans to complete substantial improvements to the exterior of the Bardsley Garden Senior Apartments, a 49-unit affordable housing project serving low-income seniors and/or disabled persons.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	57
Special-Needs	0
Total	57

Table 4 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	57
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	57

Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City will also utilize HOME and CalHome funds to provide additional affordable housing to the citizens of Tulare through the First-time Homebuyer and Homeowner Rehabilitation programs via a partnership with Self-Help Enterprises.

In addition, the City partners with Family Services of Tulare County to provide 12 permanent supportive housing vouchers annually, through the Tulare Housing First voucher programs for chronically homeless individuals with a disability. The City supports the 12 chronically homeless individuals maintain housing stability, by utilizing CDBG funds under public services each year.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City does not own or manage public housing.

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

HATC will continue to own and manage 205 Public Housing units in the City of Tulare. There is no plan to purchase additional public-housing units, removing any units from its inventory. During FY 2020-21, HATC plans to invest approximately \$512,696 in Capital Fund improvements within the units in the City. Expenditures will cover maintenance and rehabilitation in public-housing units within the City. Capital Fund expenditures covered a large range of projects: including roofing replacement, landscaping improvements, carpet replacement, Air Conditioning and Heating unit improvements.

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

HATC is proactive in the inclusion of public-housing residents in the policy making process. An equitable and transparent policy making process that includes the opinions of public housing residents is achieved through the participation of two tenant commissioners on our HATC Board. Furthermore, HATC has installed a Resident Counsel which is made up of five residents from all of HUD funded programs (Multifamily Housing, LIHTC, HOME, Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and public-housing). The Resident Counsel works with HATC staff on evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of HATC rental assistance programs. This provides members the opportunity to provide input on program modifications.

A vital driving factor in the implementation of HATC programs is the promotion of tenant self-sufficiency. HATC views the goal of homeownership for program participants as one of the long term goals for all of its clients. HATC staff works with tenants to effectively provide them with the necessary resources to achieve homeownership. HATC Annual Re-Examination Notice provides public-housing participants with an extensive referral list that provides assistance with homeownership. This list includes programs managed by: CSET, Habitat for Humanity and Self Help Enterprises. HATC's program coordinator works with any interested public housing tenant in order to effectively inform them of all the different programs that are available to them. Effective collaboration between HATC and other public and nonprofit agencies is imperative to help promote homeownership among all of its tenants.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The City of does not own or manage public housing.

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

Introduction

During FY 2020-2021, the City has allocated funds for the regional CoC, to help fund the annual Point in Time Count and Project Homeless Connect, as described in the project section.

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

Each year the King/Tulare Homeless Alliance conducts a Point in Time (PIT) count in conjunction with the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event. Through these two events, the Alliance is able to acquire a snapshot of the adults, children in households and unaccompanied youth living in the City who meet HUD's definition of homelessness. Information gathered through the PIT is used to understand the causes and trends over time of homelessness, as well as to determine the unmet shelter and service needs of the homeless. The City contributes CDBG funds to support the Alliance efforts and City staff participates in the annual bicounty PIT count. The Alliance has a three-prong street outreach approach, which includes events such as PHC and the PIT Count, coordination with law enforcement for referrals of street homeless, and coordination with programs serving daily meals, which is an opportunity to identify clients in need of emergency services. PHC is a national best practice that is a one-stop-shop of comprehensive support services for people experiencing homelessness. Guests attending the event are partnered with volunteers who assist in identifying and accessing necessary resources. In addition to these events, homeless outreach is regularly conducted by City staff in collaboration with local non-profit agencies and faith based organizations to provide meals and other quality of life.

This program year Kings View Corporation is projected to provide 18 emergency rental assistance to homeless families within the City of Tulare. Kings View will also offer those clients with case management and essential supportive services such as bus passes, utility assistance, food vouchers, clothing assistance, DMV ID's, and hygiene kits. United Way of Tulare County will provide 27 emergency rental assistance as well to assist in preventing homelessness.

Through a partnership with the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County at least 5 LMI persons facing homelessness or have significant barriers will be provided job readiness skills, job training, and job placement services. Clients will also receive transportation assistance and interview clothing. Priority will be given to homeless persons to assist in long term stability in efforts of ending homelessness. Homeless persons participating in the job training program will also be given the opportunity to shower prior to job interviews through another partnership with River Valley Church.

The City has recently formed a Homeless Strategic Committee to find solutions to reducing

homelessness within the City. The Homeless Strategic Committee will be spear headed by council member Terry Sayre. On December 17, 2019, the City Council passed a resolution to declare a shelter crisis within the City of Tulare. The declaration of a shelter crisis will allow the city flexibility in providing emergency housing assistance. The City is working earnestly to reducing homelessness within the City.

The City has allocated funds to the Tulare Kings County Alliance - regional CoC. The CoC's plan calls for enhancing and developing outreach to and engagement of chronically homeless persons who are mentally ill, substance abusers, and dually diagnosed and service resistant, plus at- risk populations such as youth runaways, ex- offenders, veterans, victims of domestic violence and those with health risks such as HIV/AIDS. The CoC is working on developing and implementing a long-term outreach program which is both linguistically and culturally competent, linked to a common intake, assessment, and cross-case management effort to identify people now left unserved and underserved.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission operates a 16-bed women and children up to 12 years of age shelter. The Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission recently opened a 12-bed shelter for males age 13 and up. Both shelters are up to 90 days; however, clients are able to stay longer if they have no other options. Both shelters provide warm meals, showers, laundry and a safe warm bed. The City works closely with the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission and supports their mission and vision to end homelessness within our City.

The City partnered with Self-Help Enterprises, the County and the City of Visalia to open Eden House, a 22-bed Bridge Housing project. Eden's House provides 5 beds for the City of Tulare chronically homeless individuals awaiting an available unit under the Tulare Housing First grants. This project was completed with Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) funds. Individuals are expected to stay an average of 90 days while awaiting a permanent housing unit. While at the Bridge Housing complex, clients will receive wrap around services; such as, case management, medical and mental health services.

The City also supports Family Services of Tulare County with case management assistance to continue to provide transitional housing services to the homeless population of Tulare. In collaboration with HUD Tulare Housing First grants, Family Services is able to provide approximately a dozen chronically homeless individuals permanent supportive housing voucher rental assistance each year.

Lastly, the City continues to partner with the local continuum of care and Tulare County Homeless Task Force. The regularly participates in monthly meetings with the CoC and Tulare County Homeless Task Force to stay up to date on incoming funds and collaborating projects to address emergency shelters and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

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

The City of Tulare will dedicate funds over the five-year plan period to the regional CoC. The regional CoC seeks to provide housing to homeless households and matching them with appropriate housing and services. In utilizing coordinated assessment, the CoC helps to match households with the shortest amount of time, and connecting households with services that can help them to transition to self-sufficiency. The City continues to partner with the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission, Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance, Family Services of Tulare and Kings View PATH team to help chronically homeless individuals, homeless families with families and unaccompanied youth transition to permanent housing and independent living. In addition, the City partners with AMVETS as a CDBG subrecipient to provide homeless veteran essential resources, such as, security deposits and linking them to critical veteran services.

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.

According to HUD's *Strategies for Preventing Homelessness*, "Homelessness prevention is an essential element of any effort to end homelessness either locally or nationwide." This HUD report indicates it is less expensive and disruptive to keep a household housed in place. To this end, the City will explore the use of CDBG funds to support programs that provide direct assistance to households at risk of becoming homeless. The City will also participate in regional homeless planning efforts, including the Tulare Kings Alliance-CoC's Discharge Plan, which aims to prevent individuals leaving institutions, hospitals, etc., from becoming homeless.

The CoC's prevention strategies focus on effective discharge planning, with an emphasis on requiring foster care programs, in-patient mental health hospitals, hospitals and correctional facilities to provide discharge planning services to clients to ensure that they have access to housing and other needed support services, including respite care, upon discharge. Action steps include convening a working group with stakeholders to examine the discharge planning policies and systems within corrections facilities and each County's human service agencies and identifying initiatives to improve those policies and systems; identifying "cross-cutting" initiatives to improve policies and practices across multiple County agencies. In addition, due to the number of prisons located within the region, the CoC has adopted a

plan to develop a Continuum-wide, multi-system community re-entry plan that includes housing.

Discussion

The City's homeless strategy is to help prevent homelessness and to support local service providers as they engage and assess the City's homeless. Funding may also be provided to support rapid rehousing programming efforts that help ensure homeless individuals obtain housing and the support services needed to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

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

Introduction:

Local policies and regulations may affect both the quantity and type of residential development, but local governments have little or no influence over the impact of the national economy or the federal monetary policies. By reviewing local conditions and regulations that may impact the housing market, the local government can prepare for future growth through actions that protect the public's health and safety without unduly adding to the cost of housing production.

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

While the City acknowledges that there are many factors that impact the cost to produce affordable housing, the City does not have the resources to address most of the barriers. The City's permitting fees are necessary to maintain the same level of service for the City.

Discussion:

City staff is aware of the need for additional affordable housing, per input from community at housing workshops, housing surveys and per assessing the City's demographics. Although there are not sufficient funds to build new affordable housing using only CDBG funds, City will continue to implement policies that may increase the number of affordable housing units.

Specific Housing Element Programs that were adopted in the current Housing Element Update that positively impact the City's affordable and inclusive housing goals, and directly contribute to the goal of eliminating barriers to affordable housing are noted as follows:

- Ensure sufficient land is zoned at appropriate densities to accommodate the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation.
- Encourage residential infill development on vacant and underutilized land that are properly zoned and planned for residential uses within the City limits.
- Home builders will develop multifamily designated land at the highest allowed.
- Require 8 to 12% of units in all Master Planned Communities be higher density residential. Provide adequate infrastructure and public services are provided to serve existing and planned residential development.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Outlined below are the actions the City will implement during FY 2020-2021 to address the sub-strategies of the Strategic Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

During FY 2020-2021, the City will encourage and support HATC's efforts to obtain additional rental assistance funding, especially for senior, disabled, and low-income households. CDBG-funded public facility improvements to be undertaken during the year will provide barrier-free access to individuals with disabilities and mobility limitations. Finally, fair housing services will help ensure all households can secure safe and decent housing that they desire and can afford, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, familial status, disability, age, source of income or other characteristics protected by laws.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

During the FY 2020-2021 program year, the City of Tulare will continue to promote CDBG funding for LMI households. This includes several projects that help maintain infrastructure necessary to maintain affordable housing within the City.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to provide information to contractors on training and lead-based paint requirements. Also, as the City continues to implement its housing rehabilitation program, it will ensure that HUD's regulations regarding lead-based paint hazards are implemented, per the City's rehab program policies and procedures.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

During FY 2020-2021 the City will support several activities that aim to reduce the number of households living in poverty:

The goal of these efforts will be to help households gain access to additional services to help create a new level of self-sufficiency and address issues of poverty, acquiring marketable skills and health challenges.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has no additional actions planned to develop its institutional structure. The City will continue to work closely with the County of Tulare Housing Authority, as well as adjacent units of government and

Tulare County.

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

The City of Tulare does not operate public housing. HATC provides rental assistance in the community. Federal legislation requires that the Housing Authority prepare five-year and one-year plans that highlight its mission, goals, and objectives as it relates to public and assisted housing programs. The City will review the Authority's plans and will provide HATC the opportunity to review and consult with the City regarding its ConPlan. The goal of this cross-consultation is to provide consistent and coordinated housing services for City residents.

Tulare has developed good working relationships with all local nonprofits. As the City continues to implement its CDBG program - to provide public service grant funding - it will coordinate efforts with nonprofit partners to promote the efficient and effective use of limited public resources.

Discussion:

The City's current AI is currently being prepared and approved concurrently with the approval of the ConPlan.

Over the course of the FY 2020-2021 program year, the City of Tulare will continue to direct funding to help meet the needs of low- to moderate-income residents in the City. These efforts, along with the efforts of numerous other public and private agencies, will help to address the priority needs established in this plan.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Each HUD program that is covered by the ConPlan regulations must address certain program-specific requirements. Below are the requirements for the CDBG program as prescribed by the ConPlan template.

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.

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	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.	80.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Not applicable.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Not applicable.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Not applicable.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Not applicable.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

- a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

Not applicable.

- b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

- c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

- d. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority

concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.

e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.

g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).