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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Visalia (City) is an entitlement jurisdiction (EJ) that receives federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs, which are designed to assist low and moderate income (LMI) households, investing in Visalia's local communities/neighborhoods.

As an EJ, HUD requires that the City prepare a Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) every five years to foster a community-wide dialogue regarding the market environment and affordable housing and community development needs of the City. The Strategic Plan (SP) is a specific course of action, which builds on local assets and coordinates a response to the needs of the community. The SP sets the program goals, specific objectives, annual goals and benchmarks for measuring progress. The five-year strategy covers the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

As part of the ConPlan, and SP, the City is also required to prepare an Annual Action Plan (AP) to report on the distribution of federal funding for the program year, which starts annually July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The AP explains how the City of Visalia intends to use its CDBG and HOME allocations, and how the funded programs, projects and activities will address the priorities identified in the ConPlan, more specifically the SP. The AP also identifies the federal and non-federal resources that will be used to meet the goals of the approved ConPlan.

Upon HUD announcing the annual Appropriations, only a minor amendment is required to finalize the allocations toward activities as long as it is within the terms (75% change) as referenced within the Citizens Participation Plan (CPP). Any increase or decrease in CDBG shall be directed to Accessibility Improvement (ADA) projects to complete the construction costs associated with Alternate Bids received. Also any adjustment due to the grant and Program Income (PI) may affect the administration and public service programs and cap, which shall also be adjusted to meet the requirements. Any increase or decrease in HOME (grant or PI) shall be directed toward Self Help Enterprises (SHE) Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Acq Rehab projects as well as the allowed percentage toward HOME administration.

The Fifth Year AP, reflects the goals and objectives for the period starting July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. CDBG shall be directed toward public services, public ADA improvements, Code Enforcement, Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program (ERAP), and public/park improvements, Public Facility improvements such as acquisition and/or construction of an emergency shelter and/or Bridge housing for homeless population.

CDBG PI shall be directed toward Administration (up to 20%), ADA projects, and adjustment to public services to maintain the 15% cap.

HOME funds shall be directed toward SHE CHDO Acquisition/rehabilitation (SHE CHDO Acq), infill, and construction of single and multi-family housing. HOME PI shall be directed to SHE CHDO Acq. projects and Administration (up to 10%). For any additional HOME PI received, the City Manager has the authority, if deemed a minor amendment, to direct it toward either the SHE- CHDO or the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs amount.

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.

The four ConPlan goals below represent high priority needs for the City of Visalia (City) and serve as the basis for the strategic actions the City will continue to take toward meeting these needs. Based on the Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, and community outreach conducted in mid-2015, in preparation of the current five-year ConPlan cycle, the 2015-2019 ConPlan efforts resulted in the following high priority needs:

1. Creation and preservation of decent affordable housing
2. Provide a suitable living environment
3. Promote economic opportunity
4. Provide program administration, planning, and management

In FY 2019, Visalia will fund activities in furtherance of the objectives and priorities identified in the SP for the five years from 2015 to 2020, improving availability, accessibility, affordability and sustainability through programs and activities which benefit the community, focusing on low and moderate income households and areas. The activities for the 2019 FY will support at least one objective and one outcome. The 2019 Action Plan activities are listed in section AP-35, Projects, more specifically, AP-38 Project Summary. Attached herein is Table 1: Action Plan HOME funds, including prior balance commitments.

	Prior balance committed (draws to 2.28.19; PI posted to 3.31.19)	2019 Proposed HOME	Total Balance	Notes:
Estimated Allocations		\$ 529,332		Actual 2019 HOME Grant
Estimated Program Income		\$ 350,000		Based on loan repayments
Total Estimated Resources:	\$ 2,020,778	\$ 879,332	\$ 2,900,110	
Administration				
o (Home-10% of allocation & PI)	\$ 171,375	\$ 87,933	\$ 259,308	10% of Grant and Estimated PI (\$35k)
Affordable Housing:				
o First Time Homebuyer Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	No 2019 funding recommended
o Self Help CHDO Acq/Rehab Program (Single Family)*	\$ 1,199,738	\$ 79,400	\$ 1,279,138	Construct 5 homes on NW 5th; Mandatory 15% \$ set aside
o Self Help CHDO Acq/Rehab Program (Multi-Family) *	\$ 403,420	\$ 711,999	\$ 1,115,419	Est PI included (\$315k)
o Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (Family Services) - Est PI option **	\$ 246,245	\$ -	\$ 246,245	Above \$315k PI may be directed toward TBRA by CM approval. (option)
Total HOME & CDBG dollars: (approx)	\$ 2,020,778	\$ 879,332	\$ 2,900,110	

* HOME Administration, HOME SHE CHDO may be (+ or -) based on actual Grant and PI received. ** HOME PI over \$315k option toward SHE Acq/ or TBRA by CM approval.

Also included herein below, is Table 2: 2019 Action Plan CDBG funds, including prior balance commitments.

	Carryover Balance committed (draws to 3.31.19)	2019 CDBG Activities	Total Balance	Notes:
Estimated Allocations		\$ 1,323,669		Actual Grant
Estimated Program Income		\$ 45,000		Based on loan repayments
Code Enforcement Fines/Revenues		\$ 30,000		Code Enforcement inspection, fines payments received
Total Estimated Resources:	\$ 1,579,959	\$ 1,398,669	\$ 2,978,628	
Administration				
o (CDBG-20% of allocation & PI) *	\$ 202,368	\$ 279,733	\$ 482,101	Note: \$155,785 Amendment transferred prior to carryover balance.
Strengthening Neighborhoods (Suitable Living Environment)				
o Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program "ERAP"	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Assist (4) Owner occupied emergency repairs
o Senior Mobile Home Repair Program "SMHRP" (Self Help)	\$ 63,420	\$ -	\$ 63,420	No 2019 funding recommended
o Code Enforcement:	\$ 100,544	\$ 124,000	\$ 224,544	Supports Code Staff in CDBG Targeted areas; Code Revenues drawn before CDBG grant
Public Services (Maximum 15% of Grant) **				
General Public Services:				
o Fair Housing Education (Fair Housing Council of Central Ca.)	\$ 22,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 30,000	Provides training, testing for Analysis of Impediments /ConPlan (HUD Requirement)
Homelessness Program Public Services:				
o Voucher Program-(Family Services):	\$ 7,235	\$ 30,575	\$ 37,810	Provides 14 homeless persons case management services
o Continuum of Care (Alliance):	\$ 6,706	\$ 18,000	\$ 24,706	Funds annual homeless survey, training, public services (point in time homeless count) est- 400 people
o Street Outreach/ Case Management (Family Services)	\$ 63,575	\$ 35,000	\$ 98,575	Case Management 17 people; Street Outreach to 24 people
o Additional homeless funding. (New or existing)*	\$ -	\$ 39,500	\$ 39,500	15% cap will be based upon actual grant
Non-Housing Community Development:				
Public/Park Infrastructure Improvements/ADA Compliance				
o Public ADA Improvements - Houston Avenue Project (CIP9206)	\$ 249,135	\$ -	\$ 249,135	Project underway
o Public ADA Improvements- Wittman Center and Visalia Emergency & Surrounding Areas- (CIP 0353)	\$ 786,200	\$ 286,444	\$ 1,072,644	26 curb ramps located in neighborhoods surrounding Babcock Ave, N Court St., and Vine Avenue; 12 curb rams located in the vicinity of Granit St, from N Court Street to NE 3rd Ave. Funds are needed for Alternate Bids 2 and 3 in addition to recommended figure
o ADA Project- 2019 Estimated PI, upon receipt* (CIP0353)	\$ 20,397	\$ 60,000	\$ 80,397	estimated CDBG PI toward ADA projects underway
o Low/Mod Park Improvements-	\$ 57,879	\$ 17,917	\$ 75,796	Current :Jefferson Park & Community Campus Lot #4 underway
Unprogrammed (ADA Public Improvements, PF, Park & Senior Center Imprv)	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	Public Facility (Emergency Shelter or Bridge Housing- Garden Street); alternate projects ADA Alternate Bids 2/3, Park Improvements (Riverbend, Fairview, Summers); Senior Center Shade cover
Total HOME & CDBG dollars: (approx)	\$ 1,579,959	\$ 1,398,669	\$ 2,978,628	
* CDBG Administration, CDBG ADA may be (+ or -) based on actual Grant and PI received; 15% public service cap may be (+ or -) based on actual CDBG Grant.				
CDBG Public Service %existing contracts	8%	7%	14%	Total all years -public service obligations must not exceed 15%
With Additional Public Service - new or increases		10%	17%	

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 will continue successful programs, meeting high priority needs, addressing affordable housing, a suitable living environment and economic development objectives. Performance accomplishments include Affordable Housing, Suitable Living Environment, and Public Services.

Affordable Housing: HOME CHDO funds continue to be provided to SHE to produce affordable housing, both single and multifamily development, for our most vulnerable population, meeting HOME timelines for commitment and expenditures.

The HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program administered by Family Services of Tulare County continues to be a challenge due to the lack of available units. Staff conducted a rent analysis in 2017 and 2018 that met HUD's requirements resulting in an increased Rent Standard for the program. The purpose is to provide secure, safe, decent and sanitary rental housing assistance to extremely low and very low-income persons or households that are homeless who meet the tenant selection criteria. TBRA focuses on special purposes or specific housing needs of Visalia's homeless population as indicated within the Con Plan. The TBRA program currently has five participants.

The CDBG Senior Mobile Home Repair Program (SMHRP) contracted with SHE is using previous year CDBG funds, which will assist approximately 6 more eligible mobile home owners, in addressing health, safety and rehabilitation needs. Applications are under review. No additional funding is recommended toward the SMHRP in 2019. New funding has been directed toward the Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program (ERAP). Upon policy development and selection of an administrator the program will be brought online.

Suitable Living Environment: CDBG funds will be used to improve public and park facilities, along with accessibility improvements including sidewalks for connectivity to the ADA curb cuts that serve primarily low and moderate income residents and disabled population. Previous year funding supported ADA improvements for the south side of Houston Avenue between Santa Fe and Dinuba Boulevard areas in CDBG targeted areas. Engineering continues to conduct analysis for accessibility needs within the CDBG targeted areas. Staff was also directed to consider ADA accessibility needs in the southwest quadrant of the city, within low mod neighborhood areas, school areas, and public community buildings which provide neighborhood activities.

Economic Development: No funding is recommended toward this activity this year. 4 of the 5 years, funding went toward the Section 108 loan repayment which provided funding for construction of a downtown parking structure based upon the City's commitment to provide adequate parking in the downtown area to stimulate job creation.

Public Services: Efforts to fund public services have increased over the last few years. The Fair Housing Council of Central California (FHCCC) continues to provide fair housing education including the annual Fair Housing workshop in April, and will conduct testing, which supports

the Analysis of Impediments for the new 5 year ConPlan. Other public services include Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Family Services-Voucher Program, Case Management Programs which address the needs of our homeless population through street outreach, and case management services. All planned public service activities support our high priority needs identified in the 2015-2019 ConPlan. Additional public service funding is set aside to increase existing or new services within the 15% cap.

Neighborhood preservation efforts continue through Code Enforcement. Code inspection revenue from fines shall be drawn prior to CDBG grant funds.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Overview of 5-Year ConPlan participation:

As per 24 CFR 91.115, the City of Visalia adopted a Citizens Participation Plan (CPP), as part of the five-year ConPlan process. In FY 2015, and as amended 2018, the CPP describes the citizens' participation requirements. The CPP is on file at the City of Visalia, Finance Department, and on the City of Visalia's website at:

https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/housing_n_cdbg_services/publications_n_reports/consolidated_plans.asp

To maximize participation in preparing the 2015-2019 ConPlan, the City designed and administered a Community Needs Survey and held Community Forums. The Survey was distributed to residents, workers, service providers, and businesses of the City. The CPP describes the outreach, entities, organizations, or persons that were informed of the ConPlan. Hardcopy surveys were distributed to public housing sites, school districts, health care providers, libraries, and community centers. Surveys were also distributed via email and social media. The City sent emails to 350 different individuals or organizations notifying them of the Survey and providing the dates and times for Community and Stakeholder Forums. It was estimated that 4,559 persons on Facebook and 819 persons on Twitter were reached with information regarding the ConPlan with 214 survey responses received by the City. The City also held three Community Forums, which were attended by a total of 22 individuals, and presented the Consolidated Plan to multiple organizations and advisory boards.

2019 Action Plan Community and Council Feedback:

As part of the annual consultation process, Staff met with committees and reviewed the 5 Yr. ConPlan identified needs serving as the comprehensive strategy, describing the City's priorities and multi-year goals for use of CDBG and HOME funds from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. Staff then reviewed the current 2018 AP activities, in preparation of the Draft 2019 AP proposed activities. Additionally, the City reached out via-email to the ConPlan list of agencies, and other outreach outlets, presenting the same information, which included a Feedback response form, asking 1) what is their feedback on the proposed goals and activities for the 5th

year AP, and 2) what other goals (high priority activities) are needed for low income housing, jobs and/or low income areas, also requesting narrative feedback and represented agency identification.

(IDIS Attachment AP-05 No. 4 (continued - Summary of CPP consultation))

Community and City Council Meetings Input:

Staff provided opportunities to the community and committees to provide feedback by presenting an overview of the 5-yr ConPlan, high priorities, funding allocations, and proposed activities. Four (4) community meetings including a City Council Work session meeting were held as follows:

- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on December 5, 2018
- Disability Advocacy Committee (DAC) on December 10, 2018
- North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NVNAC) meeting on January 10, 2019
- City Council Work Session on February 04, 2019

Community Outreach Input:

Details regarding consultation are included in sections AP-10 and AP-12 and include information on the overall outreach and number of organizations and people reached.

In addition to the committees referenced above, the members of the groups, committees, and city departments listed below participated in the consultation and feedback process on community development, homeless, and housing needs. Surveys received, along with the City Council included representation from housing; Housing Authority; Services; such as children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of Domestic Violence, Homeless, Health, Education, Employment, and Fair Housing; Health Agency; Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care; County, including County and local government; regional organizations, Planning, Faith based organizations, Civic Leaders, Legal services, Advisory Committees and community at large. Comments are noted under AP-10 consultation.

Citizens Participation During 30-day Comment Period for the 2019 PY Action Plan:

On February 21, 2019, the public notice was published in the Visalia Times Delta (VTD) Legal section, and also the VTD Weekly on March 20, 2019, in English and Spanish. The notice included a summary of the proposed activities and the public meeting dates, time and locations as discussed below.

The notice included the public comment period from February 21, 2019 through March 22, 2019. During this time, four community meetings, including City Council Public Hearing were scheduled to review and receive comment on the Plan.

- CAC on March 06, 2019
- DAC on March 11, 2019
- NVNAC on March 14, 2019

- City Council Public Hearing on April 15, 2019

To seek additional opportunities for comments and participation in the meetings, the notice was posted on the Continuum of Care's website, as well as emailed to list serves of the CoC's, members. The notice was also sent to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Turning Point, Self Help Enterprise, Community Service Employment Training, Tulare Kings Counties Habitat for Humanity, Family Health Care Network, Tulare Health and Human Services Agency, the Tulare County Housing Authority, the Tulare County Public Library, and the Post Office for posting. The notice also included opportunities to provide comments in writing.

The proposed 2019 AP was placed on the City of Visalia's website at: https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/housing_n_cdbg_services/publications_n_reports/action_plans.asp

The AP was made available in the Finance Department office, located at (707 West Acequia); the City Manager Administrative office, located at (220 North Santa Fe Street), City Hall East (315 East Acequia), and the Visalia and Tulare County public library in Visalia.

Additionally, upon receiving confirmation of actual allocations, if figures are different than estimated, a minor amendment memo of the actual figures approved shall be included herein. See memo Attachment "J", for reference. Note that any increase and decrease to CDBG shall be directed to ADA and increase or decrease to HOME shall be directed to SHE CHDO Acq. Project.

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.

Comments received during the preparation of the AP, and comments received during the 30 day public comment period are attached (IDIS AD-26) (Attachment "I"). Additional documentation for certification of publishing and confirmation of noticing on various websites, are included under AP-05 as attachments.

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

All comments or views received during the public participation process are accepted and taken into consideration during the preparation of the AP.

7. Summary

Final Council approval of the activities included herein.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	VISALIA, CA	Finance Department
CDBG Administrator	VISALIA	Finance Department
HOPWA Administrator	N/A	N/A
HOME Administrator	VISALIA	Finance Department
HOPWA-C Administrator	N/A	N/A

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Visalia (City) is the Lead Agency for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement programs. The City’s Finance Department is responsible for administering the funds it receives under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

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

1. Introduction

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 continues to work collaboratively with public officials, City departments, community residents, stakeholders, and beneficiaries of entitlement funds to address the priorities and strategies included in the ConPlan. During the preparation of the 5 year ConPlan, the City facilitated a community outreach and engagement effort to further strengthen the dialogue between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies that receive federal funding. The City also held three community forums to prompt a discussion on the City’s top community needs and approaches to address them during the development and adoption of the 2015 ConPlan. These efforts were continued with the preparation of the 2019 Action Plan.

Specifically related to public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies, City Staff has been meeting with the County Homeless Task Group, a City Emergency Shelter Task Group, and the Continuum of Care (Homeless Alliance) members. Representation includes county and local government, faith based organizations, concerned citizens, housing providers, service providers, including mental health, education, employment and others.

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 Visalia is closely involved with the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (Alliance), which serves as the local Continuum of Care. When possible, the City’s programs are designed to serve homeless persons and are coordinated with the Alliance.

Coordinated efforts and partnerships continue to assist our homeless population, with representatives from SHE, Tulare County Health and Human Services, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Continuum of Care Alliance, City of Visalia representative and a representative from the Faith based organizations. Current direction includes identifying the need, site, partnerships and resources for an emergency shelter.

There are several ongoing efforts that the City and Alliance are involved in as collaborative partners. These collaborations include:

- Monthly Alliance Membership Meetings
- Tulare County Task Force on Homelessness

- Visalia HOPE Team Top Ten Meeting
- Visalia’s recently formed Emergency Shelter Committee (Tulare County Health & Human Service Representative, County Board of Supervisor Amy Shuklian, City Finance-Housing Staff, Assistant City Manager, Faith Based Organization representation and other homeless advocates)
- Warming Center Committee
- Bridge Housing Project

Programs/Projects, include:

- St Paul’s Episcopal Church Warming Center
- Visalia Ride-Along Program
- HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program
- CDBG Case Management/Street Outreach
- ECO jobs Program
- Acquisition and Rehab of properties through the City’s Non-Profit Developer

All of these projects were designed and implemented through a collaborative effort between the Alliance, its partner agencies and the City of Visalia.

The City also implemented in the past few years- two Case Management/Street Outreach Programs (Housing Successor funded) designed to serve people experiencing homelessness. These program designs were also a collaborative effort between the Alliance, its partner agency, Family Services of Tulare County, and the City of Visalia.

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.

Not applicable. The City of Visalia is not an ESG entitlement area. However, the City supports its local Continuum of Care in its efforts to receive funding toward the needs of our community.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Tulare County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non- Homeless Special Needs Other- Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	TCHA provided input through the survey, recommending that the city make more funding available for the acquisition and rehabilitation of more affordable housing. THCA was also consulted in preparation of the AP.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Kings/Tulare Counties Continuum of Care “The Alliance”
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services- Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services- Persons with Disabilities Services- Persons with HIV/AIDS Services- Victims of Domestic Violence Services- Homeless Services- Health Services- Education Services- Employment Services- Fair Housing Services- Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government- County Other government- Local Regional organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Other- Continuum of Care

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs- Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Other- Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation provided information; Continued partnership/collaboration through CoC meetings. Survey feedback presented the Conplan High priority needs, 2019 Action Plan through the listserve members who represent all the types of organizations listed above including businesses, concerned citizens advisory committee liaison, and community organizations. The Continuum of Care, and Homeless Task Group meetings and feedback relate to the need for homeless housing. Specifically noted CDBG funding would assist staff to further meet the needs of the chronically homeless community.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Visalia Community Development Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government- Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Other: Action Plan Review Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Other: Action Plan

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation -provided information, Planning information included in the Action Plan
4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Visalia Finance Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government- Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Other: Action Plan Review , Finance Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Lead –Based Paint Strategy Anti-Poverty Strategy Other: Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation, of all activities, uses of both CDBG and HOME funding.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Visalia Park & Recreation Commission

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government- Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Other: Park & Recreation Commission Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Other: Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Need Survey provided to the Park & Recreation Commission, by the Park & Rec Director. Comments through Jeannie Greenwood, Director Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:08 AM: Subject: RE: Public Survey- Needs for use of CDBG & HOME (2019 Action Plan funding) July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020) We discussed potential CDBG projects at the December 18, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Here are their thoughts related to potential projects: • Visalia Senior Center – add a shade structure over garden• Riverbend Park – add security lighting• Fairview Park – add security lighting• Summer’s Park – add modern play/climbing apparatus; security lighting CDBG rules were reviewed with the director regarding other funding for the flooring.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Turning Point of Central California
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services- Housing Services- Children Services- Persons with HIV/AIDs Services- Homeless Services- Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homeless Needs- Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs- Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Other-Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Needs Survey Provided: Staff provided feedback and indicated that the highest priority is to provide services & shelter to homeless population in Visalia, especially sex offenders. TP indicated that they need to house & track them. Second are drug treatment services, especially sober living homes for addicts completing treatment.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys and Girls Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Other: Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Member provided feedback and indicated that the Boys & Girls Club in Visalia’s HVAC system needs major work and at present do not have the funding to complete the work. The Boys & Girls Club serves hundreds of children and youth, ages 6 – 18 each year. Most youth are from disadvantaged circumstances.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Visalia Emergency Aid Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services- Elderly Persons Services- Homeless Services- Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homeless Needs- Families with children Other: Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	VEAC provided feedback. Infill the many vacant lots in North Visalia with affordable housing giving NPO's like SHE & HFH the opportunity to build SFH or MFH for low-income or transitional homeless families. Need more housing for low income families that take Section 8. Partner with health agencies like KDHCD or FHCN to provide short term care homes for at risk individuals such as homeless or low income with no support to free up hospital beds and reduce secondary illness from poor postoperative care after release.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Visalia Unified School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Other- Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Need Survey Feedback provided by VUSD Superintendent -Todd Oto: Priorities: 1) Road & Sidewalk repair in neighborhoods with high incidence of low income housing/families; 2) improvement/expansion of city parks & open space; 3) support for emergency repairs for low income homeowners.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Bethlehem Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs- Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs- Families with children Other: Action Plan

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Bethlehem Center staff provided feedback: The proposed goals and activities are great for the community. Ong goal that we fund here in need of, at the Bethlehem Center, is an open use and access to washing/drying garments. This would fall under the public facility category. Since we currently provide clothing assistance to the homeless, this would help and provide clean clothing on a daily basis.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Tulare County Office of Education
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Families with children Homelessness Needs- Unaccompanied Youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Other- Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Need survey feedback provided. TCOE – Beth Wilshire provided feedback: Affordable Housing Options; Rental assistance for those with poor rental and/or credit history; Emergency and Permanent housing options for homeless youth; Services for homeless youth such as assistance with high school diploma or other options as well as options for job assistance
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Citizens Advisory Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Other- Liaison General Public

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homeless Needs- Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Other: Action Plant
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CAC acts as a liaison between the general public and City Council concerning community issues. Representatives include business owners, and community at large. Staff presented an overview of the 5-year Plan, high priorities, funding allocations for 2018, and proposed 2019 activities on December 5, 2018, including the Need Survey for their input. The CAC was informed of their options of submitting comments (as a committee) to staff representative of CAC and/or email to Finance staff by the January 18, 2019 deadline. No comments received.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Services of Tulare County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services- Housing Services- Children Services- Persons with HIV/AIDs Services- Victims of Domestic Violence Services- homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homeless Needs Families with Children Homelessness Strategy Other – Action Plan

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Need Survey feedback provided by Family Services of Tulare County: proposed for consideration for increased CDBG funds for existing projects (Tulare Housing First II & Homeless Outreach). These programs are very successful but funding has not increased significantly in years- FS wants to sustain these crucial projects. 2) A low barrier emergency shelter is a high priority need.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Disability Advocacy Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other: Disabled, General Public
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Other: Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	<p>Disability Advocacy Committee (DAC) – advises the City on the needs of disabled people. The committee promotes physical, social, communication and attitudinal access for every citizen of Visalia. Representation includes disabled population, and community at large</p> <p>Staff presented an overview of the 5-year Plan, high priorities, funding allocations for 2018, and proposed 2019 activities and Need Survey for input on December 10, 2018.</p> <p>DAC members noted: that seniors needed repairs for mobile home, along with revisions to policies so that they allow more participation/flexibility. Stated that Staff did not reference additional CDBG funds toward the senior mobile home, when there is a need; indicated they wanted to know who decides where ADA is needed, as the committee recommends that project manager present to DAC locations/projects. Parks need ADA which includes disabled population; Sports park needs ADA sidewalks; Downtown businesses need ramps/updating; Committee agreed that project manager with CDBG funds toward ADA projects should present the proposed areas, locations, projects to the DAC committee to approve, etc.</p>

15	Agency/Group/Organization	Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Housing Services- Children Services- Elderly Persons Services- Persons with Disabilities Services- Persons with HIV/AIDS Services- homeless Services- health Health Agency 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 Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Other-Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Need survey feedback provided by Mr. Feliz; Given the overwhelming local need, he submitted that financing the capital expenses of a low barrier emergency shelter should be reflected in the goals of the 2019 Action Plan and CDBG application (public facilities category)
16	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Tulare County

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services- Housing Services- Children Services- Elderly Persons Services- Persons with Disabilities Services- Persons with HIV/AIDS Services- homeless Other- Citizen
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Other- Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Need Survey sent via email list serve for input on needs. Rosemary Caso, Executive Directors of United Way is looking for funding for Direct services such as vouchers and assistance.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Mooney Grove Affordable Housing- Augusta Communities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non- Homeless Special Needs Other – Action Plan

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Survey Need input provided feedback: Mooney Grove Affordable Housing Program: Augusta Communities requested funds to support the installation of new modern, high efficiency manufactured homes on vacant home sites in its manufactured housing community located at 26814 S. Mooney Blvd in the City of Visalia for 1) owner-occupied and 2) rental housing for occupancy by low and moderate income households. The cost for new modern, high efficiency homes and related improvements vary by size but cost approximately \$90,000 - \$110,000. Importantly, as compared to older housing stock from traditional housing (single family, apartments and older mobile and manufactured housing) these homes are highly energy efficient resulting in lower total housing cost to the occupant. Augusta Communities is a 501(c)3 non-profit housing organization created to encourage, preserve, rehabilitate, develop, operate, and maintain decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low and moderate income persons through the acquisition and rehabilitation of manufacturing housing communities. Augusta purchased Mooney Grove manufactured housing community in 2016 with tax exempt financing and the property is encumbered with income and affordability covenants.</p>
18	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services- homeless Other- Community Business Owners and Members of the community Neighborhood Organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Other-Action Plan</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory committee members serve as a liaison between the City and the North Visalia community. It is a forum for citizen complaints, problems and provides recommendations to the City Council. Committee includes representation from community advocates, business owners, Proteus, Boy Scouts, Real Estate, property owners.</p> <p>NVAC members submitted Need Survey information by email December 3, 2018. Mr. Huott- Noted ADA curb cut, sidewalk needs, traffic signals/intersection crossing area needs walking path in Oval- Details included in the comment/response document. Mr. Ludekens noted safety crossing at Vine & N Dinuba Blvd; noted efforts by the Gang Intervention Task Force, homeless has become our major challenge and expense; Oval park looks great which City has done much in the oval area; Homeless present the challenge to feed, sleep, care, etc.; businesses around the Oval are impacted as local families will not shop where the homeless are in the area; recommend using the Oval building for a recreation service center; asked if CDBG can be used at Oval Park for programs, tie in with Park & Rec Dept. Further detail included in the comment/response document.</p> <p>Staff presented an overview of the 5-year Plan, high priorities, funding allocations for 2018, and proposed 2019 activities and Need Survey for input January 10, 2019.</p> <p>The North Visalia Advisory Committee Member noted that Manuel Hernandez Center needs lighting; Park & Rec member noted lighting and walkways in eligible parks; ADA curb cuts and walking paths needed; crossing difficult to get through route on Houston in a wheel chair and walking; need of ADA, various locations</p>
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless Emergency Shelter Committee

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services- Housing Services- Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Homeless Services-Health Health Agency Other government- County Other government- Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs- Chronically homeless Homeless Needs- Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs- Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Other: Action Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This group was brought together as a request by City Council in November of 2018 to identify and address the needs of our homeless population, specifically research on the need of an emergency shelter. This group consists of Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Tulare County Health and Human Services, housing, faith based organization, and other providers. Meetings continue bi-weekly.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Visalia City Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation	Other, 2019 Action Plan

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Councilman Collins asked that the ADA ramp projects consider including the sidewalk to connect the ramp; noted under neighborhood preservation enhance districts funding projects in the historical area; (i. e teardown houses, improve, clean up); Also something to identify (signage) entering the historic district; earmark rehab/upgrades if needed to the oval building based on proposals for its use; Councilman Poochigian; great report; need more housing for homeless; Councilman Nelson: Additional vouchers and housing; more for low income housing, Not in support of historic; Mayor Link; more in low income housing, homeless housing.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City did not intentionally exclude any groups from the consultation process choosing to encourage more feedback on the preparation of this Action Plan (AP) utilizing the City’s contact list of agencies created during the 5 Year ConPlan. Many agencies were represented at the various meetings. However, via-email, the City reached out to the agencies listed below and provided the recipients with information that included the ConPlan and AP process, High Priority Needs from the 5-Yr ConPlan, the 2018 AP and proposed 2019 AP activities based on existing commitments and ongoing projects. The power point provided a Feedback response form, asking 1) what is their feedback on the proposed goals and activities for the 5th year (AP), and 2) what other goals (high priority activities) are needed for low income housing, jobs and/or areas. They were encouraged to complete the feedback survey, include name, agency and narrative feedback and return to incorporate their feedback for Council to review and consider at the February 04, 2019, meeting.

The types of additional agencies were; Businesses, Educational Services, groups and organizations, employment service providers, Fair Housing Services, Health Service and Domestic violence service providers, service providers for children and elderly persons, other advisory, veterans and concerned citizens, as well as faith based organizations. The following additional providers were sent notice and information via-email encouraging feedback on preparing the AP and Amendment activities form:

- Businesses: Downtown Visalians, Hispanic and Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Fresno State Small Business Development Center, Tulare County Economic Development, Commercial Retail Associates, Zeeb Commercial Real Estate

- Educational service agencies, groups, & organizations, Owens Valley Career Development Center, Tulare County Office of Vocational Education, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, Visalia Unified School District, Visalia Adult School.
- Employment service providers: Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, Proteus, Community Services Employment Training
- Fair housing service - Central California Legal Services, California Coalition for Rural Housing
- Health service and domestic violence service providers: Central Valley Regional Center, EMQ Families First, Family Health Care Network, Kaweah Delta – The Bridge Point Project, NAMI Tulare County, Synchrony of Visalia, Inc. Family Services of Tulare County, and Central Cal. Family Crisis Center.
- Housing and Homeless Service providers: Self Help Enterprises, Turning Point, Tulare County Housing Authority, Kingsview, Kings Community Action Organization, Visalia Rescue Mission, Christian Church Homes, Habitat for Humanity and Family Services of Tulare County
- Service providers for children and elderly persons :Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging,– Adult Protective Services, Evergreen Residence Assisted Living, Aspiranet, Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army,
- Other Advisory, Veterans, Westcare, American Indian Advisory Committee, Veterans Administration, Champions Recovery, Citizens Advisory Committee, North Visalia Advisory Committee, Disability Advocacy Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, and City Council, Tulare County
- Faith-based organizations: Abounding Grace, Ambassadors of Christ, Bethel Spanish Assembly, Bethlehem Center, Calvary Baptist Church, Calvary Chapel, Calvary Worship Center, Catholic Charities, Catholic Churches of Visalia, Christ Lutheran, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day, Congregation Beit Shalom, Congregation B’Nai Davis, Crossway Church, Destiny Church, Disciples of Christ Visalia, Faith Baptist Church of Visalia, Family Life, Fellow of Hope, First Christian Church, First Free Will Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Gateway Church of Visalia, Grace Lutheran Church, Hands in the Community, Heart of the Valley Christian Fellowship, Iglesia Centro Alabanza, Kings Gospel Mission, Life Christian Faith Fellowship, Neighborhood Church, Parkside Chapel, Pentecostal Lighthouse, Poverillo house, Praise Center, Presbytery of San Joaquin, Radiant Church, Religious Science Church, Sequoia Baptist Church, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Sierra Baptist, Spiritual Awareness Center, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Stone Ministries Inc., The Warehouse, Trinity United Reformed Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia, Universal Church, Valley Bible Church, Victory Outreach Church, Visalia Buddhist

Church, Visalia Community Church of Christ, Visalia Evangelical Free Church, Visalia First, Visalia First Christian Reformed Church, Visalia Nazarene Church, Visalia New Life Church, Visalia Methodist Church

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 Connecting the Dots	Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (Continuum of Care)	Connecting the Dots is a Ten Year Plan to prevent and end homelessness in the Kings and Tulare County region. This effort is aligned with the Strategic Plan’s goal to support activities that prevent and end homelessness.
San Joaquin Valley Fair Housing and Equity Assessment (FHEA)	California Coalition for Rural Housing	The FHEA provides an overview of racial and economic segregation patterns in the City and describes its impact on residential mobility. The report also includes a set of recommendations to promote integration in the City and lessen the negative consequences generated as a result of segregation identified within the report. Both plans focus on supporting and promoting the creation of affordable housing opportunities for LMI and special needs households.

City of Visalia General Plan Housing Element (Housing Element)	City of Visalia	The Housing Element identifies the housing needs of the community, goals and objectives to address those needs, and outlines the community's efforts to pursue specific policies and programs to achieve its goals and objectives. The Strategic Plan supports the Housing Element's plan to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable housing to meet the current and future needs of the population.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI)	City of Visalia	The AI provides an overview of laws, regulations, conditions, and other possible obstacles that affect an individuals or households access to housing in the City. It also serves as a blueprint to guide future fair housing planning and resource allocation and is meant to provide meaningful information to policymakers, housing advocates, providers, and lenders in their effort to build and support fair housing policies and practices. The City is contracted with the Fair Housing Council of Central California to provide services including education and testing

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City of Visalia encourages residents, public service organizations, and other interested parties to participate in the development of the Five Year ConPlan and Annual Action Plan (AP) by attending public meetings and public hearings held at various stages of the plan development. Outreach for input on the development of the Plan impacts the goals for the year, however, the 5 year SP is considered as well as the highest priority needs. Based upon the input received by the community and council, high priorities were identified as public improvements, public facilities, homeless programs, public service programs, TBRA, and affordable housing projects and programs.

This year, the City's Facebook, twitter, e-newsletter distribution, community meetings, and surveys reached or hits were approximately 18,724. Approximately 82 comments were received between committees, citizens and entities. The Continuum of Care list serve reached approximately-316 people. Various committee members attended meetings in which the plan was presented for feedback. Staff provided an overview of the 5 year ConPlan, high priorities, review of current year AP, and proposed activities for 2019's AP. The four (4) community meetings including one (1) City Council work session meeting, which was also held to obtain feedback in the development of the Draft Action Plan

These committee meetings were:

- CAC on December 5, 2018
- DAC on December 10, 2018
- NVNAC on January 10, 2019
- City Council Work Session on February 04, 2019

On February 21, 2019, the 2019 AP public notice was published in the Visalia Times Delta Legal Section and in the VTD Weekly on March 20, 2019 in English and Spanish. The notice included a summary of the proposed activities, opportunities to attend a community or council meeting, with the meeting dates, time and locations and the comment period from February 21, 2019, through March 22, 2019. These meetings were:

- CAC on March 06, 2019
- DAC on March 11, 2019

- NVNAC on March 14, 2019
- City Council Public Hearing – April 15, 2019

To seek additional opportunities for comments and participation in the meetings, the notice was posted as per the requirements of the CPP and posted on the City’s website, Facebook and Twitter, list serve, public library, city office locations, as well as non-profit distribution on the notice. The draft AP, notice of meetings reached approximately 22, 111 people during the 30 day comment period. The AP was available in the Finance office, located at (707 West Acequia), Community Development office, located at (315 East Acequia); City Manager Administrative office, located at (220 North Santa Fe Street), Visalia and Tulare County public library in Visalia.

HUD announced the actual grants, therefore a minor amendment was prepared to finalize the allocations toward activities. See “2019 Action Plan Minor Amend Final Allocations” herein as an attachment “J”.

Citizen Participation Outreach

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1	Other: Community Meeting	Non Targeted/broad community Other: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)	A total of 15 people, not including City Staff attended the meeting/information session on December 5, 2018. Staff presented an overview of the ConPlan process as a refresher, the Action Plan goals, project and programs,, proposed activities	Information taken in by the committee. No comments announced as a committee after the presentation. CAC members were notified of options of submitting comments (i.e. To CAC staff rep or email to Finance by Jan 18th deadline.	No comment or question is declined.	
2	Other: Community Meeting	Persons with disabilities Other: Disability Advocacy Committee (DAC)	A total of 6 people plus staff, were present at the December 10, 2018, DAC meeting. Staff presented an overview of the ConPlan process as a refresher, the 2019 Action Plan goals, project and programs. Requested input on needs	Members felt that senior needed repairs for mobile homes, revisions to the policies, ADA needs, such as sidewalks, sports park, downtown businesses, and proposed areas; and recommended project managers present ADA needs within parks to committee.	No comment or question is declined	

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3	Other: Community Meeting-	Non-targeted/broad community Other: Park & Recreation Commission – presented by Recreation Director	Director presented the survey to the Park & Rec commission during their regulation scheduled meeting- December 18, 2018. 5 members	From: Jeannie Greenwood Public Survey- Needs for use of CDBG & HOME (2019 Action Plan funding) July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020) discussed potential CDBG projects. commission noted potential projects: • Visalia Senior Center – add a shade structure over garden• Visalia Senior Center – replace flooring – • Riverbend Park – add security lighting• Fairview Park – add security lighting• Summer’s Park – add modern play/climbing apparatus, security lighting	No comment or question is declined	

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4	Other: Community Meeting	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Other: North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NVNAC)</p>	<p>14 members of the committee and guests were in attendance on January 10, 2019. Staff presented overview of the ConPlan process the Action Plan goals, projects and programs. Requested input on needs</p>	<p>Noted ADA curb cut, sidewalk needs, traffic signals/intersection crossing area needs walking path in Oval-Mr. Ludekens noted safety crossing at Vine & N Dinuba Blvd; asked if CDBG can be used at Oval Park for programs, tie in with Park & Rec Dept. Further detail included in the comment/response document.</p> <p>Member noted that Manuel Hernandez Center needs lighting; Park & Rec member noted lighting and walkways in eligible parks; ADA curb cuts and walking paths needed; crossing difficult to get through route on Houston in a wheel chair and walking; need of ADA, various locations</p>	<p>No comment or question is declined</p>	

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5	Other: Tulare Kings Alliance (Community Continuum of Care) Website, tweet, Facebook-	Minorities Non-English Speaking- Spanish Persons with disabilities Other: Visalia Homeless	The COC reaches over 316 people posted on December 4, 2018 list serve, Information survey for input was sent to various housing, faith based, health, mental health, victims of domestic violence, homeless, business, veterans, children, education and other services, organizations locally, regionally, including county and city.	Noted by a member- a credible job of providing housing for people in need who are willing and able to conform to basic rules and requirements; where we are woefully lacking is dealing with people who fall in the following categories: Homeless that do not want to live in conventional housing; Homeless that are mentally ill; Homeless that have dependency issues. Does the City have any programs pending that deal with this difficult homeless segment.	No comment or question is declined	

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6	Public Meeting-City Council Work Session	Non-English Speaking- Specify other language: Spanish Non Targeted/broad community Other: City Council Worksession	City Council (four (4) Councilmembers in attendance) Work Session held on February 04, 2019, to review community comments, requests, review and confirm Council's direction for the 2019 Action Plan projects and program focus	Councilman Collins asked that the ADA ramp projects include the sidewalk to connect the ramp; noted under neighborhood preservation enhance districts funding projects in the historical area; (i.e. teardown houses, improve, clean up); Also something to identify (signage) entering the historic district; earmark rehab/upgrades if needed to the oval building based on proposals for its use.	Questions were answered in as much detail as possible. No comment or question was declined	

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6 continued	Public Meeting- City Council Work Session- Continued	Non-English Speaking- Specify other language: Spanish Non Targeted/broad community	Continued-City Council (four (4) Councilmembers in attendance) Work Session held on February 04, 2019, to review community comments, requests, review and confirm Council's direction for the 2019 Action Plan projects and program focus.	Councilman Poochigian; great report; need more housing for homeless; Councilman Nelson: Additional vouchers and housing; more for low income housing, Not in support of historic; Mayor Link; more in low income housing, homeless housing	Questions were answered in as much detail as possible. No comment or question was declined	
7	Internet Outreach Via-Email Outreach, Tweet, Facebook, City Website	Minorities Non-English Speaking- Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	Survey- notice for feedback was tweeted, Facebook, city inside news reached 18,373 people Responses from community at large, and various housing, faith based, health, mental health, victims of domestic violence, homeless, business, veterans, children, education and other services, organizations locally, regionally, including county.	Overview of the comments received, are noted within the City Council Report Work session public meeting on February 4, 2019. High priorities identified are Homeless Housing, Homeless Services, ADA compliance public improvements, park improvements, other public improvements, affordable housing, homeowner rehabilitation programs and other.	No comment or question is declined	

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8	Newspaper Ad-Visalia Times Delta Legal/Retail Section	Minorities Non-English Speaking- Spanish Non-targeted/broad community Other: All residents of Visalia	Public notice 2019 Action Plan published on February 21, 2019, in the Visalia Times Delta (VTD) Legal section in English and Spanish which reaches 7,200 people/subscribers	Comments included as Attachment I Noted comments relate to Public Facilities, homeless needs, housing rehabilitation needs, ADA, Parks and other.	No comments received to date No comment would be declined	
9	Newspaper Ad – Wednesday (Hispanic)_weekly paper	Minorities Non-English Speaking- Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	Public notice 2019 Action Plan was published on March 20, 2019, in the Visalia Times Delta Weekly Wednesday paper in English and Spanish. provided to all residents of Visalia, which reach 7,200 people	Comments included as Attachment I Noted comments relate to Public Facilities, homeless needs, housing rehabilitation needs, ADA, Parks and other.	No comments received to date No comment would be declined	
10	Other- Continuum of Care Website and email list publishing-	Non-targeted/broad community Other: Homeless advocacy	Public Notice 2019 Action Plan posted on website for 30 day comment	No comments received	No comments declined	

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11	Other- Posting on City Website,	Non-Targeted/broad community	Public Notice 2019 Action Plan posted/published on City website on from February 21, 2019 through March 22, 2019 Posted on City of Visalia website; Reached 2,090 views	Comments included as Attachment I Noted comments relate to public facility, homeless needs, ADA, affordable housing, parks, traffic, other	No comments are declined	
12	Other- Posting on City Twitter, Facebook, Newsletter Inside City Hall	Non-Targeted/broad community	Public Notice 2019 Action Plan posted/published on City website on February 21, 2019 through March 22, 2019 A total of 7,681 people were reached: The notice was posted on City of Visalia Twitter; Reached 2 followers; Facebook reached 2,689; newsletter reached 2,900, and news item reached 2,090	Comments included as Attachment I. Noted comments relate to public facility, homeless needs, ADA, affordable housing, Parks improvements, public improvements such as crosswalk, traffic lights/signs	No comments declined	

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13	Community Public Meeting	Non-Targeted/broad community Other: Citizens Advisory Committee on March 06, 2019 (during 30 day noticing period)	Community Meeting with Citizens Advisory Committee to be held on March 06, 2019 (during 30-day public comment period) 10 people were in attendance.	Comments included as Attachment I. Noted comments relate to public facility, homeless needs, ADA Improvements, parks. Overall-The Committee voted that the ADA project should be completed, then remainder funding to ES as seed money; if CoC does not award their funding toward an ES to a developer, then recommend that the remaining CDBG be redirected toward the public improvements. (motion was made)	Questions are answered in as much detail as possible. No comment or question is declined	

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)
14	Community Public Meeting- Disability Advocacy Committee Meeting	Persons with disabilities Other: Disability Advisory Committee Meeting March 11, 2019	Community Meeting with Disability Advocacy to be held on March 11, 2019 (during 30 day public noticing period) 10 people were in attendance.	Comments included as Attachment I. Noted comments related to public facilities, homeless needs, ADA, Parks, Senior Mobile Home assistance. Overall, Committee made a motion to accept staff recommendation to complete ADA Improvements, then any additional or remaining funds be directed to public facilities for an emergency shelter, with the addition of Staff's recommendation to redirect any remaining funds to ADA, Parks & Senior Center if Continuum of Care funds are not awarded to a non-profit for the development of the shelter.	Questions are answered in as much detail as possible. No comment or question is declined	

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15	Community Public Meeting- North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting	Other: Community Meeting with North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee on March 14, 2019 (during 30-day public noticing period)	Community Meeting with North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee to be held on March 14, 2019 (during 30 day public noticing period). Approximately 10 people were in attendance including staff; No quorum.	Comments included as Attachment I. Noted no emphasis on traffic lighting, street improvements and safety to the oval area; funding was not included as a recommended activity; oval sidewalk not considered; safety of children including safe routes to school are not considered. Staff noted that overall comments are considered and the highest priorities are included for recommendation. Also noted that funding for this purpose is available from other grant programs.	Questions are answered in as much detail as possible. No comment or question is declined	

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)
16	Public Hearing Meeting City Council	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	City Council Public Hearing was held on April 15, 2019 for public comments	City Council approved Option 1 activities, including the CDBG Minor Amendment J, and as noted within the Staff report. See attached council report of 4-15-19.	Questions are answered in as much detail as possible. No comment or question is declined	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

HOME funds would generally be used for multifamily new construction, scattered site acquisition/rehab of existing rental and ownership properties through the City’s certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), down payment assistance and tenant-based rental assistance.

The CDBG activities identified for the same term are public improvements-ADA walkways, public improvements or facilities including acquisition and/or construction of homeless shelter, bridge housing, public services, including fair housing, a voucher program, case management and street outreach, code enforcement, and the owner occupied emergency repair and accessibility program.

In FY 2019, Visalia will fund activities in furtherance of the objectives and priorities identified in the Strategic Plan with the outcome of improving availability, accessibility, affordability and sustainability through activities which benefit the community. The activities will support at least one objective and one outcome.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, the City received total of \$1,323,669, in CDBG grant funds, to allocate towards activities. The estimated CDBG Program Income (PI) to be received is \$75,000.

The CDBG carryover balance, including PI approved through the previous year action plan and/or amendments is allocated toward existing projects. Any increase or decrease in the actual 2019 CDBG grant and PI were noted to be directed toward the CDBG ADA projects and any necessary or applicable adjustment to the public service to comply with the 15% cap.

The City received a total of \$529,332 in HOME grant funds eligible to allocate toward activities and estimates that it will receive \$350,000 in HOME PI. The HOME carryover balance, including PI approved through the previous year AP and/or Amendments, will be allocated toward existing projects including SHE-CHDO Acq Rehab single and multi-family projects, Admin & TBRA. Any increase or decrease in the actual 2019 HOME grant and PI were noted to be directed toward the HOME CHDO SHE Acq/Rehab SF/MF projects. The City Manager has the authority to direct any PI received in excess of \$315,000 toward TBRA or SHE- CHDO.

In the event final CDBG and HOME PI is higher or lower than expected herein, the City of Visalia may add, subtract or transfer amounts among identified projects, as noted without publishing a substantial amendment, if the amount is below 75% change, as per the approved CPP. By Council approving the proposed AP, it includes appropriating funding, and authorizing the City Manager to make necessary changes. Any difference (increase or decrease) in CDBG funding will be reflected in public infrastructure/ADA project line item; and used, if necessary, to maintain public services within the 15% cap. Any difference (increase or decrease) in HOME funding will be reflected in SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab/new construction/reconstruction SF or MF project activities and/or the TBRA program.

Currently, the City is not eligible to receive direct funding under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) – which are also programs covered under the ConPlan Regulations.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public Federal	Acquisition Administration & Planning Economic Development Housing programs Public facilities, Public/Park & ADA Improvements Public Services	\$1,323,669	\$75,000	\$-0- Add PI	\$1,398,669	\$0	CDBG funds shall be used toward eligible projects and programs, such as housing, public services, including case management, street outreach, public improvements, public facilities, acquisition and/or construction, rehab, ADA sidewalks, paths, neighborhood preservation, Code Enforcement, and administration This is the last year of the 5 year plan. Actual grant and estimated PI referenced herein

HOME	Public Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer Assistance Homeowner Rehabilitation Multi-family rental new construction Multi-family rental rehabilitation New construction for ownership TBRA	\$529,332	\$350,000	\$-0	\$879,332	\$0	HOME funds shall be used toward eligible housing projects and programs, including CHDO activities (acq/rehab, new construction, SFR/MF, TBRA, Down Payment and Administration This is the last year of the 5 year plan. Actual grant and estimated PI referenced herein.
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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

The City continues to prioritize the needs of the community. This year, \$30,575 in CDBG funding will be utilized as matching the Shelter Plus Grant (SPG) through The Alliance, and institutional delivery funds in partnership with Family Services toward the Voucher program. These funds continue to help up to 14 homeless families in the City.

Code Enforcement staff anticipates working with non-profit agencies in outreach to the homeless in our community and addressing code violations such as substandard housing. The City also contributes CDBG funds toward the Alliance and promotes increased collaboration among housing, service and faith based organizations.

Visalia’s HOME matching requirements will be satisfied again this year with the use of prior year rollover of Redevelopment Low Mod funding, now known as the Housing Asset Fund. Additionally, as HOME projects are completed, the specific projects, and match, will be referenced on the HOME Match Report within the CAPER. As reflected in the HOME Match report submitted with last years (2017) CAPER, the City has substantial excess match carried over to the next fiscal year (\$5,347,241.88).

The City continues to partner with its local non-profit developers for affordable housing activities, which may provide sweat equity and non-federal resources.

Below is a list of potential financial resources considered a part of the City's overall financial plan to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the ConPlan. The number and availability of these programs to assist cities is limited, and funding for new projects is unpredictable. The following programs are local, state and federal programs. None of these are managed locally by the City through funds accessed directly from HUD.

- **Housing Authority of the County of Tulare (HACT):** The HACT is a public housing authority (PHA) with jurisdiction within the City of Visalia and the County of Tulare. It administers federal and state funds for its public housing projects and government-assisted housing units such as the Section 8 Rent Subsidy.
- **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC):** The LIHTC program provides for federal and state tax credits for private developers and investors who agree to set aside all or an established percentage of their rental units for low-income households for no less than 30 years. Tax credits may also be utilized on rehabilitation projects, contributing to the preservation program. The program begins when developers and investors apply for an allocation of tax credits from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC). Tax credits are awarded on a competitive basis at varying times. Compliance is monitored according to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules and regulations.
- **Multi-Family Housing Program (MHP):** If California's Housing and Community Development Department awards Multi-Family Housing Program loans to assist rental housing developments affordable to low-income households in the City of Visalia, the City will assist the developers with identifying local funding.

The City will also continue to look for other grant opportunities.

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

As the Housing Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the City is working towards the development and disposition of the RDA's low/mod properties. The City published a request for interest which resulted in a proposal from Self Help enterprises, for the development and disposition of these properties as single family homes, which will be sold to income qualifying households. The Use of HOME CHDO funding shall be utilized toward construction on NW 5th. The Housing Asset funding received shall also be utilized toward single and multi-family development.

With the elimination of the City's Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the City has become the Successor Agency and continues to move forward on the next steps related to previously owned RDA land.

Discussion

The City continues to manage funding and activities with its non-profit partners, including SHE, Inc., as a CHDO. With the rule change, each year's grant funds will be tracked by the year. PJ's must commit the identified amount of funds (PI included first) in its local HOME account before committing the appropriated HOME grant. With the change of PI being required to be committed to a specific project at the time received, and drawn first, due to the success of recycling of HOME funds, and CDBG loan repayment, it continues to be a challenge to spend each year's entitlement funds fully, putting future funds in jeopardy. The City will continue, however to work with its partners and successful projects to keep funding moving to improve areas of need.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing (Creation and Preservation of decent affordable housing)	2015	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Housing 	Visalia CDBG Low/Mod Target Areas	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$791,398.80	Rental Units Constructed: 1 Household Housing Units Rental Units Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 2 Households Assisted

Goals Summary Information

Table 6 – Goals Summary

2	Suitable Living Environment (Provide a suitable Living Environment)	2015	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing • Homeless • Non-Homeless Special Needs • Non-Housing Community Development • Other: Code Enforcement 	Visalia CDBG Low/Mod Target Areas	Affordable Housing Public Services, Public Facilities, Public & Park Improvements , TBRA, Infrastructure, Community Development, Neighborhood Preservation, Affordable Housing, Community Development, Homelessness	CDBG: \$1,118,936 HOME: \$0 Unless PI	<p>Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities Other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 24,226 Assisted</p> <p>Public Service Activities Other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 420 Persons Assisted</p> <p>Public Services for low/moderate income housing benefit: 13 Households assisted</p> <p>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Units</p> <p>Tenant Based Rental Assistance: 0 Household Housing Units</p> <p>Homelessness Prevention: 12 Persons Assisted</p> <p>Housing for Homeless added: 1 unit</p> <p>Code Enforcement Cases: 200</p> <p>Other: 38 (ADA Ramps)</p>
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3	Program administration, planning, and management	2015	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other • Non-Housing Community Development 	Visalia	Program administration, planning, and management	CDBG: \$279,734 HOME: \$87,933.20	Other: 2 Public Service Activities Other than Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted
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Goal Descriptions

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Description	Creation and preservation of decent affordable housing
2	Goal Name	Suitable Living Environment
	Description	Provide a suitable living environment
3	Goal Name	Program administration, planning, and management
	Description	Provide program administration, planning, and management

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

HOME funds shall be directed to housing projects and programs identified in the 5-Year (2015-2019/20) ConPlan, as influenced by market conditions and characteristics influencing the use of funds available, as indicated within SP-30 and referenced below:

- TBRA, market characteristics indicated 21 percent of households in the City are cost burdened and paying 30-50 percent of their income toward housing costs. Eighteen percent of households in the City are cost burdened and paying more than 50% of their incomes on housing costs. Additionally, Special needs populations generally face unique housing challenges and housing affordability may be a significant issue for those relying on fixed incomes. This indicates that as a result of the high cost of housing, special needs groups may be at greater risk of experiencing cost

burden and have more trouble finding housing that is affordable to them. They may require rental subsidies to meet the cost of housing.

- New Unit Production market characteristics indicated that in total, there are 11,455 units affordable, as per 2007-2011 CHAS data, and reflected in Table 31, to LMI households earning 80% or less AMI, yet there are 13,480 households within this income bracket in need of housing.
- Rehabilitation market characteristics as indicated through the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis conducted; there is a need for maintaining and improving existing renter and owner households, as well as senior mobile homes.
- Lastly, concerning acquisition, including preservation market characteristics as indicated through the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis, 23 percent of renter households are cost burdened and paying 30-50 percent of their income toward housing costs, while 27 percent are severely cost burdened and paying more than 50 percent of their income on housing costs. Twenty-two percent of owner households are cost burdened and spending 30-50 percent of their income on housing costs, while 13 percent are spending more than 50 percent of their income on housing costs. HACT currently has 4,751 households on the Visalia Area public housing waiting list and 16,242 on the countywide Section 8 waiting list.

Therefore, based upon the SP results and the continued needs, HOME funds will continue to assist low, very low and extremely low-income households. The figures below represent only the number of estimated families/households Visalia’s HOME projects and/or programs may assist during the 2019/20 program Year. Examples are continued efforts through SHE, HOME CHDO acquisition, rehabilitation, construction and resale, and rental properties, providing gap financing, and implementation of the TBRA Program. With limited available funding, the following number of households at the 30%, 50% and 80% area median income will be assisted:

Extremely Low (30%)	Very Low (50%)	Low (80%)
0	2	2

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The four ConPlan goals below represent high priority needs for the City of Visalia (City) and serve as the basis for the strategic actions the City will use to meet these needs. Based on the Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, and community outreach conducted for the current Consolidated Plan cycle, the goals from the previous Consolidated Plan were found to still be consistent with current needs.

1. Creation and preservation of decent affordable housing
2. Provide a suitable living environment
3. Promote economic opportunity
4. Program administration, planning, and management

#	Project Name
1	HOME Administration and Planning 2019
2	CHDO-Scattered Site Single Family Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Sell Program
3	CHDO-Scattered Multi- Family Site Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Rent Program
4	Tenant Based Rental Program (PI)
5	CDBG Administration and Planning 2019
6	CDBG Case Management Street Outreach (Public Service)
7	CDBG Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program
8	Continuum of Care –(Public Service)
9	Voucher Program –(Public Service)
10	ADA Compliance / Public Improvement Projects
11	Public Infrastructure Improvements- ADA Program Income (est)
12	Public Facility, Infrastructure (Acq/construction/rehab) (Garden Street Bridge Housing)
13	Park Improvements
14	Code Enforcement – Target Areas
15	Fair Housing Education- (Public Service)
16	Homeless Bridge Housing Services (New Public Service)

Table 8 – Project Information

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

As opportunities arise, the City investigates grant opportunities, which assist in addressing the obstacles in meeting the needs of underserved populations. The City will continue focusing a portion of housing related funding in targeted low-income neighborhoods. However, based on the widespread need for affordable housing including at-risk of homelessness, assistance will be available citywide.

The City has provided HOME CHDO funds to Self-Help Enterprises, Inc. (SHE), the City's Certified CHDO, for acquisition/rehabilitation Projects. The projects allow acquisition of voluntary or foreclosed, including vacant and infill, properties for single family homes, which will be rehabilitated and resold to income qualifying households; and acquisition, rehabilitation and rental of multi-family units. SHE has been successful with both single and multifamily properties since 2015. Therefore, funding towards SHE, as a CHDO, will continue to assist with increasing homeownership, rental assistance, including housing for our homeless population, by creating and preserving affordable housing. SHE will be utilizing and recycling HOME dollars toward construction of five (5) single family homes on NW 5th. SHE will also continue to evaluate multi-family existing units and/or land for new construction. Multi-family properties would provide rental housing for low and very low income tenants. SHE also partners with local non-profit service providers for tenants who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

The Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program is contracted with Family Services of Tulare County. The HOME-TBRA Program provides rental assistance for a period of eighteen months (18) and allows extensions through a re-application process. No more than 24 months of assistance is allowed. We continue to anticipate assisting approximately 8 to 16 households with previous year funding. We currently have five (5) participants, and additional applications under review. The program continues to prove successful with the potential for program income directed to this program. Supportive services will also be available to the tenants through Housing Successor funding. Annually Staff has evaluated the Fair Market Rent (FMR) and obtained an annual Rent Comparability Market Study (RCMS) for use as the Rent Standard. The TBRA program continues to utilize the RCMS as the Rent Standard.

The City also contracted with Family Services of Tulare County to provide case management/street outreach, with the use of CDBG funding. This program has been successful and will continue to provide needed services for our homeless population. Funding is recommended again this year to increase access to services for our homeless population.

The use of the remaining Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) program income funding was recently redirected toward a Public Facility activity. Once underwriting of a project is completed, the City will move forward to finalize funding and agreements. The project funding may also include CDBG and other funding sources through the "Alliance".

The City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) provides an overview of laws, regulations, conditions, and other possible obstacles that affect an individuals or households access to housing in the City. The City has contracted with Fair Housing Council of Central California (FHCCC), a non-profit fair housing provider, for services related to education,

research analysis and other services that may assist in educating the public. Educational workshops occur annually for Fair Housing and ADA accessibility. FHCC will be conducting testing for the upcoming new Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments in 2020.

CDBG Funding was previously directed toward the Senior Mobile Home Repair Program (SMHRP), therefore, this year, the Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program (ERAP) is recommended for funding. Policy development and an Administrator will be selected, thereafter, bringing the ERAP program online.

Additional ADA- Public improvement funding is needed to complete the current project. Other Public improvements include a public facility, infrastructure improvements toward an emergency shelter and/or bridge housing project for the homeless population. Improvements may include seed money or gap financing toward acquisition and/or construction, and/or rehabilitation. Other public Park improvements include security lighting in three eligible parks (Summers, Riverbend, Fairview; Summers Park Climbing Apparatus, Senior Center Shade Cover, Oval Bench and Walking Path, in order of available funding as referenced within the Council Approval on April 15, 2019.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
HOME Administration and Planning	Visalia	Program Administration, Planning, and Management	Program Administration, Planning, and Management	\$87,933.80 (HOME)	There is a need for planning, administration, management, monitoring, and oversight of sub-recipients, non-profits, developers and oversight of federal, state and local funded programs	Administration, planning and management of HOME funded projects and programs.	6/30/2020	N/A- Other-1
CHDO-Scattered Site Single Family Acquisition/Rehabilitation Projects	Visalia CDBG Low Mod Areas	Affordable Housing Suitable Living Environment	Affordable Housing	\$79,399.80 (HOME)	The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Scattered Site Acquisition, construction, Rehabilitation and Resale of Single Family Property Program will be through the City's certified Non-Profit, designated CHDO, currently Self Help	The CHDO Scattered Site, vacant, infill and reconstruction single family properties to be acquired, rehabilitated and resold. Project will be through the City's certified Non-Profit, designated CHDO, currently Self Help Enterprise. SHE, as a CHDO shall acquire foreclosed and/or	6/30/2021	Homeowner Housing added -2 Units Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyer: 2 Housing Units

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
					Enterprise(SHE)	voluntary sale homes, vacant, infill and reconstruction properties in need of rehabilitation. They will then resell the property to income qualifying households at or below 80% of the area median income. As a CHDO acquired property, a second mortgage up to 10% of the total development cost, may be provided to the borrower, if they meet the qualifications. An affordability covenant shall be recorded against the property to maintain affordability and owner occupancy of each property up to 30 years.		
CHDO-Scattered Multi-Family Site Acquisition/Rehabilitation	Visalia CDBG Low Mod Areas	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	\$711,999 (HOME-& PI)	The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Scattered Multi-Family Acquisition, Rehabilitation and	The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Scattered, vacant, infill and/or reconstruction of	6/30/2021	Rental Units constructed: 1 Household Rental Units Rehabilitated: 1

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
Projects					Rental Program will be through the City's certified Non-Profit, designated CHDO, currently Self Help Enterprise. SHE, as a CHDO.	Multi-Family properties for Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Rental Program will be through the City's certified Non-Profit, designated CHDO, currently Self Help Enterprise. SHE, as a CHDO shall acquire foreclosed and /or voluntary sale, vacant, infill and reconstruction type existing multi-family rental properties in need of rehabilitation. They will then rent to income qualifying households as per the HOME regulations. An affordability covenant shall be recorded against the property to maintain affordability of each HOME Designated (funded) property unit(s) up to 20 years.		Household Housing Units

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program	Visalia	Affordable Housing Suitable Living Environment	Affordable Housing	\$0 (HOME)	HOME funding is proposed to provide public services through rental payment assistance. This program is provided to the participants as a grant. TBRA Program is to provide secure, safe, decent and sanitary short-to-medium term rental assistance to extremely low and very low-income persons or families (up to 60% area median income (AMI)) that are homeless, who meet the requirements of this program and tenant selection criteria.	HOME funding PI by CM approval- if received option to add to TBRA or SHE CHDO above \$315k. Provide rental payment assistance. This pilot program is proposed as a grant, to assist households at or below 60% of the area median income. The TBRA program is focused on special purposes or specific housing needs of Visalia's special need, homeless population as indicated within the Consolidated Plan. There is a limited amount of funding, which in turn allows only a limited number of eligible participants.	6/30/2020	Tenant Based Rental Assistance-0
CDBG Administration and Planning	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Administration, Planning, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Administration, Planning, and Management 	\$279,734 (CDBG)	Administration and planning of CDBG funded projects and programs	Administration, planning and management, including applicable	6/30/2020	N/A- other- 1

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
		and Management				non-profit/sub recipient administration costs		
Case Management/Street Outreach	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services 	\$35,000 (CDBG)	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is proposed to provide public services.	Case management, street outreach and support.	6/30/2020	Public Service activity other than Low/Mod income housing benefit: 4 person assisted
Emergency Repair & Accessible Program (ERAP) (Owner Occupied)	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Preservation 	\$100,000 (CDBG)	Provide emergency repairs to owner occupied households, including accessibility	To provide a forgivable loan toward scope of work to owner occupants, including disabled and seniors.	6/30/2021	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation: Unit- 2
Continuum of Care Support	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment (Homelessness) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services Homelessness 	\$18,000 (CDBG)	The City has a partnership with the Continuum of Care to support and address issues of homelessness. Approximately 300 persons assisted through the project homeless connect. Additional assistance throughout the year, canvassing the area of the population in need.	The City has a partnership with the Continuum of Care to address issues of homelessness. The Continuum of Care is a consortium of housing providers, service providers and local governments that work together to end homelessness in Kings and Tulare counties. To strengthen its capacity, the continuum has a	6/30/2020	Homeless Prevention: 400 Persons Assisted

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
						501(c)3 status in order to competitively apply for foundation and corporate funding. The continuum is focused on public services which systematically implement systems and programs that will help support existing homeless organizations and offer the resources that are needed locally to be successful.		
Voucher Program - Family Services	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services 	\$30,575 (CDBG)	CDBG funding is provided to support Family Services and the Tulare Housing First Program	CDBG funding is provided to support Family Services and the Tulare Housing First Program. The program is structured to specifically serve the chronically homeless by providing Shelter Plus Care vouchers to assist a homeless family with housing expenses. The funding would	6/30/2020	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 13 persons Assisted

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
						continue to support a Case Manager to oversee the program, which includes mental, and health counseling, job search, and life skills training. Specific data will continue to be collected to reflect the outcome.		
ADA Compliance /Projects Public Improvements	Visalia CDBG Low/M od Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Facility/ Improvements 	\$286,444 (CDBG)	The City will continue to fund this program with entitlement and future program income, to continue supporting the disabled community with the installation of curb cuts, truncated domes, compliant ramps, and warning detection panels, accessible water fountains, sidewalks, parking lots, within CDBG targeted areas, parks, public facilities, and outside the targeted area as a presumed benefit,	Public Improvements/ADA compliance projects; City Staff continues to work with the Disability Advocacy Committee, Engineering, City Council and the public, to identify areas that need improvement in the CDBG Targeted area and other areas within city limits. Needs include areas with the lack of a safe walking path, curb cuts and truncated domes, and accessible water fountains. A list	6/30/2021	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities Other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18,110 Persons Assisted (Census) Additional areas may be included. Other: 26 ramps

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
					which also assists with connectivity to all areas of the City	of locations is then evaluated for use of CDBG funding. Improvements may include accessibility improvements to community park, with ADA accessibility needs and public buildings		
Public Infrastructure Improvements/ADA compliance Projects	Visalia CDBG LOW MOD Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Improvements /Public facility, ADA Compliance 	\$60,000 (CDBG PI) Part of Alternate bids 2 & 3	Public Infrastructure Improvements needed. The City will continue to fund this program with entitlement and future program income, to continue supporting the disabled community with the installation of curb cuts, truncated domes, compliant ramps, and warning detection panels, accessible water fountains, sidewalks within CDBG targeted area, parks, ADA, public facilities and outside the targeted	Public Infrastructure/ADA Compliance projects include continued efforts. City Staff continues to work with the Disability Advocacy Committee to identify areas that need improvement in the CDBG Targeted area and other areas within city limits which the public and DAC members have identified. Community members identify areas in need of accessibility and areas	6/30/2021	Other- 12 Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities Other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: see above (18,110) Additional areas may be included.

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
					area as a presumed benefit, which also assists with connectivity to all areas of the City.	with the lack of a safe walking path, curb cuts and truncated domes, A list of locations is then evaluated for use of CDBG funding. Improvements may include accessibility improvements to community park and public buildings		
Public facility, Infrastructure or Improvements Bridge Housing (Garden Street)	Visalia CDBG LOW MOD Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Facility improvements 	\$400,000	Public Facility, Infrastructure, Improvements to be determined such as emergency shelter/Bridge Housing acquisition and/or construction	Public facility, acquisition and/or construction toward emergency shelter or bridge housing Acquire, rehab	6/30/2021	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit:15
Park Improvements	Visalia CDBG Low Mod Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Improvement 	\$17,916	Public Park Improvements in low mod	Park security lighting in Riverbend, Summers and Fairview Parks; apparatus in Summers park, Senior Center Shade Cover, Oval Park Bench and Walking Path (priority to be determined and based upon cost estimates)	6/30/2021	Public Facility or infrastructure Activities Other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3 Fairview Census 10.04.(6,115)

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
Code Enforcement – Target Areas	CDBG LOW/MOD Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Preservation 	\$124,000	The Neighborhood Preservation-Code Enforcement Department is responsible for oversight of Code Staff. The primary emphasis of the program is on life safety non-compliance.	The Neighborhood Preservation-Code Enforcement Department is responsible for oversight of Code Staff. The primary emphasis of the program is on life safety non-compliance. Considerable efforts are focused on the Health and Safety code enforcement as it primarily relates to housing standards. Some of the common violations include unsafe structures, abandoned properties, contaminated and/or unsecured swimming pools, construction without permits, and unlicensed vendors. Additional efforts have been made toward street outreach, working with local non-profit	6/30/2020	Housing Code Enforcement/For enclosed Property Care: 200 Household Housing Units

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
						housing providers, working with the health and human services as well as other providers to assist the homeless in the community. This program year, the goal continues to be 200 code cases. CDBG funding is set aside for staff.		
Fair Housing Education	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services 	\$7,500	A Fair Housing Educational Services Program thru which a HUD certified consultant, or experienced fair housing non-profit, would provide educational assistance to eligible residents who may be facing housing challenges.	Grantees in the CDBG program have a responsibility to affirmatively further fair housing. This program will assist in providing fair housing education, training working with a professional, non-profit dedicated to providing services regarding housing discrimination, fair housing outreach/education, and tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities. This is a public service	6/30/2020	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1 Persons Assisted

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Planned Activity	Target Date	GOI
						program.		
New Public Service Activity (Homeless-Bridge Housing)	Visalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Living Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services 	\$39,500	A new public service activity Garden Street-Bridge Housing Services	Provide funding toward new public service activities offered at the bridge housing project, allowing extensive wrap-around supportive services, including case management, mental health, substance abuse and other support services	6/30/2020	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15 Persons Assisted

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

The ConPlan does not specifically target areas, except to identify low/mod census tract areas for the use of funding for eligible projects/programs, such as Code Enforcement and Park/Public Improvements, which lie within such area.

The CDBG Target Map references all ConPlan years, including this 2019 program year. Attached is confirmation of the eligible census tracts. There are not additions or reductions of eligible tracts for this program year. Any notation to 2013 CDBG Target Areas, based on the initial submission with the 2015 ConPlan, shall now reflect the updated map, and applies to the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Visalia Citywide: The City of Visalia (City) is located east of State Highway 99 and along State Highway 198, in the northwestern area of the County of Tulare (County) in the Central San Joaquin Valley of California. The City covers approximately 37.74 square miles and is surrounded by farmland, leading the agricultural industry to be its top economic driver. It is the largest city in the County and is currently home to approximately 136,000 residents.¹

IDIS Low/Mod Census Tracts (eligible CDBG Target Areas)

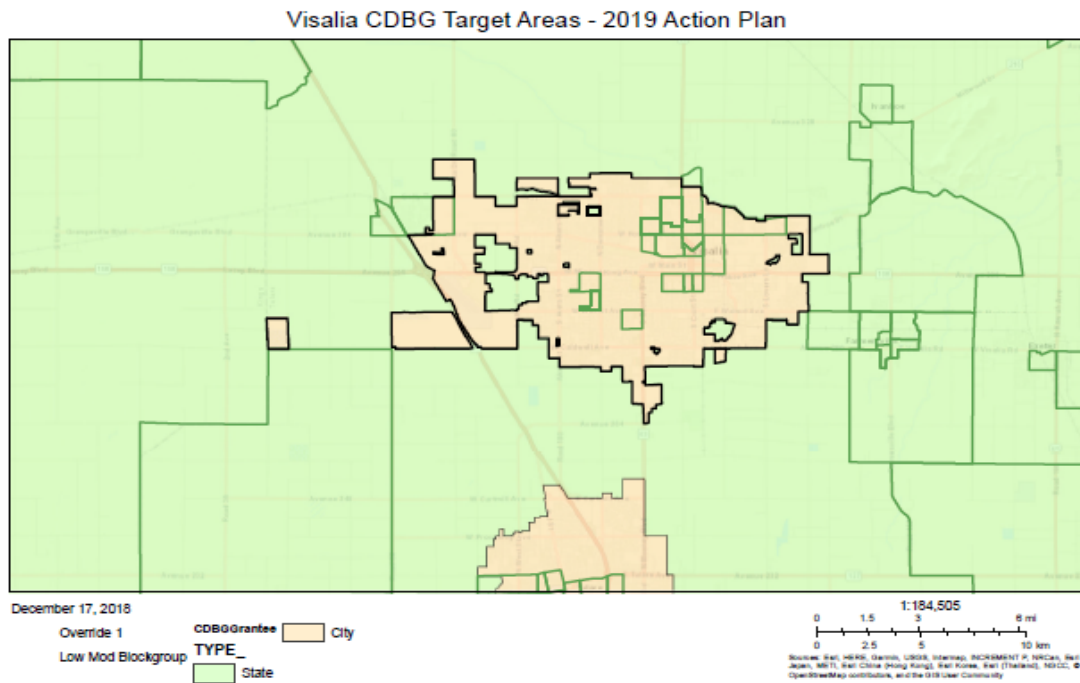
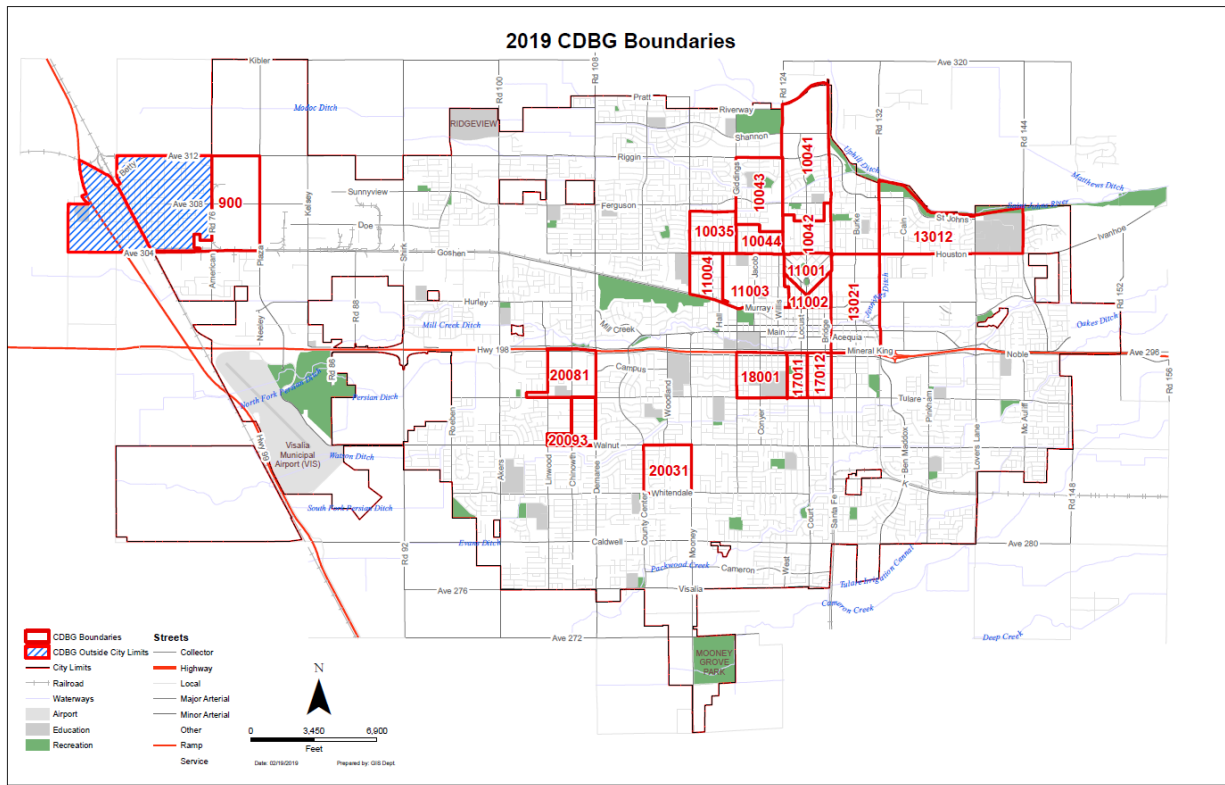
Low-Mod Income (LMI) concentration is defined as census tracts where at least 51% of the median household income is 80% or less than the jurisdiction as a whole. There are a total of seventeen (17) census blocks within nine (9) Tracts, identified meeting low/mod income areas. The City's CDBG Low/Mod areas (boundaries) are identified in Map 1 as census tracts and blocks portion of 900, 10.03.5; 10.04.1, 10.04.2, 10.04.3, 10.04.4; 11.00.1, 11.00.2, 11.00.3, 11.00.4; 13.01.2; 13.02.1; 17.01.1, 17.01.2; 18.00.1; 20.03.1; 20.08.1; and 20.09.3. More specifically:

- **Census Tract/block No. 900** bound by Plaza to Goshen to SE Plaza to Riggin to NE city limits at Riggin and American to NW city limits at Goshen and Camp Dr to the SW.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1003.5.** bound by W Clinton Ave, E to N Giddings St, S to W Houston Ave, W to N Mooney Blvd, N to W Clinton Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1004.1.** bound by W Riverway Ave, E to N Santa Fe St, S to E Ferguson Ave, W to N Bridge St, S to W Buena Vista Ave, W to N Encina St, S to W Vine St, W to N Dinuba Blvd.

¹ http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/Estimates/E-1/documents/RankCities_2018.xls

- **Census Tract/block No. 1004.2.** bound by W Vine Ave, E to N Encina St, S to W Buena Vista Ave, E to N Bridge St, S to E Ferguson Ave, E to N Santa Fe St, S to W Houston Ave, W to N Dinuba Blvd, N to W Vine Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1004.3.** bound by W Riggan Ave, E to N Dinuba Blvd, S to W Prospect Ave, W to N Conyer St, N to W Buena Vista Ave, W to N Giddings St, N to W Riggan Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1004.4.** bound by W Buena Vista Ave, E to N Conyer St, S to W Prospect Ave, E to N Dinuba Blvd, S to W Houston Ave, W to N Giddings St, N to W Buena Vista Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1100.1.** bound by E Houston Ave, E to Santa Fe St, S to NE 1st Ave, SW to N Court St, NW to NW1st Avenue, NW again to N West St, N back to Houston Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1100.2.** bound by NW1st Street, SE to N Court St, NE to NE1st St, NE to Santa Fe St, S to E Murray St, W to N Floral St, N to Grove St, W to N West St, N to NW1st St.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1100.3.** bound by W Houston Ave, E to N West St, S to W Grove Ave, E to N Floral St, S to W Murray Ave, W on Goshen Ave, N to W Switzer Ave, W to N Rinaldi St, N to W Houston Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1100.4.** bound by W Houston Ave, E to N Rinaldi St, S to W Switzer Ave, W on W Goshen Ave to N Mooney Blvd, N to W Houston Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1301.2.** bound by St Johns River, including properties on the north side of E St Johns Parkway, E to Ben Maddox Way, E on St Johns to McAuliff, S on McAuliff St to E Houston Ave, W on E Houston Ave, S on Ben Maddox Way, to St Johns River.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1302.1.** bound by E Houston Ave, E to Ben Maddox Way, S to Mineral King Ave, W to Santa Fe St, N to Houston Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1701.1.** bound by W Noble Ave, E to S Court St, S to W Tulare Ave, W to W Watson St, N to W Noble Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1701.2.** bound by W Noble Ave, E to S Santa Fe St, S to E Tulare Ave, W to S Court St, N to W Noble Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 1800.1.** bound by W Noble Ave, E to S Watson St, S to W Tulare Ave, W to S Giddings St, N to W Noble Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 2003.1.** bound by W Walnut Ave, E to S Mooney Blvd, S to W Whitendale Ave, W to S County Center Dr, N to W Walnut Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 2008.1.** bound by W Noble Ave, E to S Demaree St, S to W Tulare Ave, W to S Noyes Ct, N to W Laurel Ave, E to S Linwood St, N to W Noble Ave.
- **Census Tract/block No. 2009.3.** bound by W Tulare Ave, E to S Demaree St, S to W Walnut Ave, W to S Linwood St, N to W Cambridge Ave, E to S Chinowth St, N to W Tulare Ave.

Map 1 CDBG Eligible Tracts

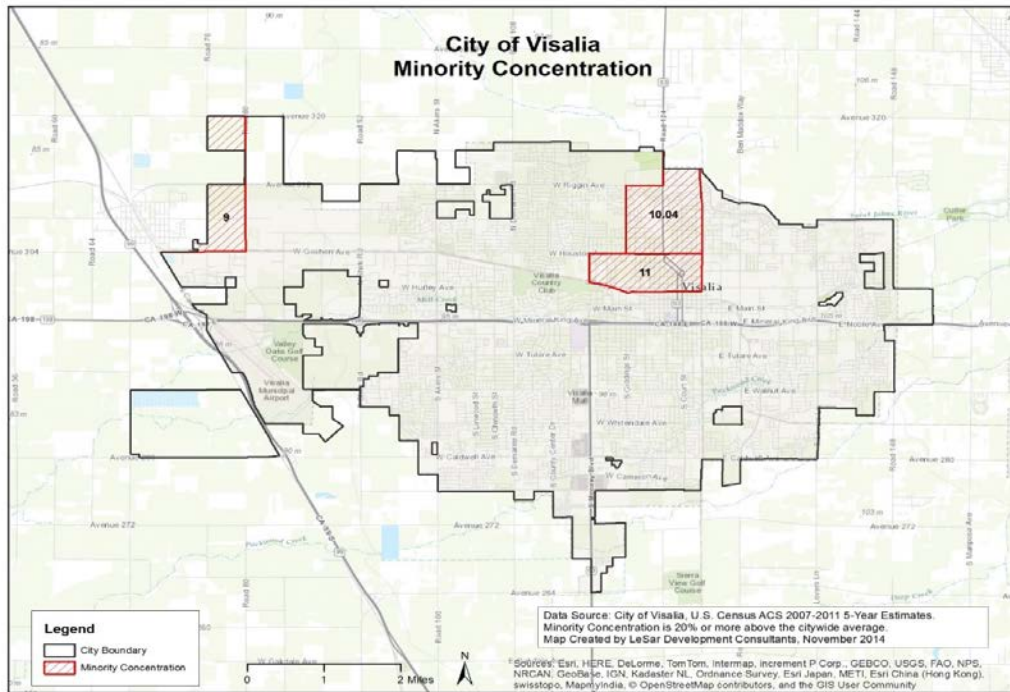


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Minority Concentration:

Map 2, "CDBG Eligible Tracts" reflects census tracts with minority concentration and CDBG eligible areas. Census Tract 10.04 and 11.00 reflect a higher concentration of minority population.

Map2: City of Visalia Minority Concentration



Data Source: ACS 2007-2011
Data Source Minority concentration is defined as census tracts where the percentage of individuals of a particular racial or ethnic minority group is at least 20 percentage points higher than the citywide average. Low-Mod Income (LMI) concentration is defined as census tracts where at least 51% of the median household income is 80% or less than the jurisdiction as a whole. Based on median household income of \$53,718.
Comment:

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Visalia	61%
2015/16/17/18/19 CDBG Low/Mod Areas	39%

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically - Discussion

Entitlement dollars will be distributed citywide as eligible. However, CDBG funds will be utilized in CDBG Target areas for Code Enforcement and Park Improvements. A presumed Benefit project, such as an ADA walkway within a park or low mod residential areas in need of access, would be applicable. CDBG funding directed toward public services is a citywide public service benefit. Public Facilities are based upon CDBG requirements, such as area benefit, limited clientele or income qualifications; Affordable housing will be citywide, which encompasses CDBG Target Areas. Other programs may benefit within the CDBG Target areas as well, however, are allowed citywide.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

HOME funding will continue to be directed toward the following HOME projects/programs:

- SHE CHDO projects
 - SHE CHDO existing Single Family unit acquisition, rehabilitation, resale, down payment/gap assistance
 - SHE CHDO existing Multi-Family unit acquisition, rehabilitation, rent
- TBRA

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	4
Special-Needs	0
Total	4

Table 11 - 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	1
Rehab of Existing Units	2
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	4

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Staff worked with its non-profit partner SHE to include additional types of acquisition, such as vacant, infill and reconstruction three years ago. As funding, through PI becomes available, it would be directed toward SHE CHDO Acq Rehab projects due to SHEs success and the housing needs of our community, including housing Visalia’s homeless or at-risk of homelessness population. It is anticipated that two (2) single family properties will be constructed upon the recently acquired properties (NW 5th). It is also anticipated that 1 rental multi-family property will be acquired, rehabilitated and rented.

The TBRA Pilot Program is providing rental assistance for a period of 18 months however, will allow for extensions through a re-application process. No more than 24 months of assistance is allowed. We continue to utilize previous year funding to assist additional households. If the

anticipated HOME PI received is above \$315k, the City Manager will have the option to direct up to \$30k to the TBRA or SHE CHDO. Supportive services will also be available to the tenants through Housing Successor funding. Annually Staff will evaluate the FMR and a Rent Market Study for use as the Rent Standard.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Public Housing Authority (PHA), specifically the Housing Authority of Tulare County (HATC) works closely with the City, Continuum of Care “Alliance” and the recently formed Homeless Resource Task Group. Actions planned by the PHA this year are referenced below.

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

The HATC indicated that they will continue to own and manage 179 units in the City of Visalia. They stated that there is no plan to purchase additional public-housing units, nor do they plan on removing any units from their inventory. Their current projection is for an investment of \$375,500 in Capital Fund improvements during the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year. The noted expenditures will cover maintenance and rehabilitation in public-housing units within the City of Visalia. HATC's Capital Fund expenditures will cover a large range of projects, including roofing replacement, landscaping improvements, carpet replacement along with 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. HATC indicated that an equitable and transparent policy making process is one that includes the opinions of public housing residents and is achieved through the participation of two tenant commissioners on HATC's Board. Furthermore, HATC has installed a Resident Counsel composed of five residents from HUD funded programs (Multifamily Housing, LIHTC, HOME, Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and public-housing). Their Resident Counsel works with HATC staff on evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of HATC rental assistance programs. This provides members the opportunity for input on necessary program modifications.

A vital driving factor in the implementation of HATC programs is the promotion of tenant self-sufficiency. Their agency views the goal of homeownership for program participants as one of the long term goals for all of their clients. HATC staff works with tenants to effectively provide them with the necessary resources to achieve homeownership. HATC's Annual Re-Examination Notice provides public-housing participants with an extensive referral list that provides assistance with homeownership. Their list includes programs managed by: CSET, City of Visalia, Habitat for Humanity, CalHFA, 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 their agency and other public and nonprofit agencies is imperative to help promote homeownership among all of HATC's tenants. Lastly, in 2019 HATC will be introducing a new online payment system which

will allow public housing residents to utilize the rental payments made on time to increase their credit score and help them achieve homeownership.

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

The HATC is a high performer and not determined to be troubled.

Discussion

See above

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

Introduction

This section provides an overview of how the City will address the needs of homeless persons over the next year.

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

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

The City will continue targeted outreach efforts towards unsheltered homeless persons through collaborative efforts with the Alliance Housing Navigators, Kings View PATH Team, and Tulare County Mental Health Crisis Team. These organizations canvas the city to conduct outreach to people experiencing homelessness. When an unsheltered person is identified, they are assessed and connected to services. Client information is included in the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) so the outreach teams can remain apprised of client status on the housing priority list and other community referrals.

The City will also continue to support the Alliance's outreach efforts to persons experiencing homelessness through the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event in conjunction with the Point in Time (PIT) census. The one-day PIT survey provides a snapshot of the adults, children in households and unaccompanied youth living in the City of Visalia 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.

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. The 2020 event will be held on January 23, 2020.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City has provided \$10,000 of cash match for the operation of a warming center for the 2018/2019 winter season. Long-term plans are underway to develop a low-barrier emergency shelter that can house approximately 100 people. A committee has been formed and is meeting bi-weekly to identify a location, lead agency and funding sources. The goal is to have the emergency shelter operational within the next 12-24 months.

The City is also working with Self-Help Enterprises and other community partners to develop a Bridge Housing program that will temporarily house people experiencing homelessness while their permanent housing unit is being identified. The project would house up to 22 clients.

Additionally, the City will continue to fund Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) with CDBG public services funding. The primary focus of this public service- is so that Family Services staff may reach approximately 24 homeless people through street outreach efforts. The secondary focus of this public service funded activity will be providing approximately 14 people case management services that will enable them to be more self-sufficient in order to gain housing. FSTC seeks to identify at-risk and homeless clients who have not yet been linked to a formal support system in order to work with them on completing the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) assessment, assisting them with becoming “document ready” for potential housing opportunities (i.e. obtaining identification, homeless/disability certification), connecting them to critical supportive services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment, and providing linkages to immediate needs such as food, clothing, hygiene products, transportation assistance, emergency shelter and referrals to medical care. FSTC will also work with code enforcement, HOPE team, PATH team, and Housing Navigators to reach new clients and connect them to services. This would include any housing opportunities available, through other funding sources and grant opportunities.

The City will provide \$18,000 in FY 19/20 to the Alliance for public services related to the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) /Point in Time (PIT) census.

Additionally, TBRA will continue to be used as a bridge to long term housing stability as much as possible by Family Services. The HOME funded TBRA Program in utilizing previous year funding provides rental assistance and security deposits which will assist approximately 16 households with existing funds. The rental assistance will be provided for a period of eighteen months (18), however, will allow for two – 3 month extensions through a re-application process. No more than 24 months of assistance is allowed under the HOME TBRA regulations. It is anticipated that during the period of assistance clients may be receiving support and services that will enable them to be more self-sufficient in housing when the assistance ends. The TBRA Program is prohibited from requiring participation in medical or disability-related services as a condition of receiving or continuing to receive HOME- TBRA. However, it is encouraged for each individual to have a strong connection with a support service provider, which may be offered as referenced under the HOME Regulations. The City previously allocated City Housing Asset funding which provides case management/supportive services, and street outreach.

Furthermore, the City continues their efforts, increasing the CDBG funds in total of \$30,575, to Family Services as matching funds, for case management (public services) to support the Tulare Housing First Shelter Plus Care Program (Voucher Program). This program provides case management services to 14 people annually.

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 Visalia supports and collaborates with local service providers, through the Alliance, to assist homeless individuals and families. Funding priorities include supporting existing high performing housing first rapid rehousing and permanent supporting housing projects.

As previously mentioned, the City previously allocated HOME funded TBRA Program, to be utilized as rental assistance and security deposits which will assist approximately 16 households. The rental assistance will be provided for a period of 18 months, however, will allow extensions through a re-application process. No more than 24 months of assistance is allowed under the HOME TBRA regulations.

Furthermore, the City continues their efforts with the Family Services Voucher Program as matching funds, for case management (public services) to support the Tulare Housing First Shelter Plus Care project. This project provides case management services to 13 people annually.

The City plans on continuing the newly created Environmental Cleanup Opportunities (ECO) program, which is a partnership that includes the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board, Caltrans, and ABLE Industries. ECO provides employment opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. The project serves a cohort of 10 participants in a two-phase training opportunity. Through the project, participants are provided paid employment, on-the-job training, resume building, and employment search assistance. The goal of the project is to connect participants to permanent employment within the community.

The City also prioritizes housing opportunities, as appropriate, in new acquisition and rehab housing projects funded through HOME and other city-funding pools. Most recently, the City supported a 6-unit project. The project has a set-aside requirement for one of the units to exclusively serve persons experiencing homelessness. The first household will be placed into the project in mid-2019.

In all Continuum and City-funded projects, persons experiencing homelessness are assessed for housing opportunities and are prioritized based on their acuity. Several projects focus on sub-populations such as youth ages 18-24, veterans, and/or chronic homelessness. All projects within the Continuum- emergency, transitional and permanent housing- include supportive services for their clients. Each project designs and implements supportive services based on their target population and partnerships leveraged within the community. The overarching

goal of the supportive services offered is to link individuals and/or families with mainstream benefits and income support, education and employment services, as well as health and life skills services. These linkages are a critical component to assisting clients in self-sufficiency, reducing episodes of homelessness, and preventing recidivism.

Projects that serve these vulnerable subpopulations include: CSET Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing, Family Services Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing, Turning Point and Tulare County HHSA provide PSH projects for chronically homeless individuals and families and/or families with children. The Veterans' Administration, in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Tulare County, operates the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) project and Westcare operates the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) project that serves eligible veterans and their families. Uplifting Families operates a Transitional Housing project for transitioning age youth.

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

The City recognizes that homeless prevention programs, employment opportunities and affordable housing are critical components in deterring homelessness. The City will support prevention efforts through its partnership with the Alliance. A Diversion Specialist position has recently been added to the Coordinated Entry System. This position will be responsible for developing and strengthening referral sources for people at-risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, the Diversion Specialist will work with clients that present at any of the Coordinated Entry points to assist in diverting clients from homelessness.

Another important component of prevention/diversion is assisting households with income supports and connections to mainstream benefits. The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) model is designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible homeless adults who are and have a mental illness and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. Staff from all CoC-funded agencies is required to assist clients in obtaining these mainstream benefits. Participation by these agencies provides an effective method of assisting households who may otherwise pursue homelessness assistance.

Discussion

City is not a recipient of HOPWA funding.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	N/A
Tenant-based rental assistance	
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated	
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	
Total	

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

Introduction

The City continues to be committed to removing barriers to affordable housing. City staff works with other departments and its non-governmental partners to coordinate efforts to eliminate barriers to affordable housing. Barriers to affordable housing include the following:

- Housing Affordability
- Housing Stock
- Policies and Programs

The efforts to eliminate each of these barriers to affordable housing share some common approaches and commitment of resources. However, the City also recognizes that each barrier has unique aspects which require more focused and specialized approaches to achieve effective and lasting solutions.

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

As an integral component of its General Plan Housing Element Update, adopted and certified in December 2016, the City completed a critical analysis of its existing codes and policies to identify any existing codes or policies that directly or indirectly inhibit the City's ability to facilitate affordable housing for all persons. As a result of this analysis, the City eliminated, amended, or incorporated 64 Housing Element Programs that are detailed in the Policy Document (Part 3) of the adopted Housing Element Update. Pursuant to the intent and process as stated in the Housing Element, and consistent with State Housing Law, the City has committed to completing all code revisions, program implementation actions and procedures to implement these Housing Programs. These Housing Element Programs are organized into nine Goals categories, as follows:

1. New Construction - To provide a broad range of housing types and densities to meet the needs of all Visalia residents.
2. Mixed Use, Infill, and Downtown Development - To promote mixed use, infill, and Downtown development in Visalia.
3. Encourage Affordable Housing - To encourage construction and maintenance of affordable housing in Visalia.
4. Foreclosures - To prevent foreclosures, protect affected families, and stabilize neighborhoods impacted by foreclosures.
5. Special Needs/Homeless- To provide a range of housing types and services to meet the needs of households with special needs within the city.

6. Housing Rehabilitation Program - To create and maintain healthy neighborhoods by improving the condition of the existing housing stock and providing for a variety of housing types, sizes, price ranges, and densities compatible with the existing character and integrity of residential neighborhoods.
7. Equal Opportunity Housing and Discrimination Prevention - To provide decent housing and a quality of living environment for all Visalia residents regardless of age, religion, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, ancestry, national origin, disability, economic level, and other arbitrary factors.
8. Energy Conservation - To encourage energy efficiency in all new and existing housing.
9. Implementation Monitoring - To ensure that Housing Element programs are implemented on a timely basis and progress of each program is monitored and evaluated annually.

Discussion

Specific Housing Element Programs that were adopted with the 2016 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:

- Affordable Housing Infill Incentive component to implement the City's overall Infill Incentive Program – Increases the Traffic Impact Fee incentive from 50% to 60% in the City's older "Core Area", and from 33% to 43% throughout the remainder of the City for projects that include at least 20% Low income category housing.
- The City has finalized an incentive marketing campaign. The materials promoting the City's various affordable housing incentives have been distributed to housing development and service stakeholders and are posted on the City of Visalia's website.
- Encourage new mobile home parks - Increases densities to underlying zone district and reduces excessive setback and yard requirements.
- Streamline Special Needs Housing (transitional and supportive housing, employee housing) permit requirements - Eliminates the 6-person maximum threshold for facilities requiring a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
- Eliminate need for variance or exception where needed to accommodate reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.
- Amended Multi-family Residential Zones to allow multi-family dwellings up to 80 dwelling units per site to be permitted by right in the R-M-2 and RM- 3 Zones. This increases the threshold for multi-family project permitted by right from 60 units to 80 units.
- Amended multi-family Conditional Uses section to allow structures up to four stories in the R-M-3 Zone. This revision will increase the maximum multi-family structure building height in the R-M-3 Zone District by one additional story, as a means to increase densities on High Density Residential project sites.
- Added "Affordable Housing Development Incentives and Concessions to include waiver of CUP requirement for affordable housing projects with less than 80 units but still

within 20 units per acre or greater in the Downtown Area. This would waive the CUP requirement for downtown affordable housing projects that are less than 80 units (but still within 20 units per acre or greater) when a CUP would otherwise be required.

- Added “Affordable Housing Development Incentives and Concessions” to include a reduction of parking requirements for downtown affordable housing projects with less than 80 units from 1.5 parking spaces per unit to 1 parking space per unit.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City actions planned to address obstacles are referenced within the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI), and listed herein. The table included under Section AD-26, as Appendices No. 2.(for IDIS) and referenced herein below is included in the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) and represents the ongoing recommendations from the 2010 AI, to reduce impediments to fair housing choice. The table reflects the Action and Goals, such as:

- Goal 1: Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities
 - Housing Partnerships
 - Affordable Housing Resources
 - Housing Choice for Special Populations
- Goal 2: Expanding Access to Financing
 - Outreach to Lenders
 - Education and Resources
 - Unfair Lending and Insurance Practices
- Goal 3: Fair Housing Services
 - Apartment Owners/Managers
 - Fair Housing Testing and Audits
 - Reasonable Accommodations
- Goal 4: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in the City of Visalia

Action	Description
Goal 1 : Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities	
1. Housing Partnerships	
1.1	Continue to explore the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing opportunities with local partners as well as outside developers. Partners will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HACT • Self Help Enterprise, Inc. (SHE) • Habitat for Humanity (HfH) • Christian Church Homes of Northern California/Visalia Senior Housing (CCH) • Community Services and Employment Training (CSET)
2. Affordable Housing Resources	

Action	Description
2.1	Maintain a list of nonprofit agencies and their services on the City's website under affordable housing or where appropriate.
3. Housing Choice for Special Populations	
3.1	<p>Continue to work with HACT and other local nonprofits to provide priority funding to assist in the development of new housing opportunities in non-minority concentrated areas.</p> <p>Continue to administer successful programs that provide funding and support for affordable housing.</p>
3.2	<p>Continue to facilitate the construction of affordable rental housing for very low and low-income seniors by providing regulatory (e.g., density bonus, expedited permit processing, deferred fees, or relaxed parking requirements) and financial incentives (e.g., RDA set-aside funds), commercial, and medical services.</p> <p>As funding permits, continue with the Senior Repair and Handicapped Program (SHARP) and Senior Home Minor Repair Program, which assists low-income elderly homeowners in rehabilitating their homes to address health and safety repairs, accessibility needs, and energy efficiency improvements.</p>
3.3	<p>Promote the construction of affordable for-sale and/or rental housing units with three or more bedroom units affordable to very low- and low-income families.</p> <p>Publicize financial and regulatory incentive opportunities (e.g., expediting permit processing, deferred fees, density bonuses, or use of set-aside funds) to developers for these unit types including promoting the need for three or more bedroom units during pre-application meetings, contacting affordable housing developers, and creating informational fliers at the Community Development Department and in all general application packets.</p>
Goal 2: Expanding Access to Financing	
4. Outreach to Lenders	
4.1	Work with local lenders to provide information on financing for low- and moderate-income residents. Encourage local lenders to provide information in English and

Action	Description
	Spanish.
4.2	Work with local lenders to promote the City’s affordable housing programs. Provide local lenders’ information on the program in English and Spanish. Invite local lenders to attend program workshops.
5. Education and Resources	
5.1	Encourage private lenders and other local lending institutions to host workshops in Visalia regarding the home-buying process and the resources available to low- and moderate-income homebuyers.
5.2	Continue to provide brochures or information on homeownership, rental assistance and rehabilitation assistance programs in English and Spanish. Make information on programs available on the City’s website and at community events promoting fair housing choice held by the City.
5.3	Consider partnering with agencies to provide credit and financial counseling services, including assisting potential homebuyers in improving their credit and equity and clearing bad credit, and providing education on affordability and financial responsibilities of homeownership, and predatory lending avoidance ² .
5.4	As funding permits, work with other fair housing advocates to conduct additional fair housing workshops in Visalia to educate citizens about fair housing rights.
6. Unfair Lending and Insurance Practices	
6.1	Monitor complaints regarding unfair/predatory lending and assess lending patterns using the data collected under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and other data sources. As funding permits, work with non-profit agency that specializes in fair housing to provide data.
6.2	Participate with HUD in efforts to improve access to homeowner’s insurance and to investigate predatory lending in the home purchase, home improvement and mortgage refinancing markets.

² “and predatory lending avoidance” is a 2015 addition to a 2010 recommendation

Action	Description
Goal 3: Fair Housing Services	
7. Apartment Owners/Managers	
7.1	Work in conjunction with apartment owner/manager associations to reach out to owners of small rental properties regarding fair housing laws.
7.2	<p>Work with agencies and the property managers of affordable housing to ensure that fair housing laws are abided by in the selection of residents and that information of housing availability is appropriately advertised.</p> <p>Continue to provide outreach related to affordable housing opportunities through advertisements and literature available in English and Spanish.</p> <p>Periodically track income and demographic data related to affordable housing participants and evaluate additional strategies, if needed, to increase access to and knowledge of affordable housing opportunities in the City.</p>
8. Fair Housing Testing and Audits	
8.1	Support local non-profit agencies in applying for federal Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) grants and conduct testing and audits as a means to affirming the nature and extent of fair housing issues in the community.
9. Reasonable Accommodation	
9.1	Provide information on reasonable accommodation and on often-utilized disability adjustments to housing units.

The table below is also included in the AI and represents the new recommendations under the 2015 AI, to reduce impediments to fair housing choice.

Action	Description
Goal 4: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing in the City of Visalia	
1	Ensure access to fair housing services and education to all Visalia residents by increasing dedicated eligible entitlement dollars (CDBG Admin or Public Service/HOME Admin and Planning) to fair housing services.

Action	Description
2	Partner and contract with fair housing service providers for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach • Education • Testing • Enforcement
3	Partner and contract with credit counseling and education/housing counseling service providers to increase access to financing, down payment, and closing costs assistance for underserved and underrepresented protected classes
4	Ensure “Sub recipient Agreement” includes the requirement that all entitlement dollar recipients comply with Fair Housing Act and all other Federal laws and Executive Orders as per <i>“Playing by the Rules: A Handbook for CDBG Sub recipients on Administrative Systems”</i> ³
5	Prominently display fair housing information in City owned and operated buildings and other public spaces, such as libraries, recreation centers, and community centers

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to work closely with non-profit housing and service providers to collaborate on improving the awareness and expansion of available resources to address the needs of the homeless population.

Staff has addressed the affordable housing programs for this program year throughout this report. Please refer to sections AP-20, AP 35, AP-38 and AP-55.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provides educational information.

For all of the City’s housing programs, applicants are informed of the danger of lead-based paint through a brochure as part of the application process. In addition, City building inspectors and Code Enforcement staff are alerted to signs of this hazard as they perform their substandard housing inspections. All housing owners and occupants with which the City

³http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_17104.pdf

interacts through its various programs are required to abate this hazard as a condition of assistance from the City.

According to 2011-2015 ACS 5-year estimates, 39% of owner-occupied housing units, and 50.8% of renter occupied housing units were built before 1980 in the City. The use of lead-based paint was banned nationwide in 1970. It is estimated that 42 percent of the City's housing stock contains lead-based paint. As units continue to be repaired, rehabilitated, or replaced, no lead-based paint has been used since 1978.

The City also requires its subrecipients and/developers to conduct lead testing on pre-1978 homes and multi-family units purchased and/or rehabilitated through its affordable housing programs. They are to use safe practices and obtain certification through a HUD-certified lead testing agency.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City works with Family Services through the Voucher Program to reduce the number of poverty-level families. The City will also continue to provide its non-profit partners with funding to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell homes to income-qualifying households at or below 80% AMI.

Additionally, the City has made a commitment to improve the communication and service delivery capabilities of agencies and organizations that provide programs to assist the homeless. Specifically, Staff participates in the monthly Continuum of Care (Alliance) meeting, and various homeless task groups to identify funding and opportunities to provide Visalia's homeless population with housing and service opportunities.

The City will also continue to partner with organizations to provide services and address the full range of needs of LMI families. Although there are coordinated programs and services to reduce poverty, it is recognized that many unmet needs will remain. The City will continue to work with its partners to identify and work toward meeting those needs by strategically focusing its resources and efforts.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City is a charter city and is managed under a Council-manager form of government. City Council provides policy direction to the City Manager who is responsible for administering City operations. City Council members are the leaders and policymakers elected to represent the community and concentrate on policy that addresses the citizens' needs and wishes. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council to carry out policy and ensure that the entire community is served. The legislative body is the City Council and City Councilmembers are the community's decision makers. Visalia voters elect a 5-member Council to serve as the City's legislative and governing body. The members represent the City and their respective Districts, serve four-year terms and they select one member to serve as mayor and one to serve as vice-

mayor. A general municipal election is held every two years in November, alternating between two and three positions each cycle.

The Finance Department, Housing Division oversees and administers the day-to-day activities of the CDBG, NSP1, HOME and other state and federal funded programs. Staff works together with various City departments to develop programs and activities that improve low-and moderate-income neighborhoods throughout the City. The administration of program activities includes housing, public services, public facility, park and infrastructure improvements, and economic development activities.

Interdepartmental communication and collaboration are two strengths of the delivery system. City staff from various departments works with local organizations and agencies that assist low-income households and individuals. High priority needs were identified during the Consolidated Plan's community engagement and public review periods.

During the Consolidated Plan public review period, these priorities were established. Additionally input is received by the community, various committees and City Council during the feedback period in developing the annual plan. The Annual Action Plan is designed to address the needs and priorities identified within the ConPlan and direct limited funding available toward the highest needs.

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

The City continues to hold community meetings to enhance coordination between housing providers, government agencies, mental health, and other key stakeholders in the City. The purpose of these ongoing meetings is to establish a network of agencies to enhance the delivery of services to the homeless, disabled individuals and families, and others seeking services.

Ongoing meetings are held with various community and task groups to continue the discussions of homeless needs, including an emergency shelter, case management, affordable housing, available rental units and increased partnerships and the creation of job opportunities. These are efforts that are being continued to enhance coordination and work with the Housing Authority of Tulare County, Alliance, Kaweah Delta District Hospital, Family Health Care Network, CSET, Self Help Enterprises, Family Services of Tulare County, Tulare County Health and Human Services, Visalia Rescue Mission, Tulare County Work Force Investment Board, City Manager, City Assistant Manager, Finance, including Housing and Code Enforcement and City Police Chief and officers assigned to assisting with homeless efforts, so that we may work together to identify services, housing and other needs. City representatives are also part of the Tulare County Task Force on Homelessness. This is a county wide effort to address the needs of our homeless population, city and countywide.

The City will continue to participate in Alliance meetings, which are attended by various governmental departments and service providers to share information on existing programs and areas for improvement to enhance coordination and exchange knowledge of best practices to better understand and address the community's needs.

Discussion

Please see discussions above

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

In the event final CDBG and HOME program entitlement and program income is higher or lower than expected herein, the City of Visalia may add, subtract or transfer amounts among identified projects, as noted without publishing a substantial amendment, if the amount is below 75 % change, as per the approved Citizens Participation Plan. Any difference in CDBG funding will be reflected in public infrastructure/ADA project line item and, if needed, Public services to maintain compliance with the 15% cap and Administration; any difference in HOME funding will be reflected in SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab/construct or reconstruct SF or MF projects, TBRA and if needed Administration.

The three year period (2017, 2018 & 2019), is used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income.

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. Code Enforcement Inspection fine payments received shall be drawn prior to CDBG grant funds.

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	Note Estimated CDBG Program Income (PI for 2019 is \$75,000 and committed to projects
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.	Not Applicable
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	Not Applicable
Total Program Income	(system Calculated) \$75,000

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	100%
3. Overall benefit: A consecutive period of 1, 2, or 3 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 the action plan.	A 3 years period is used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income (2017, 2018 & 2019).

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

No other form of investment shall be used beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

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:

Recapture Provision: As it relates to the HOME funded Programs, all beneficiaries are owner occupants. The programs are as follows:

First Time Homebuyer (FTHB), funds shall be provided as a Direct HOME subsidy- gap financing, as a second mortgage to households at or below 80% of the area median income. The property will maintain an affordability covenant as referenced under 24 CFR 92.254 (a) (4). The covenant shall remain for five (5) years when less than \$15,000 is provided in gap financing Direct Subsidy to the homebuyer, and shall be for a ten (10) year period when more than \$15,000 up to \$40,000 is provided in gap financing Direct Subsidy to the homebuyer. The “Owners Participation Agreement” (Covenant) shall begin the date the Deed of Trust is recorded. The Provision for the FTHB Program shall be “Recapture Provision” as per 24 CFR 92.254 (a) (5) (ii) (A) (1). The City may recapture the entire amount of the direct HOME assistance from the homeowner. The amount to be recaptured will not exceed the amount of net proceeds available at the time the home is sold. HOME rule limits recapture to available net proceeds, therefore, if net proceeds are insufficient for the city to recapture the full amount of the Direct HOME assistance, the City will recapture only what is available from net proceeds. This applies regardless of the nature of the sale (voluntary sales including short sales, and involuntary sales including foreclosures).

The SHE-CHDO Program utilizes the “Recapture Provision”. HOME funds are invested in the acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction/reconstruction and Direct Subsidy shall be up to 10% of the total HOME investment (i.e. \$280,000 acq/rehab cost X 10% = \$28,000 Direct Subsidy to homebuyer), which shall be provided as a Second Mortgage to the qualifying new homebuyer. If the property is sold below fair market value, the difference between the fair market value and the purchase price is considered to be part of the HOME subsidy and provided directly to the homebuyer as a direct subsidy. And, any additional subsidy provided to the homebuyer to enable them to purchase the property, which includes down payment assistance, closing costs, interest subsidies, or other HOME assistance including any assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, shall be recaptured.

A 30- year covenant shall be recorded to maintain affordability. The SHE-CHDO Program covenant shall use the “Recapture Provision”, as referenced under 24, CFR 92.254 (a) (5) (ii) (A) (1) and shall begin the date the Deed of Trust is recorded. In the case of the homebuyer selling the home during the affordability period, the City may recapture the entire amount of the direct HOME Subsidy and the difference between the fair market value and the purchase price, if the purchase price is below the fair market value, and any additional assistance as referenced above. The amount to be recaptures will not exceed the amount of net proceeds available at the time the home is sold. HOME rule limits recapture to available net proceeds, therefore, if net proceeds are insufficient for the city to recapture the full amount of the Direct HOME assistance, the City will recapture only what is available from net proceeds. This applies regardless of the nature of the sale (voluntary sales including short sales, and involuntary sales including foreclosures).

Note: Staff works with the City Attorney in updating legal documents to comply with the funding source and type of program(s) administered.

The FTHB, SHE-CHDO Program loan documents were reviewed in 2017 by HUD. No changes have been made to these policies. However, if HUD requests a copy for review, City Staff will again provide documents if required prior to implementing the program.

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:

See Recapture provisions above

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.

Discussion

Please see discussion above.

Attachments

(Within IDIS AP-05)

Attachment “A-1a”; Seeking Feedback Email & City- PP information


CDBG & HOME

City of Visalia

Feedback on Visalia’s High Priority Needs in Preparation of the upcoming 2019 Action Plan.
Process, Needs, Activity Commitments, and Uncommitted Funding Availability

FEEDBACK REQUESTED BY JANUARY 18, 2019

Staff

Renee Nagel Finance Director	Rhonda Haynes Housing Specialist
	Paula Maestaz Housing Assistant

• We need your Feedback by
January 18, 2019:

Agency Name: _____
Name: _____
Email: _____

- We need your Feedback:
- What is your feedback on the proposed goals & activities for the fifth year (2019 Action Plan)
 - What other goals (related to the approved high priority activities) are needed for low income housing, jobs and / or low income areas? Public facility? Owner emergency repairs?
 - Email rhonda.haynes@visalia.city with the business/non-profit that you represent and give us your feedback on the priorities

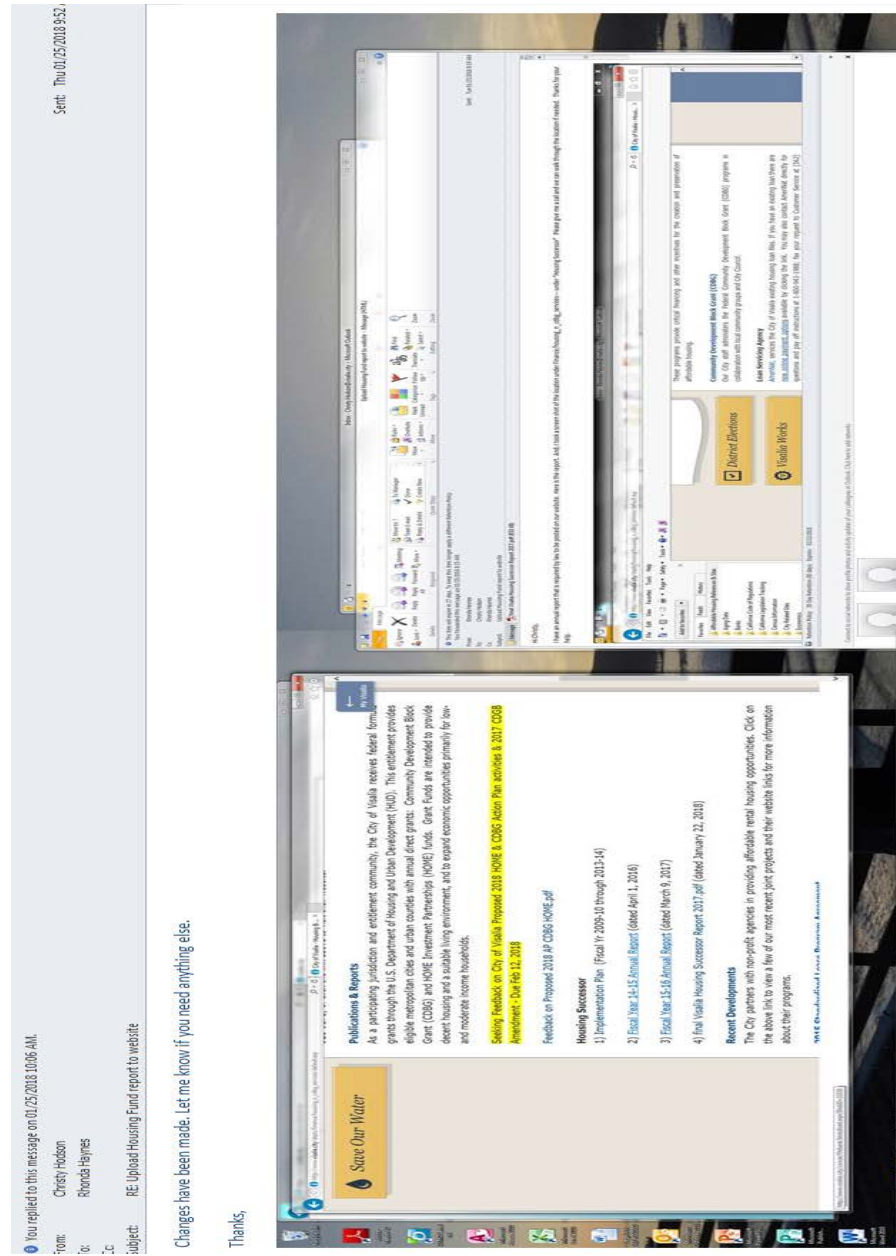
What agency do you Represent?	
Housing	
PHA	
Services - Children	
Services - Elderly Persons	
Services - Persons With Disabilities	
Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS	
Services - Victims of Domestic Violence	
Services - Homeless	
Services - Health	
Services - Education	
Services - Employment	
Services - Fair Housing	
Health Agency	
Child Welfare Agency	
Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care	
Other Government - Federal	
Other Government - State	
Other Government - County	
Other Government - Local	
Regional Organization	
Planning Organization	
Business Leaders	
Civic Leader	
Other - Faith Based Organization	
Other - Veterans	
Other - Citizen	
Other - Advisory Committee	
Other - Services - Legal	
Major Employer	



Feedback: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO: CITY OF VISALIA, FINANCE DEPARTMENT-HOUSING, ATTN: RHONDA HAYNES - Ph. (559) 713-4460 Fax(559) 713-4801
Email rhonda.haynes@visalia.city with the agency you represent and give us your feedback on the priorities/activities

Attachment "A-1b"; Seeking Feedback City Website- PP information



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You replied to this message on 01/25/2018 10:06 AM.

From: Christy Hodson

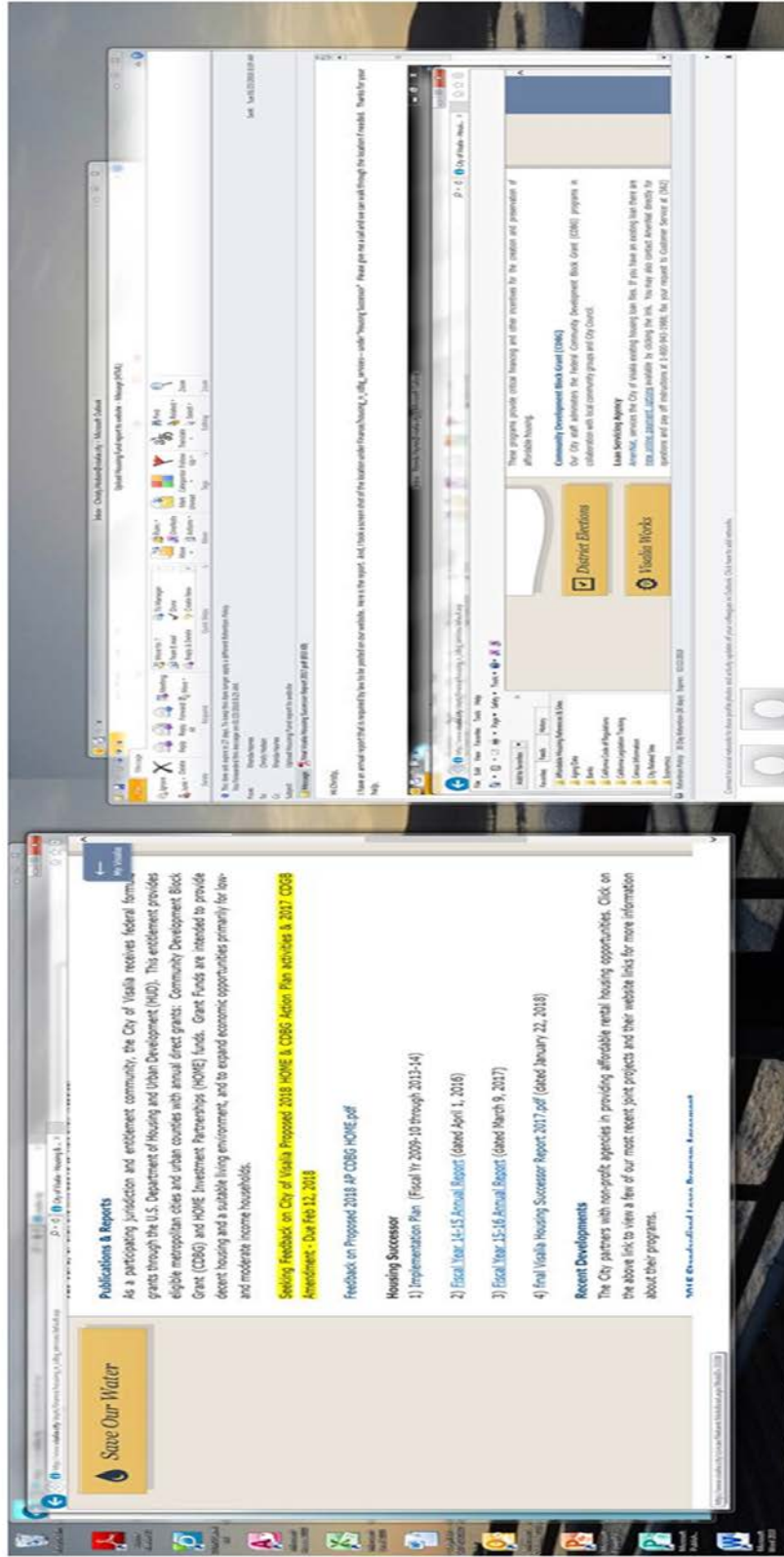
To: Rhonda Haynes

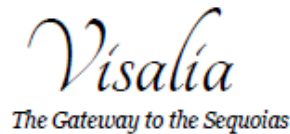
Cc:

Subject: RE: Upload Housing Fund report to website

Changes have been made. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,





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Housing & CDBG Services

Rhonda Haynes
Housing Specialist
Affordable Housing Division
707 W Acequia Ave, Visalia, CA 93291
Phone: 559 713-4460
E-Mail: Rhonda.Haynes@visalia.city

Affordable Housing

These programs provide critical financing and other incentives for the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Our City staff administers the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs in collaboration with local community groups and City Council.

Loan Servicing Agency

AmeriNat, services the City of Visalia existing housing loan files. If you have an existing loan there are new online payment options available by clicking the link. You may also contact AmeriNat directly for questions and pay off instructions at 1-800-943-1988; fax your request to Customer Service at (562) 928-9171; or click the link above to visit their website.

Publications& Reports

As a participating jurisdiction and entitlement community, the City of Visalia receives federal formula grants through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This entitlement provides eligible metropolitan cities and urban counties with annual direct grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. Grant Funds are

intended to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities primarily for low-and moderate income households.

Housing Successor

- 1) [Implementation Plan](#) (Fiscal Yr 2009-10 through 2013-14)
- 2) [Fiscal Year 14-15 Annual Report](#) (dated April 1, 2016)
- 3) [Fiscal Year 15-16 Annual Report](#) (dated March 9, 2017)
- 4) [Fiscal Year 16-17 Annual Report.pdf](#) (dated January 22, 2018)

Recent Developments

The City partners with non-profit agencies in providing affordable rental housing opportunities. Click on the above link to view a few of our most recent joint projects and their website links for more information about their programs.

2015 Standardized Lease Program Agreement

The City Council approved the 2015 Standardized Lease Program Agreement with participating park owners and 2015 Model Lease Agreement on February 17, 2015. The term of the agreement is for five years. Under this agreement participating parks have agreed to offer a standardized lease agreement with specific rental increase caps. The City Council report dated February 12, 2015, provides information about the MOU, and its history. It is Item #11 on the Regular Item portion of the agenda.

2019 ACTION PLAN

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activities meeting Visalia's high priority needs which improve its community. These high priority needs and activities were identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), and are reflected in the attached document: [Feedback on Proposed 2019 AP CDBG HOME.pdf](#)

After your review- please complete the "feedback" page and return to: City of Visalia, Attn: Rhonda Haynes at Rhonda.haynes@visalia.city by or before January 18, 2019. The proposed activities, and identified needs will be taken to City Council in January-February for their input and direction.

Thanking you in advance for your feedback!

New Year's Holiday



Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year's holiday.

[More...](#)

Christmas Holiday



Offices will be closed December 24th and 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

[More...](#)

The City of Visalia

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We're Social

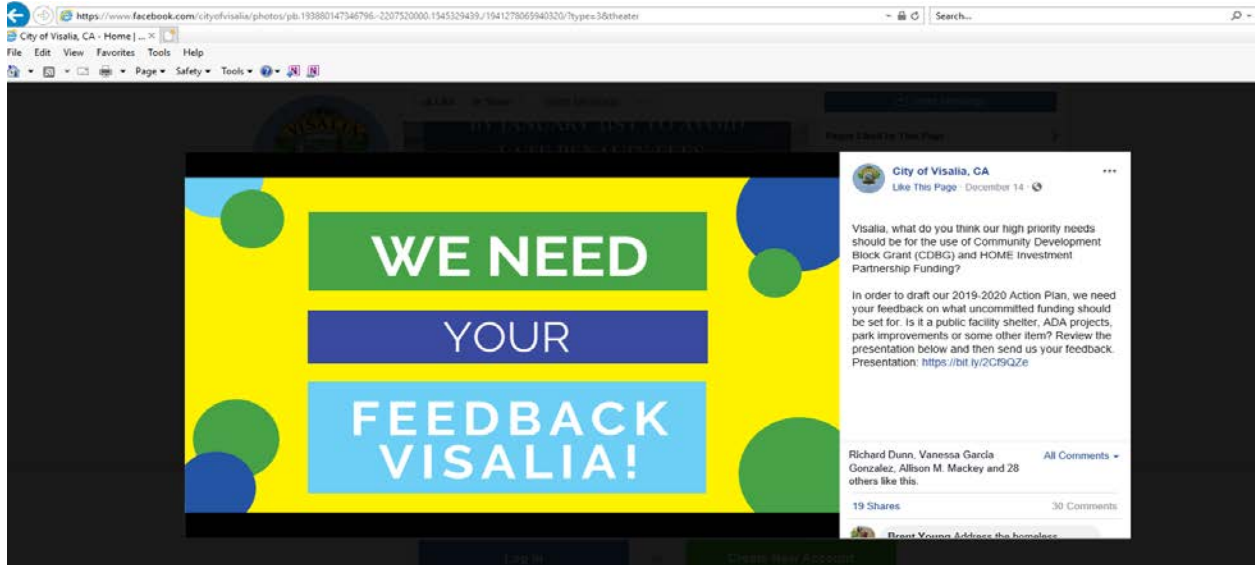
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Attachment "A-1d"; Seeking Feedback City Website- eNewsletter Inside City Hall, Social Media, Twitter outreach

Posted on Facebook- December 14, 2018



News Details

How should CDBG and HOME funding be used?



Visalians, we need your help!

In order to draft our 2019-2020 Action Plan, we need your feedback on what uncommitted funding. The City receives federal funding to help us meet certain objectives and outcomes with a focus towards low to moderate income families.

We need your feedback to help us identify what our high priority need is. Is it a public facility shelter, ADA projects, park improvements or some other item?

Review the presentation below and then send your feedback to Rhonda Haynes at rhonda.haynes@visalia.city, by fax at (559) 713-4801 or mail it to City of Visalia, c/o Finance Department - Rhonda Haynes, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291.

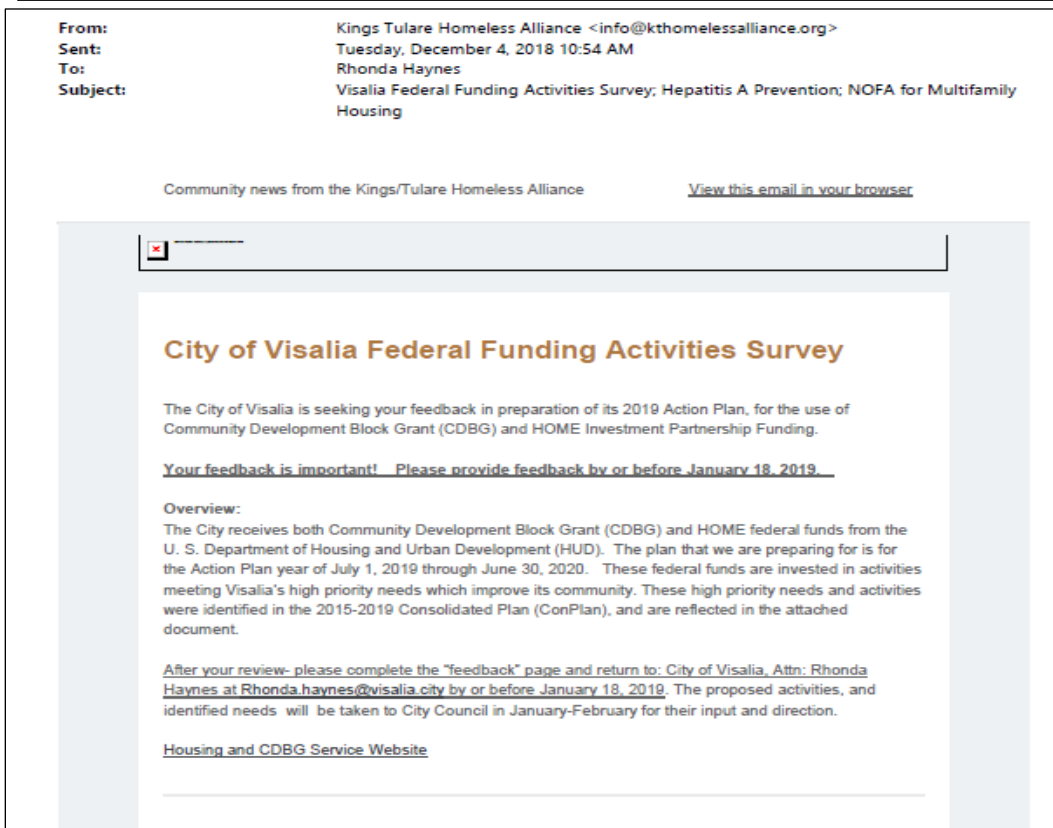
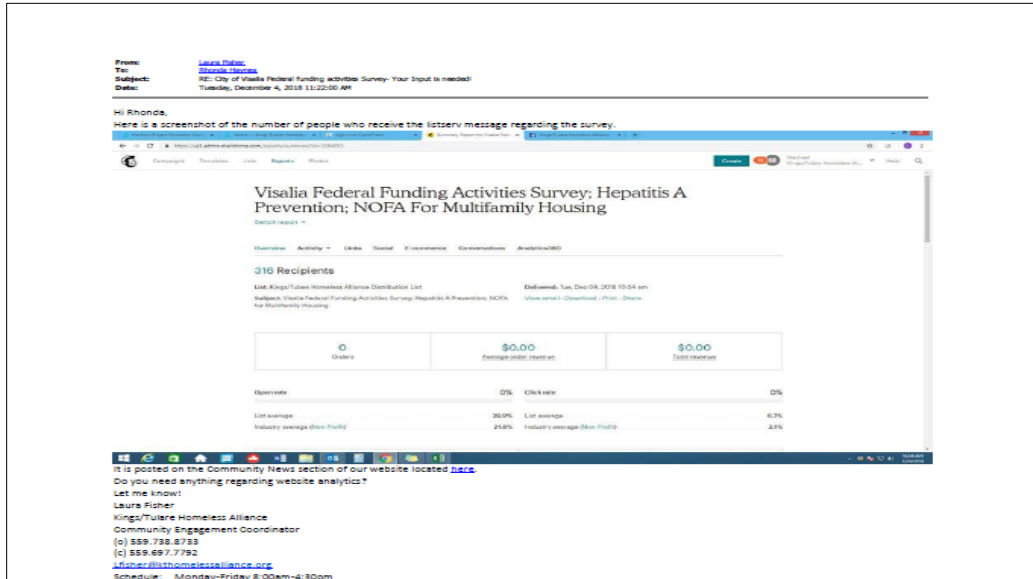
View the [presentation here](#).

Don't forget, we need your feedback by January 18, 2019.

2019 Annual Action Plan
(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)
City of Visalia

Attachment "A-2a"; Seeking Feedback- Continuum of Care Member List serve and Newsletter

Here is a screenshot of the number of people who receive the listserv message regarding the survey.



Attachment "A-2b"; Seeking Feedback- Continuum of Care Website

Community News — Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance Page 1 of 4

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- [KTHA \(/\)](#)
- [About Us](#)
- [Overview \(/Partners/\)](#)
- [Staff And Board \(/Staff-And-Board/\)](#)
- [Membership \(/Membership/\)](#)
- [Partners And Funders \(/Partners-And-Funders/\)](#)
- [Contact Us \(/Contact/\)](#)
- [Careers \(/Careers/\)](#)
- [Accountability \(/Accountability/\)](#)
- [Projects](#)
- [HMIS \(/Homeless-Management-Information-System/\)](#)
- [Continuum Of Care \(/COC-Program/\)](#)
- [Coordinated Entry \(/Point-In-Time-1/\)](#)
- [Point In Time \(/Point-In-Time/\)](#)
- [Project Homeless Connect \(/Phc/\)](#)
- [Get Involved](#)
- [Landlord Recruitment \(/Landlord-Recruitment-Info/\)](#)
- [Volunteer \(/Volunteer/\)](#)
- [News](#)
- [Calendar \(/Calendar-1/\)](#)
- [Community News \(/News/\)](#)
- [Publications \(/Press-Releases/\)](#)
- [Success Stories \(/Success-Stories/\)](#)
- [Get Help](#)
- [Resources \(/Resources-1/\)](#)
- [Donate \(/Take-Action/\)](#)

December 4, 2018 (/news/category/city-of-visalia-federal-funding-activities-survey)

City Of Visalia Federal Funding Activities Survey (/News/Category/City-Of-Visalia- Federal-Funding-Activities-Survey)

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<https://www.kthomelessalliance.org/news/> 12/12/2018

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HOUSING AND CDBG SERVICES WEBSITE
([HTTPS://WWW.VISALIA.CITY/DEPTS/FINANCE/HOUSING_N_CDBG_SERVICES/DEFAULT.ASP](https://www.visalia.city/depts/finance/housing_n_cdbg_services/default.asp))

September 16, 2018 (/news/category/alliance-fy2018-hud-coc-program-collaborative-application-priority-listing-released)

Alliance FY2018 HUD CoC Program Collaborative Application & Priority Listing Released (/News/Category/Alliance-Fy2018-Hud-Coc-Program-Collaborative-Application-Priority-Listing-Released)

In accordance with HUD CoC Program Guidelines, the Alliance FY 2018 HUD CoC Program Collaborative Application (/s/q560c11jv6777xqm8x1xldsh5ceb) and Priority Listing (/s/85h6lw8zmlz76v40lk5yaa3je663) are now posted on the Alliance website. The Collaborative Application and Priority Listing will be submitted to HUD no later than Tuesday, September 18, 2018 by 4:59 PM PT.

September 2, 2018 (/news/category/2018-hud-nofa-local-project-rating-rankings-released)

2018 HUD NOFA Local Project Rating & Rankings Released (/News/Category/2018-Hud-Nofa-Local-Project-Rating-Rankings-Released)

<https://www.kthomelessalliance.org/news/>

12/12/2018

**Attachment “A-3”; Seeking Feedback- Citizens Advisory Committee Agenda
12/05/2018**

<p>CAC Working Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Start/End on time ❖ Be committed to CAC and subcommittees ❖ Listen to one person at a time ❖ Volunteer time liberally- be available and participate in events ❖ Agree to disagree- Respect others ❖ Follow through on commitments ❖ Express your opinions- Seek balanced input ❖ Enjoy our time together! <p><u>Voting Members</u> Beatie, Mary Calhoun, Carla Eiben, Joe Hernandez, Lucy Mirwald, Phil Monroe, Suzanne Rosales, Joel Reed, Joel Ruiz, Frank Sheffield, Lois Vacant</p> <p><u>Alternate Members</u> Vacant Vacant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City of Visalia Citizens Advisory Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:30 p.m. 220 N. Santa Fe, Visalia CA AGENDA</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Welcome and public comment <small>This is the time set aside for the Committee to receive public comment on issues which are not already included on the agenda. Public comment regarding items on the agenda may be open to public comment prior to the committee's discussion of the agenda item and before any action is taken on the agenda item. Members ask that comments are kept brief and positive. In fairness to all who wish to speak, each speaker will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name and the street you live on.</small></p> <p>5:35 p.m. Approval of October 3, 2018 minutes</p> <p>5:40 p.m. Review of CDBG Items <small>(Rhonda Haynes, City Housing Specialist, will present the 2019 Action Plan Survey and discuss identifying needs based on the 5 Yr ConPlan.)</small></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Public Opinion Survey <small>(Finalization of dates and planning items for next year's survey including schedule and milestones for preparing and rolling out the next survey.)</small></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Adjourn for CAC Christmas Party</p> <p>Next Meeting: January 9, 2019</p> <p><small>In Compliance with the American Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 713-4312 48-hours in advance of the meeting. For Hearing Impaired – Call (559) 713-4900 (TTY) 48-hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time to request signing services.</small></p> <p><small>Any written materials relating to an item on this agenda submitted to the Citizens Advisory Committee after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at City Hall West, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291, during normal business hours.</small></p>
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Attachment "A-4"; Seeking Feedback- North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory committee minutes-01/10/2019

North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Thursday January 10, 2019

5:30 PM

Wittman Village Community Center

315 Pearl St.

Visalia, California

AGENDA

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2018

Citizen's Requests

The North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee requests that a 3 minute time limit be observed for requests. Please note that issues raised under Citizen's Requests are informal only and the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee will not take action at this time.

Discussion

Brent Abbott

- Committee meeting attendance

Cary Winslow

- Security fence around Lincoln Oval service building

Discussion/Action

Rhonda Haynes

- CDBG/HOME Program 2019 Action Plan Input

Residential Committee Update

Jackie Covera


Parks and Recreation Committee Update

Esther Mirador

2019 Annual Action Plan
(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)
City of Visalia

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**Attachment “A-5”; Seeking Feedback- Disability Advocacy Committee Agenda
12/10/2018**

<p style="text-align: center;">DAC Working Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Start/End on time ❖ Be committed to DAC ❖ Listen to one person at a time ❖ Volunteer time liberally- be available and participate in events ❖ Agree to disagree- Respect others ❖ Follow through on commitments ❖ Express your opinions- Seek balanced input ❖ Enjoy our time together! 	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>City of Visalia Disability Advocacy Committee Agenda</p> <p>For the regular meeting of: Monday, December 10, 2018 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: City Hall Administration, Conference Room 220 N Santa Fe St, Visalia CA</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Chair:</td> <td>Alvin Martin</td> <td>Member:</td> <td>Deidra Nelson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co-Chair:</td> <td>Brittney Deming</td> <td>Member:</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member:</td> <td>Jay Anderson</td> <td>Alternate:</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member:</td> <td>Jamie Gonzalez</td> <td>Alternate:</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member:</td> <td>George Curtis</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> </div> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call meeting to Order 2. Introductions & Welcome 3. Public Comment or Written Communication. <i>At this time, those in the audience are encouraged to address the Committee on any item not already included on tonight’s agenda. The Committee cannot legally act on a matter that is not on the agenda. However, the Committee can investigate an issue and respond within a reasonable period of time. Speakers will be limited to a 5 minute presentation unless granted additional time by the Committee Chairperson.</i> 4. Approval of November 13, 2018 Minutes 5. Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist COV: 2019 Action Plan (CDBG & HOME) Needs Survey – Review & Comment 6. Discuss which organizations we would like to invite to present to DAC. 7. 2019 Goals for DAC. 8. Adjourn <p style="font-size: small;">Any written materials relating to an item on this agenda submitted to the Disability Advocacy Committee/Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Office, 315 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291, during normal business hours.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: January 14, 2018</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (568) 713-4437 48 hours in advance of the meeting. For Hearing Impaired – Call (568) 713-4860 (TDD) 48-hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time to request signing services. Visually Impaired – If enlarged print or Braille copy is desired, please request in advance of the meeting and services will be provided as soon as possible after the meeting.</p>	Chair:	Alvin Martin	Member:	Deidra Nelson	Co-Chair:	Brittney Deming	Member:	Vacant	Member:	Jay Anderson	Alternate:	Vacant	Member:	Jamie Gonzalez	Alternate:	Vacant	Member:	George Curtis		
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Attachment "A-6"; Seeking Feedback- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

From: [Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#)
 To: [Hispanic Chamber](#)
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 Date: Monday, January 7, 2019 1:50:29 PM

Member to Member

Ambassador Luncheon *Please RSVP*

Members & Info Events

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1 Yr Home Warranty [Link]	Office Solution [Link]	Space Available [Link]
SAVE the Date [Link]	Looking for a New Photo for a New Year [Link]	Olga Duran * RE/MAX [Link]
Chinese New Year [Link]	Walk with a Doc [Link]	

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Thanking you in advance for your feedback.

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Space is limited. Please register by January 30, 2019. Guests are welcome, but each attendee must register individually. Additional information, including parking directions and updated speaker information, will be sent via email prior to the event.

Friday, February 1, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PST
 Energy Education Center - Tulare 4375 S Laspina St. Tulare, CA 93274

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**Attachment "A-7"; Seeking Feedback- City Council Work Session Agenda Item
02/04/2019**

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**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: 2/4/2019

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 4.

Agenda Item Wording: Review and provide direction on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2019/20 Action Plan activities and estimated HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund allocations.

Deadline for Action: 2/4/2019

Submitting Department: Finance

Contact Name and Phone Number:
Renee Nagel, Finance Director; 713-4375; renee.nagel@visalia.city;
Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist, 713-4460; Rhonda.haynes@visalia.city

Department Recommendation: As a condition of receiving federal funds, HUD requires the City to prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan (Yrs' 15/16 – 19/20 approved by Council in 2015), and a yearly Action Plan (AP). The yearly Action Plan dictates how staff is to spend the money for that year. Annually, the City goes through the process of evaluating proposed Action Plan activities for the use of CDBG and HOME funds and engaging the community for feedback/input on needs (1st step). This work session is the second step, which provides Council an opportunity to review the proposed activities (projects /programs), obtain feedback received from the community and add, delete or modify the recommendations. The third step is preparing and publishing the proposed 2019/20 Action Plan for a 30-day public review comment period starting on February 21, 2019. Staff will also attend community meetings to review the proposed plan and then return to Council, conducting a public hearing and adoption of the plan (4th and final step) on April 15th.

Staff is requesting that City Council review and provide direction on:

1. Preparation of the Draft 2019/2020 Action Plan:
 - a. FY 2019/20 estimated HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) grant of \$546,879, and up to \$350,000 in program income for proposed HOME eligible activities.
 - b. FY 2019/20 estimated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant of \$1,309,353, and up to \$75,000 in estimated program income for proposed CDBG eligible activities; and

Summary: This upcoming funding 2019/20 is the final (5th) year of the 5 year Consolidated Plan. This meeting is to gain feedback from City Council in order to finalize preparation of the Draft 2019/20 Action Plan (July 1st, 2019 thru June 30, 2020) and deliver continued programs, projects and services to the community. Staff has included as Table 1, the proposed

COUNCIL ACTION: *Approved as Recommended*

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Cox: Absent*

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(FY2019/20) HOME and CDBG projects and program activities, which includes prior year rollover balance budget with their respective project and program commitment activities as of January 15, 2019. (Attachment "A").

The first step of the Action Plan is to engage the community and obtain feedback on high priority needs. Staff met with committees and engaged the community for their input. Overall high priorities identified were homeless housing, including an emergency shelter/homeless services; ADA compliance, public facility improvements (emergency shelter, senior center shade cover) park improvements (lighting and ada walkways); affordable housing (new and existing single & multi-family), and rehabilitation of owner occupied units.

Today, upon Councils review of the comments received, and review of the proposed activities, with estimated figures, staff will finalize and publish the plan for 30 days and return for approval in April 2019.

Background Discussion: Typically, HUD notifies grantees between April and June of its annual allocation. Therefore, the figures provided to the public and Council at this time, are estimated on the previous year figures only. The 2019/20 funding may be more or less, and the difference will be reflected within the HOME funded Self Help's CHDO Acq/Rehab Program. CDBG funding difference will be reflected within the CDBG ADA compliance program.

2019/20 HOME Grant: Estimated grant is \$546,879, plus estimated program income of \$350,000, totaling \$896,879. Staff proposes continuation of existing projects and activities:

- Commitment funded Programs*
- o CHDO (SHE)-Acq/Rehab Projects/Programs (Single or Multifamily) \$457,191
 - o HOME Administration (10% of Grant +10% of estimated PI) \$89,688
 - *Un-Programmed Projects (recommended):*
 - o HOME- Program Income toward SHE- CHDO projects \$320,000
 - o Tenant Based Rental Assistance (PI above \$320k) \$30,000
 - ***Total Estimated HOME 2019-20 allocation: \$896,879**

Any HOME program income received up to \$320,000 is recommended to be directed toward Self Help Enterprises (SHE) to continue their efforts in addressing housing needs, including housing homeless and/or at-risk of homeless. Staff would also recommend that if more than \$320,000 in HOME program income is received that the City Manager be given the authority to direct it toward the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program or Self Help's efforts.

2019/20 CDBG Grant: Estimated grant is \$1,309,353 plus estimated program income of \$75,000, totaling \$1,384,353. Staff proposes continuation of existing projects and activities. Staff also notes a substantial amount of un-programmed funding (estimated), which for further direction on eligible activities is required.

- *Commitment of funded Programs:*
 - o CDBG Administration (20% of grant + 20% of estimated PI) \$274,871
 - o Code Enforcement (public service) (Ref: in City Budget) \$124,000
 - o Homeless Voucher Program (public service) (Request \$5k increase) \$30,575
 - o Pilot Street Outreach/Case Management (homeless PS reduced \$20k) \$30,000

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o Continuum of Care – Homeless Services (Request \$1k increase)	\$18,000
o Fair Housing Education (public service) (Required)	<u>\$ 7,500</u>
Subtotal – Commitment of funded Programs:	\$484,946
• <i>Un-Programmed Projects(recommended):</i>	
o Current ADA Compliance Improvements (estimated shortfall)	\$442,000
o Public Facility Improvements	\$270,575
o Emergency Repair & Accessibility Program (ERAP)	\$100,000
o Public Services: (New Public Service or additional increases)	\$44,500
o <i>Public Improvements/ ADA Compliance (Est. Program Income)</i>	\$22,332
o Park Improvements	<u>\$20,000</u>
Subtotal – Un-Programmed Projects	<u>\$899,407</u>
Total Estimated CDBG 2019-20 allocation:	\$1,384,353

For ongoing successful programs, Staff recommends continuing the commitments referenced above as “commitment of funded programs”. Staff increased the Continuum of Care and Family Services Voucher program (both public service activities) in order to fulfill the needs of our community that provide necessary services to our homeless population. Family Services’ Voucher (HUD shelter plus matching fund) program has not had an increase for operations since 2015 and included such notation as part of their input on needs for the community. The Alliance bases its allocations on the number of homeless population (by percentage) and funding allocated by jurisdiction, which Visalia’s allocation requires an increase. The Pilot Case Management/Street Outreach program has a current available balance of \$75k to work with, therefore a reduction by \$20k is recommended. One other public service activity is the contract with Fair Housing Council of Central California. This contract includes education and testing which will accompany the new ConPlan and Analysis of Impediments. Fair Housing is a requirement of receiving funding and necessary to identify barriers/impediments to fair housing.

For projects listed under “un-programmed projects”, staff has included recommendations, specifically funding toward ADA compliance projects, and the Emergency Repair Program.

ADA Projects:. The design has been completed for ADA sidewalk/curb cuts improvements near the Wittman Center, Emergency Aid and surrounding neighborhoods. This ADA work will be completed in phases, based upon final construction costs and the availability of CDBG funding, which approximately \$442,000 is still needed. The locations include North Granite Street, between West Pearl Street and Northeast 3rd Avenue; West Babcock Street, between East Ferguson Street and North Court Street; East Sunnyview Avenue, between North Court Street and North Bridge Street; and East Vine Street, between North Court Street and Mora Court. Currently, the estimated cost exceeds current available CDBG funding. The proposed funding allows all three phases to be completed and meet HUD eligibility requirements (i.e. boundaries of the service area, document that the area is primarily residential (i.e. zoning map) and document the income characteristics of households in the service areas (census data)).

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Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program: Staff also recommends bringing the program owner occupied rehab program online, as it is an identified need within the 5 year plan and has been an expressed need by the community. Self Help Enterprises tracks calls in relation to owner occupied rehab needs, in addition to the existing Senior Mobile Home program.

Public Facility: A non-profit may acquire and develop property for a public facility. There are many requirements involved, including all funding in place by the owner, developer and operator; underwriting the project, and meeting HUDs national objective (benefit low income persons, limited clientele such as a facility that benefits a specific targeted group of persons, which are low income - i.e. homeless persons, abused children, battered spouse, elderly persons, severely disabled adults) The comments received reflected housing and homeless services as the top identified need by the community. The use of CDBG funds toward acquisition costs is an eligible use, if the public facility is open to the public and a non-profit has all funding in place to develop and operate the facility.

Operating costs associated with public facilities or improvements are an ineligible use of CDBG funding unless it is part of a CDBG-assisted public service activity or eligible as an interim assistance activity. These cost are considered "Public Services", therefore the 15% public service cap is applicable, and includes current services as shown below.

Public Services CDBG public service dollars are capped at fifteen percent 15% of the Grant amount annually. To determine compliance with the cap, calculations are performed at the end of each program year, which relate to expenditures and outstanding obligations.

With the current obligations, there is room to allow for an increase to both the Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) Voucher- Matching-Case Management program, and the Continuum of Care (Alliance) Project Homeless Connect/PIT Contract, and potentially a new public service or addition to an existing service during the year. Based upon the increased CDBG Grant received (\$1,309,353) the public service cap is approximately \$196,402. However, we have a substantial outstanding obligation (spending monthly), for which we will have remaining obligations at the end of the program year (June-30). Staff will need to watch this closely and/or either be conservative by not over committing public service activity funding, or increase or decrease the funding to the non-profit near year end.

The City provides public service dollars toward the following agencies with current (obligations to be spent) as of January 2019:

• Homeless Services	
o FSTC- Pilot Case Mgmt/Street Outreach Program	\$ 75,313.68
o FSTC- Case Mgmt-Voucher Program	\$ 15,517.04
o Continuum of Care (The Alliance- PIT)	\$ 9,706.06
• Fair Housing Services:	
o Fair Housing Council of Central Ca	<u>\$ 22,500.00</u>
Total Public Service (current obligations):	\$123,036.78

This snapshot in time, based upon current obligations and expenditures that have occurred between July 1, 2018 and January 2019, indicates that we are within the HUD requirements.

For 2019 CDBG public service annual existing contracts, which includes an increase of \$5k to Family Services Voucher program, \$1K increase to the Continuum and a reduction of \$20k to the new Case Management/Street Outreach pilot program, would result in a 7% allocation toward public services for the year. If an additional or new public service activity (i.e. operations for a CDBG assisted public service activity) is recommended beyond this, it will increase the public service percentage to 10 % for the annual amount. When combining all public services (current obligations and next year 2019 proposed obligations), it may exceed the 15% cap. Further projections of obligations and expenditures would be required so that the cap is not exceeded.

Other Projects/Programs: Additional information regarding the history of project successes, which the City has engaged since 2015, and are highlighted by the funding and activities as Attachment "B":

Results of recent Outreach: Beginning December, Staff notified the public through email list servers, City website, City News, City Facebook, Hispanic Chamber newsletter, and the Alliance email list serve of the opportunity to provide feedback in preparing the Draft Plan with a deadline to submit input by January 18, 2019. Comments are included as Attachment "C".

Public engagement included meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee, Disability Advocacy Committee, and North Visalia Advisory Committee, as well as soliciting comments from the Park and Recreation Commission and publishing/posting a survey to gain feedback on the proposed 2019/20 Action Plan activities and estimated funding. In all, 56 comments were received in addition to the comments received through the committees. Comments included support of the proposed goals and activities and included the following, in order of the highest priority (most comments received by subject):

- Homeless Housing and Homeless Services: Comments emphasized the need for homeless housing including an emergency shelter, encouraging partnerships with health agencies (i.e. KDHCDC, FHCN) to provide short term care homes and services for at risk population; assistance to youth, drug treatment center/rehab needs and further emphasis on overall services to help Visalia's homeless population. Comments also included creating a relocation the CoC's Landlord Mitigation fund. Comments were received from Turning Point, Visalia Emergency Aid Council, Tulare County office of Education, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, Tulare County Mental Health Board; Visalia Emergency Aid Council, Bethlehem Center, NVAC member, and community at large. Family Services of Tulare County also requested additional public service funding to support their increased costs related to administering existing case management programs (CDBG funded). United Way noted funding needs for services and vouchers.
- ADA Compliance Public Improvements: Comments focused on the need for curb cuts and sidewalk accessibility on and around heavily utilized streets near schools, parks,

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retail and neighborhood activity locations (i.e. Houston, Divisadero, Giddings, Oak Park, etc.). Comments were received from the Disability Advocacy Committee (DAC), North Visalia Advisory Committee (NVAC), Visalia Unified School District Superintendent, and community at large.

- Park Improvements: comments noted the need for additional open parks ADA pathways and lighting. Comments came from the Park & Recreation Commission-through the Recreation Director; a member of the Disability Advocacy Committee and the North Visalia Advisory Committee and feedback from the Visalia Unified School District Superintendent.
- Other Public Improvements: comments noted the need for street lighting at Manual Hernandez and flashing crosswalk near Houston school; Senior Center shade covers and flooring; Boys & Girls Club noted HVAC system needs major work.
- Affordable Housing: comments identifying the creation of affordable housing opportunities with infill lots (single and multi-family units) in North Visalia in partnership with Self Help and Habitat for Humanity and availability of funding for acquisition and rehabilitation, as well as a few comments on the need for emergency repairs and senior mobile home repairs. Comments were from Visalia Emergency Aid Council, Tulare County Housing Authority, Tulare County Office of Education, CAC member, DAC committee and community at large.
- Homeowner Rehabilitation Programs: comments recommended additional funding and more flexible rules for the Senior Mobile Home Repair program participants. Comments were received by Visalia Unified School District Superintendent, the DAC and community at large.
- Other: Comments included creating a relocation assistance fund for vulnerable displaced tenants (i. e tenants unable to receive relocation assistance from the landlord due to insufficient documentation. (i.e. fire and lost of belongings) ; displaced by fire which do not receive relocation funds unless the landlord can be shown to be responsible for the fire. A request from Mooney Grove Mobile Home Park owners to create a revolving loan program for new rental and owner occupied mobile homes.

What is needed from Council today?

Today, as the second step, Staff requests Council's review and direction on the following:

- Proposed 2019/20 HOME (Investment Partnership funded) activities which may be used only toward affordable housing.
 - Self Help Enterprises, Inc. (SHE) meets all of HUD's requirements as a Certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). A minimum of 15% of the HOME funds is mandated to be used by a Certified CHDO. Staff recommends continuing SHE's efforts toward affordable housing efforts through property acquisition, rehabilitation, and development activities.
- Proposed 2019/20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) continuing commitments toward Code Enforcement, Homeless Case Management, Street outreach and Voucher Programs, Fair Housing, initiate the Emergency Repair Program (owner occupied), Public Improvements, specifically ADA compliance and Park projects in "CDBG Targeted Areas".

- o Approximately \$900,000 is un-programmed; however Staff recommends directing \$542k of the \$900k toward 1) fulfilling the final phases of ADA projects underway in the amount of \$442k and; 2) \$100k toward the Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program. The remaining funding may be provided to Parks for improvements toward Senior Center shade cover, eligible park lighting and/or ADA walkways; other Public Facility Improvements and/or potentially additional increases or new public service activities.

Upon receiving Council feedback today (2nd step), the proposed report (Action Plan) will be prepared and made available for public review and comment beginning February 21, 2019 through March 22, 2019 (3rd step). During this time, Staff will also return to community committees for additional input, followed by Council's review and final approval (4th and final step), thereafter submitting to HUD for final approval in early May.

Fiscal Impact: None at this time.

Prior Council Action: April of 2015 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans & Amendments 2015, 2016 & 2017, & 2018 approved annually in April; 2015, 2016 & 2017 CAPER Reports approved annually in September.

Committee/Commission Review and Action:

Citizens Advisory Committee	December 5, 2018
North Visalia Advisory Committee	January 10, 2019
Disability Advocacy Committee	January 14, 2019

Alternatives: None

Attachments: Attachment "A", Table 1: DRAFT Proposed HOME & CDBG Action Plan Activities, including prior balance commitments;
Attachment "B", HOME & CDBG Successes and Current activities
Attachment "C", Community Feedback (as of 1-31-19)

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):

Review and provide direction on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2019/20 Action Plan activities and estimated HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund allocations

Copies of this report have been provided to:

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review: N/A.

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Attachment "A"					
Table 1: Proposed 2019/20 HOME & CDBG Projects & Activities					
	Prior balance committed (as of 1-23-19)	2019 Estimated Budget (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)		Total Balance	Notes:
		HOME:	CDBG:		
Estimated Allocations		\$ 546,879	\$ 1,303,353		Estimated only- based on 2018 amount
Estimated Program Income		\$ 350,000	\$ 75,000		Estimated PI based on annual PI received from loans
Total Estimated Resources:	\$ 3,636,539	\$ 896,879	\$ 1,384,353	\$ 5,917,771	
Administration					
a (CDBG-20% of allocation & PI)	\$387,006		\$274,871	\$661,878	Includes 20% of Estimated PI
a (Home-10% of allocation & PI)	\$191,951	\$89,688		\$281,639	Includes 10% of the estimated PI (\$35,000)
Affordable Housing:					
a First Time Homebuyer Program	\$0	\$0		\$0	Other funding available toward down payment assistance (CalHOME); Also Note that NW5th Properties allow up to 10% of the investment as gap financing to new homeowners
a SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab Program (Single Family- new construction, existing) (Self Help)*	\$1,050,000	\$107,191		\$1,157,191	Mandatory Minimum 15% CHDO= estimate \$82,031; * Continue efforts of affordable single & multi family development.
a SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab Program (Multi- Family, new construction, existing) (Self Help)*	\$349,242			\$1,016,242	Projected Program Income(\$315k) (PI) toward Self Help Affordable Housing projects. HOME CHDO toward SHE Project funding may increase or decrease based upon actual HOME Grant ** Above \$200k CM option to add to TBRA or SHE (within minor Amendment \$)
a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (Family Services) - Estimated PI included*	\$265,487	\$670,000		\$265,487	(Estimated PI above \$320k may be directed toward TBRA by CM approval (option). Current funding provides housing assistance (rent payments) to homeless persons for the term; 1 unit/2 yrs
		\$20,000			
Strengthening Neighborhoods (Suitable Living Environment)					
a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Accessibility Program "HRAP"(Owner Occupied)	\$0		\$0	\$0	Requires 24% of the funds toward admin and delivery of the program. Staff recommends the ERAP instead of this program this year.
a Senior Mobile Home Repair Program "SMHRP" (Self Help)	\$91,712		\$0	\$91,712	Additional CDBG funding is not recommended this year. Utilize remaining funds through the existing Contract with Self Help to assist approximately 5 senior mobile homeowners
a Code Enforcement:	\$107,284		\$124,000	\$231,284	Continue supporting Code staff efforts within CDBG Targeted areas; Code Revenues shall be drawn before CDBG grant
Public Services (15% cap)***					
General Public Services:					
a Public Services: Fair Housing Education (Fair Housing Council of Central Ca.)	\$22,900		\$7,500	\$30,400	Continue contracted commitment to Public Service-Fair Housing Contract including training, testing for Analysis of Impediments, I/Can Plan (HUD Requirement)
Homelessness Program Public Services:					
a Voucher Program (Family Services)	\$15,517		\$30,575	\$46,092	Continue commitment through Family Services; Provides 14 homeless persons case management services
a Continuum of Care (Alliance):	\$0,706		\$18,000	\$27,706	Continue commitment of homeless Public Service Contract w/Continuum of Care for PIT and PHC (HUD Requirement)
a Street Outreach/ Case Management (Family Services)	\$75,314		\$30,000	\$105,314	Continue commitment through Family Services; Provides 17 homeless persons case management & street outreach to 24 homeless persons
Non-Housing Community Development:					
Public/Park Infrastructure Improvements(ADA Compliance)					
a Public ADA Improvements/ Compliance* Houston Project AND 26 Ramp- Witman Center and Visalia Emergency Area	\$975,903		** see below ADA	\$975,903	Funds for completing ADA Projects with design services underway. ADA curb cuts, truncated domes within CDBG
ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDING TOWARD HIGH PRIORITY NEED(S)					
a Public ADA Improvements/ Compliance Witman Center and Visalia Emergency Area Ramps-Additional funding to full Phases	** See above ADA		\$442,000	\$442,000	Funding needed to fulfil current design work near Witman Center, Visalia Emergency Aid, including the 26 ramps
a Public or Park Improvements or Public Facilities (TBD)			\$270,575	\$270,575	High Priority Need - i.e. Public Improvements, Park Improvements, Public Facilities
a Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program "ERAP" (Owner Occupied)	\$0		\$100,000	\$100,000	Staff recommended: included in 5yr Plan- Owner occupied emergency repairs; Activity Delivery Cost
***Increase Existing Public Services or Create New Public Service activity - Homeless Needs					
a 2019 Estimated PI upon receipt shall be directed to Public Infrastructure/ Facility Improvements, ADA Compliance**	\$20,244		\$22,332	\$42,576	Unprogrammed funding- Potentially exceed the Public Service Cap.
a Low/Med Park Improvements (funds shall be directed toward CDBG Eligible parks) - Jefferson Park & Community Campus Lot #4	\$57,673		\$20,000	\$107,673	Estimated PI for 2016** CDBG may increase or decrease based upon Actual Grant amount
					Park projects underway with current balance; 2016 & 2018 Park Funds- Projects Jefferson Park & Community Campus Lot #4
Total HOME & CDBG dollars: (approx)	\$ 3,636,539	\$ 896,879	\$ 1,384,353	\$ 5,917,770	
* Estimated Program Income (PI) 2019 PI: Estimated PI is included however, is not guaranteed (Under 2019: 2011, 2009) Note Effective Jan 3, 2011, estimated PI has 24 months and less (as received) to commit toward a specific project. ** HOME Estimated PI (increase or decrease) is directed toward SHE Acq/Rehab projects. HOME PI over \$300 may be directed toward SHE Acq or TBRA by CM approval. ** CDBG Estimated PI (increase or decrease) is recommended to be directed toward ADA projects, Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities. *** 15 % cap of the grant (includes rollover commitments to be spent during the year and next year grant funding)					
CDBG Public Service % existing contracts	9%		7%	16%	
With Additional Public Service - new or increases			10%	19%	

Attachment "B"

HOME & CDBG Project Successes since 2015 and current activities

HOME Investment Partnership Funds (HOME)

HOME provided affordable housing opportunities to eight (8) new homeowners including down payment assistance through properties acquired and rehabilitated by Self Help Enterprises, Inc. and the City. Additionally, Self Help acquired and rehabilitated the Strawberry 5-unit rental project; constructed Highland Gardens 36-unit multi-family development on Highland, and acquired and currently rehabilitating the six (6) multi-family unit Encina development.

Curing 2018 acquired a 6-unit multi-family project on Encina Street., \$460k in HOME funding committed to and utilized toward the acquisition of the property. It is currently under rehabilitation.

SHE is also currently working on the NW 5th project to construct five single family homes on five lots, with HOME-CHDO funding. Noteworthy, is that HUD requires a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) must be used by a qualifying non-profit agency known as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Self Help meets all of the requirements and is certified as the City's HOME CHDO agency. SHE will be using approximately \$1M of the set aside HOME CHDO funding toward this activity over a period of months, starting with two (2) of the homes on NW 5th.

Family Services of Tulare County who administers the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program is providing rental assistance and case management to five (5) households through the coordination with the Continuum of Care. The HOME TBRA program is beginning to show success. For example, a tenant was determined from the beginning to regain full independence, which is reflected in the tenant successfully exited the program with a promotion, increased wages and moving with her children close to their school. This opens up a unit for a new participant of the program. The HOME TBRA program still struggles with identifying property managers willing to participate and follow HUD- HOME lease agreements, inspections and rent standard caps. A new Rent Study was conducted which resulted in an increase to the allowed rents. Staff has discussed coordinating an outreach to the property owners to encourage more participation.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) during the same period, CDBG assisted with completing ADA projects along Akers Street. Current projects underway include ADA Public Improvements along Houston, and the design work for ADA sidewalk/curb cuts improvements near the Wittman Center, Emergency Aid and surrounding

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neighborhoods which will be completed in phases, based upon final construction costs and the availability of CDBG funding (i.e. North Granite Street, between West Pearl Street and Northeast 3rd Avenue; West Babcock Street, between East Ferguson Street and North Court Street; East Sunnyview Avenue, between North Court Street and North Bridge Street; and East Vine Street, between North Court Street and Mora Court).

Park and Public improvements during the last few years included the Lincoln Oval Park playground and the Oval Traffic Improvement Project. Current park projects are the Community Campus Lot #4 Garden, which the design is underway and Jefferson Park, which includes removing the dugout and adding foul line fencing and grass to the infield, which will allow for multi-use, young children's baseball/softball practices at the backstop and soccer or football practice on the turf.

The Senior Mobile Home Repair Program (SMHRP) has provided assistance to eight (8) households, two applications are underway, with approximately 22 interested participants, however, some applicants may not meet the parameters of the program requirements (i.e. income, senior, disabled, owner occupied, flood insurance, previously CDBG assisted and pre 1978 Mobile homes ineligible).

Public Service activity needs have increased for case management services to our homeless population, the Project Homeless Connect/Point In Time survey, and education and testing related to fair housing barriers to affordable housing opportunities by race, religion, familial status and other areas identified as a barrier.

Current public service activities include the two contracts with Family Services for Visalia's homeless street outreach (assisting up to 24 people) and case management services (assisting approximately 14 people).

As activities continue, funds are drawn (spent) and as we move closer to the end of the reporting period obligations are calculated and submitted to HUD. If we exceed the 15% cap in expenditures, funds are required to be repaid to HUD.

Attachment "C" Comments as of January 31, 2019 Item 4. - Page 11
City of Visalia Proposed 2019 Action Plan

Community Input/feedback from Community meetings, Council Input & Public Testimony Notes

Community Input/feedback in preparation of the Draft 2019 Action Plan	
<i>Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting: Education regarding ConPlan, High Priorities, AP and feedback on Needs; December 05, 2018</i>	
Public Comment: Information taken in by the committee. No comments announced as a committee after the presentation. CAC members were notified of options of submitting comments (ie. To CAC staff rep or email to Finance by Jan 15th deadline).	City Response Informed CAC options of submitting comments
<i>Disability Advocacy Committee Meeting: Education regarding ConPlan, High Priorities, AP and feedback on Needs; December 10, 2018</i>	
Public Comment: Member (Jay) felt that senior needed repairs for mobile home is needed along with revisions to policies so that they allow more participation/flexibility. Staff did not reference additional CDBG funds toward the senior mobile home, when there is a need.	City Response Staff noted that the Senior Mobile home program has had some people that do not meet the requirements and some rules are related to regulations which can not be changed. Also noted that the examples are staff generated /proposed based upon successful programs, funds already allocated or are not recommended due to a current balance available and spending timelines.
Comments 2 members (Jan/George) indicated they wanted to know who decides where ADA is needed. Parks need ADA; Sports park needs ADA sidewalks. Downtown businesses need ramps/updates. Committee agreed that project manager with CDBG funds toward ADA projects should present the proposed areas, locations, projects to the DAC committee to approve, etc.	City Response Staff noted that only Parks within CDBG area are eligible and require additional documentation for ADA needs. In addition to Census data, such as a survey. Staff noted that the sports park is not an eligible park. The Central Business District does not meet the CDBG requirements any longer, as it is not a low mod census.
Comments Committee noted mobile home/senior housing repairs needed. ADA: Planning for compliance needs to involve people who are disabled; recommend Project Manager present to DAC as noted above. ADA needed within parks <i>Park & Recreation Commission- Park/Recreation Director presented AP; December 18, 2018</i>	City Response Noted
Comments	
From: Jeannie Greenwood Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:08 AM: Subject: RE: Public Survey- Needs for use of CDBG & HOME (2019 Action Plan funding) July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020) We discussed potential CDBG projects at the December 18, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Here are their thoughts related to potential projects - Visalia Senior Center - add a shade structure over garden- Visalia Senior Center - replace flooring - I'm not sure if this would be considered "maintenance" or an improvement. We do have a general fund project but could do a better floor if we combined with CDBG funds (or save general fund money). - Riverbend Park - add security lighting- Fairview Park - add security lighting- Summer's Park - add modern play/climbing apparatus, security lighting	City Response CDBG funds would not be allowed for the flooring due to HUD regulations. Parks would be within an eligible CDBG Target area- census tract.
<i>North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting: Education regarding ConPlan, High Priorities, AP and feedback on Needs; January 10, 2019</i>	
Public Comment: public comment was that Manuel Hernandez Center needs lighting; Parc & Rec member noted lighting and walkways in eligible parks Member noted ADA curb cuts and walking paths needed. Sara noted story about crossing and difficult to get through route on Houston - Bill Houff noted areas in need of ADA, and emailed locations after the meeting. Divisadero and Houston-Green Acres opened in 1956. Well traveled school route. Note dirt mud sidewalk going south from Houston. That means the road is rainy day sidewalk. Houston Central no SE or SW curb cuts; Leslie Houston no SE or SW curb cuts, Oak Park NW corner no curb cut; Not passable in wheel chair- mother could take the swamp route I suppose East of Giddings on North side of Houston. Not standard corner- But there can be non standard, creative curb slopes and cuts See it all the time (example NE corner Goshen Stevenson) Turner at Houston NE and NW corner No curb cuts Also this is a major funnel for school kids crossing Houston to school, due to Sweet and Harold all dead end into Turner going west, all kids north and east of Turner cross here. Needs flashing crossing light similar to Oval Parks crossing "fits with button Walk assist) with moms with baby carriages, slow traffic before entering school zone ea! Bill, Houston- Al Rinaldi, a 120 year old intersection, my guess 3 out of 4 sidewalks egressing (leaving from the corner) from corner down north and south of Rinaldi are dirt! B.	City Response noted Noted noted and forwarded list to engineering for review
Comments Asked what projects in Jefferson Park, and FYI Possible mis understanding! Again, we need strong advocate that makes a strong case that Oval is exactly where \$\$\$ should be spent, you should be focusing not less but double down more! Most needs, most poverty beyond belief, most gangs is recent shooting, most little kids, most single moms, most homeless, more drug alcohol issues how many more mouths do you want. Don't be a potted plant, advocate! This is where you can earn your future Council seat!! <i>City Council Work session for feedback on proposed plan in preparation of the AP and Needs; -February 04, 2019</i>	City Response Referred to Engineering- project manager noted that the project is about 1/2 finished and included removing the infield fencing and dugouts, re-grading and planting turf in the infield and improving the irrigation system. This is all to make the park more neighborhood friendly. This configuration should be conducive to more activities. The backstop remains for baseball but the field is overall more open
Council Questions/Comments	
To be included Continuum of Care members input	City Response noted
Comments	
No comments receive	City Response n/a
Website Posting requesting feedback on Need	
Comments (email, other-if applicable)	
Email Blast feedback from November 29, 2018 through January 18, 2019 and Website Posting requesting feedback	City Response
November 30, 2018 response: Turning Point Feedback (Frank Ruiz) - Highest priority is to provide services; shelter to homeless population in Visalia, especially sex offenders. We need to house & track them. Second are drug treatment services, especially sober living homes for addicts completing treatment	noted
November 30, 2018 response: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias; The Boys & Girls Club in Visalia HVAC system needs major work and at present we do not have the funding to complete the work. The boys & girls Club serves hundreds of children and youth, ages 6 - 18 each year. Most youth are from disadvantaged circumstances.	noted
December 3, 2018; B Clean is less mean H. : City of Visalia, using appropriate funds. Needs to finish all curb cuts on North Visalia's number one East/West artery, Houston Avenue, (North Visalia's Main Street), the middle school, Green Acres was built in 1956, and key corners still missing curb cuts from Mooney to Santa Fe. Missing continuous south side sidewalk Houston, many missing pieces from Dinuba to Santa Fe. Route 83, state highway needs traffic signals for the most heavily pedestrian area or city (walkable city, smart growth concept) at Pean and Mace, all other intersections except Robin along 83 have traffic signals. Robin needs traffic signal too, bus route, school bus route. Houston between Mooney and Dinuba needs underground utilities project. Most Power poles both on north and south side of Houston are in center of sidewalk. Not traversable with baby carriages, or wheelchairs. Oval Park needs an active amenity. All other parks have active amenities. Oval has an under five year old (kids playground) amenity. Need to change vibe. Various committees (Park and Rec) and City Council has approved meandering walking path.	forwarded to Community Development, Parks & Recreation Staff; Noted
December 4, 2018: Visalia Emergency Aid Council- Infill the many vacant lots in North Visalia with affordable housing, giving MSP's like SIE & HFI the opportunity to build SFH or MFH for low income or transitional homeless families. Need more housing for low income families that take Section 8. Partner with health agencies like KDHCDC or FHCCN to provide short term care homes for at risk individuals such as homeless or low income with no support to free up hospital beds and reduce secondary illness from poor postoperative care after release.	Noted
December 5, 2018: email from Todd Cito- Visalia Unified School District Superintendent: Priorities: 1) road and sidewalk repair in neighborhoods with high incidence of low income housing/families; 2) improvement/expansion of city parks and open spaces; 3) support for emergency repairs for low income homeowners.	Noted
December 5, 2018- Bethlehem Center- Anna Hernandez- Feedback: The proposed goals and activities are great for the community. One goal that we fund here in need of, at the Bethlehem Center, is an open use and access to washing/drying garments. This would fall under the public facility category. Since we currently provide clothing assistance to the homeless, this would help and provide clean clothing on a daily basis.	Noted
CONTINUED Email Blast feedback from November 29, 2018 through January 18, 2019 and Website Posting requesting feedback	
Comments (email, other-if applicable)	
	City Response

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<p>Mr. Rhonda, thank you for the report and request for a grant with the grant funds and the repayments, recycled and sidewalks as good projects. No one on the NVNAC knows the area better. I do recommend the city work with Tom Gong at Food 4 Less shopping center on a safety crossing at Vine and N. Dinuba Blvd. Please study the extended area from Ferguson to Sweet on the east side of Dinuba Blvd. This area is a high concentration of small family homes with one exit on Vine to their large shopping center on the west side of the boulevard.</p> <p>The last time I spoke with Mr. Gong, 9 people had been injured by cars when crossing from Vine to the shopping center. The pedestrians will not walk north to Ferguson and back south to the stores. They cross at Vine. Buena Vista, Prospect, Harold do not provide access to Dinuba Blvd, so Vine is a traffic funnel of people walking to the shopping center which will be the older residents and mothers with children. The shopping center is convenient to this large concentration of families and Vine is the only path to it. If not a signal, why not the flashing safety lights as installed by the Oval? I realize Dinuba Blvd is a state highway, but Visalia needs to work with them on the problem. Mr. Gong is not seeking another signal on Dinuba, only a safer way to cross the highway. I am uncertain a bridge over the highway is an answer with older people and mothers with children/strollers, etc. Possibly safety lights could be tied in with the Ferguson signal. Just a wild thought. Rhonda, I have other thoughts on the Oval in the attached letter to the City Council.</p>	<p>Noted; forwarded info to Com Dev & Engineering, Police</p>
<p>Bob Ludewick continued: Visalia City Council- Re: Homeless & Oval Park Use. I have been a member of the City Gang Intervention Task Force from when it was formed 12 years ago. I am proud of what this multi-agency has helped accomplish. Our City has grown dramatically in the 12 years and our gang membership has dropped considerably. My notes show counts of over 1,000 gang members in 2006. I believe now there are less than 400-500. 2017 in to 2018, the city went 8 months without a homicide and I believe at 2 for this year. For a city of our size, with a large mix of nationalities, we are doing well. The Homeless has become our major challenge and expense. I am a member of the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The city has done much in our area. The Oval Park looks great. We have a good new playground, new fence on the east along Hwy 63 safety crossings with flashing lights, one south, one on east side, and another north from the park. There is good lighting in the park, and Oval business area. The city has taken over the Wittman Center and with the Anthony Center have good programs for the youth. With grant funds, we see new housing for the low income families and homes rehabbed to be sold and about \$35.00 in returning funds per year. All this is good. The homeless present the challenge to feed, sleep, care, etc. We now provide breakfast at the Rescue Mission. Many walk west by Wittman and the Community Campus to Oval Park, then north on Hwy 63 to Bethlehem Center for lunch. After lunch this population return down Hwy 63 to the Oval and east by Wittman Center to the Rescue Mission for dinner. Please note, most business properties are vacant in their travel route, including the drug store location at Houston and Hwy 63. The businesses around the Oval are impacted as local families will not shop where the homeless are in the area. I watched a store owner trying to remove a homeless man and his bag of material by his door north of the Oval. The homeless are looking for handouts or beg from customers or employees. These homeless had affected all family use of the Oval and local area.</p>	<p>Noted; forwarded info to Com Dev & Engineering, Police</p>
<p>Bob Ludewick continued: One afternoon I spent 45 minutes in Oval Park. An officer was busy with a lady doing business, about 39 were camping in the park, about 40 or more traveling through the park, some charging their phones on the east side of the building on their way east to Rescue Mission, etc. We have a nice building at the Oval. Use it for a Recreation Service Center. Organize the many small local churches to use the Oval Park for outdoor programs. Have tables, chairs, and games available for seniors from the Town Meadows and local area. Have a supervisor and help near the playground so parents, and grandparents can bring their children. This will take time, but with organized activities, the homeless will move out, and bring life to the local business area. Activities will reduce homeless in the Wittman Center area. I participated in such a program in Santa Monica many years ago. We had seniors at tables playing games, children's programs in the area, and churches using the park with help by the Park & Rec personnel. This was beneficial for all in that area. We have CSET, Proteus, Boy Scouts, Police, Wittman Center all in the vicinity. All could help make this happen. Can any of the CDBG grant funds be used at the Oval Park in this type of program in a low income area? Can this tie in with Park & Recreation department? The key is the local organizer. The proper, well organized person with local help could change the whole area.</p>	<p>Noted; forwarded info to Com Dev & Engineering, Police</p>
<p>December 8, 2018: Tulare County office of Education- Beth Wishnie: Feedback- Affordable Housing options; Rental assistance for those with poor rental and/or credit history; emergency and permanent housing options for homeless youth; services for homeless youth such as assistance with high school diploma or other options as well as options for job assistance.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>December 7, 2018: Mr. Peltzer stated: It is my opinion that we do a credible job of providing housing for people in need who are willing and able to conform to basic rules and requirements, where we are woefully lacking in dealing with people who fall in the following categories: Homeless that don't want to live in conventional housing; Homeless that are mentally ill; Homeless that have dependency issues. Does the City have any programs pending that deal with this difficult homeless segment? Tom Peltzer</p>	<p>Staff responded and included reference to recent Council approval regarding funds toward warming center and formation of a committee that is working on the topic. Staff also noted efforts and involvement by non-profit partners including mental health, etc through partners, Family Services, and Continuum of Care, including links to the CoC for more information on efforts.</p>
<p>December 8, 2018- mail: Mr. Paquin: Housing is and is becoming a bigger issue. Many more in need than Visalia used to have. All plans sound good, parks, public facilities, etc. But the most important I feel is housing. In all of the ways listed, improvement, affordability, repair, upgrade, code, move in assistance, All are great, we need to get more people into a normal living situation.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>December 11, 2018: Family Services of Tulare County: We would like to propose condonation for increased CDBG funds for existing projects (Tulare Housing First II & Homeless Outreach). These programs are very successful but funding has not increased significantly in years- we want to sustain these crucial projects. - 2) A low barrier emergency shelter is a high priority need</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>December 12, 108: Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency- Chaz Feliz: Given the overwhelming local need, I submit that financing the capital expenses of a low barrier emergency shelter should be reflected in the goals of the 2019 Action Plan and CDBG application (public facilities category)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>December 14, 2018: Chris Trevarez- CDBG - all available funding (\$700k) should be used for ADA improvements throughout the City, there is no greater need for enhancing the community. The only other NEEDED alternative would be a Homeless Facility to keep people from wandering around our City but that would be way more costly. HOME - group all funding together and use for low income housing projects (with goal of housing homeless or near homeless)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>January 2, 2019: Terry Orman - This may not be appropriate for your request for feedback, but thought I would send my thoughts just in case. I think it applies by falling in the objective category of "creating economic opportunities" and the outcome of "viable communities". As you know the city owned property on the old Copeland Lumber block (bounded by Oak, School Bridge and Garden streets) has been pretty much confirmed as the site of Fort Visalia, and now we have an opportunity to draw attention again to our solid foundation as the oldest existing town in the southern San Joaquin Valley and further establish our town as a viable community. The site is the beginning for our town. That is significant! Some of the uncommitted CDBG funds could be used to facilitate some of the below listed actions. Please consider the included attachment information Pardon me for repeating historical factsoids you probably already know, but here are a few that I feel are important and relevant to the project: 1) Visalia was founded in 1852 and is the oldest valley town still in existence between Los Angeles and French Camp (just south of Stockton). Visalia predates Bakersfield, Fresno, Merced and Modesto, just to mention a few 2) Tulare County was established in 1852, two years after California became a state. The county predates Fresno, Kern, Inyo and Kings counties—all of which were generally included in original Tulare County boundaries. 3) Visalia has been the county seat of Tulare County since 1853. 4) Historically, Visalia has been an important town evidenced by events and circumstances that include the following: Visalia ... A) was a smokable stop on the Butterfield Overland Mail route (1858-1861). B) was one of the few towns to have a U. S. Land Office for settlers to register their claims if they wanted homestead land. C) had a telegraph office on the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph line in 1860. D) was a significant supply town for a number of California mining regions including Coso Range (Crows Valley), Kern River and Mineral King. E) was a significant settlement in the Four Creeks region of the San Joaquin Valley (called Tulare Valley originally). Visalia was in the heart of a huge Valley Oak forest. F) had the first newspaper in the southern San Joaquin Valley. It was called the Tulare County Record & Fresno Examiner. It began in 1859. G) had a role in the California Gold Rush (1848-1855)—not necessarily mining, but agriculture, cattle, providing food to mining regions—former miners settled here. H) had a Union military garrison during the Civil War with soldiers stationed here from about 1862 to 1866. I) had at least one Yokuts Indian village within the boundaries of the present city limits.</p>	<p>noted, and also noted that it not part of this 5 yr high priorities, benefiting low income persons, area, jobs. And being part of CDBG admin.</p>

<p>T Omren continues- For these and many more reasons, Visalia holds a special place in California history. Therefore, given the historical importance of Visalia and the belief that we know the block where the town began, it is appropriate that certain actions take place. My thoughts on these actions include: 1) A monument should be created that incorporates, as much as possible, the existing site plaque and structure. The new commemorative marker could include an expanded historical interpretation of the site and include an artistic rendering of the fort as it was described by witnesses and found in the historical record. Local artists could be asked to participate in its creation. Placement of the newly created "Fort Visalia" marker should occupy a highly visible location on the block serving as an educational feature regarding local history and our place in broader California history. 2) Prior to new development on the block, and after the site has been cleared, appropriate archaeological testing of the site should be made to identify the exact location of the fort and related human activity connected to its occupation. Equipment such as, but not limited to, backhoes, shovels and ground penetration instruments, could be used for searching/testing at the site. 3) Site testing/evaluation should be conducted by a qualified American Cultural Resource Association affiliated company. Emphasis should be placed on finding the exact location of the fort and any related area connected to the enclosure. 4) If testing and evaluation of the site reveals evidence of the location of the fort, then further specific site exploration analysis should take place. 5) If no specific fort location is determined in the site testing or evaluation, then building site work could begin. 6) During construction, I would suggest a periodic site monitoring be scheduled to be sure no fort evidence is unearthed and missed during construction. 7) As much as possible, archaeological work on the site should take place prior to the sale and development of the property so the archaeological work will not hold up future development of the site. 8) All items of historical significance found on the site should be carefully collected, recorded and analyzed. A suitable local non-profit historical organization should be designated to store and display the items in perpetuity. 9) During site exploration, testing and eventual development, the Fort Visalia block should be fenced with "no trespassing" signs posted to keep those not part of the project from disturbing historical objects. These are my initial thoughts on the Fort Visalia site. We have a great opportunity and tremendous responsibility with this unique site—a site that represents a significant cultural resource. If we fail to act soon, the opportunity for learning more about our</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>TCNA: Miguel 12-27-18: Input for AP-60 feedback. TCNA recommends that the city makes more funding available for the acquisition and rehabilitation of more affordable housing. 1-2-19: Rebekah Jones-email would love to see ADA improvements—I do not run into any issues with ADA in my line of work, but rather in my personal life. My father has been disabled and in a wheelchair for over 20 years and he takes his electric wheelchair everywhere in downtown Visalia and the surrounding areas. Sometimes he takes darker paths (I am worried he will get ran over) to avoid the worst bumps on the main paths. Going over traintracks is one of the harder things to do in those chairs. There is no path from the area he lives in (just north of Murray) to downtown (where he gets groceries, goes to the bank etc.) without going over the bumpy train tracks and it is also super dark. Another issue I have seen is help with housing for single women. Most housing is for men (shelters, sober housing, rehabs) and families. I hate seeing women out on the streets because I know the greater risk for assault and other crimes they face being both alone and female. I think helping people that cannot function in a shelter situation for whatever reason: sleep disorders, work and school schedules (trout hours), therapy and companion pets, or maybe just afraid of the other residents who may be on drugs or mentally ill, is another thing I would like to see improved in housing grants. I would like to see more help for people who are at risk for being homeless or currently homeless, but will not stay in a shelter for certain reasons health, safety etc. I have known women who slept in their cars over the shelters, but they will not get housing help unless they spend 30 consecutive nights in the shelter. The waitlist for other housing resources like section 8 are years long so that almost seems backwards too-the help is usually needed now and hopefully they will not rely on it forever, but when people finally get section 8 I imagine they might try to stay on it because it took so long to get and are worried they will lose it. I feel the current help is often offered to those who do not</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>January 4, 2019- CAC Member Phil Minwald: My priority would be job placement/development. When successfully implemented, is a permanent fix for multiple needs. Next priority is elder assistance in any acceptable form. 1-9-19: Bill H: Riverbend Park kids bridge replace, huge! Still requesting single light pole with new bright energy saving LED lighting center of park to remove cave effect. Cast light on these assets to assist police in "quick glance" drive by policing. And assist citizen volunteers, (who could that be!) To check on seniors in park overnight during dusk hours. And possibly up to nefarious acts like stealing a bridge! see use CDBG funds to pay for Bill -Clean is less Mean.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>7-19: faxed: George Allen, Tulare County Mental Health Board: High Priority Needs:1) increase capacity by using all current funding streams, including best \$650,000 in CDBG uncommitted funding; 2) utilizing one-time, state funding available early 2019 to both Visalia & Tulare City to immediately ~150-200 beds for short term shelter; 3) authorizing Warming Center @ Episcopal Church St Pauls with adequate security/trash removal, etc as requested by neighbors. 1-18-19: Central CA Legal: Thank you for the invitation extended to CCLS to provide feedback on the City of Visalia's federal funding activities. Please see attached for CCLS's feedback on the City's high priority needs and federal funding allocation. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for reaching out to our office requesting feedback on the City's proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds. Because Central California Legal Services ("CCLS") works extensively with the housing issues that Visalia's low-income residents experience, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on what CCLS has observed as high priority needs. We encourage the City to consider making a strong commitment of allocating funding from its remaining \$700k of uncommitted CDBG funds towards the suggested programs and activities described below: Relocation Assistance Fund-Back in February 2018 ten seniors were displaced from the Meadows, a senior living complex, as a result of an electrical fire. J. (Sheyenne H. Robett: Fire displaces residents from Meadows Senior Cottages, VISALIA TIMES DELTA (Feb. 18, 2018, 1:04 PM), https://www.visaliamexdelta.com/story/news/2018/02/18/mre-meadows-senior-cottages-tulare/349613002/) The senior residents lost their belongings and residence and received no relocation assistance from the landlord. The residents were not able to obtain relocation assistance from the landlord due to insufficient documentation from the fire department for the purposes of requesting relocation under California Law. In addition, many tenants displaced by fires do not receive relocation funds unless the landlord can be shown to be responsible for the fire (see Health & Safety Code Section 17975.4). Such clients cannot obtain relocation assistance during their time of need and must resort to suing the landlord for damages, assuming the landlord is not insolvent. This additional burden placed on these tenants severely delays their efforts in relocating to another rental unit. A relocation assistance fund administered by the City should be established to help vulnerable populations, like the seniors living at the Meadows, who cannot obtain relocation assistance from their landlord.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>1-15-19 Central CA Legal continued: - Rental Assistance Fund: When families and individuals already have to shoulder high rental cost burdens, an unforeseen event, such as loss of employment and illness, easily leads to the threat of eviction. Once an individual gets an eviction on his or her record, it becomes increasingly difficult to find decent, affordable housing, increasing the risk of homelessness. It is necessary and most effective to intervene prior to a landlord initiating the eviction process. A need-based rental assistance fund to provide financial assistance to those facing eviction or threat of eviction would prevent homelessness. The rental assistance fund could offer full rent payment and other associated costs according to the rental agreement, allowing individuals the opportunity to overcome their temporary financial crisis and avoid a potential eviction. For model program guidelines, the City may refer to Alameda County's Rental Assistance Program, in partnership with the Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity, which assists low-and moderate-income participants with delinquent rent, security deposits, and move-in costs (ECHO HOUSING, https://www.echoforhousing.org/rental-assistance-program.html (last visited Jan. 17, 2019).</p>	<p>noted</p>

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<p>of Landlord Mitigation Fund. Since unlawful detainer to move quickly through the court, many people are es prior to the action. Unfortunately, many individuals end up with an eviction on their records due to not understanding the unlawful detainer court process, not responding in time, or ineffective self-representation. A resulting court judgment against the tenant should not prevent the tenant from obtaining decent, affordable housing in the future. However, these individuals are more likely to fall into cycles of homelessness due to the reluctance of landlords to rent to them. CCLS is encouraged by the establishment of the Landlord Mitigation Fund by the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance ("KTHA"), https://kthomelessalliance.org/landlord-recruitment-info (last visited Jan. 17, 2019). This program actively combats homelessness by providing an additional avenue to secure housing for those facing homelessness. Participating Landlords receive financial assurance of reimbursements for property damage and other issues caused by "high risk" tenants. We hope the city will support this partnership program by contributing to the existing fund, recruiting interested landlords, rapidly rehousing homeless individuals and families with participating landlords, and actively promoting the Landlord Mitigation Fund through community outreach. Once again, we appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback on what CCLS has observed as high priority needs within the City of Visalia. Please see attached for the completed feedback form requested by the City. Feel free to contact me at cwong@centralcallegal.org if you have any questions regarding this request. Cindy Wong.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>1-23-18: Rosemary Casco-Executive director United Way of Tulare County-Will there be funding available for United Way to apply for? We are looking at Direct services such as vouchers and assistance.</p>	<p>Noted and Responded- need more information about your request, require a proposal. We are near our maximum allowed public service (cap)referred to Family Services for case management service the administered HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (rental gap assistance- transitional housing only).</p>
<p>Posted notice on December 14, 2018 City facebook need survey input</p>	
<p>Comments</p>	<p>City Response</p>
<p>Brent Young Address the homeless problem: 1) Stop the transfer of homeless coming into our community from outside communities that provide them one way tickets via bus, train ect ect. 2) Rework shelters, and/or add infrastructure that will give homeless a place to go instead of our parks, business plazas, or other locations where commerce is interrupted by homeless activity. 3) address the drug epidemic that results in a higher homeless population.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Brandon Alsos Safety at school crosswalks. Maybe lightup reflectors when the button is pushed?? and lights down our walking paths.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Geneva Philpot sidewalks downtown are in bad shape</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Dale Reher Curbs and gutter on streets like Hurley between Akers and Shirk</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Brandon Simons Fix the cross section of the train tracks on Akers & Gosher - the track line sits at a good 8 inch slope in comparison to the street level.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Israel Miranda Sidewalks eastside of town on major streets Goshen /Ben Maddox I</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Something to deal w homeless - issue</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Jared Cogolia I think as a community we need to address the growing drug problem in our community. Is there anyway any of these funds could be used to expand, build or bring in more drug treatment/rehab facilities? hat could potentially help lower our homeless population in the City. I don't like the idea of more ADA compliance unless we absolutely need to do it. Visalia already seems to lead the way in that area when compared to other communities around us, at least in the area I drive/live. Park improvements, it's been a while since I've been to them. But the last time I went ants were a real issue. I actually left the event early because I was being bitten by too many ants. But I think Visalia has some nice parks especially when compared to other communities in the Valley. Are there restrictions on how this funding should be spent?</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Amber Jerome Wood Address drug problem in our high schools as well as streets and homeless. Hire more Narca to work school grounds, put 15 undercover on each campus and catch all the drugs, pills marijuana (vapes) and clear out the epidemic in our children's lives! It's become more norm and desensitized and will lead to our future deteriorating and more homelessness as these drugs consequences are lack of motivation for daily living</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Frank Clark We should equip all schools with a huge brass cannon that has a hundred lights lighting it up at night as a sign not to mess with our staff and children. AMERICA</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Clonnda Reynoso Botello Landscape the roundabout on Santa Fe/Houston, traffic light on</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Giddings/Riggin</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Erin Elliott an ADA compliant shelter with a soup kitchen, showers, and laundry. I applaud all of the church-based facilities that are actively assisting our vulnerable population, but too many are being left out because they can't meet the requirements.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Deborah Kaye Moody Shelter for the homeless. Plumbing and we could do something like China does, they have little cubicles to sleep, do you realize how much this would save the city in clean up, alone. People could get a safe nights sleep, keeps them off the street.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Richard Both Deborah Kaye Moody how about get them jobs. "Stashing" the homeless isn't the answer. A YMCA like facility that has all basic needs and REAL job training, rehab, counseling, all in one</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Christopher Cadena Safety and lighting at intersection crossings near schools and senior citizen apts. and facilities i.e. @Giddings/Riggin Intersection near Riverway Elementary. New marked and lighted pedestrian crossing lanes near Locust/Court & Oak Ave. Intersections next to Visalia Public Library and Oak Meadows</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Melissa Parker Brewer Lighting on all walking paths!!!</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>April Treona Lancaster A shelter with facilities is so very needed. In fact - I believe it would improve the quality of our parks by default considering most of them have become encampments for our city's growing homeless population.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Georgina Macias-Leslie Walking paths</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Deasa Lim Safer intersections w/traffic lights at Riggin and County Center, Riggin and N. Mcmurray - children cross these streets to get to and from school and it is dangerous. Riggin has just gotten too congested to not have traffic lights at these intersections. We don't need more accidents or deaths before we decide to do what's necessary. This area is still growing and will only get busier</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Season Johnson Burch 3 way stop at Linwood and Riggin. It's impossible to get out and turn Left in the morning.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Rick Son No Mortgage Homes for Veterans who have passed and left families behind and or severely disabled.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Kris Walker Bruce I think community involvement is key. Thoughts, as those noted above, are a great place to start. Also use resources such as the annual Public Opinion Survey for direction. Another thought, gather the ED's from non-profits in our community. They reach and see so many people, they are vital to this discussion as well. Just my opinion</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Delia Avalos Blinking lights for stop signs on court and Ferguson! So many cars pass up the stop signs and a school is about 5 houses away from 4 way stop... (crowley elementary) my son almost got hit coming from school (heart program) I can be standing in my yard and see cars constantly speeding pass the stop signs without stopping... its so dangerous due to alot of kids walking through to get from the school to the manual Hernandez center!</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Brooke Lea School crosswalk safety, every day I see people blow through a crosswalk that has a crossing guard. The problem is very bad. Most drivers in our town have zero respect for pedestrians or other fellow drivers like homelessness is a rapidly growing problem with encampments, trash, and not to mention the drug issue. There is no real help for the homeless here</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Gabby Chavez Luviano Park improvements I For the kids</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>JoAnn Franco-Malony 1. Lift crosswalk from the east side of KD to the parking garage.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>2. Widen Shirk road to accommodate upcoming apartment traffic.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>3. Clean up the sides of Caldwell...there are weeds, trash and a bad impression of Visalia.</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Erin Elliott an ADA compliant shelter with a soup kitchen, showers, and laundry. I applaud all of the church-based facilities that are actively assisting our vulnerable population, but too many are being left out because they can't meet the requirements</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Ted L Jones Park work</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Ed Smith Upgrading curbs, street markings, especially between each side of overpasses over 198 in Visalia where right now some people are trying to race to get in front in side-by-side lanes merging into one lane. Example: Conyer and West, to name a couple. Road repairs are essential, as well</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Laila Heffner Green Shelter for sure</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Mike Leija Get rid of the road pirates</p>	<p>noted</p>
<p>Tammy Dunehew- Trader Joes</p>	<p>noted</p>

Christopher Cadena Safety and lighting at intersection crossings near schools and senior citizen apts. and facilities i.e. @Giddings/Riggin intersection near Riverway Elementary. New marked and lighted pedestrian crossing lanes near Locust/Court & Oak Ave. Intersections next to Visalia Public Library and Oak Meadows	noted
Aaron Collins Convert the downtown Bank of America block into a public square/zocalo for public gatherings, markets, concerts, etc	noted
Dale Reifer Curb and gutter on streets like Hurley between Akers and Shirk	noted
Mooney Grove Affordable Housing Program: Augusta Communities is requesting funds to support the installation of new modern, high efficiency manufactured homes on vacant home sites in its manufactured housing community located at 26814 S. Mooney Blvd in the city of Visalia for 1) owner-occupied and 2) rental housing for occupancy by low and moderate income households. The cost for new modern, high efficiency homes and related improvements vary by size but cost approximately \$90,000 - \$110,000. Importantly, as compared to older housing stock from traditional housing (single family, apartments and older mobile and manufactured housing) these homes are highly energy efficient resulting in lower total housing cost to the occupant. Augusta Communities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit housing organization created to encourage, preserve, rehabilitate, develop, operate, and maintain decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low and moderate income persons through the acquisition and rehabilitation of manufacturing housing communities. Augusta purchased Mooney Grove manufactured housing community in 2016 with tax exempt financing and the property is encumbered with income and affordability covenants.	noted- response, focus has been on homeless efforts and limited funding for high priorities. Noted comments for review
Mooney Grove comment continued- Priority #1: Mooney Grove Affordable Rental Housing Augusta is setting aside 10% (17) of the home sites in the community for rent-restricted affordable rental housing for low to moderate income households. Rent for the homes would be structured to comply with the project's existing affordability requirements and any particular goals the city of Visalia may want to coverlay. Augusta is requesting funding for this multi-year affordable housing program. The loan would fund the construction and delivery of the new home plus site improvements such as electric pedestal upgrades, carpors, steps and landscaping. Revenue generated from the rent of the homes would be used to repay the loan. The term of the loan would be 20 years at a 2% interest rate. The loan would pay 90% of the cost of the project. The goal is to complete 17 new homes within three years, with 6 installed by year end 2019. This program would be a loan program, not a subsidy or grant program. In typical multi-family housing projects, public contributions of \$400,000 per unit are not uncommon and these are not typically repaid. Our rental housing program is, by far, the most cost effective approach to providing affordable housing to the community.	noted
Mooney Grove comments continued- Priority #2: Mooney Grove Affordable Owner-Occupied Housing There are approximately 12 vacant spaces that are set aside for homes to be sold to people who want to own their own home. Homeownership Program Augusta is requesting that the city establish a revolving loan program to finance the installation of new, modern, high efficiency manufactured homes to offer for sale to households who want to own rather than rent. The loan would fund the construction and delivery of the home, plus site improvements such as electric pedestal upgrades, carpors, steps and landscaping. Net proceeds from the sale of the home will revolve back to fund the next for sale home. This is a multi-year funding request with a goal of installing 3 homes per year. Chattel Loan Very few lenders offer chattel loans for manufactured housing because of banking law regulations. Augusta is requesting that the city consider establishing a chattel loan program for homebuyers who want to purchase a home in non-profit-owned, land-lease manufactured housing communities restricted by affordability covenants. Manufactured home dealerships are interested in bringing homes into our community, but limited chattel financing stalls homeownership in this market. Loan terms should be structured to resemble those offered for traditional home loans.	noted
Posted notice on "Inside City Hall" December 27, 2018 for feedback on Need Survey, Twitter	
Comments	City Response
Don Landers email 12-28-18: Hope you have a happy new year. Maximize available resources by partnering with other agencies, federal, state & non-profit to maximize & yield the best results. I believe the focus should be on improving non-profit resources to manage the homeless housing supply & stock available to that community.	Noted
witter comment: hapdodae@gmail.com 12-15-18: I do not agree that any of this housing should be made available to that community.	noted
izabeith Forns: 1-14-19: I think the unassigned funding should go to public facilities. Im not sure if that	noted
Posted/Published Notices	
Feedback Posting/Publishing in preparation of drafting the plan & amendment	
November 29, 2018; November 30, 2018; December 3, 2018: Sent email blast to all non-profit housing, service providers, health & human services, faith based organizations, education, county, Visalia Rescue Mission, Visalia Emergency Aid, continuum of care members, CSET, Self Help, Habitat for Humanity, CAC, DAC, NVAC, Historic Preservation committees, Park, Engineering Department, police, City depart, County	sent email blast to Contin Plan list, including DAC, CAC, NVAC, Historic Presentation, Housing, Health, Education, and other service providers, faith based organizations, CAC, local, county and regional government and non-profit agencies on November 29, 2018; and November 30, 2018; with the power point presentation and request for feedback; submitting the feedback form by January 15, 2019
December 3, 2018; Placed notice for feedback on City of Visalia's website	December 3, 2018; corrected December 4, 2018; Posted on City of Visalia website
CoC List serve members on December 4, 2018	Reached 316 recipients; Email blast through Continuum of Care on 12-4-18, with the power point presentation and request for feedback; submitting the feedback form by January 15, 2019
CoC website	Posted on the Kings/Tulare County Continuum of Care (Alliance) on December 04, 2018, with the power point presentation and request for feedback; submitting the feedback form by January 15, 2019; reached — people
Hispanic Chamber Newsletter/website posting of the Need Survey	posted January 7, 2019; reaches 2100 people
City of Visalia News Detail posted	posted 12-14-18;
City of Visalia Twitter	posted 12-15-18; account has 3,824 followers
City of Visalia Facebook with Inside City Hall posted	posted December 14, 2018; 9,552 likes and 10,494 followers; 32 comments
City of Visalia eNewsletter (Inside City Hall)	posted 12-27-18; sent to 2,318 email addresses
City of Visalia Staff (Administration, Community Development, Engineering, Parks & Recreation)	Sent email and survey for input

CDBG & HOME

City of Visalia

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Feedback on Visalia's High Priority Needs, commitments, and uncommitted funding available in Preparation of the 2019 Action Plan.
Feedback requested

Staff

Renee Nagel
Finance Director

Rhonda Haynes
Housing Specialist



Paula Maestaz
Housing Assistant

Today's Discussion

- Review Objectives/Outcomes and high priority needs
- Highlight Successful Projects/Programs
- Review & Obtain input on:
 - Proposed 2019 Action Plan activities & Un-programmed funding
- Feedback received to date; and
- Next Steps

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Action Plan Objectives & Outcomes

HUD grants are provided to the City to achieve three National Objectives and meet three National Outcomes.

Objectives:

provide decent housing;
provide suitable living environments
create economic opportunities.

Outcomes:

Improving availability or accessibility of units or services
Improving affordability, not just of housing but also of other services
Improving sustainability by promoting viable communities

With a focus towards low to moderate income families



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Priority Needs identified by the community during the 5 Year planning process:

- Affordable Housing, including homeless
- Public Services, Facilities, Public & Park Improvements
- Neighborhood Preservation
- Economic Development



Met HUD's requirements

According to HUD, priority needs shall benefit low to moderate income persons, households, jobs and areas.

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Successful Projects Highlighted

Successful HOME Projects:

- 36-Unit Multi-Family Constructed (Highland Gardens);
- 5-Unit Multi-Family Project (Strawberry);
- 6 unit Multi-Family acquisition/rehab underway (Encina)
- Assisting 5 TBRA participants
- 5-Homebuyers Assisted

Successful CDBG Projects:

- Public Services Increased:
 - New Case Management Program Assisted 116 people & 132 outreach efforts since inception
 - Point In Time survey/Project Homeless Connect Event –Jan
 - Voucher Program 13 people assisted
- Oval Park, Playground & Traffic Improvements, Jefferson Park & Community Campus Garden underway
- ADA curb cuts, extended walkways along Akers, Houston
- Code Enforcement Cases
- Fair Housing education

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Estimated Annual Grant Resources

(Based on last year's allocation)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOME -• Grant - \$546,879• Estimated Program Income (Paid Loans) \$350k
• Total: \$896,879 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDBG –• Grant - \$1,309,353• Estimated Program Income (Paid Loans) \$75k
• Total: \$1,384,353 |
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Proposed 2019 HOME activities

	Prior balance committed (as of 1-23-19)	2019	Total Balance
		Estimated Budget (July 1, 2019 to HOME)	
Estimated Allocations		\$ 546,879	
Estimated Program Income		\$ 350,000	
Total Estimated Resources:	\$ 1,843,680	\$ 896,879	\$2,740,559
Administration			
o (Home-10% of allocation & PI)	\$191,951	\$89,688	\$281,639
Affordable Housing:			
o First Time Homebuyer Program	\$0	\$0	\$0
o SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab Program (Single Family- new construction, existing) (Self Help)*	\$1,050,000	\$107,191	\$1,157,191
o SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab Program (Multi- Family, new construction, existing) (Self Help)*	\$346,242	\$670,000	\$1,016,242
o Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (Family Services) - Estimated PI included*	\$255,487	\$30,000	\$285,487
Total HOME dollars: (approx)	\$ 1,843,680	\$896,879	\$2,740,559

* Estimated Program Income (PI) 2019 PI; Estimated PI is included, however, is not guaranteed. Under Jan 1, 2019, Interim Rule effective Jan 3, 2019, estimated PI has 24 months and less (as received) to commit toward a specific project. The HOME PI funds (increase or decrease are recommended to be directed toward SHE CHDO- Any amount over \$300K to be directed toward TBRA.

Current 5 Year Plan includes the following HOME activities:

- *Acquisition & Development (New construction Housing); and
- *Acquisition, rehab & resell of Single Family homes; and
- *Acquisition, Rehab & rental of existing Multi-Family (Rental units); and
- New Homebuyer -Down payment assistance; and
- Tenant-based rental assistance (homeless rental housing up to 24 months)

* Project must be owned and developed by a City's certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

**2019 HOME funds may be more or less than referenced. Figures are estimates only, based on previous year award.

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Proposed 2019 CDBG activities

	Prior balance committed (as of 1-23-19)	2019 Estimated Budget (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019)	Total Balance
Estimated Allocations		\$ 1,309,353	
Estimated Program Income		\$ 75,000	
Total Estimated Resources:	\$ 1,792,859	\$ 1,384,353	\$ 3,177,212
Administration			
o (CDBG-20% of allocation & PI)	\$387,006	\$274,871	\$661,876
o Strengthening Neighborhoods (Suitable Living Environment)	\$0	\$0	\$0
o CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Accessibility Program "HRAP" (Owner Occupied)	\$0	\$0	\$0
o Senior Mobile Home Repair Program "SMHRP" (Self Help)	\$81,712	\$0	\$81,712
o Code Enforcement	\$107,284	\$124,000	\$231,284
Public Services (15% cap)***			
o Public Services: Fair Housing Education (Fair Housing Council of Central Ca.)	\$22,500	\$7,500	\$30,000
Homelessness Program Public Services:			
o Voucher Program (Family Services)	\$15,517	\$30,575	\$46,092
o Continuum of Care (Alliance)	\$9,706	\$18,000	\$27,706
o Street Outreach/ Case Management (Family Services)	\$75,314	\$30,000	\$105,314
Non-Housing Community Development:			
Public/Park Infrastructure Improvements (ADA Compliance)			
o Public ADA Improvement/ Compliance* Houston Project AND 28 Ramap- Women Center and Visalia Emergency Area (ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDING TOWARD HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS)	\$875,903	** see below ADA	\$875,903
o Public ADA Improvement/ Compliance (Women Center and Visalia Emergency Area Ramps-Additional funding to full Phases	** See above ADA	\$442,000	\$442,000
o Public or Park Improvements or Public Facilities (TBD)		\$270,575	\$270,575
o Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program "ERAP" (Owner Occupied)	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
****Increase Existing Public Services or Create New Public Service activity - Homeless Needs		\$44,500	\$44,500
o 2019 Estimated PI, upon receipt shall be directed to Public Infrastructure/Facility Improvements, ADA Compliance**	\$20,244	\$22,432	\$42,576
o Low/Mid Park Improvements (funds shall be directed low and CDBG (Bigw parks) - Jefferson Park & Community Campus Lot #4	\$87,573	\$20,000	\$107,573
Total CDBG dollars: (approx)	\$ 1,792,859	\$1,384,353	\$3,177,212
Estimated Program Income (PI) 2019 PI (Estimated PI) included however is not guaranteed. Under the 2019 Homeless Plan, 15% 2019 estimated PI less 24 months or less (as received) to commit to a specific project. **CDBG Estimated PI (increase or decrease) recommended to be directed toward ADA projects, Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities. *** 15 % cap of the grant (includes rollover, no match) to be spent during the year and next year grant funding.			
CDBG Public Service % existing contracts	9%	7%	16%
With Additional Public Service - new or increases		10%	19%



Current 5 Year Plan includes the following CDBG activities:

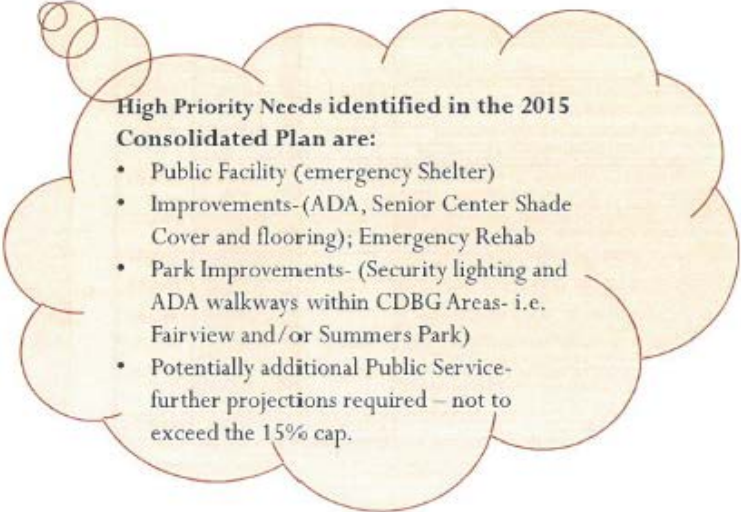
- Affordable Housing/Suitable Living--Owner occupied:
 - Emergency Repairs
 - Senior Mobile Home Repairs
 - Code Enforcement
 - Public Services:
 - Fair Housing, Homeless Voucher Program, COC, Homeless Case Management;
 - Public Facilities
 - Park Improvements
 - Economic Development
- This CDBG Table represents programs with commitments plus estimated 2019 funding. **2019 funds may be more or less than 2018 allocation.

Approx. \$900k Uncommitted of 2019 CDBG funds

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Council Input!

- **Un-programmed 2019 CDBG:** Approximately \$900,000 of the estimated 2019 Action Plan CDBG funding is not committed to an existing project or program.



High Priority Needs identified in the 2015 Consolidated Plan are:

- Public Facility (emergency Shelter)
- Improvements-(ADA, Senior Center Shade Cover and flooring); Emergency Rehab
- Park Improvements- (Security lighting and ADA walkways within CDBG Areas- i.e. Fairview and/or Summers Park)
- Potentially additional Public Service- further projections required – not to exceed the 15% cap.

Feedback Received to date: 1-31-19

- **Homeless Housing & Homeless Services**
 - Emergency Shelter; Partnerships with health agencies, short term care homes and services at risk, including youth; Family Services requested increase to current Public Services, United Way noted funding for services and vouchers
- **ADA Compliance Public Improvements**
 - Curb cuts, sidewalk accessibility on and around heavily utilized streets, near schools, parks, neighborhoods (i.e. Houston, Divisadero, Giddings, Oak Park, etc.)
- **Park Improvements**
 - Funding toward ADA and security lighting in eligible parks. (River Park, Fairview & Summers Park)
- **Other Public Improvements**
 - Street lighting at Manual Hernandez; Senior Center Shade Cover and flooring, and Flashing Crosswalk near Houston School
- **Affordable Housing**
 - Infill lots (single and multi family) in partnership with SHE and Habitat; Emergency Repairs on owner occupied homes
- **Other**
 - Relocation assistance for vulnerable displaced tenants; Mooney Grove Mobile Home Park requested new revolving loan program to finance new units for rent & ownership

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Requirements to consider

- **HOME Funds:**
 - Must be toward affordable housing development, first time homebuyer or Tenant Based Rental Assistance.
 - 15% minimum- mandatory toward a certified CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization)- Self Help meets all HUD's requirements
 - Deadlines to commit (2 yrs) Spend (5 Yrs) and Project Specific timelines (12 months begin project and 4 Years completion)
- **CDBG Fund Requirements:**
 - Maximum 15% Public Service Cap:
 - Currently at 9% with current obligations
 - 2019 Funds would be approximately 10%
 - Must watch all outstanding obligations and expenditures within a 1 year period – not to exceed 15%
 - Maximum Ratio of Available CDBG dollars 1.15 ratio (115% of the grant allocation remaining unspent by March- April each year) i.e. \$1,309,000x 1.15 = \$1.5 million. If over- HUD will not provide next year funding
- **CDBG Project Requirements:**
 - All projects must benefit (and document) low income persons, households, jobs or area (including service areas, primarily residential).
 - All development projects (including rehabilitation) require underwriting of the project. This generally means that all funding sources are in place to acquire, develop and operate (if applicable).
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Steps

We are here!

1. Public Input (Dec- Jan 18th)
2. **Today:** Obtain Direction from Council
3. Prepare and Publish Plan -30 days
 - Public comment: February 21, 2019– March 22, 2019
 - Return to Committees: CAC (March 6th), DAC (March 11th) and NVNAC (March 14th),
4. Return to City Council for final approval (Public Hearing) April 15, 2019
5. Submit to HUD

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Thank you. Questions?

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Attachment “B-1”; Public Hearing Notice VTD Legal & Weekly- English

CITY OF VISALIA | Public Notice for City 2019 Proposed Action Plan Public Comment (February 21, 2019- March 22, 2019).

The City of Visalia receives federal funds to invest in improving its community. The City of Visalia is seeking comments on the Proposed 2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan estimated Funding and Activities identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) priority needs listed below.



5-Year Priority Needs: Based on the Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, and community outreach conducted in mid-2015, the 2015-2019 ConPlan efforts resulted in the following goals, representing high priority needs approved by City Council and HUD. They serve as the basis for the strategic actions the City will continue to take for the use of Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding:

- 1) Creation and preservation of decent affordable housing
- 2) Provide a suitable living environment
- 3) Promote economic opportunity
- 4) Provide program administration, planning, and management

Proposed 2019 Action Plan activities: In FY 2019, Visalia will fund activities in furtherance of the objectives and priorities identified in the Strategic Plan with the outcome of improving availability, accessibility, affordability and sustainability through activities which benefit low, moderate income persons and areas in the community. The activities for the 2019 FY will support at least one objective and one outcome and is consistent with the 5-Yr ConPlan proposed activities.

CDBG funds estimated at \$1.3 Mil. and \$75k program income (PI) are planned toward high priorities public & park improvements, facilities, ADA, public services, such as fair housing, voucher case management program, case management/street outreach, code enforcement, housing emergency repair activities. HOME funds estimated at \$547k and estimated (PI) at \$350k would generally be used for multifamily new construction, scattered site acquisition/rehab of existing rental and ownership properties through the City’s certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), down payment assistance and tenant-based rental assistance, If additional PI is available after providing the funds to SHE CHDO and/or TBRA.

The 2019 grant awards may be more or less than last years’ figures. This is an estimated-range, which the difference will be, reflected within the HOME SHE CHDO, TBRA activities and CDBG reflected within Public and/or Park improvements ADA.

<p>Citizens Advisory Committee City Admin Bldg 220 N Santa Fe, Visalia, CA 93291 March 06, 2019 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Disability Committee City Admin Bldg 220 N. Sante Fe Visalia, CA 93292 March 11, 2019 5:00 pm</p>
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I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 21 day of February, 2019 in Visalia, California.




Declarant

Order # 0003389490
of Affidavits: 7

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CUIDAD DE VISALIA | Aviso Público para el Plan de Acción propuesto de la Ciudad 2019



CUIDAD DE VISALIA | Aviso Público para el Plan de Acción propuesto de la Ciudad 2019

Buscamos la reacción del público (el 21 de Febrero 2019 al 22 de Marzo 2019) para invertir en mejorando su comunidad. La ciudad de Visalia está buscando comentarios sobre el Plan de Acción 2019 CDBG / HOME 5-Años de necesidades prioritarias de financiación y las actividades identificadas en el Plan de Cooperación 2015-2019 consolidado (ConPlan).

5-Años de necesidades prioritarias: Basado en la evaluación de necesidades, análisis del mercado y alcance comunitario realizado a mediados-2015, los esfuerzos del Plan Consolidado de 2015-2019 resultaron en los siguientes cuatro objetivos, que representan necesidades de alta prioridad aprobados por el Consejo Municipal y HUD, que sirve como base para las acciones estratégicas que la ciudad seguirá adoptando para usar los programas comunitarios (CDBG) para el Desarrollo Comunitario (HOME) Inversión de financiamiento:

- 1) Creación y preservación de viviendas decentes y asequibles
- 2) Proporcionar un ambiente de vida adecuada
- 3) Promover oportunidades económicas
- 4) Proporcionar administración del programa, planificación y gestión

Propuestas de actividades del Plan de Acción 2019: En el año fiscal 2019, Visalia financiará actividades en cumplimiento de los objetivos y prioridades identificados en el Plan Estratégico con el resultado de mejorar la disponibilidad, accesibilidad, asequibilidad y sostenibilidad a través de actividades que benefician a la comunidad. Las actividades para el año fiscal 2019 apoyarán al menos un objetivo y un resultado y son consistentes con las actividades propuestas de 5 años de ConPlan.

El Plan de Acción de Visalia 2019, los fondos CDBG estimados en \$ 1.3 millones y los ingresos programados (PI) estimados en \$75 Mil se planifican para mejoras públicas y parques de alta prioridad, ADA, servicios públicos, como vivienda equitativa, programa de vales/gestión de casos, (PI) en \$350 Mil generalmente se usarán para nuevas construcciones multifamiliares, adquisición / rehabilitación de sitios dispersos de propiedades de alquiler y propiedad existentes a través de la Organización de Desarrollo de Vivienda Comunitaria (CHDO) certificada por la Ciudad. Asistencia para el pago inicial de alquiler basada en el inquilino, si hay PI adicional disponible después de proporcionar los fondos a SHE o CHDO.

La concesión de la beca 2019 puede ser más o menos que las cifras del año pasado. Este es un rango estimado, que será la diferencia, reflejado dentro de las actividades de HOME, SHE, CHDO y CDBG reflejado dentro de las mejoras de ADA Pública y / o del Parque.

Período de comentarios y próximas reuniones de la comunidad y del Concejo Municipal:
 La ciudad de Visalia recibirá comentarios sobre el plan de acción desde el 21 de febrero de 2019 hasta el 22 de marzo de 2019.

El personal le invita a asistir a una de las reuniones de la comunidad, la sesión de trabajo del consejo. Si no puede asistir, puede enviar sus comentarios por escrito a Rhonda.haynes@visalia.city

Comité Asesor de Ciudadanos
 City Admin Bldg
 220 N. Santa Fe St.
 Visalia, CA. 93291
 Marzo 06, 2019
 5:30 pm

Comité Asesor de Vecindarios de Norte Visalia
 Wittman Village
 Community Center
 315 Pearl Street
 Visalia CA 93277
 Marzo 14, 2019
 5:30 pm

Comité de Advocación para Deshabilitados
 City Admin Bldg
 220 N. Santa Fe St.
 Visalia, CA. 93292
 Marzo 11, 2019
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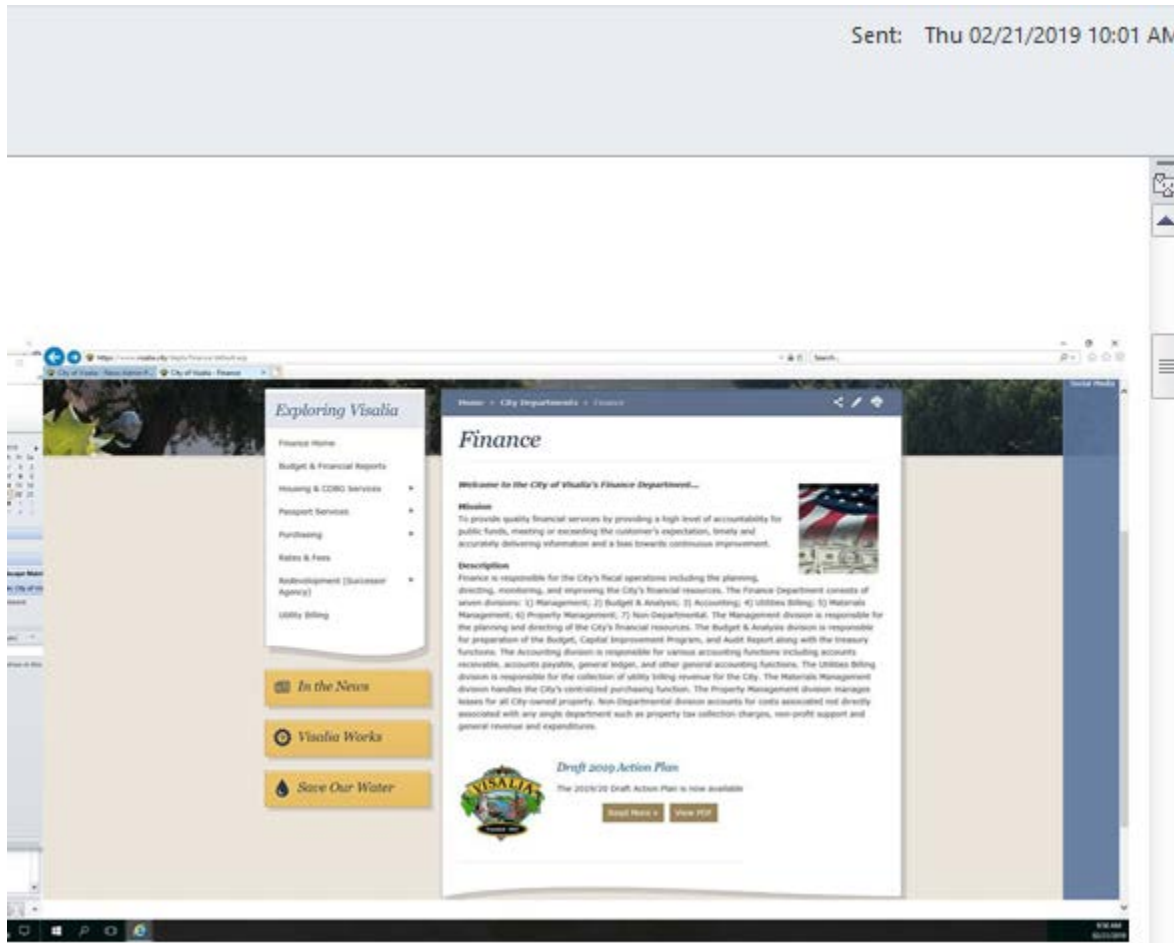
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Audiencia Pública del Concejo Municipal Final Plan de acción de 2019
 City Hall Council Chambers
 707 West Acequia
 Visalia, CA. 93291
 Abril 16, 2019
 7:00 pm

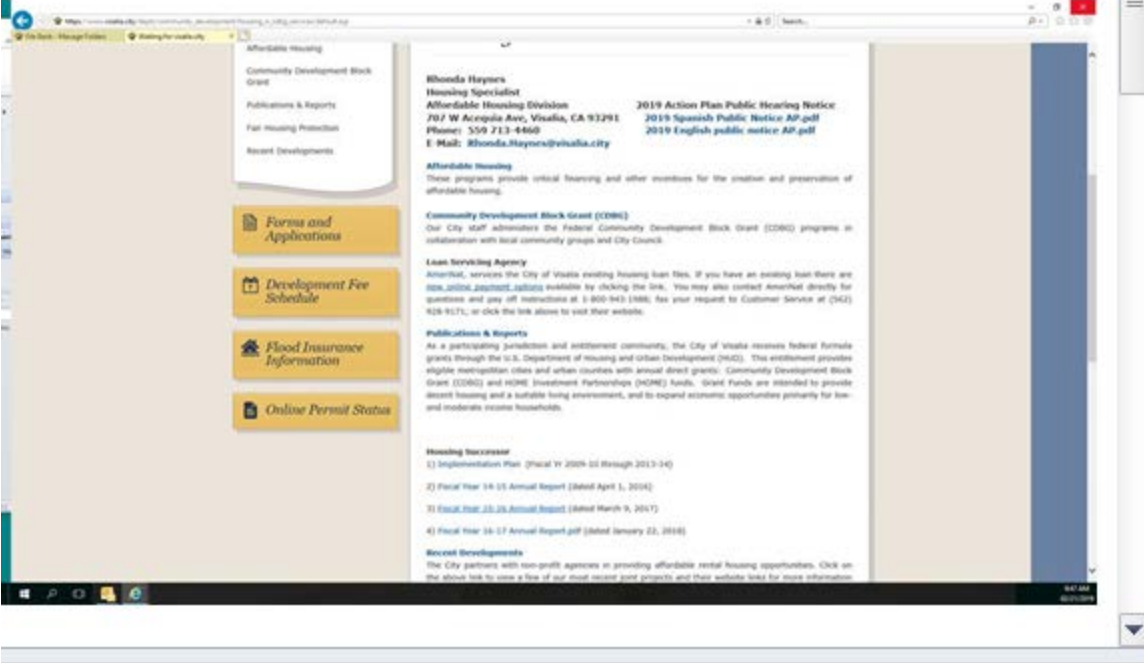
La Audiencia Pública para el Plan de Acción se llevará a cabo el 15 de Abril 2019.
 Información será disponible en formatos alternativos, por petición a: Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist: Rhonda.haynes@visalia.city o (559) 713-4460. Peticiones o modificaciones relacionadas con discapacidad o para facilitar participación, incluso peticiones de recursos auxiliares, servicios o intérpretes, requieren tiempo hasta cinco (5) días laborales. Por favor proporcione aviso por adelantado para asegurar disponibilidad. Aparatos Auditivos son disponibles por petición.

Attachment "B-3"; Public Hearing Notice City Website – Newsletter, Twitter, Inside City Hall

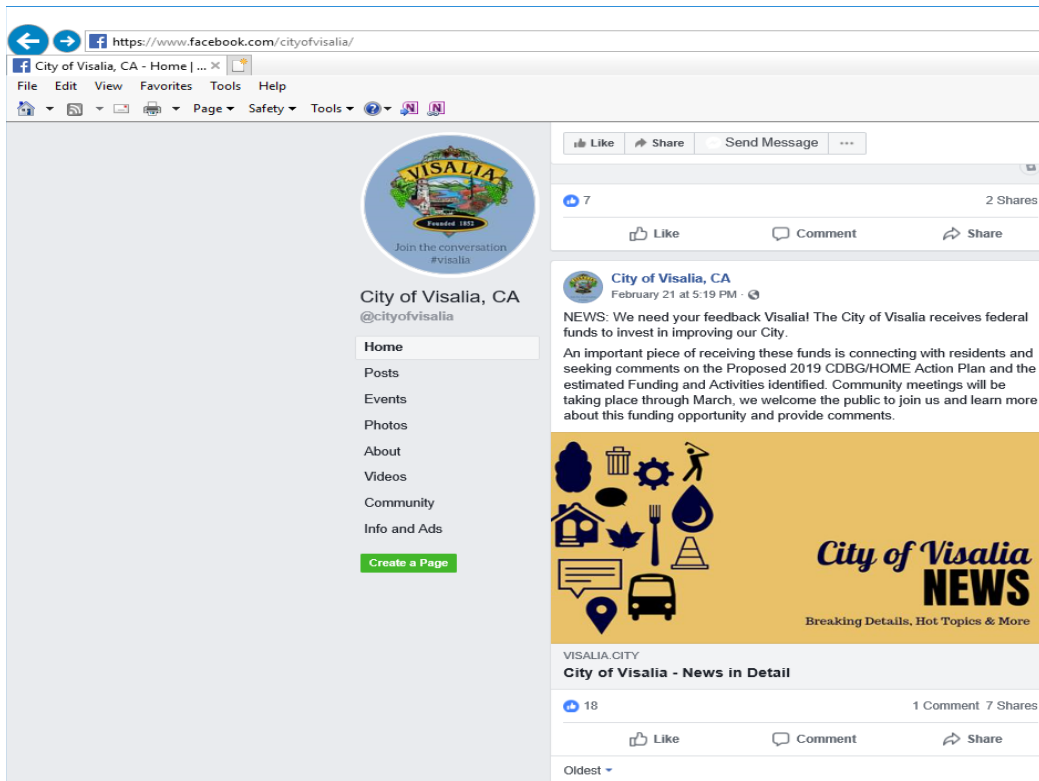
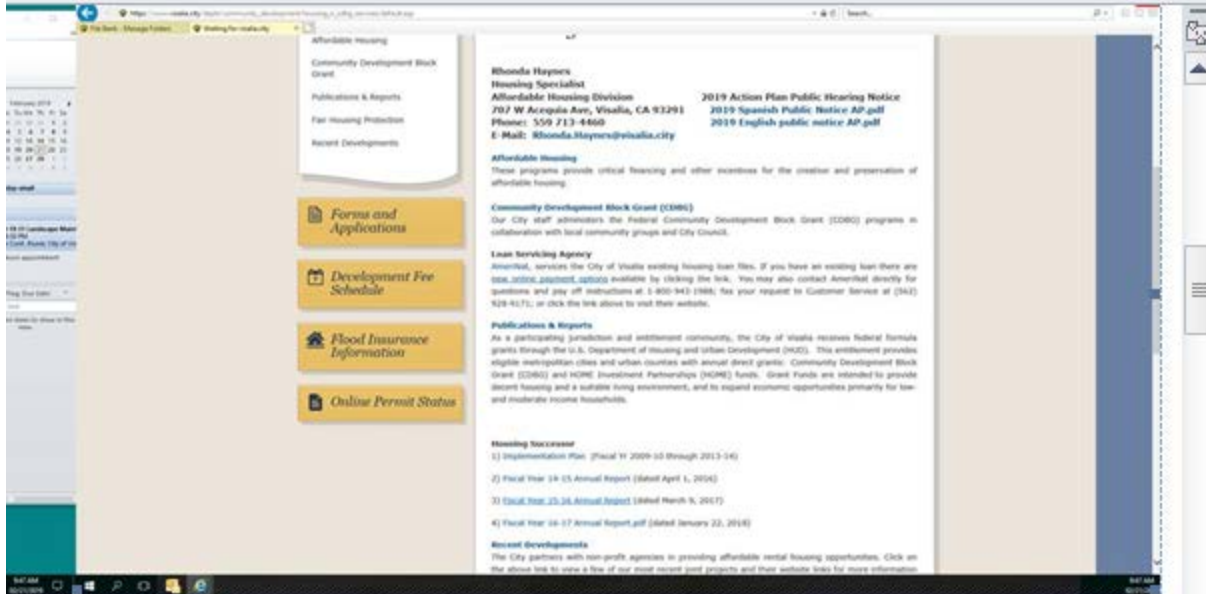
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Read the News item on the City website here:
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VISALIATIMESDELTA.COM
Pancakes and Visalia firefighters...what else could you ask for?

City of Visalia @CityofVisalia · Feb 21
NEWS: We receive federal funds to invest in improving our City, but an important piece of receiving these funds is connecting with residents and seeking comments on the Proposed 2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan. Can you help?
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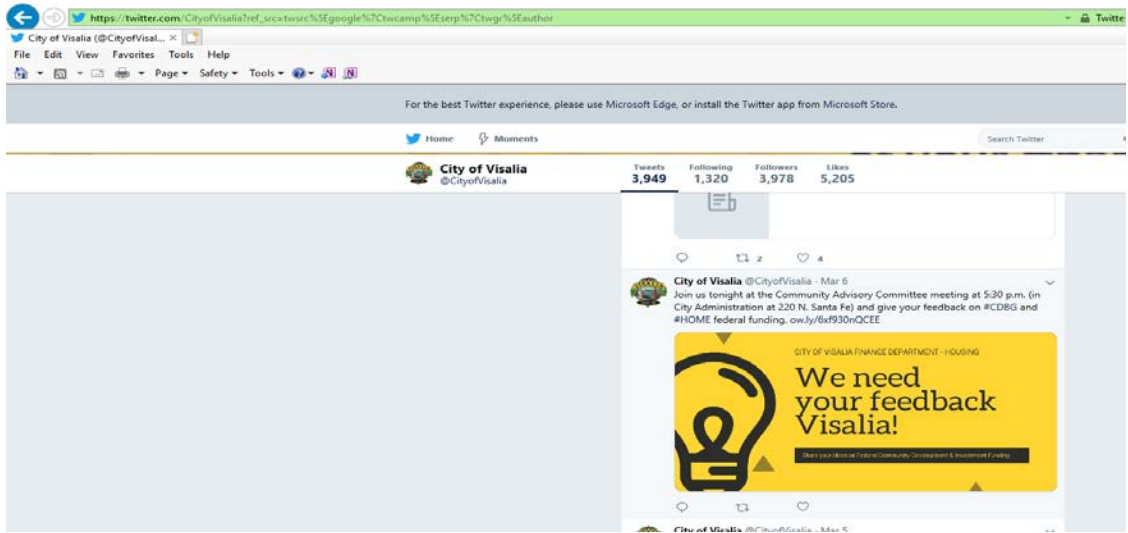
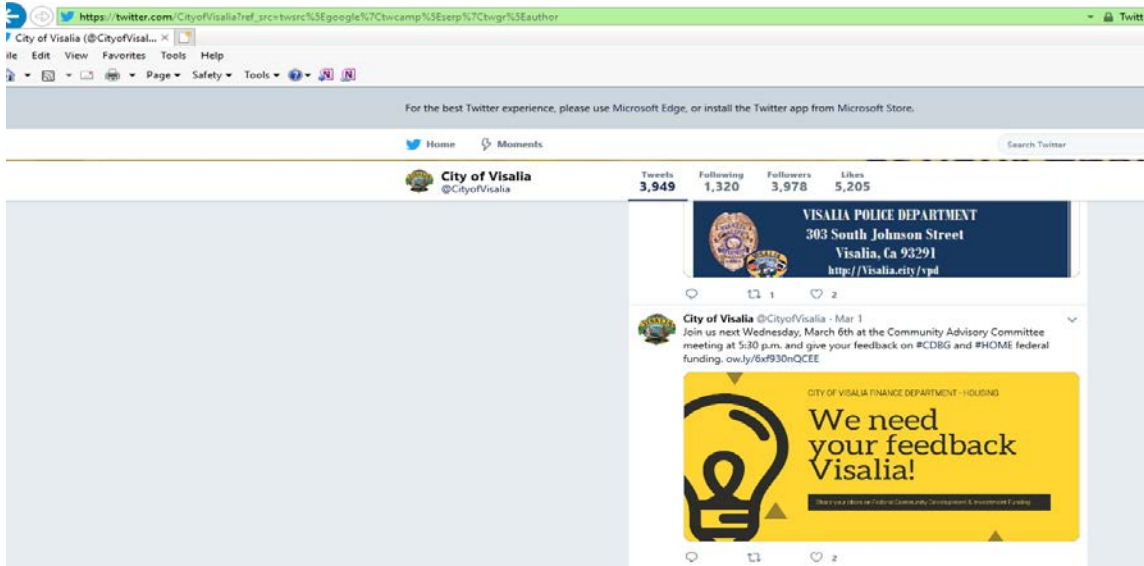
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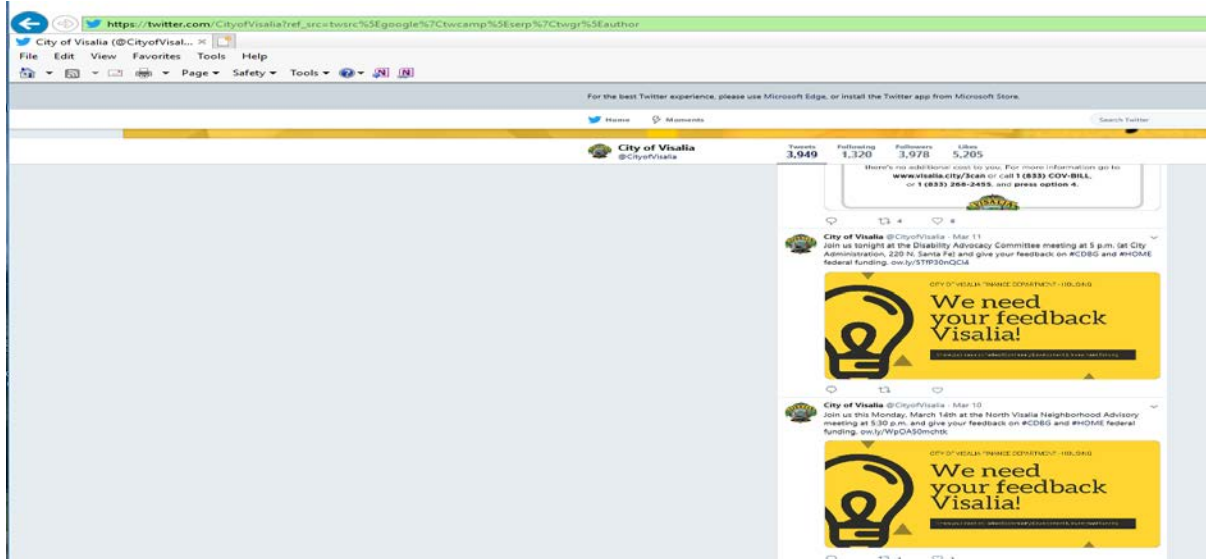
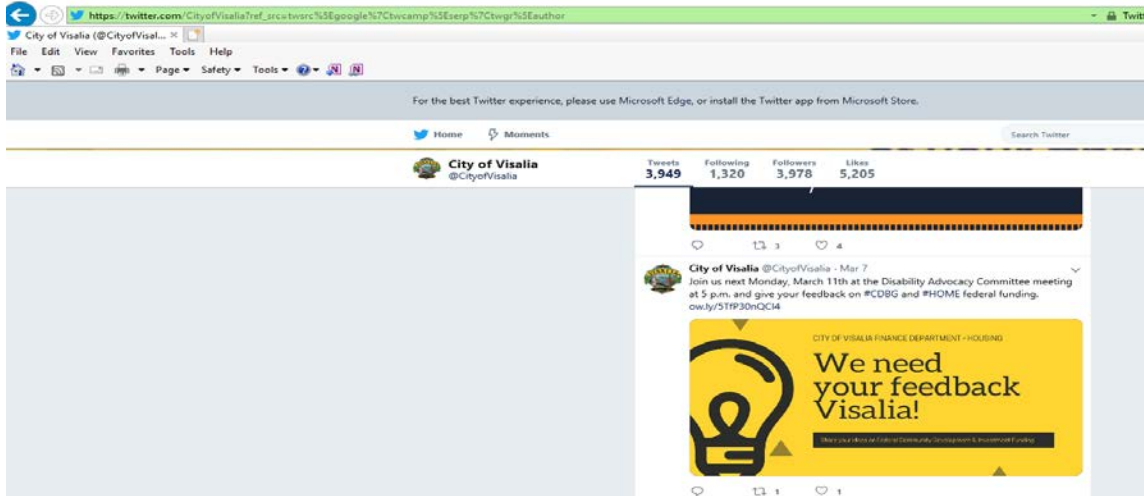
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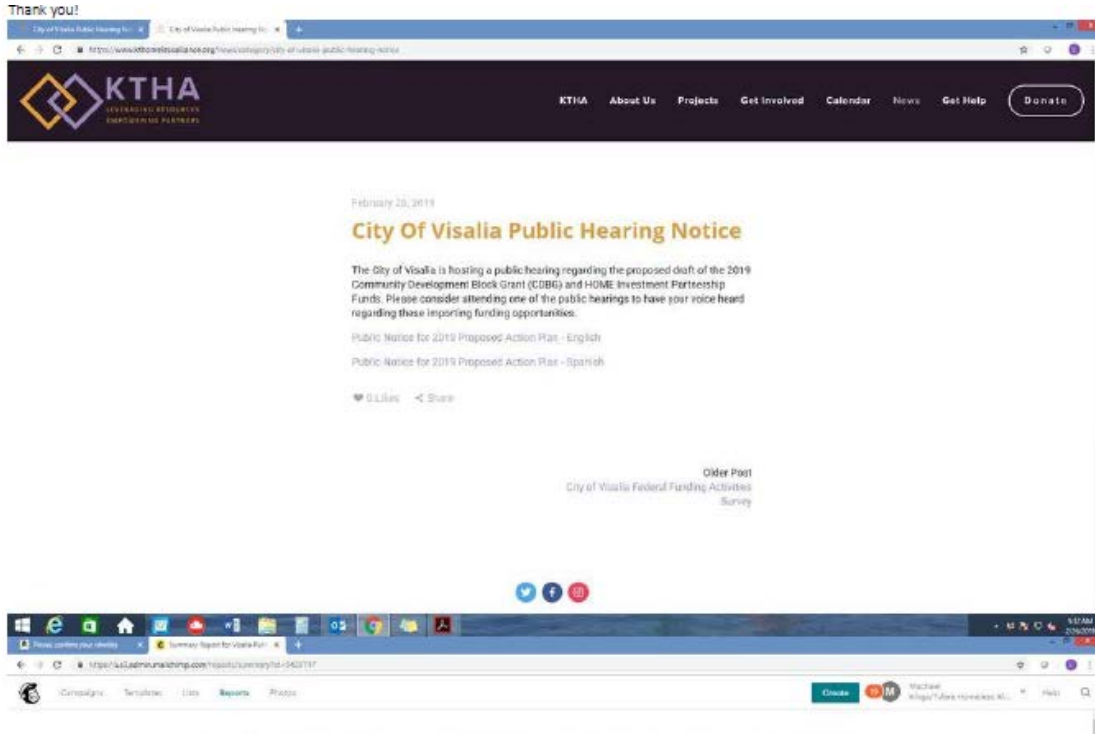


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Attachment “B-4”; Public Hearing Notice Continuum of Care Posting on Site, List serve, tweeted and CoC Facebook



From: [Laura Fisher](#)
To: [Rhonda Haynes](#)
Cc: [Michael Smith](#)
Subject: RE: City of Visalia Public Hearing Notice Proposed Draft-2019 Action Plan
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2019 11:40:36 AM

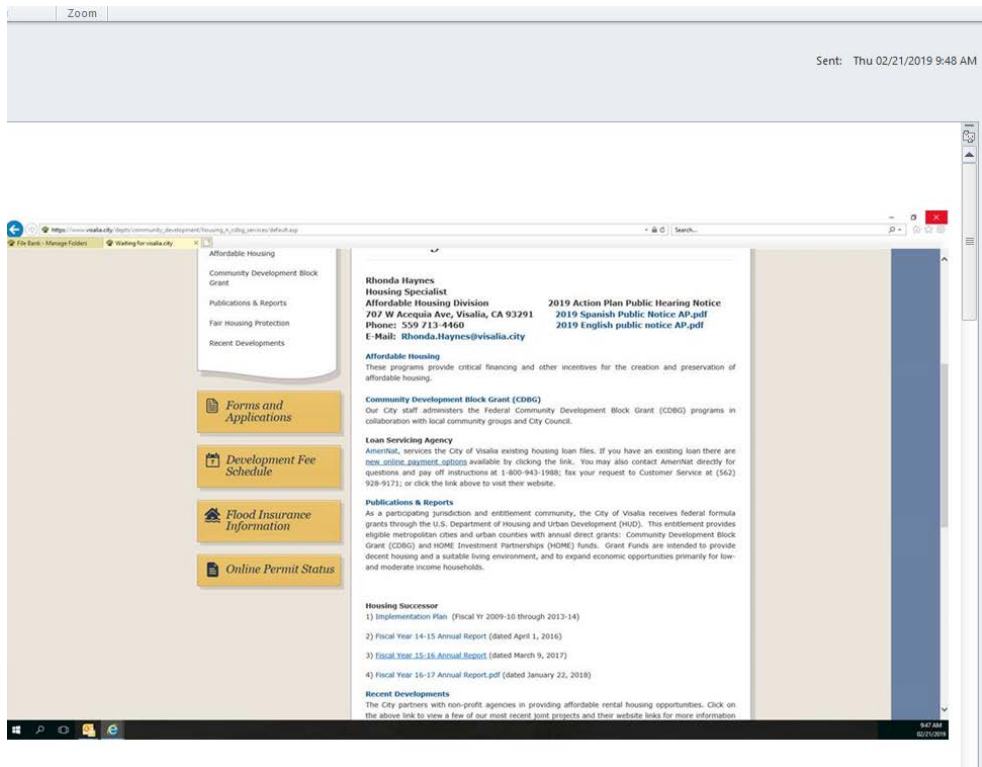
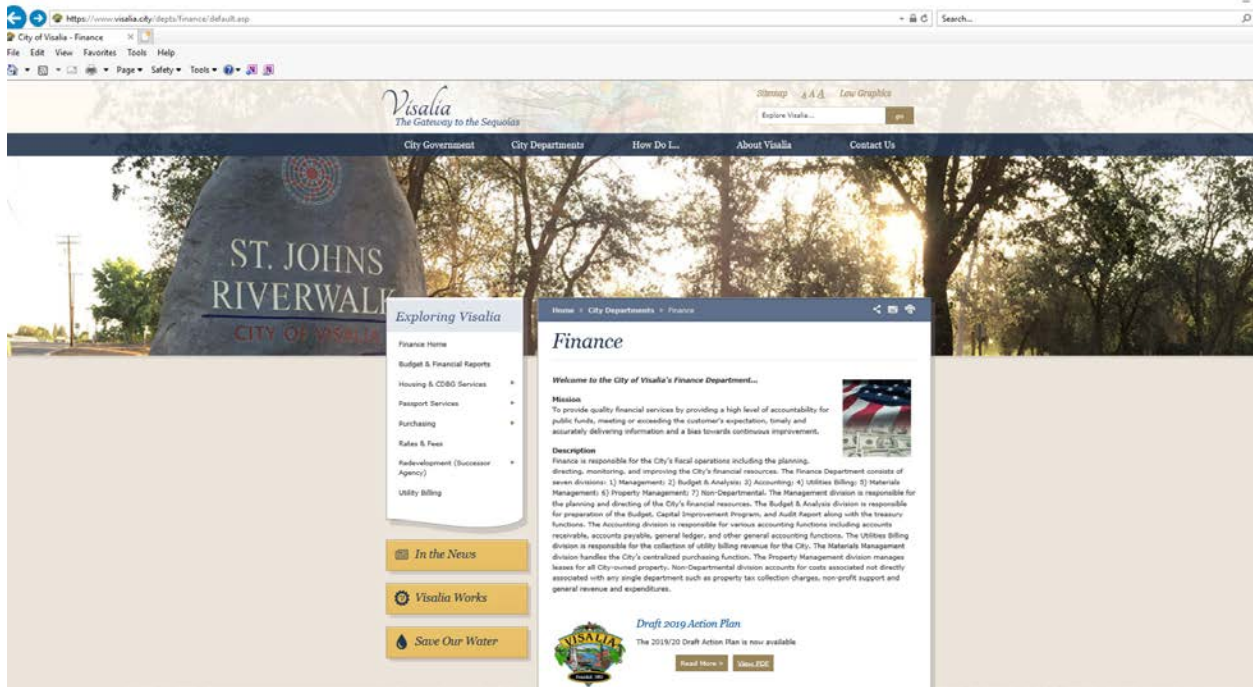
Hi Rhonda,
Please let me know if you need anything additional from me.
Thank you!



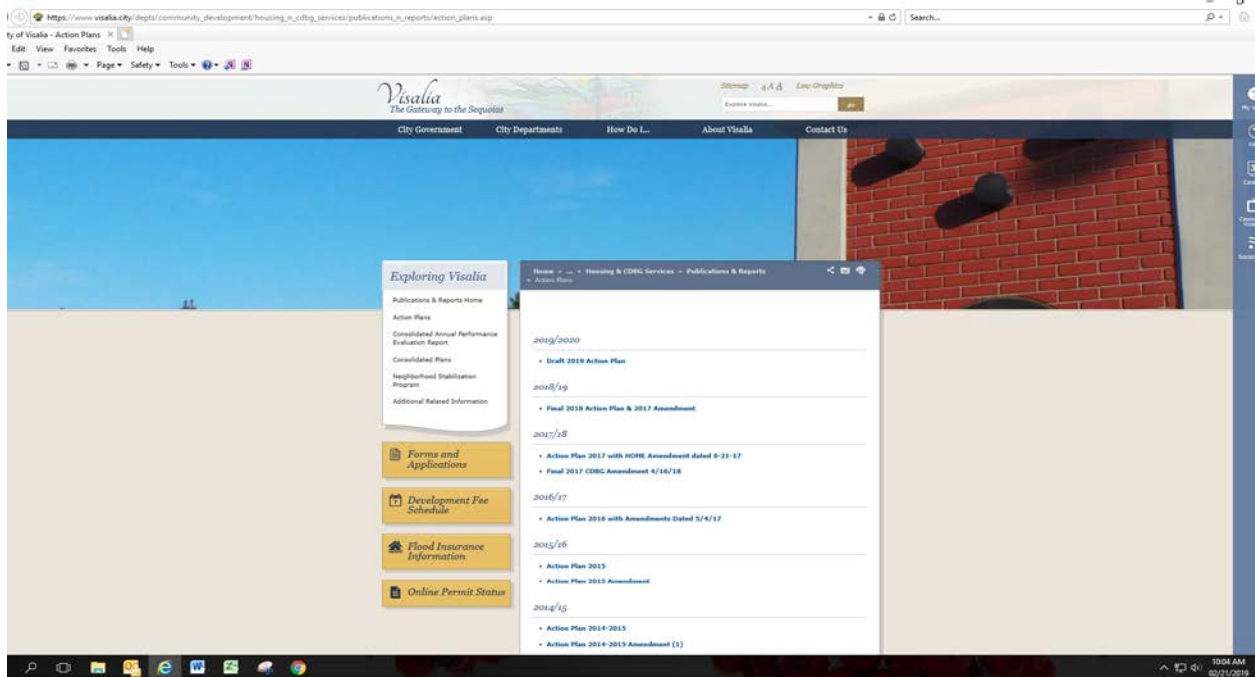
From: Michael Smith <msmith@kthomelessnessalliance.org>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2019 9:01 PM
To: Laura Fisher <lfisher@kthomelessnessalliance.org>
Cc: Rhonda Haynes (Rhonda.Haynes@visalia.city) <Rhonda.Haynes@visalia.city>
Subject: FW: City of Visalia Public Hearing Notice Proposed Draft-2019 Action Plan
Hi Laura-

Please send out via list serv and post on our website. Rhonda is also requesting documentation of the postings for her records (see below).

Attachment “C”; Publishing of the 2019 Action Plan on City website



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Attachment "D"; affidavit of Posting Notices of the 2019 Action Plan

**Affidavit of delivery of a copy of the Public Hearing Notice for
the 2019 Proposed Action Plan to:**

Locations:

City of Visalia City Hall West, 707 W Acequia Ave (x2)

US Post Office, 111 W Acequia Ave

Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber, 119 S Church St

City of Visalia City Hall East, 315 E Acequia Ave

Habitat for Humanity, 637 S. Lovers Lane

City of Visalia City Admin, 220 N Santa Fe

City of Visalia Transit Division, 425 E Oak Ave

CSET 312 NW 3rd Ave

Continuum of Care, 1900 N Dinuba Blvd, Ste G

Visalia Public Library, 200 W Oak Ave

Family Services Supportive Housing, 307 W Murray Ave

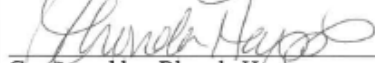
Self Help Enterprises, 8445 W Elowin Ct

Employment Connection, 4025 W Noble Ave

I solemnly swear under penalty of perjury that on February 21, 2019, I personally delivered a Public hearing notice to the locations referenced above.


Paula Maestaz

2-21-19
Date


Confirmed by: Rhonda Haynes

2-21-19
Date

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Locations:

City of Visalia City Hall West, 707 E Acequia Ave

City of Visalia City Hall East, 315 E Acequia Ave

City of Visalia City Admin, 220 N Santa Fe

Visalia Public Library, 200 W Oak Ave

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2-21-19

Date



Confirmed by: Rhonda Haynes

2-21-19

Date

Attachment “E”; Citizens Advisory Committee Agenda to review 2019 Action Plan

CAC Working Agreements

- ❖ Start/End on time
- ❖ Be committed to CAC and subcommittees
- ❖ Listen to one person at a time
- ❖ Volunteer time liberally- be available and participate in events
- ❖ Agree to disagree- Respect others
- ❖ Follow through on commitments
- ❖ Express your opinions- Seek balanced input
- ❖ Enjoy our time together!

Voting Members

Beatie, Mary
 Calhoun, Carla
 Eiben, Joe
 Fauvor, Dianna
 Hernandez, Lucy
 Mirwald, Phil
 Monroe, Suzanne
 Rosales, Joel
 Reed, Joel
 Ruiz, Frank
 Sheffield, Lois

Alternate Members

Johnson, Robert
 Vacant

City of Visalia Citizens Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting
 Wednesday, March 6, 2019
 5:30 p.m.
 220 N. Santa Fe, Visalia CA
 AGENDA

- 5:30 p.m. Welcome and public comment
This is the time set aside for the Committee to receive public comment on issues which are not already included on the agenda. Public comment regarding items on the agenda may be open to public comment prior to the committee's discussion of the agenda item and before any action is taken on the agenda item. Members ask that comments are kept brief and positive. In fairness to all who wish to speak, each speaker will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name and the street you live on.
- 5:35 p.m. Approval of February 6, 2019 minutes
- 5:40 p.m. Review of proposed 2019 Annual Action Plan (CDBG and HOME estimated funding)
(Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist will present the above-referenced items for the committee's review, comments and recommendations to the City Council)
- 6:10 p.m. Public Opinion Survey
(Finalization of planning items for this year's survey and review of initial data from Online Survey.)
- 6:25 p.m. Non-profit Grant Program
(Committee discussion regarding program elements, appointment of new committee members and continued discussion regarding Council interaction regarding making changes to the program.)
- 6:55 p.m. Identification of Items for Future Agendas
- Next Meeting: April 3, 2019

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Attachment “F”; Disability Advocacy Committee Agenda to review 2019 Action Plan

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City of Visalia Disability Advocacy Committee Agenda



For the regular meeting of:
Monday, March 11, 2019
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Administration, Conference Room
220 N Santa Fe St, Visalia CA

Chair:	Alvin Martin	Member:	Deidra Nelson
Co-Chair:	Brittney Deming	Member:	Vacant
Member:	Jay Anderson	Alternate:	Vacant
Member:	Jamie Gonzalez	Alternate:	Vacant
Member:	George Curtis		

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Introductions & Welcome
3. **Public Comment or Written Communication.**
At this time, those in the audience are encouraged to address the Committee on any item not already included on tonight's agenda. The Committee cannot legally act on a matter that is not on the agenda. However, the Committee can investigate an issue and respond within a reasonable period of time. Speakers will be limited to a 5 minute presentation unless granted additional time by the Committee Chairperson.
4. Approval of December February 11, 2019 Minutes
5. Review Proposed 2019 Action Plan CDBG and HOME Activities
6. Adjourn

Any written materials relating to an item on this agenda submitted to the Disability Advocacy Committee/Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Office, 315 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291, during normal business hours.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2019

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Attachment "G"; North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee Agenda to review 2019 Action Plan

North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Thursday March 14, 2019
5:30 PM
Wittman Village Community Center
315 Pearl St.
Visalia, California

AGENDA

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2019

Citizen's Requests

The North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee requests that a 3 minute time limit be observed for requests. Please note that issues raised under Citizen's Requests are informal only and the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee will not take action at this time.

Discussion

Juan Guerrero
-Oval Park update

Rhonda Haynes
-2019 Proposed Action Plan

Lt. Abbott
-Admin Business
-Committee update

Discussion/Action

N/A

Economic Update

Lt. Abbott

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Attachment "H"; City Council Public Hearing Regular Item- April 15, 2019 Agenda & Staff Report to review 2019 Action Plan

Visalia City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Mayor	Bob Link
Vice Mayor	Steve Nelsen
Council Member	Greg Collins
Council Member	Phil Cox
Council Member	Brian Poochigian



Monday, April 15, 2019

City Hall Council Chambers
707 W. Acequia

WORK SESSION 4:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION 6:00 PM (Or immediately following Work Session)

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 PM

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Issac Carrillo, Convention Center Crew Leader
Cory Van Noort, Convention Center Maintenance Service Worker
Judith Vigil, Convention Center Accounting Technician

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. Public comment will be taken on each item listed on the work session agenda at the time it is considered by the City Council. The Council asks that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes, please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

2. Discussion and potential action regarding the implementation of a phased squad vehicle based emergency medical response program, with Paramedic staffing, within the Visalia Fire Department in compliance with the provisions of voter-approved Measure N. This proposal as presented requires a Plan Amendment to Measure N.
3. Receive a staff presentation on the Santa Fe Street at Tulare Avenue Roundabout and provide direction regarding the project construction staging and the landscaping of the center of the roundabout.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session will commence immediately following Work Session. See separate Closed Session agenda for details.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Lester Moon - Hands in the Community

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

ITEMS OF INTEREST

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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This is also the time for citizens to comment on items listed on the Consent Calendar or to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes. Public comments related to all pulled Consent Calendar Items, and all Regular or Public Hearing Items that are listed on this agenda will be heard at the time that item is discussed or at a time the Public Hearing is opened for comment.

In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker will be allowed three minutes. Timing lights mounted next to the lectern will notify you with a flashing red light when your time has expired. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes, please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

1. Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-19, a resolution approving the engineer's reports and confirming the diagrams and assessments in support of amending and increasing the annual assessments for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District Nos. 88-02, 89-07, 91-02, and 91-07; and, adopt Resolution No. 2019-20, a resolution of intention to amend the districts and increase the annual assessments for fiscal year 2019-2020.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-21 to identify a road rehabilitation project for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) 2019/20 funding from the State of California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill SB1).

4. Authorization to extend the agreements between the City of Visalia and Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC); through December 31, 2020; and appropriate \$45,000 in Housing Successor matching funds for continued supportive and case management services to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.
5. Authorize the City Manager to 1.) Award the construction contract for the Community Garden & Village Park Improvements Project to Sierra Range Construction of Visalia, CA in the amount of \$339,213.94; and 2.) Authorize change order No. 1, reducing the amount of the contract by -\$268,205.97; and 3.) Authorize the use of \$50,000.00 of 2016 CDBG funds towards the Community Garden project; and 4.) Award any of the remaining bid items to the selected Contractor within the overall approved project budget (as available); and 5.) Appropriate \$21,500.00 from the General Fund to CIP 0268 to cover City staff time not covered by the project grants (HRPP & CDBG). (CIP: 1010-72000/CP0268-999 & 6110-72000/CP0269-999).
6. Authorize the City Manager to award the construction contract for Battery Backup System Project (RFB 18-19-32) to A-C electric Company, Inc. of Visalia, CA in the amount of \$114,120.00 (Project Number 2370-72000/CP0226-999) to provide temporary backup electrical power to designated signalized intersections.
7. Authorize the City Manager to award the construction contract for the Green Acres Middle School Crosswalk Enhancement Project to JT2 Inc., (DBA Todd Companies) of Visalia, CA in the amount of \$165,582.96; and appropriate \$89,008.96 from Measure R funds to CIP 0202. (CIP: 3010-72000/CP0202-999)
8. Authorize the City Manager to award the professional design services contract to Peters Engineering Group for the design of the traffic signal and related civil improvements at the intersections of County Center Street at Riggin Avenue and Giddings Street at Riggin Avenue in the amount of \$95,960.00 (Project Number 3010-72000/CP0038-999) and appropriate \$140,000.00 from the Measure R Local (131) fund.
9. Discussion and potential action regarding various Council-appointed advisory committees and commissions including discontinuing/consolidating Waterways and Trails and Transit Advisory Committees; discontinuing the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and reducing the number of committee member positions on the Disability Advisory Committee and Environmental Committee.
10. Receive and review the final report of the 2019 Strategic Planning Workshop held on February 22, 2019, prepared by Facilitator Stan Carrizosa. Adopt the report as the official minutes, provide direction to staff if necessary, or revise the report as directed by Council.

11. Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-03 approving Change of Zone 2019-01, to change the zoning from R-M-2 (Multi-Family Residential, 3,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size) to C-MU (Mixed Use Commercial) for two parcels totaling 1.05 acres, located at 3111 and 3161 E. Noble Avenue (APN: 101-044-001, 008).

REGULAR ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Comments related to regular Items and Public Hearing Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

12. Public Hearing to approve and adopt the 2019 Action Plan for U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Fund (HOME) activities, approve a minor amendment to prior year Action Plan appropriations, and approve the rollover of prior year Action Plan balances with no changes at the end of fiscal year 2018-19.
13. Public hearing and consideration of the following actions related to Annexation No. 2019-01 for the K Road County Island, generally located on the north and south sides of K Road, between Santa Fe Street and Ben Maddox Way.
14. Informational Only: The discussion regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy program (PACE) in the City of Visalia will be heard on Monday, May 6, 2019.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings

- City Council Closed Session, Monday, May 06, 2019
- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, May 06, 2019
- City Council Joint - Planning Commission, Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: 4/15/2019

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 12.

Agenda Item Wording: Public Hearing to approve and adopt the 2019 Action Plan for U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Fund (HOME) activities, approve a minor amendment to prior year Action Plan appropriations, and approve the rollover of prior year Action Plan balances with no changes at the end of fiscal year 2018-19.

Deadline for Action: 4/15/2019

Submitting Department: Finance

Contact Name and Phone Number:

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Department Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council:

1. Receive a presentation of the Proposed 2019-20 Action Plan, and
2. Conduct a Public Hearing, allowing a final opportunity for citizen input and advise on the proposed 2019-20 Action Plan as presented, and
3. Adopt and Appropriate the 2019-20 Action Plan, choosing from the funding options presented and discussed, including a minor amendment to prior year Action Plan appropriations, and
4. Authorize the carryover of prior year HOME and CDBG remaining Action Plan project and program balances at fiscal year-end (6/30/2019), including all off-setting revenue, and
5. Authorize the City Manager to approve minor amendments to existing Action Plans and their appropriations with the following limitations:
 - a. Amendments necessary to roll actual remaining project balances at 6/30/19, and
 - b. Amendments up to \$50,000 in HOME to apply excess Program Income received to SHE CHDO Acquisition/Rehab Projects; and
 - c. Amendments up to \$50,000 in CDBG to apply excess Program Income to Park Improvements; and
 - d. Amendments necessary to finalize the 2019-20 Action Plan and City budgets upon HUD notification of final grant amounts, as discussed in the Fiscal Impact section of this item, and shown in Table 3.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved as Recommended

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Summary:

As shown in [Table 1. Summary of the 2019-20 Projected Action Plan Funding](#) below, the FY 2019-20 estimated HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) grant is \$546,879, with an additional amount of \$350,000 in projected program income to be used for eligible HOME activities. The FY 2019-20 estimated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant amount is \$1,309,353 with an estimated \$75,000 in program income for proposed CDBG eligible activities. The CDBG and HOME Grant amounts shown here are projected using prior year actual amounts. When the City receives notification of the final grant amounts, any increases/decreases will be addressed as discussed in the Fiscal Impact section of this report. CDBG also has an accumulated prior year balance of unspent Administration funds in the amount of \$155,785. Due to limitations on administration expenditures, to be spent, these funds must be moved to another activity. The movement of these funds represents a minor amendment which does not require public notice. However, in the interest of full disclosure, the availability of these funds and their proposed use has been included in tonight's discussion.

Table 1: Summary of 2019-20 Projected Action Plan Funding

Revenue/Funding Description	HOME	CDBG	Total
Grant Funding (Estimated for 2019-20)	\$ 546,879	\$ 1,309,353	\$ 1,856,232
Program Income (Estimated for 2019-20)	350,000	75,000	425,000
Prior Year Funding (Minor Amendment)		155,785	155,785
Totals	\$ 896,879	\$ 1,540,138	\$ 2,437,017

The Proposed 2019 Action Plan activities recommended are based upon the City's highest priorities as determined by numerous public meetings to collect citizen and Council comments. The projects and programs recommended by staff for funding are shown as **Option 1**, in [Table 2: Comparison of Possible Funding Options 2019-20 Action Plan](#), and discussed below.

Table 2: Comparison of Possible Funding Options 2019-20 Action Plan

#	Project/Program Description	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
HOME (HOME Investment Partnership)				
1	Administration	\$ 89,688	\$ 89,688	\$ 89,688
2	CHDO (SHE) Acq/Rehab Program Single Family	82,032	82,032	82,032
3	CHDO (SHE) Acq/Rehab Program Multi Family	725,159	725,159	725,159
CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)				
4	Administration	276,871	276,871	276,871
5	Emergency Repair and Accessibility	100,000	100,000	100,000
6	Code Enforcement	124,000	124,000	124,000
7	Fair Housing Requirement	7,500	7,500	7,500
8	Voucher Program (Family Services/Homeless)	30,575	30,575	30,575
9	Continuum Of Care (Alliance/Homeless)	18,000	18,000	18,000
10	Street Outreach/Case Mgmt (Fam Serv/Homeless)	35,000	35,000	35,000
11	Homeless Funding (Bridge Housing or Current Prog)	39,500	39,500	39,500
12	Accessible Curb Ramps (Various)			
12a	Alternative 2 (10 additional ramps)	246,819	246,819	246,819
12b	Alternative 3 (8 additional ramps)	255,410	255,410	
13	Community Garden Project		251,654	251,654
14	Garden Street Bridge Housing (SHE)	400,000		400,000
15	Other Park/Public Improvements*	6,463	154,809	10,219
16		\$ 2,437,017	\$ 2,437,017	\$ 2,437,017

The funding for HOME in lines 1-3 and for CDBG in lines 4-11 in Table 2 above remains the same for all 3 options presented. Each of these items represents an ongoing commitment to an existing program which has been determined to be a high funding priority. These projects and programs are discussed in more detail within the background section of this item. Line Items 12-15 relate to the options below:

Option 1 (Recommended*): The column marked as "Option 1" in Table 2 represents the staff recommendation for 2019-20 Action Plan funding. This option results from the determination that funding for Homeless solutions and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects are the two highest priorities for funding based upon both citizen and Council input. This option would fully fund Alternate bids 2 & 3 from the Accessible Curb Ramps project awarded by Council on March 18, 2019. Council is under no obligation to fund these alternate bids. However, they represent an additional 18 shovel ready ramps that have been designed, bid and awarded contingent upon the receipt of funding.

The remaining project proposed for funding under Option 1 is the Garden Street Bridge (Transitional) Housing Project which is the only viable homeless project currently proposed for CDBG funding. This project would provide public facility acquisition and rehabilitation funding for a 22-bed facility for housing homeless or at-risk individuals and would be contingent upon the successful negotiation of a contract with Self-Help Enterprises (see Attachment G). A small amount of remaining funding would be allocated for use on Park Improvements. Option 1 has

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received the recommendation of the Disability Advocacy Committee (DAC) and the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC). These projects are described in more detail in the Background section of this item.

**Justification for Funding Option 1: This option is recommended based upon the investment of significant funding to individually design each of the particularly difficult ramp locations included in the Accessible Curb Ramps project. The eligibility of the costs for designing the ramps in Alternatives 2 & 3 would become an audit finding and require the return of CDBG funding to HUD, if the improvements are not funded for completion. Any amount refunded would be a General Fund expense. And while temporary housing for homeless individuals has been shown to be the highest priority of the City based upon the 2018-19 citizen participation process, the proposed Garden Street Bridge Housing project is the only project which has been submitted to the City for CDBG funding. Over the past 5 years, the City of Visalia has spent less than 5% of its CDBG allocation on homeless projects and programs.*

Option 2: This option would also fund the remainder of the Accessible Curb Ramps. If Council chooses not to fund the Garden Street Bridge (Transitional) Housing Project, this option would apply that funding to park and public improvements, providing the remaining funding for any CDBG eligible portions of the Community Garden and Parcourse improvements proposed on tonight's Council agenda. The Community Garden project has been designed and bid and upon Council award, would be considered shovel ready. The remaining public improvement funding would be used to address the list of proposed projects which follows here in priority order. Based upon the cost estimates for these projects, which have yet to be determined, staff would move forward with the highest priority project which can be fully addressed with the available funding, then proceed to the next until funding is exhausted.

- a) Security Lighting at Riverbend, Fairview, and Summers Parks
- b) Summers Park Climbing Apparatus (Play Structure)
- c) Senior Center Shade Cover
- d) Oval Park Bench and Walking Path

While the projects presented in this funding option all have merit, this option is not recommended for the reasons discussed in the justification for funding Option 1. These projects are described in more detail in the Background section of this item.

Option 3: With park public improvements, also having been determined to be a high priority item during the citizen participation process, this option provides an opportunity to fund projects in the three highest priorities of ADA, Homeless, and Park Public Improvements. This option includes funding for the Accessible Curb Ramps Alternative 2 (10 ramps), the public improvements for the Garden Street Bridge Housing and the Community Garden Project. A small amount of remaining funding would be allocated for use on Park Improvements. Funding would be applied to the highest priority project which could be fully addressed with the available funding. While the projects presented in this funding option all have merit, this option is not recommended. As discussed in Option 1, above, the eligibility of the costs for designing the

ramps in Alternative 3 would become an audit finding and require the return of CDBG funding to HUD, if the improvements are not funded for completion. This option is not recommended due to the fact that Option 3 excludes funding for the 8 ramps included in the Accessible Curb Ramps Alternative 3. This would create the need to either absorb approximately \$45,000 into the current year 2018-19 Administration budget, or use a General Fund appropriation to refund the amount. If current year administration funds are not available, due to the 20% cap limitation this would become a General Fund expense. These projects are described in more detail in the Background section of this item.

Background Discussion:

As a participating jurisdiction (PJ) for HOME and an entitlement community (EC) for CDBG, the City of Visalia receives federal formula grants through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This provides the City with annual direct grant funding primarily for the benefit of low-income persons and households.

Tonight's public hearing will complete the citizen participation process which has been conducted to obtain community input for the development of the proposed FY 2019 Action Plan. Council is asked to consider the comments, recommendations and requests for funding as provided in further detail below, and provide final approval. A summary of the Action Plan budget, as proposed in Option 1 (Attachment "A.1") and the previous year budget carryover, (Attachment "A.2"), have been provided for your reference.

This public hearing is the final step in adopting the proposed FY 2019-20 Action Plan, included as Attachment "B" for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funding. The Plan includes projects and programs benefiting census tract areas (known as CDBG Targeted Areas) that reflect 51% of the household income at or below 80% area median income, as shown in the CDBG Target Map (Attachment "C"). Eligible uses for these grant funds include the creation of decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment and expansion of economic opportunities. HUD requires public participation and comments to be encouraged and considered in the development and approval of the annual plan.

Outreach is a necessary and required part of the Action Plan process. A considerable number of comments were received during the initial input stage (December to February) which identified homeless program needs (i.e. emergency shelter, bridge housing), housing and rehabilitation programs (housing for homeless, rental housing, and owner occupied emergency repairs) and ADA public improvement needs as the highest priorities. These were followed by priorities related to park & public improvements as discussed below. Additional comments received during the input stage included requests for traffic and safety improvements, suggested programs for senior rental assistance and relocation needs, and mobile home replacement grants.

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Staff has conducted outreach to solicit feedback on the proposed Drafted Plan. All comments received to date are included in further detail as Attachment "D.1". Additional comments received in the form of letters have been included as attachments to the Action Plan and are listed below:

- Attachments "D.2, 3, & 4", Letters of support for an emergency shelter from the Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance (KTHA), Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (TCHHSA), UP Development, LLC and Central California Legal Services.
- Attachment "D.5", Central California Legal Services (CCLS) recommendations for expanding direct services that would benefit a larger number of households in need.

Staff has also received letters of request for CDBG funding as listed below. Further detail is provided below for each program and request. Herein is a brief description of the requested funding:

- Attachment "E", Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC), request of \$5,000, to increase the existing homeless "Voucher" program to assist thirteen (13) people was submitted.
- Attachment "F", FSTC request to extend the term of the "Homeless Outreach/Case Management" program agreement and allocate \$35,000 in CDBG funding for 2019. This will allow FSTC to continue providing these services to Visalia's homeless population through December 31, 2020.
- Attachment "G", Self Help Enterprises, Inc. (SHE) request for CDBG funds in the amount up to \$39,000, toward a new public service activity and \$400,000, in CDBG funds toward a public facility, which shall be directed toward a 22-bed Bridge housing project on Garden Street.

Herein below is a brief description of each program/project in connection with the options provided in sequence of its respective numbering in Table 2.

HOME (Home Investment Partnership) 2019-20 Proposed Projects (#'s from Table 2):

1. Administration: The full amount allowed for HOME administration in the 2019-20 year is included here. Appropriations of HOME grant administration are limited to 10% of the sum of the annual grant amount, plus actual program income received in the program year. Remaining balances of HOME administration funding may be carried over to following years and spent as needed.

Affordable Housing

2. CHDO (Self Help Enterprises) Acquisition/Rehabilitation Program for Single Family homes: This project provides funding to Self Help Enterprises (SHE), the City's CHDO, for acquisition/rehabilitation projects. The projects allow acquisition of voluntarily sold or foreclosed properties. This includes vacant and infill properties for construction of new

single family homes. Properties are purchased, rehabilitated or constructed for single family homes and resold to income qualifying households. Construction of 5 single family homes is planned on NW 5th.

3. CHDO (Self Help Enterprises) Acquisition/Rehabilitation Program for Multi-Family housing: This project provides funding to SHE, the City's CHDO, for the acquisition, rehabilitation of multi-family units to create and preserve affordable rental housing. This program also allows SHE to acquire existing units and vacant land for new construction. 2019-20 specific projects and their location have not yet been identified. (Program goal is 1 project, with a minimum of two units)

HOME Projects Not Proposed for Funding:

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): The TBRA program is contracted with Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) and provides rental assistance for a period of eighteen (18) months to eligible homeless individuals. Extensions of benefits may be approved through a re-application process for up to an additional six months. No more than 24 months of assistance is allowed under this program. There are currently 5 tenants receiving assistance and additional applications under review. The TBRA program continues to utilize approximately \$245,000 in current committed HOME funds from prior years. Therefore, additional funds are not recommended as part of the 2019-20 Action Plan.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) 2019-20 Proposed Projects (#'s from Table 2):

4. Administration: The full amount allowed for CDBG administration in the 2019-20 year is included here. Appropriations of CDBG grant administration are limited to 20% of the sum of the annual grant amount, plus actual program income received in the program year. Remaining balances of CDBG administration funding may not be carried over to following years and must be spent in the year for which they were appropriated or transferred to other projects.

Strengthening Neighborhoods (Suitable Living Environment)

5. Emergency Repair and Accessibility (High Priority): Self Help Enterprises tracks calls in relation to owner occupied rehab needs, in addition to the existing Senior Mobile Home program. This has resulted in determining the need for repairs and/or rehabilitation of owner occupied homes, such as plumbing, electrical, roofing, flooring, A/C replacement, accessibility ramps, and other health and safety issues. Staff recommends bringing the owner occupied emergency repair program back online in response to this identified need. An RFP or Letter of Interest will be published for the administration of the program, thereafter, staff will return to Council for approval of the program operator, delivery costs, borrower loan terms and program policies.

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6. Code Enforcement: This program pays for the salary of one code enforcement inspector who serves within the defined CDBG Target Areas. This activity focuses on preservation of decent affordable housing. All fines collected in relation to fines and fees levied for code violations prosecuted by this code inspector are returned to CDBG as program income revenue to assist in funding this program.

Public Services (Maximum 15% of Grant)

Public Services: Again, through community input, homeless services were identified as a high priority need. However, CDBG public service expenditures are capped at fifteen percent (15%) of the Grant amount annually and project balances from prior years must be included in this calculation. Based upon the 2019 estimated CDBG Grant (\$1,309,353) the public service cap is approximately \$196,402. The 2019-20 funding proposed for public services in lines 7-11 of Table 2 is \$130,575. Along with expenditures from the projected carry forward of project balances from prior years, public service expenditures are expected to be within the 15% service cap parameters.

7. Fair Housing Requirement: The City has contracted with the Fair Housing Council of Central California (FHCCC), a non-profit fair housing provider, for services related to education, research analysis and other services that may assist in educating the Public. Educational workshops occur annually for Fair Housing and ADA accessibility.
8. Voucher Program (Family Services/Homeless): The City has contracted with Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) for matching CDBG funds in support of the Homeless Shelter Plus Care (SPC) rental assistance program, which is federal funding, received from HUD through the Tulare Kings Homeless Alliance (TKHA). The City's matching CDBG funds provide the companion case management services needed to support the SPC rental program for thirteen (13) homeless persons in Visalia. FSTC has not requested an increase in funding for several years and has absorbed the costs related to the services provided. Therefore, FSTC has requested, and staff is recommending, an increase of \$5,000, toward this existing homeless "Voucher" program as noted within Attachment "E", Letter of Request.
9. Continuum of Care (Tulare Kings Homeless Alliance (TKHA)/Homeless): The City has contracted with TKHA in support of homeless efforts in our community, partnering with our local non-profit agencies to provide necessary services. This includes the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event and Point-In-Time (PIT) survey, preparation of which is a year-round effort. Monthly meetings with key stakeholders, logistics planning, outreach efforts, vendor relations, and volunteer recruitment and training are some of the activities that occur throughout the year to ensure the event is a success.

PHC will connect homeless and people at-risk of homelessness with critical services such as health and dental care, employment assistance, housing assistance, legal services, social services and access to mainstream benefits. PHC also provides consumables to homeless clients (which include items such as prescription eyeglasses, DMV reduced-fee ID cards, sleeping bags, laundry cards, and food).

10. Street Outreach/Case Management (Family Services/Homeless): The City also contracts with FSTC for the homeless street outreach and case management services pilot program, which was initiated in late 2016 to increase the efforts of outreach in the community and work along with the City's HOPE team. This program has proven successful with a designated full-time staff member, and has already provided services to more than 54 homeless individuals. FSTC has requested the proposed funding for 2019-20 along with a request to extend the program to December 31, 2020 as shown in Attachment "F", Letter of Request.
11. New Proposed Homeless Case Management (Garden Street Case Management): SHE has requested, as included within their letter of request as Attachment "G", public service funding toward the 22-bed Bridge housing project on Garden, specifically for \$39,000, or any remaining available CDBG funding.

The cost of operating and maintaining the portion of a facility in which the CDBG-funded public service is located and the lease of furnishings, equipment, or other personal property needed for an eligible public service may be paid for with CDBG funds. Operating costs associated with public facilities or improvements are only eligible when it is part of a CDBG-assisted public service activity. An eligible public service activity includes health services, substance abuse services (e.g., counseling and treatment); and services for homeless persons. SHE proposes working with an experienced non-profit agency, Mental Health Systems (MHS), to operate the project and provide the proposed services. MHS would provide the supportive services onsite and operate the facility.

If Council authorizes funding toward this project, SHE will be required to identify the specific services as related to Visalia's homeless population being serviced. Staff would return to Council for authorization after fully evaluating the project through the underwriting process.

Non-Housing Community Development

12. Accessible Curb Ramps (Various): Through community meetings and public comments, there was consensus for completing the ADA Accessible Curb Ramps project as a priority. Approximately \$200,000 has already been spent on the design work of these non-standard ramp locations near the Wittman Center, Emergency Aid and surrounding neighborhoods. The identified areas require moving of fences, dealing with existing irrigation, and

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electrical improvements which are in the immediate area. The proposed ramps are also near community centers, bus stop, school and Senior Center travel routes as well as areas of need identified by the community.

Council awarded the construction contract for this project to Bush Engineering, Inc. on March 18, 2019, for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid 1, utilizing existing 2018 CDBG funds. Council also approved the award for Alternate Bid 2 (10 additional ramps) at a cost of \$234,437 and Alternate Bid 3 (8 additional ramps) at a cost of \$210,993, contingent upon the approval of 2019-20 CDBG funding. In order to fund both Alternate Bids 2, and 3, an additional \$502,290 is needed, which includes the full cost of construction services as set forth in the March 18, 2019 item. If approved, the proposed CDBG prior year minor amendment of \$155,785 would be moved to this project immediately, providing a portion of the requested funding in the 2018-19 program year. The locations of the proposed ADA improvements are shown in Attachment "H".

Failure to move forward with the construction of the ramps which have been designed would result in an audit finding and require the CDBG funded design expenditures for any portion not constructed to be paid from administration funds or reimbursed. If CDBG administration funding is not available within the 20% cap, these design costs would become an appropriation of General Fund expenses. Since the use of CDBG funding for the design of these ramps requires us to complete construction, staff recommends moving forward with this project using 2019-20 funding.

13. Community Garden Project: In January 2018 a State Housing Related Park (HRP) Grant was awarded to make improvements to an eligible park, which was authorized for use at the Community Campus Lot in creation of the Garden. In support of the scope of work, and eligible under CDBG Park Improvement funding, Council also approved \$50,000 from the 2016-17 CDBG Action Plan funding, which has been directed toward this project. The project scope of work and design was prepared and a bid for construction of the project is before you also this evening as outlined under Option 2.

14. Garden Street Bridge Housing – Public Facility (Self Help Enterprises):

Again, through community meetings and comments received, addressing the homeless needs was identified as a high priority. Staff recommends Option 1 which includes funding toward this homeless public facility bridge housing project.

Self Help Enterprises, Inc. (SHE) included in their letter of request (Attachment "G"), a request for \$400,000, or any amount remaining available, in CDBG funding as a conditional commitment toward the 22-bed Garden Street facility. SHE has indicated that CDBG funding, in conjunction with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1) funding, as well as a funding opportunity through the "Alliance" would support acquisition and rehabilitation costs. This would include completing ADA improvements to the facility. The project is one building, with 20 jack-and-Jill style rooms, which share a restroom in the center, two bedrooms with their own restroom, a common area shower facility to

serve all 22 rooms, an office, a large room for resident activities, and a commercial grade kitchen to prepare meals. SHE proposed upgrading the facility as noted within their letter of request. Staff would return to Council upon further review and underwriting of the project, if this project is included in the selected option.

Under CDBG, a non-profit may acquire and develop property for a public facility. However, there are many requirements involved, including all funding in place by the owner, developer and operator; and underwriter(s) of the project. HUDs national objectives must also be met, which in this case would be benefit to low income persons and limited clientele. More specifically, the facility would need to benefit a specific targeted group of persons which are low income (i.e. homeless persons, abused children, battered spouse, elderly persons, or severely disabled adults). The comments received during the public review period reflected housing and homeless services as the top identified need by the community.

15. Other Park/Public Improvements: Public comments noted the need for park improvements, which are eligible for the use of CDBG when they reside within a low mod census tract. Comments were also received by the North Visalia Advisory Committee (NVAC). Although they did not have a quorum on their March 14, 2019 meeting, comments were received and considered.

The Park and Recreation Commission recommended park security lighting at Riverbend, Fairview & Summers Park & Summers Park climbing apparatus; and senior center shade covers. Staff recommends utilizing a portion of the remaining un-programmed funding, if available, toward these three parks which also need security lighting and other improvements; and the senior center shade cover improvements. If funding is not available, the projects could be considered the following year. Based upon the overall comments received, the projects which have been included for possible funding in Option 2 are listed below in priority order.

- a. Security Lighting at Riverbend, Fairview, and Summers Parks
- b. Summers Park Climbing Apparatus (Play Structure)
- c. Senior Center Shade Cover
- d. Oval Park Bench and Walking Path

CDBG Projects Not Proposed for Funding:

- Traffic Improvements: Approximately six (6) comments, were received during the input stage of the Action Plan which related to intersection crossings near River way Elementary, marked or lighted pedestrian crossing lanes near Locust/Court and Oak Avenues; blinking lights for stop signs on Court and Ferguson; a traffic light at Giddings/Riggin; road repairs and traffic density near Tulare and McAuliffe and Lovers Lane and Walnut; north side, with various locations noted the need for crossing lights at

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Houston for school children; safety crossing at Vine and N Dinuba Boulevard, with a request to study the extended area from Ferguson toward Sweet on the east side of Dinuba Boulevard. During the NVAC committee meeting in March, which did not have a quorum, members noted that there was no emphasis or funding recommended in the drafted Action Plan, toward traffic lighting, street improvements and safety near the Oval area, and safe routes to school. These were comments received during the input stage.

Projects recommended for funding in the Action Plan are evaluated based upon eligibility, priority as expressed by members of the public and the Council, and are limited by the available funding. Also taken in to consideration is whether or not other sources of funding exist for requested projects or programs. As other funding exists and is used by the City to address traffic and pedestrian safety issues, these projects were placed lower in the funding priority. In response to comments that projects in the Oval area were not being funded, staff reviewed CDBG expenditures for the last 10 years finding a total of \$1.3 million in CDBG project expenditures specific to the Oval and Village Parks. This represents 44% of all public improvements funded through the CDBG program in the last 10 years. This amount does not include significant Oval area funding provided by other City administered sources.

- Central California Legal Services (CCLS) Letter Attachment "D.5", Central California Legal Services (CCLS) recommendations for expanding direct services that would benefit a larger number of households in need; supports the partnerships with our local non-profits who provide affordable housing; supports a low barrier homeless shelter; recommended more ambitious goals (3 units) for affordable housing projects. Staff noted an affordable housing goal related to SHE utilizing the funds toward the construction of five single family homes, however, they will be constructed over multiple years, therefore a goal of three (3) is anticipated to be met. The remaining HOME CHDO funding will be utilized toward either single or multi-family units, where the number of units, are unknown at this time. It is our goal to assist as many households as we are able, including multi-family rental housing for low income households and very low income, including our homeless population, with the funding that is available. Additionally, previous comments from CCLS, during the input stages included relocation assistance fund for displaced seniors, (i.e. displaced by fires when insufficient documentation is not provided, resulting in suing the landlord); rental assistance fund to support temporary financing of rent due to a loss of employment and illness which may cause eviction; and expansion of the Landlord Mitigation fund, supporting the program with matching funds.

As many of the programs suggested by CCLS will require the development of guidelines and the contracting of services with non-profit agencies, these programs will be evaluated and considered during the next 5 year strategic planning of projects and programs.

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Fiscal Impact:

Other Funding Required: No matching funds are required for the use of HOME or CDBG and all proposed project allocations in the 2019-20 Action Plan would be funded from these grants with one possible exception. As noted above, if Council chooses Option 3, the design costs for the 8 ramps included in the Accessible Curb Ramps Alternative 3, which is excluded from option 3, would become ineligible for project funding. This would create the need to absorb approximately \$45,000 into the current year 2018-19 Administration budget. If CDBG administration funding is not available within the 20% cap, these design costs would become an appropriation of General Fund expenses.

Minor Amendments: The COV's current citizen's participation plan limits minor amendments to those creating a maximum change of 75% in the funding of the projects involved. Authorization, as requested by this item, for the City Manager to approve minor amendments to existing Action Plans and their appropriations will allow minor amendments to be accomplished with a memo signed by the City Manager. Any items creating new projects, un-funding existing projects, or exceeding 75% of the funding where the move is coming from or going to, are not considered minor and would return to Council for direction. All funding options presented in this item include a request for authorization of a minor amendment to move \$155,785 from prior year administration appropriations to the Accessible Curb Ramp project (CP0353). Authorization of this request will result in an adjustment to Action Plan funding, as well as the corresponding budget amendments necessary in the 2018-19 budget year.

Changes in Funding Levels: The amount of grant funding projected in the 2019-20 Action Plan is based upon last years (2018-19) actual grant allocations. The program income is based upon prior year trends. The actual grant funding awarded and the actual program income received may result in an increase, or a decrease of funding available, and require an adjustment to the Action Plan budget. The City is required to designate the projects that will be adjusted if increases or decreases occur.

For HOME funding, any increase or decrease of actual HOME grant or program income received, after adjustments to the allowed 10% Administration cap will be applied to the CHDO (SHE) Acquisition/Rehab Program for Multi-Family housing.

For CDBG funding, \$30,000 of the projected program income is tied directly to the Code Enforcement program and any variance from this amount will result in an adjustment to the Code Enforcement activity, net of necessary administration and/or public service cap adjustments discussed in items 1 and 2 below. Any increase or decrease of actual CDBG grant amount awarded, or non-code enforcement program income received, will result in the following adjustments, increasing or decreasing budgets as necessary.

1. The Administration line item will be adjusted to equal 20% of the sum of the grant amount and program income actually received.

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2. The Homeless Funding (Bridge Housing or Current Program) line item will be adjusted, only if necessary, to limit public services to a maximum of 15% of the actual CDBG grant amount.
3. All increases in CDBG grant or non-code enforcement program income will be applied to Other Park/Public Improvements.
4. Any remaining decrease will result in an adjustment to the lowest priority project as listed in priority order in Table 2 of this item. The last 4 lines of Table 2 are shown in Table 3 below in reverse order detailing the actual order in which funding would be adjusted. If decreases are necessary, each project would be reduced, in turn, until the available funding is exhausted.

Table 3: Priority for Budget Adjustments Required by Increases/Decreases in Funding

	Descripton	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
1st	Other Park/Public Improvements	\$ 6,463	\$ 154,809	\$ 10,219
2nd	Garden Street Bridge Housing (SHE)	400,000		400,000
3rd	Community Garden Project		251,654	251,654
4th	Accessible Curb Ramps Alternative 3	255,410	255,410	
	Memo Total Only	\$ 661,873	\$ 661,873	\$ 661,873

Prior Council Action: February 4, 2019 Work session, City Council provided direction on proposed 2019 Action Plan activities.

Committee/Commission Review and Action:

Feedback in Preparation of the Plan:

Citizens Advisory Committee	December 5, 2018
North Visalians Advisory Committee	January 10, 2019
Disability Advocacy Committee	January 14, 2019
City Council Work Session	February 04, 2019

Proposed Plan -Public Comment Period: February 21, 2019- March 22, 2019:

Citizens Advisory Committee	March 6, 2019
Disability Advocacy Committee	March 11, 2019
North Visalians Advisory Committee	March 14, 2019 (no quorum)

Alternatives: None.

Attachments:

Attachment "A-1", Table 1: DRAFT Proposed 2019 CDBG and HOME Action Plan Activities
 Attachment "A-2", Table 2: Carryforward balances with proposed 2019 funding
 Attachment "B", DRAFT 2019 Action Plan
 Attachment "C", CDBG Boundaries Map
 Attachment "D.1", Community Feedback (as of 3-25-19)

- Attachments "D.2-4", Letters of Support for Emergency Shelter
- Attachment "D.5", CCLS comment letter & attachment 1
- Attachment "E", Self Help Enterprise Public Facility & Operation/Services CDBG funding request
- Attachment "F", Family Services Voucher Program request
- Attachment "G", Family Services "Homeless Street Outreach" program request
- Attachment "H", 2018 ADA Project Location Map

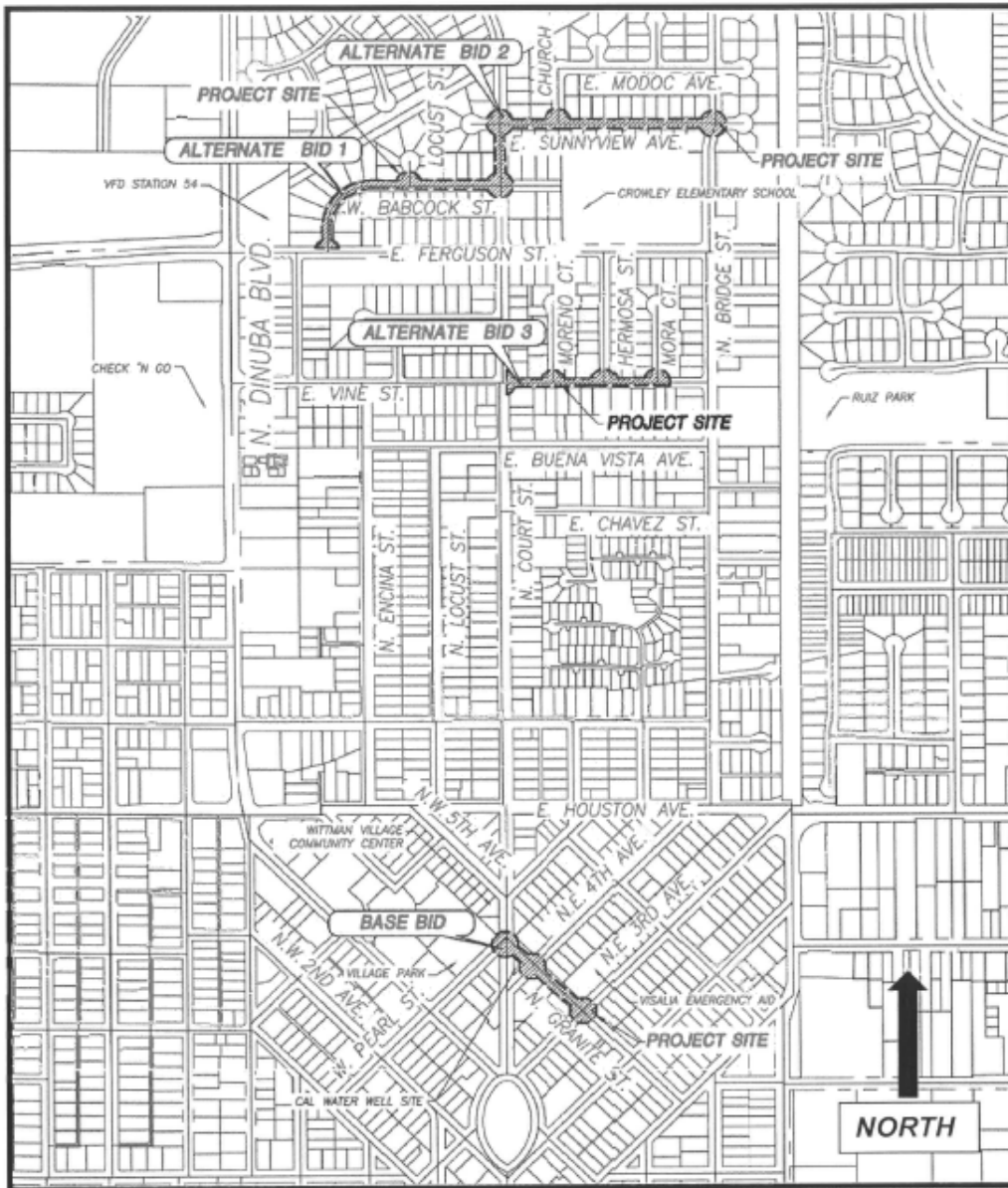
Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):
I move that Council:

1. Adopt and appropriate the 2019-20 Action Plan as proposed with (Choose: Option 1, 2, or 3), and
2. Approve a minor amendment to prior year Action Plan appropriations moving \$155,785 as proposed, and
3. Authorize the carryover of prior year HOME and CDBG remaining Action Plan project and program balances at fiscal year-end (6/30/2019), including all off-setting revenue, and
4. Authorize the City Manager to approve minor amendments to existing Action Plans and their appropriations with the following limitations:
 - a. Amendments necessary to roll actual remaining project balances at 6/30/19, and
 - b. Amendments up to \$50,000 in HOME to apply excess Program Income received to SHE CHDO Acquisition/Rehab Projects; and
 - c. Amendments up to \$50,000 in CDBG to apply excess Program Income to Park Improvements; and
 - d. Amendments necessary to finalize the 2019-20 Action Plan and City budgets upon HUD notification of final grant amounts, as discussed in the Fiscal Impact section of this item, and shown in Table 3.

Copies of this report have been provided to:

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review: NEPA upon award of grant/specific project & programs



Vicinity Map
Not to Scale

2018 Accessible Curb Ramps at Various Locations,
 funded by a Community Development Block Grant

Attachment 1

Attachment "I"; Community Input Comments Received and Letters of Requests

Comments as of April 15, 2019 City of Visalia Proposed 2019 Action Plan

Community Input/feedback from Community meetings, Council Input & Public Testimony Notes

Community Input/feedback in preparation of the Draft 2019 Action Plan	
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting- Education regarding ConPlan, High Priorities, AP and feedback on Needs ; December 06, 2018	
Public Comment:	City Response
Information taken in by the committee. No comments announced as a committee after the presentation. CAC members were notified of options of submitting comments (i.e., To CAC staff rep or email to Finance by Jan 18th deadline.	Informed CAC options of submitting comments
Disability Advocacy Committee Meeting; Education regarding ConPlan, High Priorities, AP and feedback on Needs; December 10, 2018	
Public Comment:	City Response
Member (Jay) felt that senior needed repairs for mobile home is needed along with revisions to policies so that they allow more participation/flexibility. Staff did not reference additional CDBG funds toward the senior mobile home, when there is a need.	Staff noted that the Senior Mobile home program has had some people that do not meet the requirements and some rules are related to regulations which can not be changed. Also noted that the examples are staff generated /proposed based upon successful programs, funds already allocated or are not recommended due to a current balance available and spending timelines.
2 members (Jan/George) indicated they wanted to know who decides where ADA is needed. Parks need ADA; Sports park needs ADA sidewalks; Downtown businesses need ramps/updating; Committee agreed that project manager with CDBG funds toward ADA projects should present the proposed areas, locations, projects to the DAC committee to approve, etc.	Staff noted that only Parks within CDBG area are eligible and require additional documentation for ADA needs, in addition to Census data, such as a survey; Staff noted that the sport park is not an eligible park. The Central Business District does not meet the CDBG requirements any longer, as it is not a low mod census.
Committee noted mobile home/senior housing repairs needed: ADA- Planning for compliance needs to involve people who are disabled; recommend Project Manager present to DAC as noted above: ADA needed within parks	Noted
Park & Recreation Commission- Park/Recreation Director presented AP- December 16, 2018	
Comments	City Response
From: Jeannie Greenwood Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:08 AM: Subject: RE: Public Survey- Needs for use of CDBG & HOME (2019 Action Plan funding) July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020) We discussed potential CDBG projects at the December 18, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Here are their thoughts related to potential projects: * Visalia Senior Center – add a shade structure over garden* Visalia Senior Center – replace flooring – I'm not sure if this would be considered "maintenance" or an improvement. We do have a general fund project but could do a better floor if we combined with CDBG funds (or save general fund money). * Riverbend Park – add security lighting* Fairview Park – add security lighting* Summers Park – add modern play/climbing apparatus, security lighting	CDBG funds would not be allowed for the flooring due to HUD regulations; Parks must be within an eligible CDBG Target area- census tract.
North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting; Education regarding ConPlan, High Priorities, AP and feedback on Needs; January 10, 2019	
Public Comment:	City Response
Public comment was that Manuel Hernandez Center needs lighting; Park & Rec member noted lighting and walkways in eligible parts;	Noted
Member noted ADA curb cuts and walking paths needed; Sara noted story about crossing and difficult to get through route on Houston in a wheel chair and walking	Noted
Bill Huett noted areas in need of ADA, and emailed locations after the meeting: Divisadero and Houston-Green Acres opened in 1956. Well traveled school route.; Note dirt mud sidewalk going south from Houston. That means the road is rainy day sidewalk; Houston Central no SE or SW curb cuts; Leslie Houston no SE or SW curb cuts; Oak Park NW corner no curb cut; Not passable in wheel chair- mother could take the swamp route I suppose East of Giddings on North side of Houston; Not standard corner- But there can be non standard, creative curb slopes and cuts See it all the time (example NE corner Goshen Stevenson) Turner at Houston NE and NW corner No curb cuts Also this is a major funnel for school kids crossing Houston to school, due to Sweet and Harold all dead end into Turner going west, all kids north and east of Turner cross here. Needs flashing crossing light similar to Oval Parks crossing lights with button! Will assist with moms with baby carriages, slow traffic before entering school zone area! Bill; Houston- At Rinaldi, a 120 year old intersection, my guess 3 out of 4 sidewalks egressing (leaving from the corner) from corner down north and south of Rinaldi are dirt B.	Noted and forwarded list to engineering for review
Asked what projects in Jefferson Park; and FYI Possible mis understanding! Again, we need strong advocate that makes a strong case that Oval is exactly where \$\$\$\$ should be spent, you should be focusing not less but double down more! Most need, most poverty beyond belief, most gangs i.e. recent shooting, most little kids, most single moms, most homeless, more drug alcohol issues how many more masts do you want. Don't be a potted plant, advocate! This is where you can earn your future Council seat!!	Referred to Engineering- project manager noted that the project is about 1/2 finished and included removing the infield fencing and dugouts, re-grading and planting turf in the infield and improving the irrigation system. This is all to make the park more neighborhood friendly. This configuration should be conducive to more activities. The backstop remains for baseball but the field is overall more open
City Council Work session for feedback on proposed plan in preparation of the AP and Needs; -February 04, 2019	
Council Questions/Comments	City Response
Councilman Collins asked that the ADA ramp projects consider including the sidewalk to connect the ramp; noted under neighborhood preservation enhance districts funding projects in the historical area; (i.e. teardown houses, improve, clean up); Also something to identify (signage) entering the historic district; earmark rehab/upgrades if needed to the oval building based on proposals for its use.	Noted
Councilman Poochigian; great report; need more housing for homeless	Noted
Councilman Nelson: Additional vouchers and housing; more for low income housing, Not in support of historic	Noted
Mayor Link; more in low income housing, homeless housing	Noted
Continuum of Care members input	
Comments	City Response
Comments provided by CoC executive- included in AP	n/a
December 7, 2018: Mr. Peltzer stated, "It is my opinion that we do a credible job of providing housing for people in need who are willing and able to conform to basic rules and requirements; where we are woefully lacking is dealing with people who fall in the following categories: Homeless that don't want to live in conventional housing; Homeless that are mentally ill; Homeless that have dependency issues. Does the City have any programs pending that deal with this difficult homeless segment? Tom Peltzer	Staff responded and included reference to recent Council approval regarding funds toward warming center and formation of a committee that is working on the topic. Staff also noted efforts and involvement by non-profit partners including mental health, etc. through partners, Family Services, and Continuum of Care, including links to the CoC for more information on efforts.

Website Posting requesting feedback on Need	
Comments (email, other-if applicable)	City Response
Email Blast-feedback from November 29, 2018 through January 18, 2019 and Website Posting requesting feedback	
November 30, 2018 response: Turning Point Feedback (Frank Ruiz) - Highest priority is to provide services; shelter to homeless population in Visalia, especially sex offenders. We need to house & track them. Second are drug treatment services, especially sober living homes for addicts completing treatment.	Noted
November 30, 2018 response: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias; The Boys & Girls Club in Visalia HVAC system needs major work and at present we do not have the funding to complete the work. The boys & girls Club serves hundreds of children and youth, ages 6 - 18 each year. Most youth are from disadvantaged circumstances.	Noted
December 3, 2018; B Clean is less mean H. ; City of Visalia, using appropriate funds, Needs to finish all curb cuts on North Visalia's number one East/West artery, Houston Avenue, (North Visalia's Main Street), the middle school, Green Acres was built in 1956, and key corners still missing curb cuts from Mooney to Santa Fe. Missing continuous south side sidewalk Houston, many missing pieces from Dinuba to Santa Fe. Route 63, state highway needs traffic signals for the most heavily pedestrian area of city (walkable city, smart growth concept) at Pearl and Race, all other intersections except Robin along 63 have traffic signals. Robin needs traffic signal too, bus route, school bus route. Houston between Mooney and Dinuba needs underground utilities project. Most Power poles both on north and south side of Houston are in center of sidewalk. Not traversable with baby carriages, or wheelchairs. Oval Park needs an active amenity. All other parks have active amenities, Oval has an under five year old (kids playground) amenity. Need to change vibe. Various committees (Park and Rec) and City Council has approved meandering walking path.	Noted and forwarded to Community Development, Parks & Recreation Staff, Noted
December 4, 2018: Visalia Emergency Aid Council- Infill the many vacant lots in North Visalia with affordable housing, giving NSPs (ie SHE & HFH) the opportunity to build SFH or MFH for low income or transitional homeless families. Need more housing for low income families that take Section 8. Partner with health agencies like KDHC or FHCN to provide short term care homes for at risk individuals such as homeless or low income with no support to free up hospital beds and reduce secondary illness from poor postoperative care after release.	Noted
December 5, 2018: email from Todd Oto- Visalia Unified School District Superintendent: Priorities: 1) road and sidewalk repair in neighborhoods with high incidence of low income housing/families; 2) improvement/expansion of city parks and open spaces; 3) support for emergency repairs for low income homeowners.	Noted
December 5, 2018- Bethlehem Center- Anna Hernandez- Feedback: The proposed goals and activities are great for the community. One goal that we fund here in need of , at the Bethlehem Center, is an open use and access to washing/drying garments. This would fall under the public facility category. Since we currently provide clothing assistance to the homeless, this would help and provide clean clothing on a daily basis.	Noted
CONTINUED Email Blast-feedback from November 29, 2018 through January 18, 2019 and Website Posting requesting feedback	
Comments (email, other-if applicable)	City Response
December 5, 2018: Bob Ludeken- NVAC member; Rhonda, thank you for the report and request for a reply. I am impressed on the city's accomplishments with the grant funds and the repayments recycled. Bill Huott has covered the north Visalia streets and sidewalks as good projects. No one on the NVNAC knows the area better. I do recommend the city work with Tom Gong at Food 4 Less shopping center on a safety crossing at Vine and N. Dinuba Blvd. Please study the extended area from Ferguson to Sweet on the east side of Dinuba Blvd. This area is a high concentration of small family homes with one exit on Vine to their large shopping center on the west side of the boulevard. The last time I spoke with Mr. Gong, 8 people had been injured by cars when crossing from Vine to the shopping center. The pedestrians will not walk north to Ferguson and back south to the stores. They cross at Vine. Buena Vista, Prospect, Harold do not provide access to Dinuba Blvd, so Vine is a traffic funnel of people walking to the shopping center which will be the older residents and mothers with children. The shopping center is convenient to this large concentration of families and Vine is the only path to it. If not a signal, why not the flashing safety lights as installed by the Oval? I realize Dinuba Blvd is a state highway, but Visalia needs to work with them on the problem. Mr. Gong is not seeking another signal on Dinuba, only a safer way to cross the highway. I am uncertain a bridge over the highway is an answer with older people and mothers with children/strollers, etc. Possibly safety lights could be tied in with the Ferguson signal. Just a wild thought. Rhonda, I have other thoughts on the Oval in the attached letter to the City Council.	Noted; forwarded info to Com Dev & Engineering, Police
Bob Ludekens continued: Visalia City Council- Re: Homeless & Oval Park Use. I have been a member of the City Gang Intervention Task Force from when it was formed 12 years ago. I am proud of what this multi-agency has helped accomplish. Our City has grown dramatically in the 12 years and our gang membership has dropped considerably. My notes show counts of over 1,000 gang members in 2005. I believe now there are less than 400-500. 2017 in to 2018, the city went 8 months without a homicide and I believe at 2 for this year. For a city of our size, with a large mix of nationalities, we are doing well. The Homeless has become our major challenge and expense. I am a member of the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee. The city has done much in our area. The Oval Park looks great. We have a good new playground, new fence on the east along Hwy 63 safety crossings with flashing lights; one south, one on east side, and another north from the park. There is good lighting in the park, and Oval business area. The city has taken over the Wittman Center and with the Anthony Center have good programs for the youth. With grant funds, we see new housing for the low income families and homes rehabbed to be sold and about \$35,00 in returning funds per year. All this is good. The homeless present the challenge to feed, sleep, care, etc. We now provide breakfast at the Rescue Mission. Many walk west by Wittman and the Community Campus to Oval Park, then north on Hwy 63 to Bethlehem Center for lunch. After lunch this population return down Hwy 63 to the Oval and east by Wittman Center to the Rescue Mission for dinner. Please note, most business properties are vacant in their travel route including the drug store location at Houston and Hwy 63. The businesses around the Oval are impacted as local families will not shop where the homeless are in the area. I watched a store owner trying to remove a homeless man and his bag of material by his door north of the Oval. The homeless are looking for handouts or beg from customers or employees. These homeless had affected all family use of the Oval and local business in this area.	Noted; forwarded info to Com Dev & Engineering, Police

<p>Bob Ludekens continued: One afternoon I spent 45 minutes in Oval Park. An officer was busy with a lady doing business, about 39 were camping in the park, about 40 or more traveling through the park, some charging their phones on the east side of the building on their way east to Rescue Mission, etc. We have a nice building at the Oval. Use it for a Recreation Service Center. Organize the many small local churches to use the Oval Park for outdoor programs. Have tables, chairs, and games available for seniors from the Town Meadows and local area. Have a supervisor and help near the playground so parents, and grandparents can bring their children. This will take time, but with organized activities, the homeless will move out, and bring life to the local business area. Activities will reduce homeless in the Wittman Center area. I participated in such a program in Santa Monica many years ago. We had seniors at tables playing games, children's programs in the area, and churches using the park with help by the Park & Rec personnel. This was beneficial for all in that area. We have CSET, Proteus, Boy Scouts, Police, Wittman Center all in the vicinity. All could help make this happen. Can any of the CDBG grant funds be used at the Oval Park in this type of program in a low income area? Can this tie in with Parks & Recreation department? The key is the local organizer. The proper, well organized person with local help could change the would area.</p>	<p>Noted; forwarded info to Com Dev & Engineering, Police</p>
<p>December 6, 2018- Tulare County Office of Education- Beth Wilshire: Feedback- Affordable Housing options; Rental assistance for those with poor rental and/or credit history; emergency and permanent housing options for homeless youth; services for homeless youth such as assistance with high school diploma or other options as well as options for job assistance.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>December 8, 2018- mail: Mr. Pasquini: Housing is and is becoming a bigger issue. Many more in need than Visalia used to have. All plans sound good; parks, public facilities, etc. But the most important I feel is housing. In all of the ways listed, improvement, affordability, repair, upgrade, code, move in assistance. All are great, we need to get more people into a normal living situation</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>December 11, 2018: Family Services of Tulare County: We would like to propose consideration for increased CDBG funds for existing projects (Tulare Housing First II & Homeless Outreach). These programs are very successful but funding has not increased significantly in years- we want to sustain these crucial projects. ; 2) A low barrier emergency shelter is a high priority need.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>December 12, 108; Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency- Chaz Feliz: Given the overwhelming local need, I submit that financing the capital expenses of a low barrier emergency shelter should be reflected in the goals of the 2019 Action Plan and CDBG application (public facilities category)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>December 14, 2018: Chris Tavares- CDBG - all available funding (\$700k) should be used for ADA improvements throughout the City, there is no greater need for enhancing the community. The only other NEEDED alternative would be a Homeless Facility to keep people from wandering around our City but that would be way more costly. HOME - group all funding together and use for Low Income housing projects (with goal of housing homeless or near homeless)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>January 2, 2019: Terry Ommen - This may not be appropriate for your request for feedback, but thought I would send my thoughts just in case. I think it applies by falling in the objective category of "creating economic opportunities" and the outcome of "viable communities". As you know the city owned property on the old Copeland Lumber block (bounded by Oak, School Bridge and Garden streets) has been pretty much confirmed as the site of Fort Visalia, and now we have an opportunity to draw attention again to our solid foundation as the oldest existing town in the southern San Joaquin Valley and further establish our town as a viable community. The site is the beginning for our town. That is significant! Some of the uncommitted CDBG funds could be used to facilitate some of the below listed actions. Please consider the included attachment information Pardon me for repeating historical factoids you probably already know, but here are a few that I feel are important and relevant to the project: 1) Visalia was founded in 1852 and is the oldest valley town still in existence between Los Angeles and French Camp (just south of Stockton). Visalia predates Bakersfield, Fresno, Merced and Modesto, just to mention a few. 2) Tulare County was established in 1852, two years after California became a state. The county predates Fresno, Kern, Inyo and Kings counties—all of which were generally included in original Tulare County boundaries. 3) Visalia has been the county seat of Tulare County since 1853. 4) Historically, Visalia has been an important town evidenced by events and circumstances that include the following: Visalia... A) was a timetable stop on the Butterfield Overland Mail route (1858-1861). B) was one of the few towns to have a U. S. Land Office for settlers to register their claims if they wanted homestead land. C) had a telegraph office on the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph line in 1860. D) was a significant supply town for a number of California mining regions including Coso Range (Owens Valley), Kern River and Mineral King. E) was a significant settlement in the Four Creeks region of the San Joaquin Valley (called Tulare Valley originally). Visalia was in the heart of a huge Valley Oak forest. F) had the first newspaper in the southern San Joaquin Valley. It was called the Tulare County Record & Fresno Examiner. It began in 1859. G) had a role in the California Gold Rush (1848-1855)—not necessarily mining, but agriculture, cattle, providing food to mining regions—former miners settled here. H) had a Union military garrison during the Civil War with soldiers stationed here from about 1862 to 1865. I) had at least one Yokuts Indian village within the</p>	<p>Noted, and indicated that it is not part of this 5 yr. high priorities, benefiting low income persons, area, jobs. Also, noted that testing is part of CDBG admin.</p>

<p>T Gmmen continued- For these and many more reasons, Visalia holds a special place in California history. Therefore, given the historical importance of Visalia and the belief that we know the block where the town began, it is appropriate that certain actions take place. My thoughts on these actions include: 1) A monument should be created that incorporates, as much as possible, the existing site plaque and structure. The new commemorative marker could include an expanded historical interpretation of the site and include an artistic rendering of the fort as it was described by witnesses and found in the historical record. Local artists could be asked to participate in its creation. Placement of the newly created "Fort Visalia" marker should occupy a highly visible location on the block serving as an educational feature regarding local history and our place in broader California history. 2) Prior to new development on the block, and after the site has been cleared, appropriate archeological testing of the site should be made to identify the exact location of the fort and related human activity connected to its occupation. Equipment such as, but not limited to, backhoes, shovels and ground penetration instruments, could be used for searching/testing at the site. 3) Site testing/evaluation should be conducted by a qualified American Cultural Resource Association affiliated company. Emphasis should be placed on finding the exact location of the fort and any related area connected to the enclosure. 4) If testing and evaluation of the site reveals evidence of the location of the fort, then further specific site exploration analysis should take place. 5) If no specific fort location is determined in the site testing or evaluation, then building site work could begin. 6) During construction, I would suggest a periodic site monitoring be scheduled to be sure no fort evidence is unearthed and missed during construction. 7) As much as possible, archaeological work on the site should take place prior to the sale and development of the property so the archaeological work will not hold up future development of the site. 8) All items of historical significance found on the site should be carefully collected, recorded and analyzed. A suitable local non-profit historical organization should be designated to store and display the items in perpetuity. 9) During site exploration, testing and eventual development, the Fort Visalia block should be fenced with "no trespassing" signs posted to keep those not part of the project from disturbing historical objects. These are my initial thoughts on the Fort Visalia site. We have a great opportunity and tremendous responsibility with this unique site—a site that represents a significant cultural resource. If we fail to act soon, the opportunity for learning more about our</p>	<p>Continued-noted</p>
<p>TCHA- Miguel- 12-27-18: Input for AP-60; feedback- TCHA recommends that the city makes more funding available for the acquisition and rehabilitation of more affordable housing.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>1-2-19: Rebekah Jones-email would love to see ADA improvements--I do not run into any issues with ADA in my line of work, but rather in my personal life. My father has been disabled and in a wheelchair for over 20 years and he takes his electric wheelchair everywhere in downtown Visalia and the surrounding areas. Sometimes he takes darker paths (I am worried he will get ran over) to avoid the worst bumps on the main paths. Going over train tracks is one of the harder things to do in those chairs. There is no path from the area he lives in (just north of Murray) to downtown (where he gets groceries, goes to the bank etc.) without going over the bumpy train tracks and it is also super dark. Another issue I have seen is help with housing for single women. Most housing is for men (shelters, sober housing, rehabs) and families. I hate seeing women out on the streets because I know the greater risk for assault and other crimes they face being both alone and female. I think helping people that cannot function in a shelter situation for whatever reasons: sleep disorders, work and school schedules (strict hours), therapy and companion pets, or maybe just afraid of the other residents who may be on drugs or mentally ill, is another thing I would like to see improved in housing grants. I would like to see more help for people who are at risk for being homeless or currently homeless, but will not stay in a shelter for certain reasons health, safety etc. I have known women who slept in their cars over the shelters, but they will not get housing help unless they spend 30 consecutive nights in the shelter. The waitlist for other housing resources like section 8 are years long so that almost seems backwards too-the help is usually needed now and hopefully they will not rely on it forever, but when people finally get section 8 I imagine they might try to stay on it because it took so long to get and are worried they will lose it. I feel the current help is often offered to those who do not truly want it.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>January 4, 2019- CAC Member Phil Minwald -My priority would be job placement/development. When successfully implemented, is a permanent fix for multiple needs. Next priority is elder assistance in any acceptable form.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>1-9-19: Bill H: Riverbend Park kids bridge replace, huge! Still requesting single light pole with new bright energy saving LED lighting center of park to remove cave effect.; Cast light on these assets to assist police in "quick glance" drive by policing; And assist citizen volunteers (who could that be!) To check on persons in park overnight during dusk hours; And possibly up to nefarious acts like stealing a bridge! Please use CDBG funds to pay for! Bill -Clean is less Mean</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>1-7-19; faxed : George Allen, Tulare County Mental Health Board: High Priority Needs;1) Increase capacity by using all current funding streams, including best \$650,000 in CDBG uncommitted funding; 2) utilizing one-time- state funding available early 2019 to both Visalia & Tulare City to immediately -150-200 beds for short term shelter; 3) authorizing Warming Center @ Episcopal church St Paul's with adequate security/trash removal, etc. as requested by neighbors.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>1-18-19: Central CA Legal: Thank you for the invitation extended to CCLS to provide feedback on the City of Visalia's federal funding activities. Please see attached for CCLS's feedback on the City's high priority needs and federal funding allocation. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for reaching out to our office requesting feedback on the City's proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds. Because Central California Legal Services ("CCLS") works extensively with the housing issues that Visalia's low-income residents experience, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on what CCLS has observed as high priority needs. We encourage the City to consider making a strong commitment of allocating funding from its remaining \$700k of uncommitted CDBG funds towards the suggested programs and activities described below: Relocation Assistance Fund-Back in February 2018, ten seniors were displaced from the Meadows, a senior living complex, as a result of an electrical fire .1. (Sheyenne N. Robert, Fire displaces residents from Meadows Senior Cottages, VISALIA TIMES DELTA (Feb. 18, 2018, 1: 04 PM), https://www.visaliamtsdelta.com/story/news/2018/02/18/fire-meadows-senior-cottages-tulare/349613002.) The senior residents lost their belongings and residence and received no relocation assistance from the landlord. The residents were not able to obtain relocation assistance from the landlord due to insufficient documentation from the fire department for the purposes of requesting relocation under California Law. In addition, many tenants displaced by fires do not receive relocation funds unless the landlord can be shown to be responsible for the fire.2 (see Health & Safety Code Section 17975.4). Such clients cannot obtain relocation assistance during their time of need and must resort to suing the landlord for damages, assuming the landlord is not insolvent. This additional burden placed on these tenants severely delays their efforts in relocating to another rental unto. A relocation assistance fund administered by the City should be established to help vulnerable populations, like the seniors living at the Meadows, who cannot obtain relocation assistance from their landlord.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

1-19-19 Central CA Legal continued- Rental Assistance Fund: When families and individuals already have to shoulder high rental cost burdens, an unforeseen event, such as loss of employment and illness, easily leads to the threat of eviction. Once an individual gets an eviction on his or her record, it becomes increasingly difficult to find decent, affordable housing, increasing the risk of homelessness. It is necessary and most effective to intervene prior to a landlord initiating the eviction process. A need-based rental assistance fund to provide financial assistance to those facing eviction or threat of eviction would prevent homelessness. The rental assistance fund could offer full rent payment and other associated costs according to the rental agreement, allowing individuals the opportunity to overcome their temporary financial crisis and avoid a potential eviction. For model program guidelines, the City may refer to Alameda County's Rental Assistance Program, in partnership with the Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity, which assists low-and moderate-income participants with delinquent rent, security deposits, and move-in costs.3 (ECHO HOUSING, https://www.chofairhousing.org/rental-assistance-program.html (last visited Jan. 17, 2019).	Noted
1-18-19- Central CA Legal continued- Expansion of Landlord Mitigation Fund: Since unlawful detainer actions are summary court procedures designed to move quickly through the court, many people are unable to take preventative or mitigating measures prior to the action. Unfortunately, many individuals end up with an eviction on their records due to not understanding the unlawful detainer court process, not responding in time, or ineffective self-representation. A resulting court judgment against the tenant should not prevent the tenant from obtaining decent, affordable housing in the future. However, these individuals are more likely to fall into cycles of homelessness due to the reluctance of landlords to rent to them. CCLS is encouraged by the establishment of the Landlord Mitigation Fund by the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance ("KTHA") in Kings and Tulare Counties to incentivize landlords to rent to "high risk" tenants.4 (KTHA, https://kthahomelessalliance.org/landlord-recruitment-info (last visited Jan. 17, 2019)). This program actively combats homelessness by providing an additional avenue to secure housing for those facing homelessness. Participating Landlords receive financial assurance of reimbursements for property damage and other issues caused by "high risk" tenants. We hope the city will support this partnership program by contributing to the existing fund, recruiting interested landlords, rapidly rehousing homeless individuals and families with participating landlords, and actively promoting the Landlord Mitigation Fund through community outreach. Once again, we appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback on what CCLS has observed as high priority needs within the City of Visalia. Please see attached for the completed feedback form requested by the City. Feel free to contact me at cwong@centralcallegal.org if you have any questions regarding this request. Cindy Wong.	Noted
1-23-18: Rosemary Caso- Executive director United Way of Tulare County- Will there be funding available for United Way to apply for? We are looking at Direct services such as vouchers and assistance.	Noted and Responded- need more information about your request; require a proposal; We are near our maximum allowed public service (cap)referred to Family Services for case management service the administered HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (rental gap assistance- transitional housing only).
Posted notice on December 14, 2018 City Facebook need survey input	
Comments	City Response
Brent Young Address the homeless problem: 1) Stop the transfer of homeless coming into our community from outside communities that provide them one way tickets via bus, train etc. etc. 2) Rework shelters, and/or add infrastructure that will give homeless a place to go instead of our parks, business plazas, or other locations where commerce is interrupted by homeless activity. 3) address the drug epidemic that results in a higher homeless population..	Noted
Brandon Aisio Safety at school crosswalks. Maybe light up reflectors when the button is pushed?? and lights down our walking paths.	Noted
Geneva Philpot sidewalks downtown are in bad shape	Noted
Dale Reher Curb and gutter on streets like Hurley between Akers and Shirk	Noted
Brandon Simons Fix the cross section of the train tracks on Akers & Goshen - the track line sits at a good 8 inch slope in comparison to the street level.	Noted
Israel Miranda Sidewalks eastside of town on major streets Goshen /Ben Maddox!	Noted
Something to deal w homeless Litter	
Jared Coppola I think as a community we need to address the growing drug problem in our community. Is there anyway any of these funds could be used to expand, build or bring in more drug treatment/rehab facilities? hat could potentially help lower our homeless population in the City. I don't like the idea of more ADA compliance unless we absolutely need to do it. Visalia already seems to lead the way in that area when compared to other communities around us, at least in the areas I drive/live. Park improvements, it's been a while since I've been to them. But the last time I went ants were a real issue. I actually left the event early because I was being bitten by too many ants. But I think Visalia has some nice parks especially when compared to other communities in the Valley. Are there restrictions on how this funding should be spent?	Noted
Amber Jerome Wood Address drug problem in our high schools as well as streets and homeless. Hire more Narcs to work school grounds, put 15 undercover on each campus and catch all the drugs, pills marijuana (vapes) and clear out this epidemic in our children's lives! It's become more norm and desensitized and will lead to our future deteriorating and more homelessness as these drugs consequences are lack of motivation for daily living	Noted
Frank Clark We should equip all schools with a huge brass cannon that has a hundred lights lighting it up at night as a sign not to mess with our staff and children. AMERICA	Noted
Clorinda Reynoso Botello Landscape the roundabout on Santa Fe/Houston, traffic light on Giddings/Riggin	Noted
Erin Elliott an ADA compliant shelter with a soup kitchen, showers, and laundry. I applaud all of the church-based facilities that are actively assisting our vulnerable population, but too many are being left out because they can't meet the requirements.	Noted
Deborah Kaye Moody Shelter for the homeless. Plumbing and we could do something like China does, they have little cubicles to sleep, do you realize how much this would save the city in clean up, alone. People could get a safe nights sleep, keeps them off the street.	Noted
Richard Both Deborah Kaye Moody how about get them jobs. "Stashing" the homeless isn't the answer. A YMCA like facility that has all basic needs and REAL job training, rehab, counseling, all in one	Noted
Christopher Cadena Safety and lighting at intersection crossings near schools and senior citizen apts. and facilities i.e. @Giddings/Riggin intersection near River way Elementary. New marked and lighted pedestrian crossing lanes near Locust/Court & Oak Ave. Intersections next to Visalia Public Library and Oak Meadows	Noted
Melissa Parker Brewer Lighting on all walking paths!!!!	Noted

April Treona Lancaster A shelter with facilities is so very needed. In fact - I believe it would improve the quality of our parks by default considering most of them have become encampments for our city's growing homeless population	Noted
Georgina Macias-Leslie Walking paths	Noted
Dessa Lim Safer intersections w/traffic lights at Riggin and County Center, Riggin and N. Mooney - children cross these streets to get to and from school and it is dangerous. Riggin has just gotten too congested to not have traffic lights at these intersections. We don't need more accidents or deaths before we decide to do what's necessary. This area is still growing and will only get busier	Noted
Season Johnson Burch 3 way stop at Linwood and Riggin. It's impossible to get out and turn Left in the morning.	Noted
Rick Son No Mortgage Homes for Veterans who have passed and left families behind and or severely disabled.	Noted
Kris Walker Bruce I think community involvement is key. Thoughts, as those noted above, are a great place to start. Also use resources such as the annual Public Opinion Survey for direction. Another thought, gather the ED's from non-profits in our community. They reach and see so many people, they are vital to this discussion as well. Just my opinion	Noted
Deils Avalos Blinking lights for stop signs on court and Ferguson! So many cars pass up the stop signs and a school is about 5 houses away from 4 way stop... (Crowley elementary) my son almost got hit coming from school (heart program) I can be standing in my yard and see cars constantly speeding pass the stop signs without stopping...its so dangerous due to a lot of kids walking through to get from the school to the manual Hernandez center!	Noted
Brooke Lea School crosswalk safety, every day I see people blow through a crosswalk that has a crossing guard. The problem is very bad. Most drivers in our town have zero respect for pedestrians or other fellow drivers & the homelessness is a rapidly growing problem with encampments, trash, and not to mention the drug issue. There is no real help for the homeless here	Noted
Gabby Chavez Luviano Park Improvements ! For the kids	Noted
JoAnn Franco-Malony 1. Lit crosswalk from the east side of KD to the parking garage. 2. Widen Shirk road to accommodate upcoming apartment traffic. 3. Clean up the sides of Caldwell...there are weeds, trash and a bad Impression of Visalia.	Noted
Teri L Jones Park work	Noted
Ed Smith Upgrading curbs, street markings, especially between each side of overpasses over 198 in Visalia where right now some people are trying to race to get in front in side-by-side lanes merging into one lane. Example: Conyer and West, to name a couple. Road repairs are essential, as well	Noted
Lalia Hefner Green Shelter for sure	Noted
Mike Leija Get rid of the road pirates	Noted
Tammy Duneheew- Trader Joes	Noted
Christopher Cadena Safety and lighting at Intersection crossings near schools and senior citizen apts. and facilities i.e. @Giddings/Riggin Intersection near River way Elementary. New marked and lighted pedestrian crossing lanes near Locust/Court & Oak Ave. Intersections next to Visalia Public Library and Oak Meadows	Noted
Aaron Collins Convert the downtown Bank of America block into a public square/zocalo for public gatherings, markets, concerts, etc.	Noted
Dale Reher Curb and gutter on streets like Hurley between Akers and Shirk	Noted
Mooney Grove Affordable Housing Program: Augusta Communities is requesting funds to support the installation of new modern, high efficiency manufactured homes on vacant home sites in its manufactured housing community located at 26814 S. Mooney Blvd in the city of Visalia for 1) owner-occupied and 2) rental housing for occupancy by low and moderate income households. The cost for new modern, high efficiency homes and related improvements vary by size but cost approximately \$90,000 - \$110,000. Importantly, as compared to older housing stock from traditional housing (single family, apartments and older mobile and manufactured housing) these homes are highly energy efficient resulting in lower total housing cost to the occupant. Augusta Communities is a 501(c)3 non-profit housing organization created to encourage, preserve, rehabilitate, develop, operate, and maintain decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low and moderate income persons through the acquisition and rehabilitation of manufacturing housing communities. Augusta purchased Mooney Grove manufactured housing community in 2016 with tax exempt financing and the property is encumbered with income and affordability covenants.	Noted response, focus has been on homeless efforts and limited funding for high priorities. Noted comments for review
Mooney Grove comment continued- Priority #1: Mooney Grove Affordable Rental Housing Augusta is setting aside 10% (17) of the home sites in the community for rent-restricted affordable rental housing for low to moderate income households. Rent for the homes would be structured to comply with the project's existing affordability requirements and any particular goals the city of Visalia may want to overlay. Augusta is requesting funding for this multi-year affordable housing program. The loan would fund the construction and delivery of the new home plus site improvements such as electric pedestal upgrades, carports, steps and landscaping. Revenue generated from the rent of the homes would be used to repay the loan. The term of the loan would be 20 years at a 2% interest rate. The loan would pay 90% of the cost of the project. The goal is to complete 17 new homes within three years, with 6 installed by year end 2019. This program would be a loan program, not a subsidy or grant program. In typical multi-family housing projects, public contributions of \$400,000 per unit are not uncommon and these are not typically repaid. Our rental housing program is, by far, the most cost effective approach to providing affordable housing to the community.	Noted
Mooney Grove comments continued-Priority #2: Mooney Grove Affordable Owner-Occupied Housing There are approximately 12 vacant spaces that are set aside for homes to be sold to people who want to own their own home. Homeownership Program Augusta is requesting that the city establish a revolving loan program to finance the installation of new, modern, high efficiency manufactured homes to offer for sale to households who want to own rather than rent. The loan would fund the construction and delivery of the home, plus site improvements such as electric pedestal upgrades, carports, steps and landscaping. Net proceeds from the sale of the home will revolve back to fund the next for sale home. This is a multi-year funding request with a goal of installing 3 homes per year. Chattel Loan Very few lenders offer chattel loans for manufactured housing because of banking law regulations. Augusta is requesting that the city consider establishing a chattel loan program for homebuyers who want to purchase a home in nonprofit-owned, land-lease manufactured housing communities restricted by affordability covenants. Manufactured home dealerships are interested in bringing homes into our community, but limited chattel financing stalls homeownership in this market. Loan terms should be structured to resemble those offered for traditional home loans.	Noted

Posted notice on "Inside City Hall" December 27, 2016 for feedback on Need Survey, Twitter

Comments	City Response
Don Landers email 12-28-18; Hope you have a happy new year. Maximize available resources by partnering with other agencies; federal, state & non-profit to maximize & yield the best results. I believe the focus should be on improving non-profit resources to manage the homeless housing supply & stock available to that community.	Noted
Twitter comment: haptoda@gmail.com 12-15-18; I do not agree that any of this housing should be made available for illegal aliens under any circumstance and would fight against it, publicly oppose it.	Noted
Elizabeth Forte: 1-14-19; I think the unassigned funding should go to public facilities. I'm not sure if that means a new SW city rec center- It could be a number of things. I'd like to see the funds used to benefit a large # of residents (as opposed to programs for few individuals- like vouchers or first time homeowners programs).	Noted
Public Comment Period February 21, 2019 through March 22, 2019	
<i>Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting: Presentation of Draft 2019 Action Plan - March 6, 2019</i>	
Public Comment:	City Response
Some members noted that emergency shelter is the higher priority, another noted shelter is needed more, but concerned of the legal aspects or liabilities if ADA is not completed; another comment that completing the ramps, based upon their location, was actually a higher priority for him then the emergency shelter. A member also noted-what is the quantity of assistance for a shelter over ADA improvements and ES should not be done in exclusion of ADA needs. CDBG funds already invested in ADA, this would complete the project. Remainder of funds as seed money to ES, keeping the CDBG timelines in mind; ES must have an experienced developer/owner; CAC wanted to know who it would be, and when the Continuum would announce an award- noted May 2019. Also noted CoC has timelines for their expenditures and completion.	Noted
Overall- The Committee voted that the ADA project should be completed, then remainder funding to ES as seed money; if CoC does not award their funding toward an ES to a developer, then recommend that the remaining CDBG be redirected toward the public improvements. (motion was made)	Noted
CAC asked which parks would be provided CDBG funding for security lighting- Staff followed up with Fairview, Park View and Summers.	Noted
CAC would also like a presentation on an ES if funding is awarded.	Noted
<i>Disability Advocacy Committee Meeting: Presentation of Draft 2019 Action Plan- March 11, 2019</i>	
Public Comment:	City Response
Member noted that it is impossible to get assistance for Senior Mobile home due to requirements. Member recommended additional funding, flexible or revised guidelines	Noted, some requirements related to lead based paint costs, age of the unit, other funding previously used for replacing units through Self Help Grant.
Public attendee asked if unprogrammed funding is recommended or could be recommended for Oval Park activities, for the homeless. The request also included a proposed sidewalk, which was part of the Oval design work.	Noted-Staff referenced that this type of request is a public service, which must comply with the 15% cap limitations. The ADA sidewalk is a public improvement, however, no funds have been recommended toward Oval Park, as there are other eligible parks in need of improvements.
Member noted ADA needs at River way Sports Park	Engineering staff noted that other funding is being utilized for needs at the sports park.; staff noted that it is not in the census tract that is eligible for CDBG.
The Committee not only asked to better understand the process, but to be able to speak into and review locations, including prioritization of, ADA improvements. The Committee noted that they would like to be more involved. Members also discussed various locations that have been improved in the past but require further work; such as access needs (ramps) along Houston. Member noted that the improvements were "a joke". Members also noted the Bridge/Tulare area specific to the height of the curbing.	Committee Staff member will be working with DAC to identify locations and prioritize, submitting to Engineering for review and further prioritization, as well as review of eligibility under CDBG or Transition Plan.
Committee made a motion to accept staffs recommendation to complete ADA Improvements, then any additional or remaining funds be directed to public facilities for an emergency shelter, with the addition of Staff's recommendation to redirect any remaining funds to ADA, Parks & Senior Center if Continuum of Care funds are not awarded to a non-profit for the development of the shelter.	Staff noted that remaining funding and future (2020) funding could be directed toward the emergency shelter. This would be based upon Council's final approval of activities. Staff noted as well that if a non-profit applies for the funding through the Continuum of Care (HEAP & GESH funds) for a shelter, and if not awarded, staff would recommend redirecting the funds to ADA, Parks & Senior Center needs.
<i>North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting: Presentation of Draft 2019 Action Plan- March 14, 2019</i>	
Public Comment:	City Response
Member Chair noted Recreation director comments on the needs and page 39 of the draft related to ADA curb cuts. Noted that these were included in the activities but the street improvements, safety were not.	Noted
Member Salinas also noted that there was no emphasis on traffic lighting, street improvements and safety as well, specifically to the Oval area, and that the funding of such were not included in as recommended activities. He noted that NVAC projects, in the Oval area, are not honored, oval sidewalk not considered; the safety of our children, including safe routes to school, are not considered. He noted that the HOPE team has 6 Mil invested but non spent toward children in the oval area. priority is Street safety - Traffic light safety, poles with street lights and signs; oval walkway	Staff noted that overall comments are considered and the highest priorities are included for recommendation. Also noted that funding for this purpose is also available from other grant programs. All comments are provided for review as well.
Member Paul- noted cars around the park are going fast and speed bumps were recommended; Locust and NW 3rd people speed, and need a signal light or stop sign	Noted
Member Salinas noted that crime is identified as the north side: Mr. Salinas noted that he shows up to CC, committees and comments are not considered Street safety is needed	Noted
NVAC did not have a quorum, therefore, only comments are noted.	Noted
<i>City Council Public Hearing: Presentation of Final 2019 Action Plan</i>	
Public and Council Comments:	City Response
Staff presented 2019 AP & Minor 2018 CDBG Amendment; Council approved Staff's recommendation of Option 1 activities and amendment.	noted
<i>Public Notice Publishing: Posting& newspaper publishing, non-profit disbursement, Etc. beginning February 21, 2019; email blasted also on 3-12-19</i>	
Public Comments:	City Response

Letter dated March 1, 2019 from KTHA- The Alliance to GM: The Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance ("Alliance") respectfully requests support of local homelessness initiatives within the City of Visalia. Prioritization of this complex issue as a part of the 2019 Action Plan would provide funding for the community for a variety of initiatives, such as the development of a low-barrier homeless shelter. As of the 2019 Point in Time Count, there were 462 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Visalia. Over half of those are unsheltered and living with a disability. People who are unsheltered tend to have greater vulnerabilities such as longer histories of homelessness and higher rates of behavioral health challenges. People sleeping unsheltered are also exposed to increased health and safety vulnerabilities, including increased involvement with the criminal justice system. The Alliance is working diligently to implement and sustain proven solutions such as coordinated entry, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless people - which can actually save taxpayer dollars by stabilizing people cycling through expensive public systems. Unfortunately, the current wait for people identified for housing assistance with our current homeless programs is roughly 4-5 years. Without sufficient emergency shelter options, people often form encampments or sleep in other places not meant for human habitation. We strongly encourage the City of Visalia to prioritize funding to support the development of a low-barrier emergency shelter to address this critical issue. Thank you for considering this request and for your continuing leadership on efforts to prevent and end homelessness in the City of Visalia., Sincerely, Michael Smith, Executive Director.	Noted
Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency Letter dated 3-5-19: I am sending this letter to strongly encourage the City of Visalia dedicate 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME Investment Partnership Program resources toward costs associated with establishing a low-barrier emergency shelter. According to latest estimates, 790 people experience homelessness on any given night in Tulare County, with a significant amount in the City of Visalia. Individuals experiencing homelessness face significant barriers to wellness. Low-barrier shelters often serve as a critical first step in getting the homeless community connected with essential resources and services. A low-barrier shelter in the City of Visalia would be a tremendous benefit to the community. With limited resources available locally, it is important to make sure funding streams are integrated within homeless projects. For years, other jurisdictions have relied on CDBG funding for homeless efforts, like emergency shelters. Use of CDBG funding for a low-barrier shelter in the City of Visalia would greatly supplement efforts to provide critical resources for one of the most vulnerable local populations. I look forward to continue to have further conversations with the City on homeless efforts. Accordingly, I strongly support the use of CDBG/HOME Investment Partnership Program resources toward costs associated with establishing a low-barrier emergency shelter. Respectfully, Chaz Feliz, J.D., M.P.H.	Noted
UP Development, LLC, 900 West Jackson Blvd, 2 W, Chicago, Illinois 60607 Letter from Jessica Berzac, President, UP Development received 3-12-19: Re: Public Comment on Proposed Visalia 2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan. With Visalia, and the entire Central Valley, facing a serious homelessness crisis, we believe that Visalia should amend the 2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan to dedicate funds to projects combating homelessness through Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with a Housing First model and extensive services. According to HUD's 2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, 77.5% of the homeless population in the Kings/Tulare Counties Continuum of Care is unsheltered, making it one of the highest proportions of unsheltered homeless in the country when comparing with other similar size CoCs. Overall, trends since 2009 have shown a steady increase of the homeless population in Tulare County, from 545 in 2009 to 666 in 2017, with Visalia representing nearly half of both Kings and Tulare Counties' entire homeless population, according to the 2017 PIT count. To combat this issue, we proposed dedicating HOME funds to projects with robust services and implementing a Housing-First model. These models have proven effective. The National Alliance to End Homelessness cites studies showing that Housing First could save up to \$23,000 relative to traditional shelter programs. Additionally, these programs have had excellent retention rates of up to 98%, helping individuals maintain stable housing. Sincerely, Jessica Berzac, President, UP Development.	Noted
Wow, that's one heck of a document! I perused it. Looks like it is very comprehensive and well-done. I saw that you captured some of my comments. I appreciate that. Galen Quenzler, Executive Director Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias	Noted
Public Notice Publishing, Facebook, Tweeting, Etc. beginning February 21, 2019	
Public Comments:	City Response
Matthew J. Haus Low income housing means increased crime.	Noted
Apartments need police departments	
David Ajello Any chance some funds could be allocated towards camera systems (like in Money Walmart Parking lot) being utilized in some of the problem parks in Visalia, I see small children playing on new playground equipment the City of Visalia put in, then a few yards away at a table a few people smoking dope (white and green)	Communications staff response: Hi David, thank you for your suggestion! This may fall under park improvements, we will be sharing all of the comments collected and sharing them with our Housing Specialist staff member.
Rick Son Define Provide a suitable living environment ,does that mean you have one PIA in a subdivision causing havick ,how does that get addressed?	Noted
Chad F. Patton Fix the roads and address traffic density around where all the new housing is being built. Particularly around the area of Tulare and McAuliff and Lovers Lane and Walnut.	Noted
Fuma De Franks Fix the roads and the North Side	Noted
Juan Montalvo Dog park in the north side at or near the sports complex. It would really benefit residents in the area. Sure beats the 15-20(depending on traffic) drive to plaza park	Noted
Beverly McFarland Homeless shelter	Noted
Mike Zimmermann Fix the damn uneven and dangerous sidewalks, crossings, and hire a few crews to sweep and pick up all the broke glass that's everywhere in this town. Its getting ridiculous!	Noted
Marco A Vaca Fix home less problem we have here in town	Noted
Anthony Jannuzzi Seven Oaks Park has a large homeless village and it doesn't feel safe to enjoy the space with my family for hanging out.	Noted
Crystal Estrada Bring back an archery field! The one at sports park got torn down and they never built one at plaza park like they were supposed to!!! It's a great sport. My 12 year old daughter misses it.	Noted
Nal Saephanh Homelessness seems to be getting worse. In the middle of the day you can see the homeless setting up shelters on Ben Maddiox and reaching to Tulare Ave as well.	Noted
Gora Zon Homeless, they are multiplying...city of Visalia know how many are there?	Noted

Angle Medina Family Reunification Program in San Diego pays for one-way, one-time bus tickets so homeless people can live with relatives or friends in other cities. It's relocated 1,700 people in six years. Critics call these efforts "Greyhound therapy" and say all they do is move the homeless from one place to another. Officials acknowledge it is hard to keep track of the travelers once they leave	Noted
Rick Son even center street is a nightmare to drive down. Get rid of the yellow signs in the middle of Main Street, you constituents are not that stupid Jaywalking has doubled!	Noted
Posted/Published Notice	
Feedback Posting/Publishing in preparation of drafting the plan & amendment	
November 29, 2018; November 30, 2018; December 3, 2018; Sent email blast to all non-profit housing, service providers, health & human services, faith based organizations, education, county, Visalia Rescue Mission, Visalia Emergency Aid, continuum of care members, CSET, Self Help, Habitat for Humanity, CAC, DAC, NVAC, Historic Preservation committees, Park, Engineering Department, police, City depart, County	Sent email blast to ConPlan list, including DAC, CAC, NVAC, Historic Preservation, Housing, Health, Education, and other service providers, faith based organizations, CoC, local, county and regional government and non-profit agencies on November 29, 2018; and November 30, 2018; with the power point presentation and request for feedback; submitting the feedback form by January 18, 2019
December 3, 2018; Placed notice for feedback on City of Visalia's website	December 3, 2018; corrected December 4, 2018; Posted on City of Visalia
CoC List serve members on December 4, 2018	Reached 316 recipients; Email blast through Continuum of Care on 12-4-18,
CoC website	Posted on the Kings/Tulare County Continuum of Care (Alliance) on December 04, 2018, with the power point presentation and request for feedback; submitting the feedback form by January 18, 2019; reached 2100 people
Hispanic Chamber Newsletter/website posting of the Need Survey	Posted January 7, 2019; reaches 2100 people
City of Visalia News Detail posted	Posted 12-14-18;
City of Visalia Twitter	Posted 12-15-18; account has 3,894 followers
City of Visalia Facebook with inside City Hall posted	Posted December 14, 2018; 9,552 likes and 10,494 followers; 32 comments
City of Visalia eNewsletter (inside City Hall)	Posted 12-27-18; sent to 2,319 email addresses
City of Visalia Staff (Administration, Community Development, Engineering, Parks & Recreation)	Sent email and survey for input
Public Notice Posting/Publishing - Community & Council meetings, locations, dates and times, including Draft Plan (February 21, 2019- March 22, 2019) comment period	
Visalia Times Delta, Legal/ Retail Public Noticing publication	Posted Notice in local paper on
Visalia Times Delta- El Sol weekly (Wednesday) publication of Public Hearing Notice	Posted Notice in local paper on
City Hall East- 315 East Acequia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
City Hall North- 220 N Santa Fe- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
City Hall West- 707 West Acequia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Visalia Transit Division, 425 E Oak Avenue, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
U S Post Office, 111 W Acequia Ave posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Public Library, 200 W Oak Avenue, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Continuum of Care office, 525 W Center, Suite A, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Habitat for Humanity location 637 S Lovers Lane, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Employment Connection, 4025 W Noble Avenue, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Self Help Enterprises, 8445 W Blown Court, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Community Service Employment Training, Inc. (CSET), 312 NW 3rd Avenue, Visalia- posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 119 S Church St, Visalia, - posted public hearing notice	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Family Services of Tulare County posted notice in window of supportive housing office	Posted notice on 2-21-2019
Posted notice on City main page website	Posted notice on Feb 21, 2019; Feb 26, 2019
City- News Item- and mailing	Posted notice on Feb 21, 2019; Feb 26, 2019
City of Visalia Facebook	Posted notice on Feb 21, 2019; Feb 26, 2019
City of Facebook- followers- shared the link	Posted notice on Feb 21, 2019; Feb 26, 2019
City of Visalia- Twitter	Posted notice on Feb 21, 2019; Feb 26, 2019
Continuum of Care posted public notice on website	Posted notice on February 26, 2019
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce posted public notice on website	Posted notice on
2019 Action Plan published on City Website for public review	Posted notice on February 21, 2019
Copy of 2019 Action Plan available at City Hall East, 315 East Acequia, Visalia	Available for public review on February 21, 2019
Copy of 2019 Action Plan available at City Hall Administration Building (CHN), 220 N Santa Fe Street, Visalia	Available for public review on February 21, 2019
Copy of 2019 Action Plan available at City Hall West, 707 West Acequia, Visalia	Available for public review on February 21, 2019
Copy of 2019 Action Plan available at Public Library, located at 200 West Oak Avenue, Visalia	Available for public review on February 21, 2019
Email blast to City's list serve regarding public notice and posting of the 2019 Action Plan on the City Website. The email blast went out to all non-profit housing, service providers, health & human services, faith based organizations, education, county, Visalia Rescue Mission, Visalia Emergency Aid, continuum of care members, CSET, Self Help, Habitat for Humanity, CAC, DAC, NVAC, Historic Preservation committees, Park, Engineering Department	Email blast sent on March 12, 2019 to ConPlan list
CoC posted news-email blast of Public Hearing Notice	Email blast sent on February 26, 2019



FAMILY SERVICES
SUPPORTING TULARE COUNTY

February 20, 2019

City of Visalia
Community Development Department
ATTN: Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist
315 E. Acequia Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

Re: CDBG Grant Continuation Requested for Family Services of Tulare County – 2019-20 Fiscal Year

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) has administered the **Tulare Housing First** (Shelter Plus Care) program since its inception and has successfully housed numerous chronically homeless individuals in Visalia. This is a collaborative project alongside the City of Visalia, the City of Tulare, and the City of Porterville, with each municipality contributing matching funds which allow FSTC to administer federal rental assistance dollars to support the housing of some of our most difficult to serve homeless neighbors in Tulare County.

The federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is the exclusive funder of the rental assistance component of the Tulare Housing First (THF) project. These funds were applied for by the City of Tulare and Family Services of Tulare County through the Continuum of Care competition in 2009, now renewing on an annual basis. To augment the rental assistance support, Family Services of Tulare County provides case management, counseling, emergency assistance (i.e. food, clothing, furniture, hygiene products, etc.), financial literacy/life skills workshops, transportation assistance, and information and referral to program participants. Each participant works with the Case Manager to create an individual service plan aimed at addressing their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, and personal goals toward self-sufficiency. We have one full-time Case Manager assigned to this project, who is overseen by our Supportive Housing Program Manager. As part of their case plan, all clients who have income contribute 30% of their income toward their rent. The Housing Authority of Tulare County is an additional partner, and provides Housing Quality Standards Inspections and assists with determining rent reasonableness at no cost to the project. Our Program Coordinator and Program Assistant provide administrative support to the project, including recruiting landlords, processing rental payments, scheduling appointments, providing supplies, etc.

Our total request for CDBG funds for the 2018-19 fiscal year to support this project is \$30,575. These funds specifically fund the direct services for the Visalia Tulare Housing First vouchers (10) as well as services for three additional permanent supportive housing units in the City of Visalia for FY2019-2020. We have requested an increase in funding of \$5,000 for this fiscal year. Over the past ten years, we have managed to absorb increases in wages and costs to operate the project without any proportional increase in funding from the City. With the continued increases to the California legislated minimum



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wage and the corresponding proportional changes to our salary scale, we are in a position where we must request an increase in funding in order to maintain our current level of services and support to these vulnerable individuals and families in maintaining their permanent housing.

Family Services of Tulare County has been regular in our compliance with the City's current CDBG reporting requirements, which includes bi-annual updates of demographic information about participants, number of hours of services provided, and provision of documentation of project-related expenses including time cards, general ledger reports, etc.

We thank you in advance for your willingness to consider this request and look forward to the opportunity to discuss our plans in greater detail should you require additional information on the matter. We sincerely thank you for your continued partnership in serving the most helpless of our homeless neighbors in Visalia.

In Service,



Caity Meader, Chief Executive Officer

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Family Services Budget 2019-2020

City of Visalia CDBG	Total
Income	
CDBG Grant: Visalia	\$ 30,575
Total Income	\$ 30,575
Expenses	
Office Supplies	\$ 750.00
Telephone	\$ 425.00
Cellular	\$ 381.00
Internet	\$ 81.00
Postage	\$ 25.00
Rental of Building	\$ 1,500.00
Office Utilities	\$ 332.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 128.00
M&R - Janitorial	\$ 88.00
M&R - Equipment	\$ 27.00
M&R - Building	\$ 121.00
Insurance	\$ 144.00
Staff training	\$ 1,000.00
Audit Fees	\$ 158.00
Payroll Service Fee	\$ 45.00
Technical Support Fee	\$ 300.00
Administrative Cost Pool	\$ 1,605.00
Sub-total Expenses	\$ 7,110.00
Direct Expenses	
Salaries/Wages	
Case Manager .25 FTE x \$2,465 x 12	\$ 7,395.00
Program Assistant .05 FTE x \$2,174 x 12	\$ 1,413.00
Program Coordinator .05 FTE x \$2,822 x 12	\$ 1,693.00
Program Manager .05 FTE x \$4,243 x 12	\$ 2,546.00
Fringe Benefits (23% x salaries/wages)	\$ 3,001.00
Local Program Mileage	\$ 750.00
Client Financial Assistance (Rent, UA)	\$ -
Client Assistance (transportation, food vouchers)	\$ 6,667.00
Sub-total Expenses, Special Allocations	\$ 23,465.00
Total Expenses	\$ 30,575.00

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Notes

Family Services THF Budget 2019-2020

CDBG Sub-Allocations

Allocations, by Persons served	Total	CDBG Sub-Allocations					Total Number of Units
		Private Donations	Tulare Housing First	Porterville 5 16%	Tulare 12 39%	Visalia 14 45%	
Income							
CDBG Grant: Porterville	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	15,000
CDBG Grant: Tulare	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	25,000
CDBG Grant: Visalia	\$ 30,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,575	30,575
HUI- THF Rental Assistance	\$ 177,826	\$ -	\$ 177,826	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	177,826
Private Donations	\$ 31,509	\$ 31,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	31,509
Total Income	\$ 279,910	\$ 31,509	\$ 177,826	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,575	\$ 279,910
Expenses							
Office Supplies	\$ 1,304.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154.51	\$ 400.00	\$ 750.00	1,304.51
Telephone	\$ 821.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171.44	\$ 225.00	\$ 425.00	821.44
Cellular	\$ 786.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.67	\$ 300.00	\$ 381.00	786.67
Internet	\$ 219.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63.24	\$ 75.00	\$ 81.00	219.24
Postage	\$ 62.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.98	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	62.98
Rental of Building	\$ 3,447.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 897.28	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,500.00	3,447.28
Office Utilities	\$ 864.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.54	\$ 300.00	\$ 332.00	864.54
Equipment Rental	\$ 305.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117.03	\$ 60.00	\$ 128.00	305.03
M&R - Janitorial	\$ 236.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 88.00	236.50
M&R - Equipment	\$ 90.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.24	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.00	90.24
M&R - Building	\$ 335.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104.25	\$ 120.00	\$ 121.00	335.25
Insurance	\$ 512.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118.69	\$ 250.00	\$ 144.00	512.69
Staff Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
Audit Fees	\$ 361.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68.40	\$ 135.00	\$ 158.00	361.40
Payroll Service Fee	\$ 111.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21.23	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	111.23
Technical Support Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	300.00
Administrative Cost Pool	\$ 4,192.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 963.65	\$ 1,624.00	\$ 1,605.00	4,192.65
Sub-total Expenses	\$ 14,951.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,122.65	\$ 4,719.00	\$ 7,110.00	\$ 14,951.65
Direct Expenses							
Salaries/Wages	\$ 50,778.34	\$ 15,257.59	\$ -	\$ 8,465.75	\$ 14,008.00	\$ 13,047.00	50,778.34
Fringe Benefits	\$ 10,696.01	\$ 3,814.41	\$ -	\$ 1,652.60	\$ 2,228.00	\$ 3,001.00	10,696.01
Local Program Mileage	\$ 3,109.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,759.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00	3,109.00
Client Financial Assistance (Rent, U/A)	\$ 177,826.00	\$ -	\$ 177,826.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	177,826.00
Client Assistance (Transportation, food vouchers)	\$ 22,549.00	\$ 12,437.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 6,667.00	22,549.00
Sub-total Expenses, Special Allocations	\$ 264,958.35	\$ 31,509.00	\$ 177,826.00	\$ 11,877.35	\$ 20,281.00	\$ 23,465.00	\$ 264,958.35
Total Expenses	\$ 279,910.00	\$ 31,509.00	\$ 177,826.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,575.00	\$ 279,910.00



February 20, 2019

City of Visalia
Community Development Department
ATTN: Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist
315 E. Acequia Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

Re: Request to extend project period and proportional funding for Homeless Outreach/Case Management

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) submits this letter as a request for the City's consideration in allocating additional funding to extend the scope, services, and term of our *Homeless Outreach Case Management Pilot Project*. We believe we could responsibly utilize an additional \$35,000 in funds to expand the work of our Homeless Outreach Case Manager in conducting street outreach and providing support to our vulnerable neighbors living on the streets of Visalia.

Based upon our projections, we anticipate that \$35,000 in additional funding (for a total of \$190,000 since 11/29/2016) would adequately cover the costs of our current staffing levels (a dedicated full-time Case Manager) through December 31, 2020.

We recognize that any increase would be a continued effort of our current agreement. We have had extremely good success with meeting the requirements of the current grant. To date this fiscal year we have already outreached and provided services to 54 individuals. We believe that extending the grant term would allow us to assist an additional 45 households over nine (4) additional months. This would result in the agreement term concluding on December 31st, 2020.

We thank you in advance for your continued confidence in our organization and in the Homeless Outreach project as we work to connect with our homeless neighbors in an effort to get them connected to supportive services, "document ready" for housing, and placed in appropriate residential care. We sincerely thank you for your continued partnership.

In Service,

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Family Services Budget

Public Services Pilot Program 12.1.16 to 12.31.20		Total
49 months total		
Income		
City of Visalia		\$ 190,000
	Total Income	\$ 190,000
Expenses		
Office Supplies	\$225 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 2,977.00
Telephone	\$155 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 2,051.00
Cellular	\$46 mo x 1.02 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 2,299.00
Internet	\$42 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 556.00
Postage	\$174 x .9% cost of share x 49 mos =	\$ 77.00
Rental of Building	\$1550 monthly rent / 1,240 sq ft = \$1.25 per sq ft 168 sq ft x .27FTE x \$1.25/sq ft x 49 mos =	\$ 2,580.00
Office Utilities	\$169 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 2,236.00
Equipment Rental	\$75 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 992.00
M&R - Janitorial	\$50 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 540.00
M&R - Equipment	\$10 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 132.00
M&R - Building	\$45 mo x .27 FTE x 49 mos =	\$ 595.00
Insurance	\$2,245 mo x .9% cost of share x 49 mos =	\$ 990.00
Audit Fees	\$21,000 yr x .9% cost of share x 4 years =	\$ 756.00
Payroll Service Fee	\$7 mo x 49 mos =	\$ 343.00
Webbased Client Tracking System	\$12,500 yr x .9% cost of share x 4 years =	\$ 450.00
Technical Support Fee	\$5,255 mo x .9% cost of share x 49 mos =	\$ 2,317.00
Administrative Cost Pool	10% of personnel wages & benefits =	\$ 14,887.00
Emergency Assistance	Bus passes, food vouchers, hygiene supplies for clients	\$ 5,930.00
Sub-total Expenses		\$ 40,708.00
Direct Expenses		
Wages - Case Manager	\$2,822 x 1 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 33,864.00
	\$2,878 x 1 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 34,536.00
	\$2,936 x 1 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 35,232.00
	\$2,995 x 1 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 11,980.00
Wages - Program Manager	\$4,160 x .02 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 998.00
	\$4,507 x .02 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 1,082.00
	\$4,853 x .02 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 1,165.00
	\$5,200 x .02 FTE x 12 mos =	\$ 1,248.00
Fringe Benefits	23% of wages for health benefits, etc =	\$ 27,624.00
Local Program Mileage	55 miles mo x 49 months x .58 =	\$ 1,563.00
Sub-total Expenses, Special Allocations		\$ 149,292.00
Total Expenses		\$ 190,000.00



A Nonprofit Housing and Community Development Organization

March 27, 2019

Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist
City of Visalia
707 W. Acequia Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

RE: Request for CDBG Funds- Garden Street Bridge (Transitional) Housing Project

Dear Ms. Haynes,

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) is working to redevelop the facility located at 1627 S. Garden Street as bridge/transitional housing to serve individuals experiencing homelessness in Visalia and surrounding communities. SHE is a nationally recognized community development organization dedicated to working together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities. SHE is partnering with Mental Health Systems to operate the project, which is a non-profit agency founded in 1978 to improve the lives of individuals, families and communities facing substance abuse and behavioral health challenges.

To assist in funding the Garden Street project, Self-Help Enterprises would like to request the following funding from the City's CDBG Program: \$39,000 of the City of Visalia's CDBG public service funding for homeless services offered at the facility and \$400,000 for the capital development of the project. The capital funding will allow SHE to acquire the facility and complete approximately \$250,000 of rehabilitation at the site, including addressing current code enforcement issues and completing ADA improvements to the facility. The public services funding would allow SHE and MHS to provide extensive wrap-around supportive services at the project, including case management, mental health, substance abuse and other support services. The project includes hot meals for all residents, which will serve as a workforce development component, including teaching residents how to prepare meals and work in a commercial kitchen setting.

The CDBG funds will be utilized as gap financing in conjunction with NSP (requested from City), Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) through the K/T Homeless Alliance and Homeless and Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment (HMIOT) funds through the County. In the event the City has less funds available, SHE would accept any allocation the City can make available.

The Garden Street facility will be purchased in August 2019 and will undergo a 60-day rehabilitation. SHE expects the facility to be operational starting November 1, 2019.

Should you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Betsy McGovern-Garcia at (559) 802-1653 or betsyg@selfhelpenterprises.org. Once again, thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Collishaw
President/CEO



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Project Description Gardenb Street Bridge/Transitional Housing

The Garden Street Bridge Housing Project is a 22-bed public facility for low-income adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This bridge housing/transitional living facility will provide beds for Tulare County residents for a period of 60-90 days who are awaiting permanent supportive housing (PSH) or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) placements through a variety of funding programs, including, but not limited to, the Section 8 voucher program and HUD Continuum of Care PSH programs. These individuals will be referred through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) maintained by the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance. The Garden Street project is a partnership between Self-Help Enterprises (owner and developer), Mental Health Systems (operations and extensive wrap-around supportive services), the County of Tulare, the City of Visalia and the City of Tulare. This program will be provided in accordance with the Consolidated Plan and through collaboration with the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance.

The project includes one existing building with twenty-two (22) bedrooms. Twenty (20) of the bedrooms are jack-and-jill style rooms which share a restroom in the center. Two (2) of the bedrooms have their own restroom. There are common area shower facilities to serve all 22 rooms. There is also an office when you enter the building, a large room for resident activities, and a commercial grade kitchen to prepare meals. Additional storage space is included off the kitchen area. SHE proposes to acquire the site and complete rehab upgrades to the facility. The rehab will include new flooring, ADA improvements to common shower and restroom facilities, exterior stucco and fascia repair, window replacements (as applicable) and maintenance/repair/replacement of HVAC systems (as applicable). Mental Health Systems will provide extensive wrap-around supportive services for residents onsite and will operate the facility. Staffing will be provided 24 hours a day.

In addition to the housing provided, Mental Health Systems will serve daily meals to residents out of the onsite commercial kitchen. Residents will be able to participate in a work training program where they will work under a chef to learn how to work in a commercial kitchen setting.

Potential project funding sources include CDBG, HOME, HEAP, HMIOT, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), City of Visalia Housing Successor funds, Neighborhood Stabilization Funds, CDBG, low-income housing tax credits, Affordable Housing Program (AHP), Multifamily Housing Program (MHP), Continuum of Care funds, Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) funds, Housing Trust Fund, private funding from hospital districts and/or health institutions and other State or Federal resources as available.

SOILS REPORT

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March 22, 2019

Via U.S. Mail & E-mail: rhonda.haynes@visalia.city

Rhonda Haynes
Housing Specialist
City of Visalia
707 W. Acequia
Visalia, CA 93291

Re: Public Comment for the 2019 Draft Action Plan at April 15, 2019 City Council Meeting

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Attached to this letter is a public comment that we are submitting on behalf of our client, Ms. Nyenye King. Ms. King authorized this letter to accompany her public comment during consideration of this item. Please include this letter and Attachment 1 in the record of proceedings and distribute to all City Councilmembers for review and consideration prior to acting on the agenda item.

Previously, we submitted a comment letter on January 18, 2019 in response to the City of Visalia's ("City") invitation to the 2019 Action Plan priority funding needs survey that concerns the use of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") funds. This letter builds on the January 18, 2019 letter and provides further feedback to the City's draft 2019 Action Plan, particularly the section on affordable housing.

Based on the draft 2019 Action Plan, funding to programs that address homelessness and the shortage of affordable housing, which are identified high priority needs within the City, should be expanded to include more direct services that would benefit a larger number of households in need. We are encouraged to see the City's ongoing partnership with non-profit developers, such as Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, to close the housing affordability gap in the community. While the Central Valley has more affordable housing available compared to larger metropolitan areas, such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, housing is still not widely "affordable" for its residents based on the Central Valley's cost of living, which is lower than the Bay Area and Southern California. Further allocation of funding to programs that result in the actual production of lower-income housing, maintenance of current housing, and preservation of the affordable housing stock will empower the City's non-profit partners to provide services that directly benefit a much higher number of households than they



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are currently able to.

Tables 11 and 12 seem to indicate the City's annual goal of assisting a total of three households each under the Self-Help Enterprises Community Housing Development Organization ("SHE CHDO") and Tenant Based Rental Assistance ("TBRA") programs. We believe the City and its partners have the expertise and experience to create more ambitious goals. While the Housing Authority of Tulare County will continue to own and manage 179 units of public housing in the City, there are also no plans to purchase or develop additional public housing units. In addition to allocation of funding for capital improvements of affordable housing units, increasing the number of affordable units would alleviate the high cost-burden of renters paying over 30% of their income for rent. As the City found, 21% of households pay 30-50% of their income towards housing costs and 18% of households pay over half of their income for housing. These are not numbers that we can ignore. Once the City implements more programs that contribute to the actual production of housing, low-income renters will then be able to avoid having to rent substandard and unsafe housing, which is a persistent problem among low-income Valley renters. Often, this population faces eviction and homelessness as a result of chronic issues arising out of living in substandard and unsafe housing. Increased funding of the TBRA or SHE CHDO programs could serve to alleviate these issues.

According to its 2018 Annual Progress Report, the City may be at risk of a shortfall of affordable units if the progress in meeting its lower-income regional housing needs allocation ("RHNA") progresses at its current pace. Nearing the midpoint of its RHNA cycle, 53 units can be attributed to its very low income RHNA and 383 units to the low income RHNA. The City still has a remaining 2,563 units to meet for the very low income RHNA and 1,548 units for the low income RHNA. The City will need to implement programs that would facilitate the development of affordable housing in order to avoid a potential carryover RHNA obligation during the next allocation assigned by the Tulare County Association of Governments.

Under housing element program 6.6, the City committed to conducting a Housing Conditions Survey by the end of last year, which would gather an accurate assessment of the City's housing stock, including the need for rehabilitation or demolition of dilapidated units and access to funding sources for rebuilding efforts. We would also appreciate clarification from the City regarding whether any surveys conducted in preparation of or as a result of the Action Plan or Consolidated Plan qualify as this survey.

Relating to the City's ongoing efforts to tackle homelessness, a low barrier homeless shelter is necessary to meet the needs of the increasing homeless population and homeless encampment issues in the City. Establishment of a low barrier shelter will continue the success of the St. Paul emergency winter shelter and expand assistance to be year-round.

We are glad to see the City addressing the affordable housing needs of the community in its Action Plan. However, we are concerned that the numerical goals the City set for households that would benefit under its programs are too low. We are confident that with the City's partnerships with local organizations, staff expertise, and available funding, the City is capable of assisting a higher number of households under its housing programs.

Regards,



Cindy Wong
Staff Attorney
Central California Legal Services

Attachment: Nyenye King letter to Visalia City Council dated March 22, 2019



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Attachment #1

March 22, 2019

Visalia City Council
City of Visalia
707 W. Acequia
Visalia, CA 93291

Dear City Council,

My name is Nyenye King. I am a single mother of four children. My husband passed away last summer in August, four months after we had to move from Visalia to Cutler. I have always been a concerned and involved person in my community, at my children's schools, with my children's sports participation in school and city teams, with my church, and also with various community events usually with my children in attendance. I was on Section 8 with the Housing Authority of Tulare County. Due to personal reasons and a misunderstanding, I was unable to keep my Section 8 during the transfer process from Visalia to Cutler, where I am currently living with my children. However, I want to return to Visalia, where I had been living with my family for years, where all four of my sons were born, and where I consider my home.

When I was on Section 8, I did not have a good experience. I know others who also had negative experiences while in the housing program. Most landlords don't accept Section 8. If they do, they have outrageous requirements like earning three times the rent in order for their applications to be accepted. Visalia has very little opportunities for renting for people in housing programs and low income families. Even apartments that are not in good shape are hard to come by.

I feel as if I have been displaced from my home base in Visalia. My children still go to school in Visalia and I still work in Visalia. It's a struggle to overcome the basics of our daily lives. I drive every day from Cutler to Visalia to work and bring my kids to school. I want consistency in my kids' lives by continuing their education at schools they were already attending in Visalia and to keep their friendships. We don't return to Cutler until the sun goes down, so we have to make sure that we pack everything we need for the day because we can't just drive back and forth between Cutler and Visalia due to our schedules. My car is also old and run down, so I'm constantly worried that it might break down on us. Sometimes I take laundry with me to have time to get it done. Even my dog needs to travel with me on a daily basis. I feel as if I'm at mercy of what's available to me. I have to continue with this routine because I haven't been able to find housing for my family in Visalia that I can afford.

I want to be in a financially stable situation with my own means and power. I am working



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ramps in Alternative 3 would become an audit finding and require the return of CDBG funding to HUD, if the improvements are not funded for completion. This option is not recommended due to the fact that Option 3 excludes funding for the 8 ramps included in the Accessible Curb Ramps Alternative 3. This would create the need to either absorb approximately \$45,000 into the current year 2018-19 Administration budget, or use a General Fund appropriation to refund the amount. If current year administration funds are not available, due to the 20% cap limitation this would become a General Fund expense. These projects are described in more detail in the Background section of this item.

Background Discussion:

As a participating jurisdiction (PJ) for HOME and an entitlement community (EC) for CDBG, the City of Visalia receives federal formula grants through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This provides the City with annual direct grant funding primarily for the benefit of low-income persons and households.

Tonight's public hearing will complete the citizen participation process which has been conducted to obtain community input for the development of the proposed FY 2019 Action Plan. Council is asked to consider the comments, recommendations and requests for funding as provided in further detail below, and provide final approval. A summary of the Action Plan budget, as proposed in Option 1 (Attachment "A.1") and the previous year budget carryover, (Attachment "A.2"), have been provided for your reference.

This public hearing is the final step in adopting the proposed FY 2019-20 Action Plan, included as Attachment "B" for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funding. The Plan includes projects and programs benefiting census tract areas (known as CDBG Targeted Areas) that reflect 51% of the household income at or below 80% area median income, as shown in the CDBG Target Map (Attachment "C"). Eligible uses for these grant funds include the creation of decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment and expansion of economic opportunities. HUD requires public participation and comments to be encouraged and considered in the development and approval of the annual plan.

Outreach is a necessary and required part of the Action Plan process. A considerable number of comments were received during the initial input stage (December to February) which identified homeless program needs (i.e. emergency shelter, bridge housing), housing and rehabilitation programs (housing for homeless, rental housing, and owner occupied emergency repairs) and ADA public improvement needs as the highest priorities. These were followed by priorities related to park & public improvements as discussed below. Additional comments received during the input stage included requests for traffic and safety improvements, suggested programs for senior rental assistance and relocation needs, and mobile home replacement grants.

as an IHSS worker and banquet catering waitress in Visalia, but my schedule and income fluctuates. I am looking at buying a house near Redwood High School, where my son is attending, or Ridgeview Middle School, where my younger son wants to go next school year. My children are good kids. They get good grades and are athletic. I want the best for them and don't want to settle for less. They deserve a better and more stable environment. I am doing the best I can to try to give them that stability. I would like to be living in Visalia again by the start of the new school year in August. I know this goal may need to be pushed back a bit, but this is what I'm working towards. Among other issues, there is little housing that is within my price range and in the area I'm looking at in Visalia.

I am writing to bring awareness to the council about my struggles and people in similar situations that are also having a hard time finding affordable housing in Visalia. If my work schedule allows me to, I am willing to speak at the April 15 City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

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Nyenye King



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Via E-Mail Only: rhonda.haynes@visalia.city

January 18, 2019

City of Visalia, Finance Department - Housing
ATTN: Rhonda Haynes
707 W. Acequia Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

Re: Feedback on Visalia's High Priority Needs in Preparation for the 2019 Action Plan

Dear Ms. Haynes:

Thank you for reaching out to our office requesting feedback on the City's proposed use of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") funds. Because Central California Legal Services ("CCLS") works extensively with the housing issues that Visalia's low-income residents experience, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on what CCLS has observed as high priority needs.

We encourage the City to consider making a strong commitment of allocating funding from its remaining \$700,000 of uncommitted CDBG funds towards the suggested programs and activities described below.

Relocation Assistance Fund

Back in February 2018, ten seniors were displaced from the Meadows, a senior living complex, as a result of an electrical fire.¹ The senior residents lost their belongings and residence and received no relocation assistance from the landlord. The residents were not able to obtain relocation assistance from the landlord due to insufficient documentation from the fire department for the purposes of requesting relocation under California law. In addition, many tenants displaced by fires do not receive relocation funds unless the landlord can be shown to be responsible for the

¹ Sheyanne N. Romero, *Fire displaces residents from Meadows Senior Cottages*, VISALIA TIMES DELTA (Feb. 18, 2018, 1:04 PM), <https://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/news/2018/02/18/fire-meadows-senior-cottages-tulare/349613002>.



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fire.² Such clients cannot obtain relocation assistance during their time of need and must resort to suing the landlord for damages, assuming the landlord is not insolvent. This additional burden placed on these tenants severely delays their efforts in relocating to another rental unit.

A relocation assistance fund administered by the City should be established to help vulnerable populations, like the seniors living at the Meadows, who cannot obtain relocation assistance from their landlord.

Rental Assistance Fund

When families and individuals already have to shoulder high rental cost burdens, an unforeseen event, such as loss of employment and illness, easily leads to the threat of eviction. Once an individual gets an eviction on his or her record, it becomes increasingly difficult to find decent, affordable housing, increasing the risk of homelessness. *It is necessary and most effective to intervene prior to a landlord initiating the eviction process.*

A need-based rental assistance fund to provide financial assistance to those facing eviction or threat of eviction would prevent homelessness. The rental assistance fund could offer full rent payment and other associated costs according to the rental agreement, allowing individuals the opportunity to overcome their temporary financial crisis and avoid a potential eviction.

For model program guidelines, the City may refer to Alameda County's Rental Assistance Program, in partnership with the Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity, which assists low- and moderate-income participants with delinquent rent, security deposits, and move-in costs.³

Expansion of Landlord Mitigation Fund

Since unlawful detainer actions are summary court procedures designed to move quickly through the court, many people are unable to take preventative or mitigating measures prior to the action. Unfortunately, many individuals end up with an eviction on their records due to not understanding the unlawful detainer court process, not responding in time, or ineffective self-representation. A resulting court judgment against the tenant should not prevent the tenant from obtaining decent, affordable housing in the future. However, these individuals are more likely to fall into cycles of homelessness due to the reluctance of landlords to rent to them.

CCLS is encouraged by the establishment of the Landlord Mitigation Fund by the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance ("KTHA") in Kings and Tulare Counties to incentivize landlords to rent to "high risk" tenants.⁴ This program actively combats homelessness by providing an additional avenue to secure housing for those facing homelessness. Participating landlords receive financial assurance of reimbursements for property damage and other issues caused by "high risk" tenants. We hope the City will support this partnership program by contributing to the existing fund, recruiting interested landlords, rapidly rehousing homeless individuals and families with participating landlords, and actively promoting the Landlord Mitigation Fund through community

² See Health & Safety Code Section 17975.4.

³ ECHO HOUSING, <https://www.echofairhousing.org/rental-assistance-program.html> (last visited Jan. 17, 2019).

⁴ KTHA, <https://www.kthomelessalliance.org/landlord-recruitment-info> (last visited Jan. 17, 2019).

January 18, 2019

Re: Feedback on Visalia's High Priority Needs in Preparation for the 2019 Action Plan
outreach.

Once again, we appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback on what CCLS has observed as high priority needs within the City of Visalia. Please see attached for the completed feedback form requested by the City. Feel free to contact me at cwong@centralcallegal.org if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Cindy Wong
Staff Attorney
Central California Legal Services

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Enclosure

● We need your Feedback by
January 18, 2019:

Agency Name: Central California Legal Services
Name: Cindy Wong
Email: cwong@centralcallegal.org

What agency do you Represent? 

- Housing
- PHHA
- Services - Children
- Services - Elderly Persons
- Services - Persons With Disabilities
- Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Services - Victims of Domestic Violence
- Services - Homeless
- Services - Health
- Services - Education
- Services - Employment
- Services - Fair Housing
- Health Agency
- Child Welfare Agency
- Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
- Other Government - Federal
- Other Government - State
- Other Government - County
- Other Government - Local
- Regional Organization
- Planning Organization
- Business Leaders
- Civic Leader
- Other - Faith Based Organization
- Other - Veterans
- Other - Citizen
- Other - Advisory Committee
- Other - Services - Legal
- Major Employer

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● We need your Feedback:

- What is your feedback on the proposed goals & activities for the fifth year (2019 Action Plan)
- What other goals (related to the approved high priority activities) are needed for low income housing, jobs and /or low income areas? Public facility? Owner emergency repairs?
- Email rhonda.haynes@visalia.city with the business/non-profit that you represent and give us your feedback on the priorities

Feedback:

Please refer to the attached letter for

feedback on the City of Visalia's proposed goals and activities for the 2019 Action Plan. Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO: CITY OF VISALIA, FINANCE DEPARTMENT/HOUSING, ATTN: RHONDA HAYNES - Ph. (559) 713-4460 Fax(559) 713-4801 Email rhonda.haynes@visalia.city with the agency you represent and give us your feedback on the priorities/activities



March 1, 2019

City of Visalia
Randy Groom, City Manager
randy.groom@visalia.city
Via email

Re: 2019 Action Plan Priorities

Dear Mr. Groom,

The Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance ("Alliance") respectfully requests support of local homelessness initiatives within the City of Visalia. Prioritization of this complex issue as a part of the 2019 Action Plan would provide funding for the community for a variety of initiatives, such as the development of a low-barrier homeless shelter.

As of the 2018 Point in Time Count, there were 462 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Visalia. Over half of those are unsheltered and living with a disability. People who are unsheltered tend to have greater vulnerabilities such as longer histories of homelessness and higher rates of behavioral health challenges. People sleeping unsheltered are also exposed to increased health and safety vulnerabilities, including increased involvement with the criminal justice system.

The Alliance is working diligently to implement and sustain proven solutions such as coordinated entry, homelessness prevention, rapid re- housing, and permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless people – which can actually save taxpayer dollars by stabilizing people cycling through expensive public systems.

Unfortunately, the current wait for people identified for housing assistance with our current homeless programs is roughly 4.5 years. Without sufficient emergency shelter options, people often form encampments or sleep in other places not meant for human habitation. We strongly encourage the City of Visalia to prioritize funding to support the development of a low-barrier emergency shelter to address this critical issue.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continuing leadership on efforts to prevent and end homelessness in the City of Visalia.

Sincerely,

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Machael Smith
Executive Director

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Timothy W. Lutz, MBA • Agency Director

3/5/2019

City of Visalia, Finance Department - Housing
Rhonda Haynes
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Ms. Haynes:

I am sending this letter to strongly encourage the City of Visalia dedicate 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME Investment Partnership Program resources toward costs associated with establishing a low-barrier emergency shelter.

According to latest estimates, 790 people experience homelessness on any given night in Tulare County, with a significant amount in the City of Visalia. Individuals experiencing homelessness face significant barriers to wellness. Low-barrier shelters often serve as a critical first step in getting the homeless community connected with essential resources and services.

A low-barrier shelter in the City of Visalia would be a tremendous benefit to the community. With limited resources available locally, it is important to make sure funding streams are integrated within homeless projects. For years, other jurisdictions have relied on CDBG funding for homeless efforts, like emergency shelters. Use of CDBG funding for a low-barrier shelter in the City of Visalia would greatly supplement efforts to provide critical resources for one of the most vulnerable local populations.

I look forward to continue to have further conversations with the City on homeless efforts. Accordingly, I strongly support the use of CDBG/HOME Investment Partnership Program resources toward costs associated with establishing a low-barrier emergency shelter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chaz Felix".

Chaz Felix, J.D., M.P.H.
Homeless Initiatives Program Coordinator
Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

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RE: Public Comment on Proposed Visalia 2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan

Dear Ms. Haynes,

With Visalia, and the entire Central Valley, facing a serious homelessness crisis, we believe that Visalia should amend the 2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan to dedicate funds to projects combating homelessness through Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with a Housing First model and extensive services. According to HUD's 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, 77.5% of the homeless population in the Kings/Tulare Counties Continuum of Care is unsheltered, making it one of the highest proportions of unsheltered homeless in the country when comparing with other similar size CoCs. Overall, trends since 2009 have shown a steady increase of the homeless population in Tulare County, from 545 in 2009 to 666 in 2017, with Visalia representing nearly half of both Kings and Tulare Counties' entire homeless population, according to the 2017 PIT count.

To combat this issue, we propose dedicating HOME funds to projects with robust services and implementing a Housing-First model. These models have proven effective. The National Alliance to End Homelessness cites studies showing that Housing First could save up to \$23,000 relative to traditional shelter programs. Additionally, these programs have had excellent retention rates of up to 98%, helping individuals maintain stable housing.

Sincerely,

Jessica Berzac
President, UP Development

Attachment "J"; 2019 Final Action Plan CDBG & HOME Allocations Minor Amendment

April 29, 2019

TO: Randy Groom, City Manager
 COPY: Renee Nagel, Finance Director
 Melody Murch, Assistant Finance Director *mm*
 FROM: Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist *RH*
 RE: Minor Amendment Request for 2019 Action Plan



Overview: This is a request for approval of a minor amendment to the Annual 2019-20 Action Plan for the purpose of amending budgets to reference the "Actual" CDBG & HOME Grant allocations, increasing CDBG activities, and decreasing HOME activities.

Discussion: Council authorized the estimated grant, and activity figures, accepting "Option 1" activities. This finalizes the budgets for submission to HUD with the 2019 AP.

The HOME Grant estimate was \$546,879 whereas the actual is: \$529,332. The 2019 HOME Administration, CHDO Set aside and SHE CHDO activities will reflect the decrease (Total \$17,547) below in Table 1.

The CDBG Grant estimate was \$1,309,353 whereas, the actual is: \$1,323,669. The 2019 CDBG Administration, ADA and Park activities will reflect the increase (Total \$14,316) below in Table 2.

Budget Adjustments: Table 3 is a "Key" correction for the HOME Grant, PI and Interest. Budget resources are moved to 6310 zero division and includes increases to the actual grant and line items. Table 4 is CDBG budget adjustments to reflect the actual grant and line items.

Action Plan HOME & CDBG Minor Amendment Tables:

Table 1: Summary of Requested HOME 2019 Action Plan Amendment

Project/Program Description	Action Plan Year	Current Amount	Proposed Amendment	Amended Total
HOME Administration	2019-20	89,688	(1,755)	87,933
HOME CHDO Set aside (15% of Grant)	2019-20	82,032	(2,632)	79,400
HOME SHE CHDO Acq/Rehab	2019-20	725,159	(13,160)	711,999
Totals		\$896,879	(\$17,547)	\$879,332

Table 2: Summary of Requested CDBG 2019 Action Plan Amendment

Project/Program Description	Action Plan Year	Current Amount	Proposed Amendment	Amended Total
CDBG Administration 2019	2019-20	276,871	2,862	279,733
CDBG Parks	2019-20	6,463	11,454	17,917
Totals		\$283,334	\$14,316	\$297,650

Budget Adjustment Tables to HOME & CDBG:

Table 3: COV HOME Budget Current Year (2019-20) Amendment Detail

Project/Program Description	Line Item/CIP#	Budget	Proposed Amendment	Amended Total Budget
Resources:				
HOME Entitlement	*6349-42445	369,700	(369,700)	0
HOME Program Income	*6349-42462	180,000	(180,000)	0
HOME Interest Earnings	*6349-45304	50,000	(50,000)	0
HOME Entitlement	6310-42445	0	529,332	529,332
HOME Program Income	6310-42462	0	350,000	350,000
HOME Interest Earnings	6310-45304	0	50,000	50,000
Total Resources:		\$599,700	\$329,632	\$929,332
<i>*Key correction from 6349 to 6310 & increase budget</i>				
Expenditures:				
HOME Administration (portion)	6349-69334	36,800	14,200	51,000
HOME Administration (portion)	6349-55100	6,600	13,400	20,000
HOME Administration (portion)	6349-55600	0	4,333	4,333
HOM- CHDO Acq/Rehab	6355-67050	319,500	471,899	791,399
Total Expenditures:		\$362,900	\$503,832	\$866,732

Table 4: COV CDBG Budget Current Year (2019-20) Amendment Detail

Project/Program Description	Line Item/CIP#	Budget	Proposed Amendment	Amended Total Budget
Resources:				
CDBG Entitlement	6110-42445	1,188,900	134,769	1,323,669
CDBG Program Income	6110-42462	25,000	50,000	75,000
Total Resources:		\$1,213,900	\$184,769	\$1,398,669
Expenditures:				
Emergency Repair Program	6110-72000/CP-New	0	100,000	100,000
Code Enforcement (portion)	6122-67027	17,000	(800)	16,200
Administration (portion)	6131-55100	95,000	(3,067)	91,933
Fair Housing	6110-72000/CP0155-999	0	7,500	7,500
Voucher Program	6110-72000/CP8398-999	0	30,575	30,575
Continuum of Care	6110-72000/CP0102-999	0	18,000	18,000
FS Street Outreach	6110-72000/CP0154-999	0	35,000	35,000
Garden Street Public Service	6110-72000/CP New	0	39,500	39,500

ADA Curb Ramps (Alt 2 & 3)	6110-72000/CP0353-999	0	346,444	346,444
Garden Street Bridge Housing (SHE)	6110-72000/CP New	0	400,000	400,000
Park Improvements	6110/72000/CP New	0	17,917	17,917
Total Expenditures:		\$112,000	\$991,069	\$1,103,069

Authority: The Council authorizes the City Manager to approve minor amendments to the Action Plan(s) annually as part of the adoption process. This request is in compliance with the conditions set forth for a "minor" amendment. Please indicate your approval by signing below.


 Randy Groom, City Manager

4-29-2019
 Date

Attachment "A"

Table 1: Summary of 2019-20 Projected Action Plan Funding			
Revenue/Funding Description	HOME	CDBG	Total
Grant Funding (Estimated for 2019-20)	\$ 546,879	\$ 1,309,353	\$ 1,856,232
Program Income (Estimated for 2019-20)	350,000	75,000	425,000
Prior Year Funding (Minor Amendment)		155,785	155,785
Totals	\$ 896,879	\$ 1,540,138	\$ 2,437,017

Final Grant Figures (4-12-19)

Table 2: Summary of 2019-20 "Actual" Action Plan Funding			
Revenue/Funding Description	HOME	CDBG	Total
Grant Funding (2019-20)	\$ 529,332	\$ 1,323,669	\$ 1,853,001
Program Income (2019-20)	350,000	75,000	425,000
Prior Year Funding (Minor Amendment)		155,785	155,785
Totals	\$ 879,332	\$ 1,554,454	\$ 2,433,786

Difference in Grant amount	(17,547.00)	14,316.00	(3,231.00)
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Estimated and Actual HOME & CDBG Allocations

Option 1 Approved by CC 4.15.19 (includes CDBG 2018 Minor Amend of \$155,785**)

#	Project/Program Description	Estimates	Actual	Difference
HOME (HOME Investment Partnership)				
1	Administration	\$ 89,688	\$ 87,933	\$ (1,755)
2	CHDO (SHE) Acq/Rehab Program Single Family	82,032	79,400	\$ (2,632)
3	CHDO (SHE) Acq/Rehab Program Multi Family	725,159	711,999	\$ (13,160)
CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)				
4	Administration	276,871	279,733	\$ 2,862
5	Emergency Repair and Accessibility	100,000	100,000	\$ -
6	Code Enforcement	124,000	124,000	\$ -
7	Fair Housing Requirement	7,500	7,500	\$ -
8	Voucher Program (Family Services/Homeless)	30,575	30,575	\$ -
9	Continuum Of Care (Alliance/Homeless)	18,000	18,000	\$ -
10	Street Outreach/Case Mgmt (Fam Serv/Homeless)	35,000	35,000	\$ -
11	Homeless Funding (Bridge Housing or Current Prog)	39,500	39,500	\$ -
12	Accessible Curb Ramps (Various) (2018 CDBG Minor Amend Portion toward Alternative 2)	155,785	155,785	-
12a	Alternative 2 (10 additional ramps)	91,034	91,034	-
12b	Alternative 3 (8 additional ramps)	255,410	255,410	-
13	Community Garden Project		-	-
14	Garden Street Bridge Housing (SHE)	400,000	400,000	-
15	Other Park/Public Improvements*	6,463	17,917	11,454
16		\$ 2,437,017	\$ 2,433,786	\$ (3,231)

- * Security Lighting at Riverbend, Fairview & Summers Parks
- Summers Park Climbing Apparatus
- Senior Center Shade Cover
- Oval Bench and Walking Path

Attachment "K"; 2018 CDBG Minor Amendment

April 22, 2019

TO: Randy Groom, City Manager
 COPY: Renee Nagel, Finance Director
 Melody Murch, Assistant Finance Director *sm*
 FROM: Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist *(P)*
 RE: Minor Amendment Request for 2018 CDBG Action Plan



Overview: This is a request for approval of a minor amendment to the Annual 2018-19 Action Plan for the purpose of amending the CDBG budget, decreasing the CDBG Administration and increasing the CDBG ADA Ramp Project in the amount of \$155,785.

Discussion: Council authorized the minor Amendment during the Council public hearing meeting on April 15, 2019. A 2018 Minor CDBG Amendment of \$155,785 from CDBG Administration was approved and directed toward the CDBG ADA Project as shown below in Table 1. A Budget adjustment table is included as Table 2.

Table 1: Summary of Requested CDBG 2018 Action Plan Amendment

Project/Program Description	Action Plan Year	Current Amount	Proposed Amendment	Amended Total
CDBG Administration – 2018 Minor Amend	2018-19	417,656.00	(155,785.00)	261,871.00
CDBG ADA – 2018 Minor Amend	2018-19	853,464.19	155,785.00	989,249.19
Totals		\$1,251,120.19	\$0	\$1,251,120.19

Table 2 : COV CDBG Budget Current Year (2018-19) Amendment Detail

Project/Program Description	Line Item/CIP#	Budget	Proposed Amendment	Amended Total Budget
ADA Ramp Project	6110-72000/CP0353-999	853,464.19	155,785.00	989,249.19
Totals		\$1,251,120.19	\$155,785.00	\$1,251,120.19

Authority: The Council authorizes the City Manager to approve minor amendments to the Action Plan annually as part of the adoption process. This request is in compliance with the conditions set forth for a "minor" amendment. Please indicate your approval by signing below.

Randy Groom
 Randy Groom, City Manager

4/25/19
 Date

Attachment "L"; 2019 Final Action Plan CDBG & HOME Certifications

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

4-17-19
Date

Randy Groom, City of Visalia
Title City Manager

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2017, 2018, & 2019 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

4-17-19
Date

Randy Groom, City of Visalia
Title
City Manager

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.



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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

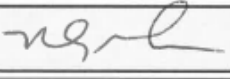
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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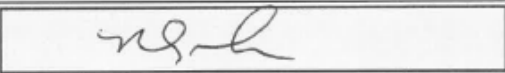
11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Randy Groom, City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Visalia	4-17-19

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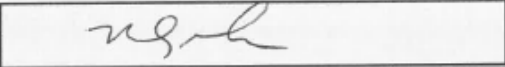
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* Street1: 220 North Santa Fe Street	Street2: _____	
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* State: CA: California	Province: _____	
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e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: City of Visalia	Division Name: Finance- Housing	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: _____	* First Name: Randy	
Middle Name: _____	* Last Name: Groom	
Suffix: _____	Title: City Manager	
Organizational Affiliation: _____		
* Telephone Number: 559-713-4332	Fax Number: 559-713-4800	
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18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
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ⁱⁱ (3) Annual objectives. The consolidated plan must contain a summary of the annual objectives the jurisdiction expects to achieve during the forthcoming program year. (e) Outcome measures. Each jurisdiction must provide outcome measures for activities included in its action plan in accordance with guidance to be issued by HUD.