



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
#1 CITY HALL PLACE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024
6:00 PM**

Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mark Aliff

B. ROLL CALL

C. ORDINANCES - FINAL PRESENTATION

- C1 An Ordinance approving and adopting the City of Pueblo's 2024-2025 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Act Grant (HOME), authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pueblo to submit the application together with all required and necessary certifications, assurances, and documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and appropriating and budgeting CDBG and HOME funds therefor - *Introduced by Councilor Regina Maestri*

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**Background Paper for Proposed
Action Item**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024

TO: President Mark Aliff and Members of City Council

CC: Mayor Heather Graham

VIA: Marisa Stoller, City Clerk

FROM: Scott Hobson, Acting Director Planning and Community Development

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF PUEBLO'S 2024-2025 ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT GRANT (HOME), AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH ALL REQUIRED AND NECESSARY CERTIFICATIONS, ASSURANCES, AND DOCUMENTATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING AND BUDGETING CDBG AND HOME FUNDS THEREFORE

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance approves the 2024-2025 Action Plan as presented. The Action Plan contains the funding recommendations made by the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) and Staff.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

The City Council has not taken any previous action on this matter.

BACKGROUND:

As an entitlement city, the City of Pueblo is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to complete an Annual Action Plan for each of the years of the Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan and the accompanying documentation serve as the City's application to HUD for the 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act Grant (HOME). This is the last Action Plan under the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

A public meeting was held to receive citizen input and to hear applicant presentations on July 18, 2023. HUD CPD Notice 24-01 requested the annual action plan not be

submitted prior to the publication of the grantees FY24 allocation on May 6, 2024. The notice of the availability of the 2024 Annual Action Plan was published on June 23, 2024 and made available to the public for review on June 24, 2024, formally opening the public comment period for thirty-days. Public meetings were held on June 27, 2024 and July 11, 2024. Copies were available at the City Clerk's Office, the Rawlings Library, the Division of Housing and Citizen Services (Department), and the City's website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The City anticipates receiving \$1,453,413.00 in CDBG funding and \$ 880,344.00 in HOME Consortium grant funding. The HOME Consortium grant is shared with Pueblo County on an 87%/13% City/County basis. The HOME grant requires a 25% match. The City's portion this year is \$176,620.00.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has recommended that the City Council approve the activities outlined in the 2024-2025 Action Plan and presented its recommendations to Council during Work Session on September 11, 2023.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

The following stakeholder processes were undertaken by the Department. Starting May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, applications for grant funding were made available to the community. Public hearings were held before the CAC on July 18, 2023. The public hearings were open for public comments, and for funding applicants to present their requests to the CAC. The CAC deliberations were held on August 9, 2023. This was an open meeting, but opportunity for public comment is not provided. The 30-day comment period began June 24, 2024, with the publication of a public notice in The Pueblo Chieftain on June 23, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council can choose to not apply for the CDBG and HOME grants, in which case a number of community services and community projects will need to find alternative funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2024 AAP V1
2. 2024 Final Attachement A
3. 2024 SF-424 CDBG
4. SF424D-CDBG
5. 2024 SF-424 HOME
6. SF424D-HOME

ORDINANCE NO. 10757

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF PUEBLO'S 2024-2025 ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT GRANT (HOME), AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH ALL REQUIRED AND NECESSARY CERTIFICATIONS, ASSURANCES, AND DOCUMENTATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING AND BUDGETING CDBG AND HOME FUNDS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the City of Pueblo is designated as an entitlement city under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act Grants (HOME) for fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pueblo conducted a citizen participation process that included two public hearings within the City of Pueblo in addition to a third public hearing before City Council to obtain the views of citizens, non-profit and neighborhood groups on the City's housing and community needs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The City Council hereby finds and determines that the City of Pueblo's 2024-2025 Action Plan listing projects and programs for funding from CDBG and HOME federal funds has been developed to give maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit low- to moderate-income families and/or aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight, as required by HUD, and is hereby approved, adopted, and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit, in the name of the City of Pueblo, the applications (SF-424/SF-424D) and the 2024-2025 Action Plan, together with all required and necessary certifications, assurances, and documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$1,453,413.00 in 2024 CDBG funds and \$880,344.00 in 2024 HOME funds.

SECTION 3.

CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,453,413.00 and HOME funds in the amount of \$880,344.00, the 2024 allocation, are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the projects and in the amounts set forth in the 2024-2025 Action Plan. A list of the recommended projects is herein included as Attachment A.

SECTION 4.

The HOME Program requires local matching funds. The City’s portion of matching funds for the 2024-2025 year is \$176,620.00. During the 2024 budget process, \$200,000.00 was budgeted and appropriated for the HOME match.

SECTION 5.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with this Ordinance to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

SECTION 6.

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on July 22, 2024.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on August 14, 2024.

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President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

☒ Approved on 8/15/2024 | 10:07 AM MDT.

☐ Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:

Signed by:

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Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

- ☐ Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- ☐ Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____, on _____
- ☐ Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk

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2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

City of Pueblo and the Pueblo Consortium

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY

June 24, 2024 through July 26, 2024

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Pueblo is part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City and Pueblo County work together as a Consortium within the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

As an entitlement community under the CDBG Program, the City of Pueblo must prepare an Annual Plan to implement federal programs that fund housing, community development, and economic development. This Plan covers FY 2024 (March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025). Following a 30-day comment period, the city will submit the Plan for approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Annual Action Plan aims to guide federal funding decisions in Pueblo. The Plan is centered around three main goals:

1. Provide decent housing by preserving affordable housing, increasing its availability, reducing discriminatory barriers, and aiding homeless individuals and families.
2. Develop a suitable living environment by improving neighborhoods, integrating low- and moderate-income residents throughout the city, and reinvesting in deteriorating communities.
3. Expand economic opportunities through job creation, homeownership opportunities, and activities that promote long-term community viability.

The primary priority for using federal funds is to increase self-sufficiency and economic opportunity for lower-income residents and individuals with special needs.

The City of Pueblo expects to receive the following federal resources in FY 2024:

- Community Development Block Grant funds: \$1,453,413
- HOME Investment Partnership funds: \$880,344

The goals and results outlined in the 2024 Annual Action Plan are connected to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan. The planned activities aim to meet the City's needs using CDBG and HOME funds and concentrate on offering affordable housing, improving living conditions, and enhancing economic prospects. The results of these activities will demonstrate the advantages of each funded program.

All activities in Pueblo will support at least one objective and one outcome. The priorities identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan include affordable housing, public services, public infrastructure and

facilities, economic development, community revitalization, fair housing education and outreach, and administration and planning.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The evaluation of past performance covers the period from March 1, 2023, through February 28, 2024. The City's past performance based on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) highlighted accomplishments achieved through the expenditure of CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME funds. It also mentioned areas where the City fell short of its program year goals.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary of citizen participation is included in section AP-12 of this plan.

5. Summary of public comments

Outside of the applicants' grant request, the reason for their request, and their presentations to the Citizen's Advisory Committee, no additional comment was received.

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

No comments were excluded from the preparation of the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
Participating Jurisdiction		Scott Hobson, Acting Director	City of Pueblo, Department of Planning and Community Development
CDBG Administrator	PUEBLO	Department of Planning and Community Development	
HOME Administrator	PUEBLO	Department of Planning and Community Development	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administering each grant program and funding source.

The City of Pueblo's Division of Housing and Citizen Services within the Department of Planning and Community Development administers the CDBG grant. The City of Pueblo and Pueblo County participate as a Consortium within the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). As the participating jurisdiction, the City of Pueblo undertakes all monitoring and reporting on behalf of Pueblo County. Pueblo County undertakes its affordable housing programs.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Pueblo's Division of Housing and Citizen Services created an outreach program to gather input from a wide range of stakeholders. The program involved public meetings, published meeting notices, and stakeholder/focus group meetings designed to involve a diverse group of stakeholders and city residents in line with the Citizen Participation Plan.

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

It is becoming increasingly important to have meaningful collaboration in the development and implementation of housing and community development programs. Rising costs are stretching the federal resources allocated to these programs. Collaborating with housing and service providers helps the city maximize the benefits of its investments. It ensures that these investments strategically address both short-term needs and long-term goals. The Division of Housing and Citizen Services regularly consults with human services agencies, housing development organizations, and municipal departments throughout the program year.

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.

Pueblo is part of the statewide State Continuum of Care and receives funding through the statewide balance. Locally, Pueblo is represented at the State Continuum of Care by housing and service providers who work to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness and strive to find a local solution to end homelessness. The city regularly communicates with housing and service providers.

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

The City of Pueblo does not receive or administer ESG Funds. The City of Pueblo met with the Continuum of Care (COC) during the consultation process to coordinate between government, mental health, and other service agencies, and the Consolidated Plan reflects paired goals and objectives.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	POSADA, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Housing and Citizen Services consulted with the agency throughout the year during large, coordinated meetings, one-on-one meetings, and while monitoring ongoing projects. The expected outcome was to coordinate funding to enable the agency and other complementing agencies to address the homeless issues within the city.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Pueblo Rescue Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Housing and Citizen Services consulted with the agency throughout the year during large, coordinated meetings, one-on-one meetings, and during monitoring reviews of ongoing projects. The anticipated outcome was coordinating with the agency to serve the homeless community.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	SRDA Pueblo, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Housing and Citizen Services consulted with the agency one-on-one and during the monitoring review of ongoing projects. The anticipated outcome was the coordination of funding to allow the agency to address issues affecting elderly citizens within the city.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Colorado Legal Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Eviction Prevention
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Housing and Citizen Services consulted with the agency for one-on-one consultations and coordinated intergovernmental agency consultations. The goal of the consultation was to coordinate funding and develop wraparound services to keep families housed.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Housing Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Housing and Citizen Services consulted with the agency throughout the year during one-on-one meetings and monitoring reviews of ongoing projects. The anticipated outcome was the production of additional units and the coordination of LIHTC funding.

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

No agencies were excluded from consolidation.

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	Health Solutions	The CoC was consulted during the development of the Strategic Plan; the CoC's goals were incorporated into the plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comment received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper April 25, 2023	General Public	Notice of funding availability open from May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023	Applications for programs and projects included in this 2024 AAP	All applications were accepted; not all applications were able to be funded.	Link and applications on City's Home Page
2	Newspaper April 25, 2023	Spanish Speaking	Notice of funding availability open from May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023	None	None	
3	Public Hearing 7/18/2023	General Public	A public hearing held in City Council Chambers following the grant request presentation	None	None	
4	City Council Work Session 9/11/2023	Televised	Televised and replayed for two weeks on the City Gov. Channel 17	None	None	
5	Newspaper 6/24/2024	General Public	2024 Draft Annual Action Plan Available for Inspection	TBD	TBD	Posted on City's Home Page
6	Newspaper 6/24/2024	Spanish Speaking	2024 Draft Annual Action Plan Available for Inspection	TBD	TBD	
7	Public Meeting	June 27, 2024	1 st Public Meeting for 2024 AAP, 2631 e 4 th Street, Pueblo, CO 81001 @ 3:00pm	TBD	TBD	
8	Public Meeting	July , 2024	2 nd Public Meeting for 2024 AAP, 2631 e 4 th Street, Pueblo, CO 81001 @ 3:00pm	TBD	TBD	
9	City Council Meeting; 8/12/24	General Public	Authorization of 2024 Annual Action Plan Ordinance	TBD	TBD	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

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Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation:	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	HUD	Community Development	\$ 1,453,413	-0-	-0-	\$1,453,413	-0-	This is the final year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
HOME	HUD	Housing	\$ 880,344	-0-	-0-	\$ 880,344	-0-	This is the final year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

Table 2 - 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

CDBG funds will leverage funds in the Public Service sector. Combined with \$950,000 in local funds from the City and Pueblo County, the CDBG funds will be leveraged by the non-profits to fund the services utilized within the community. HOME funds will be leveraged with other capital stack investments to create housing units in partnership with the community and investors.

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

The City has acquired a property at 1302 E 5th Street, Pueblo, CO 81001 using ARPA funds, the property will be developed into affordable housing. Through a grant received by the Colorado Housing Finance Authority a preliminary design is being developed for potential investors.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Planning and administration of federal programs	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Countywide	Administration and Planning	\$378,034	Planning and administration for the successful implementation of CDBG and HOME programs.
2	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Infrastructure and Facilities	\$766,250	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 597 Persons Assisted
3	Provide housing and services to homeless/ near	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless	Citywide	Public Services including Services for Homeless	\$133,745	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 875 Persons Assisted
4	Preserve existing affordable units (rehab)	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	\$183,413	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 23 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	New construction of affordable housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide Countywide	Affordable Housing	\$792,310	Rental units constructed: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
6	Provide public services to non-homeless population	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services including Services for Homeless	\$80,005	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 368 Persons Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Planning and administration of federal programs
	Goal Description	Planning and administration for the successful implementation of CDBG and HOME programs.
2	Goal Name	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Goal Description	Public facilities include neighborhood, parks/recreation, parking, senior and youth, childcare, job training, cultural, non-residential historic preservation, and homeless facilities. Public infrastructure includes: • Street and sidewalk improvements. • Lighting and streetscaping. • Water and sewer improvements. • Flood drainage improvements. • Solid waste management improvements.
3	Goal Name	Provide housing and services to homeless/ near
	Goal Description	Housing and services for the homeless and near homeless include outreach, emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing, Rapid Re-Housing, supporting services, and rental assistance.
4	Goal Name	Preserve existing affordable units (rehab)
	Goal Description	Rehabilitation/reconstruction of single and multi-family housing; energy efficiency improvements; accessibility modifications; lead-based paint abatement; minor housing repairs; and preservation of affordable units.

5	Goal Name	New construction of affordable housing
	Goal Description	New construction of affordable housing units.
6	Goal Name	Provide public services to non-homeless population
	Goal Description	Other public services that are needed include housing and services for persons with HIV/AIDS; services for persons with physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities; employment and workforce development; screening for lead-based paint hazards; housing counseling; neighborhood clean-up programs; crime awareness and prevention programs; transportation; health and mental health services; services for persons recovering from addiction; youth programs, food banks and other food-related services; childcare and related services; senior programs and related services; legal services; and financial literacy.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Introduction

The following is a list of the planned projects the City will fund with CDBG and HOME funds.

Project Name

#	Project Name
1	CD2401 Administration
2	CD2402 Homeless Prevention
3	CD2403 Homeless Supportive Services
4	CD2404 Homeless Youth Services
5	CD2405 It's All About Being a Teen
6	CD2406 SRDA Senior Transportation
7	CD2407 Crystal Place Sidewalk Replacement
8	CD2408 Grove Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
9	CD2409 ADA Curb Project I
10	CD2410 ADA Curb Ramps Project II
11	CD2411 Emergency Repair and Essential Services Program for Seniors
12	CD2412 Minor Repairs Program
13	CD2413 Housing Rehabilitation Program
14	CD2414 Eastside Child Care Improvements
15	CD2415 Posada Parking Lot Improvements
16	HO2410 - City HOME Administration
17	HO2420 Pueblo County HOME Administration
18	HO2430 - Pueblo County Housing Programs
19	HO2440 Community Development Housing Organization Project
20	HO2450 - City Housing Programs

Table 4 – Project Information

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

Applications received from the general public and service providers were scored by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Based on a standardized scoring rubric designed to align with the needs and priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan, the Committee scored and ranked each application with the application's ability to address goals established in the Consolidated Plan. Funding was awarded to the highest ranked applications until all funding was allocated.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CD2401 Administration
	Target Area	Citywide Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and administration of federal programs
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	\$290,000
	Description	Administrative and planning activities associated with the CDBG program, fair housing education, and outreach.
	Target Date	2/28/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A – Administration Activity
	Location Description	Administration of the grant funds will occur at 2631 E 4th Street, Pueblo, CO 81001 (CT11, BLK1)
2	Planned Activities	Administrative and planning activities associated with the CDBG program and fair housing education and outreach.
	Project Name	CD2402 Homeless Prevention
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide housing and services to homeless/ near
	Needs Addressed	Public Services including Services for Homeless
	Funding	\$ 23,745
	Description	The funding will assist low-income families with their monthly rent and provide them with case management services in financial emergencies. This support aims to help families manage and maintain a budget, increase their income, and reduce the risk of homelessness.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 25 individuals and families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Services provided at 501 Belmont Avenue, Pueblo, CO (CT18, BLK 1)

	Planned Activities	Provide case management and one-time subsistence payment for rent or mortgage arrears, including utilities covering up to a (3) month period.
3	Project Name	CD2403 Homeless Supportive Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide housing and services to homeless/ near
	Needs Addressed	Public Services including Services for Homeless
	Funding	\$75,000
	Description	Funding will provide supportive services to low-income, newly unemployed, and homeless families and individuals. Supportive services include comprehensive case management services, basic needs assistance, and referrals and support.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide service and case management to 750 unduplicated individuals over the year.
	Location Description	Services offered at 501 Belmont Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004 (CT18, BLK 1)
	Planned Activities	Supportive services include comprehensive case management services, basic needs assistance and referrals and support.
4	Project Name	CD2404 Homeless Youth Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide housing and services to homeless/ near
	Needs Addressed	Public Services including Services for Homeless
	Funding	\$35,000
	Description	The funding will provide case management and services for homeless youth, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive services, basic services, transportation, assistance with obtaining IDs and birth certificates, reunification support, case management in collaboration with housing, education, employment services, life skills classes, and supplies.
	Target Date	12/31/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide service and case management to 100 unduplicated individuals (Youth 18-25) over the year.100 Individuals (Youth 18-25) will benefit from the activity.
	Location Description	Services offered at 501 Belmont Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004 (CT18, BLK 1)
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used for the provision of case management and services for homeless youth, including emergency shelter, transitional housing supportive services, basic services, transportation, assistance with IDs and birth certificates, reunification, case management in conjunction with housing, education and employment services, life skills classes, and supplies for the homeless youth.
5	Project Name	CD2405 It's All About Being a Teen
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services to non-homeless population
	Needs Addressed	Public Services including Services for Homeless
	Funding	\$50,005

	Description	Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado (CCSoCo) will utilize funding for the agency's All About Being a Teen program. It's All About Being a Teen (IAABAT) is a dynamic interactive class designed to increase positive self-worth, personal empowerment, self-discipline, empathy, healthy attachments, and resilient-protective behaviors. Many of the families we serve have backgrounds rooted in trauma, poverty, gender and racial disparities, and limited access to resources. These characteristics contribute to teens experiencing greater percentages of risk factors and violence. Youth violence is linked to negative health and well-being outcomes and disproportionately impacts communities of color which are very prevalent in Pueblo. Violence increases the risk for behavioral and mental health difficulties including future violence perpetration and victimization, smoking, substance use, high-risk sexual behavior, depression, academic difficulties, school dropout, and suicide. It's All About Being a Teen was developed for young people at risk of disturbed and delinquent behaviors. The lessons help this population understand, define, and choose healthy and nurturing lifestyles. Through self-report inventories, role-play, discussions, and creative expression, teens in the program will address risk factors like peer pressure and bullies, substance use, and behavioral/mental health problems. Funding will support a combination of program supplies, operational expenses, and staffing costs. Operational costs include items needed to prepare hot meals for participants prior to the class time, The staff positions which would be incorporated include the Nurturing Parenting Program Coordinator (30%), a Program Facilitator (35%), and a Youth Facilitator (50%).
	Target Date	2/28/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CCSoCo plans to serve 54 teens through 3 sixteen-week classes during this grant period. This is an increase of about 9-10 teens for the coming program year.
	Location Description	The project will be facilitated at 429 W. 10th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003 (CT6, BLK 1)

	Planned Activities	It's All About Being a Teen encompasses 99 lessons categorized into 15 competencies. The course will run 16 weeks, three times per year, and serve on average 18 youth per cohort for a yearly total of 54 participants. The sessions will last three hours, which will include a mealtime (a hot meal is provided preceding each class). The program only hosts one session per week because it offers adequate exposure to course materials without overloading. The teens will have the opportunity to practice what they learn through homework assignments. Our program will be held on Fridays and will not compete with school commitments. Neither of the local school districts (District 60 and District 70) hold classes on Fridays. The weekly, semester-long course will balance the needed exposure for impact with consideration for retention and keeping the target population engaged. Although it was initially designed by the evidence-based Nurturing Parenting Program as a tertiary intervention (i.e. working with individual who have already experienced maltreatment, correctional issues, etc.), for the purpose of our program and our population, we use the It's All About Being a Teen program as a secondary intervention. This means that our target population consists of teens who are at high-risk (or have increased risk factors) of experiencing maltreatment, abuse, mental health issues, correctional issues, and more. This approach takes a more preventative stance which improves chances for ultimately positive outcomes for the teens involved in the program. The target population for this program (high-risk youth) typically experiences high instances of generational poverty, gender and racial disparities, limited access to resources and education, and in many cases, trauma. CCSoco is Pueblo's designated Family Resource Center (FRC). As such, we use a Family Strengthening approach to increase protective factors and build upon the strengths of the youth and families we serve. The IAABAT program helps to increase protective factors by providing teens with opportunities to practice association with prosocial peers, gain skills and opportunities in solving problems non-violently, and build high self-esteem. Class text is individualized and developed by the participant using reflection activities as they apply the course material to their own life and values. Activities are aimed at helping teens understand their values and self-worth along with what's happening in the world and relationships around them. We have experienced tremendous success in our programs due to the inclusivity
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		of the entire family so that no one family member is struggling in a silo to work toward self-sufficiency and well-being.
6	Project Name	CD2406 SRDA Senior Transportation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services to non-homeless population
	Needs Addressed	Public Services including Services for Homeless
	Funding	\$30,000
	Description	The SRDA Transportation program is planning to purchase a twelve-passenger vehicle equipped to accommodate five wheelchairs. The CDBG funding will provide 20% of the funds required to secure the vehicle, and CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) will provide the balance of the funds needed. This purchase is part of SRDA's vehicle replacement schedule, allowing them to replace older, higher-cost, higher-mileage vehicles in their fleet. Additionally, the funds may fuel the existing fleet providing daily service.
	Target Date	6/1/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	314 Individuals will be served by the program.
	Location Description	The program will be operated from the SRDA facilities at 230 N. Union Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81003
	Planned Activities	The Program will provide transportation for seniors to needed appointments and essentials.
7	Project Name	CD2407 Crystal Place Sidewalk Replacement
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	\$107,500
	Description	Replace the deteriorated sidewalk and install ADA curb ramps on both sides of Crystal Place on the one-block street between Lake Avenue and the Bessemer Ditch. Improve ADA pedestrian poles/traffic signals at the intersection of Orman and Jones Avenues.
	Target Date	2/28/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Nineteen families will be assisted by this project.
	Location Description	Bessemer (CT25; BLK 1)
	Planned Activities	Sidewalk replacement and installation of ADA curb ramps.
8	Project Name	CD2408 Grove Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	\$153,600
	Description	Selective replace the deteriorated sidewalk and installation ADA curb ramps throughout the Grove Neighborhood.
	Target Date	5/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Twenty-five families will benefit from the project.
	Location Description	Bound by Rush, Palm, Clark, Spring, and Plum Streets between the levee and C Streets (CT35, BLK 1).
	Planned Activities	Sidewalk replacement and installation of ADA curb ramps.
9	Project Name	CD2409 ADA Curb Project I
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	\$200,000

	Description	Install ADA-compliant accessible curb ramps at street intersections and crosswalks in the Belmont neighborhood along Bonforte Blvd. The project will entail the replacement of existing curb and gutter, concrete cross pans, asphalt repair, striping, decorative concrete and retaining walls, signage, disturbed landscaping, and irrigation. The project may include the relocation of existing street lighting, signal lights, associated electrical boxes, and wiring. Relocation of adjacent utilities may be required to complete the proposed project.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will install 10 ADA compliant curb ramps.
	Location Description	The project will replace multiple ADA curb ramps in Census Tract 9.02 BLK 1 (56.9% LMI) and Census Tract 9.04 BLK 1 (59.7% LMI).
	Planned Activities	The project will entail replacing the existing curb and gutter, 7" concrete cross pans, 4" asphalt repair, striping, decorative concrete and retaining walls, signage, disturbed landscaping, and irrigation. It may also include relocating existing street lighting, signal lights, associated electrical boxes, and wiring. Relocating adjacent utilities may be required to complete the proposed project.
10	Project Name	CD2410 ADA Curb Ramps Project II
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	\$200,000
	Description	Install ADA-compliant accessible curb ramps at street intersections and crosswalks throughout the City of Pueblo. Install a connecting sidewalk between ADA ramps where a sidewalk does not exist. The project will entail the replacement of existing curb and gutter, concrete cross pans, asphalt repair, striping, decorative concrete and retaining walls, signage, disturbed landscaping, and irrigation. The project may include relocating existing street lighting, signal lights, associated electrical boxes, and wiring. Relocation of adjacent utilities may be required to complete the proposed project.
	Target Date	12/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 ADA Curb Ramps will be installed. The project will help the community and allow the City to comply with American's with Disabilities Act.
	Location Description	The project will replace multiple ADA curb ramps in Census Tract 9.02 BLK 1 (56.9% LMI) and Census Tract 9.04 BLK 1 (59.7% LMI)
	Planned Activities	The project will entail replacing the existing curb and gutter, 7" concrete cross pans, 4" asphalt repair, striping, decorative concrete and retaining walls, signage, disturbed landscaping, and irrigation. It may also include relocating existing street lighting, signal lights, associated electrical boxes, and wiring. Relocating adjacent utilities may be required to complete the proposed project.
11	Project Name	CD2411 Emergency Repair and Essential Services Program for Seniors
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing affordable units (rehab)
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$40,000
	Description	The ERESP program is a successful emergency rehabilitation program in its 22nd year. The program has assisted over 873 senior citizens. The CDBG funds will provide emergency repairs to low-income senior households within the Pueblo City limits. ERESP provides emergency repairs for faulty plumbing, lack of water and heat, faulty electrical wiring, leaking roofs, and other emergencies. There has also been a tremendous increase in demand for accessibility modifications such as handrails, ramps, handicapped showers, and grab bars.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Eight low to moderate income elderly household will be served by this project.
	Location Description	The project will assist participants with in the city limits.

	Planned Activities	ERESP offers emergency repairs for issues such as faulty plumbing, lack of water, heat, faulty electrical wiring, leaking roofs, and other emergencies. There has also been a significant rise in requests for accessibility modifications like handrails, ramps, handicapped showers, and grab bars.
12	Project Name	CD2412 Minor Repairs Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing affordable units (rehab)
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$ 75,000
	Description	The City of Pueblo established the Minor Repair Program in 2009 to provide repair services to low- to moderate-income, owner-occupied housing. The Program can make singular-type repairs in people's homes for those who cannot afford to make the repairs themselves. The program aims to restore the services to the home, make necessary improvements to the home's habitability, and increase the home's longevity through the restoration of deferred maintenance.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	(12) Owner-occupied households will be assisted by the program through code-compliant housing repairs during the year.
	Location Description	The Program will be operated within the city limits.
13	Planned Activities	Each minor repair project is limited to \$5,000 and can cover the repair of one item in the home or one category within the home. For example, this could involve replacing an exterior door as a single item or replacing the water supply lines throughout the home as an item within the plumbing category.
	Project Name	CD2413 Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Preserve existing affordable units (rehab)
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$68,413

	Description	The project aims to offer housing rehabilitation services to low-income, owner-occupied, single-family homes. The program has a limit of \$25,000 per home. The funds can be used to repair or replace mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems within the home. They can also cover other structural repairs or weatherization elements such as roofing, siding, painting, doors, and windows. Cosmetic items are allowed as long as they contribute to the goal of providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing.
	Target Date	2/28/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three families will be assisted. Eligible applicants are homeowners within the city of Pueblo, who have lived in their home for more than two years and are income qualified below 80% Area Median Income.
	Location Description	The Program will be operated with in the city limits.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used for direct construction expenses of the projects and required services, including LBP inspection, LBP risk assessment, clearance testing, asbestos and other environmental consulting, engineering, credit and ownership reports, printing, and publication.
14	Project Name	CD2414 Eastside Childe Care Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	\$65,000
	Description	Construct a two-van garage to protect and store vehicles overnight. The project will also replace the flooring in the toddler room to remediate water damage from a plumbing leak.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One public facility will be upgraded. The facility serves young families in a low-mod area allowing the parents to work outside of the home.
	Location Description	The project is located at 2717 E. 8th Street, Pueblo, CO 81001 (CT10, BLK1).

	Planned Activities	Construct a two-van garage to protect and store vehicles overnight. The project will also replace the flooring in the toddler room to remediate water damage from a plumbing leak.
15	Project Name	CD2415 Posada Parking Lot Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve and maintain public infrastructure and fac
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Funding	\$40,150
	Description	Install an ADA compliant entry ramp with railing and re-surface the existing parking lot to included striping and ADA signage. The project will improve accessibility and designate ADA parking from the other spaces.
	Target Date	2/28/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Posada's public services are operated out of their office at 501 Belmont Avenue, the parking lot improvements will allow the non-profit to serve the homeless in the community. The agency serves 1000 clients annually.
	Location Description	The project will take place at 501 Belmont Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004 (CT18, BLK1).
	Planned Activities	Install an ADA compliant entry ramp with railing and re-surface the existing parking lot to included striping and ADA signage. The project will improve accessibility and designate ADA parking from the other spaces.
16	Project Name	HO2410 - City HOME Administration
	Target Area	Citywide Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and administration of federal programs
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	\$76,589
	Description	Administration and planning activities for the HOME program.
	Target Date	2/28/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A -Administration Activity
	Location Description	Division of Housing and Citizen Services, 2631 E 4th Street, Pueblo, CO 81001
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME program.
17	Project Name	HO2420 Pueblo County HOME Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and administration of federal programs
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	\$ 11,445
	Description	Pueblo County's administration of the HOME Program.
	Target Date	2/28/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A -Administration Activity
	Location Description	Pueblo County Department of Human Services, 405 W. 9th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003
18	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	HO2430 - Pueblo County Housing Programs
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	New construction of affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$85,834
	Description	This includes a range of activities, including TBRA, new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition/rehab, in-fill development, and other housing activities allowed by HOME regulations.
	Target Date	2/28/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One rental unit will be constructed with the funding. The Unit will serve individuals at or below 60% Area Median Income.
	Location Description	Pueblo County Department of Human Services, 405 W. 9th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003
	Planned Activities	This includes a range of activities, including TBRA, new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition/rehab, in-fill development, and other housing activities allowed by HOME regulations.
19	Project Name	HO2440 Community Development Housing Organization Project
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	New construction of affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$132,052
	Description	A CHDO project has not yet been identified. The funds will target the production of one of the following activities: New construction or rehabilitation of housing units for rental or homebuyer projects.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One unit will be constructed or rehabilitated. The unit will serve individuals at or below 60% Area Median Income.
	Location Description	TBD
20	Planned Activities	A CHDO project has not yet been identified. The funds will target the production of one of the following activities: • New construction or rehabilitation of housing units • For rental or homebuyer projects.
	Project Name	HO2450 - City Housing Programs
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	New construction of affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$574,424

	Description	This includes a range of activities, including TBRA, new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition/rehab, in-fill development, and other housing activities allowed by HOME regulations.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	(3) families will benefit from this activity: One family whose income is below 50% of the Area Median Income; One family whose income is above 50% of the Area Median Income; One family whose income is below 80% of the Area Median Income;
	Location Description	City Limits
	Planned Activities	The City intends to use its HOME allocation to support the infill construction of two affordable housing units for low—and moderate-income homeowners. Additionally, HOME funds may support the rehabilitation of rental projects, although specific projects have not yet been determined. For rental rehabilitation activities, recapture provisions will be set in place for the amount invested in the property. HOME funds will be utilized for the construction of one infill home. A direct subsidy may be offered to buyers below 80% AMI who qualify for an FHA mortgage or other 30-year fixed-rate mortgage but are unable to secure a mortgage for the appraised value. The amount of the direct subsidy provided will determine the length of the affordability period, with the subsidy amount falling within established limits.

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

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

CDBG funds are eligible within the city limits, and will be targeted to serving a low income population. HOME funds are eligible to be expended within Pueblo county. Rental housing or rental units are the primary focus with these funds. The majority of rental housing is located within the city of Pueblo. There are no identified geographic priorities within the City or County. The funds will be expended as described below.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	94
Countywide	6

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The majority of funds are allocated to the City of Pueblo. The City receives an additional \$1.4 million in CDBG funds compared to the County, making it seem like a higher percentage of funds are being spent. The HOME funds are distributed between consortia partners based on percentages determined by HUD. The City receives 87% of the funds, and the County receives 13%. These percentages are typically updated each June. Within the city, funds are allocated to different neighborhoods to address the needs of residents.

Discussion

Access to transit, services, and broadband is limited outside the city limits. Directing the majority of the funding to promote housing and services within the city limits will benefit more low-income individuals and families and provide greater coordinated access to the funded services and amenities.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following tables outline the affordable housing goals funded with CDBG and HOME funds using 2024 dollars.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	3
Non-Homeless	26
Special-Needs	2
Total	31

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	3
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	23
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	31

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.220(1), the HOME program has specific requirements on applicant eligibility for HOME-funded programs serving low—and moderate-income households within the community and the developers working on projects to build or renovate income-restricted units. HOME requirements also apply to applications for HOME funds for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects or RAD conversions carried out by the Housing Authority.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The following action plan will address the needs of public housing.

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

This year, the Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo completed the third phase of the Rental Assistance Demonstration program. The phase involved transferring 47 tenants from the Sangre de Cristo Apartments to the new Crawford Townhomes complex. The next and final phase of the program will be the Sitter Townhomes project, which will involve demolishing the remaining units of the Sangre de Cristo Apartments and building up to 40 new units.

Additionally, the City of Pueblo now has nine new homeowners as a result of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project, Oakshire. Nine more units were sold to eligible tenants who had signed an option agreement with HACP, and four or more tenants are awaiting their opportunity to buy their homes. The sale of these homes was part of an agreement between HACP and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority upon the completion of the project.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) actively encourages public housing residents to participate in programs that promote self-sufficiency and homeownership. One such program is the Home Ownership Program (HOP). It allows families receiving assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher program to use their vouchers towards homeownership while providing monthly assistance for homeownership expenses. Currently, HACP has 28 participants in the HOP program.

Additionally, HACP runs the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), a voluntary five-year program designed to help participants in both the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs improve their economic status and reduce reliance on public assistance. Currently, there are 76 participants enrolled in the program, with 298 FSS contracts completed since October 1998. The Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator is crucial in helping participants create personalized plans for self-reliance, identify necessary steps and activities to achieve their goals, and provide referrals to supportive social services such as childcare, job preparation, credit counseling, education, transportation, and vocational training.

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

provided or other assistance

The Housing Authority of the City of Pueblo is not designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

This section describes the goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness. The City of Pueblo does not directly receive ESG funds. Instead, a portion of its CDBG funds is used for public services to support individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. These services include initiatives such as youth outreach, homeless prevention, and covering operating costs for housing providers.

The Pueblo CoC is committed to assisting families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, aligning its goals with the Colorado Balance of State Continuum of Care goals. These goals include expanding access to quality, integrated healthcare, increasing housing opportunities, advocating for improved public policy and community engagement to end homelessness, developing a highly trained and equipped workforce for the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), and enhancing CCH's financial stability.

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 Pueblo Continuum of Care (CoC), part of the Colorado Balance of State, aims to reduce homelessness by helping individuals and families move into permanent housing. To achieve this goal, the CoC regularly meets to identify ongoing needs and discuss issues affecting homeless individuals. Health Solutions is the lead agency that provides outreach to assess the needs of those experiencing homelessness. The CoC is involved in the Built for Zero campaign, which aims to end homelessness by maintaining a By-Name list for each category (e.g., veterans and families).

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Posada and the Pueblo Rescue Mission, along with the Pueblo Health Department, Police, and Fire Departments, provide outreach to local camps and areas of town where individuals are homeless or stranded, such as the railroad tracks, interstate, and Fountain Creek. The team includes medical and mental health professionals, veteran representatives, Medevac personnel, and law enforcement. They document the camps, take pictures, and offer basic medical care and other resources, including shelter, to individuals and families. The goal is to build trust among the homeless population and help them transition off the streets.

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

Funding has been and continues to be the main challenge in expanding housing and services for people and families experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless. The City of Pueblo plans to use CDBG funds to provide services. However, tenant-based rental assistance through HOME funding is limited due to a lack of available housing and market rents that exceed the HOME rental limit.

The Pueblo CoC aims to assist families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness in line with the BoS goals:

- Expand access to quality, integrated healthcare
- Expand housing opportunities
- Improve public policy and community engagement to end homelessness

Local agencies working to end homelessness collaborate to provide services and housing. However, one of the biggest challenges is finding safe and affordable units for individuals and families. The City will continue participating in the Continuum of Care and support the Pueblo CoC in seeking additional funding.

In 2019, the City established a 92-bed homeless shelter to help meet the emergency shelter needs of people experiencing homelessness. In 2021, the Right Place, a 35-unit permanent supportive housing facility, began operating at full capacity. Planned for 2024 is the redevelopment of a strip mall to provide emergency shelter during inclement weather. The additional facility will provide increased service and allow for isolation should shelter residents be ill.

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.

At-risk populations include individuals released from the correctional system, the Colorado Mental Health Institute, and youth transitioning out of foster care. The City's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program targets these populations with its funding. All three systems have discharge plans that provide short-term housing funding. However, the issue arises when these individuals have used up the program's resources but have yet to become self-sufficient. In such cases, the CoC steps in to assist these individuals.

Stakeholders emphasized the need to involve healthcare institutions in adhering to discharge policies and

ensuring that people with significant medical needs are not released directly into homelessness. If they are, medical respite beds in emergency shelters are required to meet these individuals' needs.

Discussion

The Pueblo Consortium will coordinate its efforts to administer the HOME-ARP received in 2021, using the strategies outlined in the program requirements and the needs and obstacles outlined above.

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

Introduction

The Draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice has been completed. The AI identifies barriers to fair housing that are also barriers to affordable housing. The City may select additional actions to take than the ones listed below.

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

Provide financial assistance to renters and owners through Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), down payment and closing cost assistance, and security deposit assistance.

Invest Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in affordable housing development.

Revise zoning regulations to improve the ability of developers to build missing middle housing.

Revise zoning definitions to expand areas allowing manufactured housing.

Revise zoning definitions to redefine a family unit to permit group homes, where allowed by State law.

Revise the city's limited English proficiency policy to conform to updated guidance.

Update the City's Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan to ensure that low-income individuals and households at risk are protected.

Provide fair housing education and outreach to landlords, management companies, renters, lenders, potential homebuyers, real estate agents, and others in the real estate industry, as well as provide legal assistance to move housing through probate.

Discussion

In 2021, the City and County conducted a strategic housing assessment that identified the lack of market-rate housing as a severe impediment to affordable housing. This lack of market housing does not allow the real estate market to operate effectively, leading to sales price escalations and increasing rents. The city's number one goal is to increase the housing supply of all types, increase the vacancy rate, and relieve rents.

In 2022, the City designated NeighborWorks of Southern Colorado as a non-profit instrument of the government. This distinction allows the non-profit to provide additional down payment assistance to homebuyers. The non-profit can now assist homebuyers who cannot raise the minimum down payment

equal to 3.5% of the purchase price required by FHA. Previously, the non-profit could only assist homebuyers who contributed 3.5% towards the down payment with personal funds.

In 2022, the City authorized the Multi-Family Zoning Code to provide more design flexibility and reduce development time and cost. Previously, multi-family developments were classified as commercial projects and required to meet the same standards as grocery stores or large box stores. The new code allows for more design options and a more comprehensive range of materials, which makes for a better or more economical product and saves time without requesting unnecessary variances.

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

Introduction

The following section describes other actions to be taken to meet the needs of the community.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The main challenge in meeting the needs of underserved populations is the limited funding available to address their priorities. The gap between what households can afford to pay for housing and the actual cost of housing is increasing, making it challenging to meet the needs of underserved communities. Additionally, the city lacks affordable housing options to cater to the community's needs.

The reduced ability to afford rising housing expenses has led to increased homelessness, higher demand for supportive services, rising housing costs, stagnant wages adjusted for inflation, and an aging housing inventory that needs refurbishment. To address these challenges, the City of Pueblo will collaborate with public agencies and non-profit organizations to maximize resources and outcomes in housing and community development. Utilizing funds such as CDBG and CDBG-CV, the city will work with local service providers to prevent homelessness by providing rent assistance and utility aid to very low-income households. Additionally, housing counseling and case management services will be provided.

The city and the County will continue to allocate general revenue to fund various public services. While the demand for resources is more significant than what is available, local funding supports several agencies working to assist vulnerable residents. It enables these agencies to attract outside financing through local support.

To promote and maintain affordable housing, the city plans to use CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation programs tailored for seniors and individuals requiring accessibility modifications to age in place. Furthermore, HOME funds will be used to construct new homebuyer and rental housing units.

The City of Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment operates a lead blood testing program for residents. The program includes lead risk and hazard reduction education for property owners, managers, and tenants, environmental testing for lead hazard screening, blood lead screening for children and women, and monitoring programs for children with elevated blood lead levels. The department also provides information on common sources of lead exposure, potential health effects, and methods to reduce exposure.

Efforts to reduce the number of families living in poverty will involve coordinating with existing agencies to evaluate needs, deliver services, and provide funding assistance through the CDBG Program when resources are insufficient. Additionally, the city will work to coordinate community development strategies, facilitate access to financial services, and support agencies' fundraising efforts.

The City of Pueblo is committed to coordinating Anti-Poverty and Community Development initiatives. It

has established intergovernmental agreements to administer funds to non-profit agencies and economic development organizations that enhance the quality of life in the community. The city is also working to foster collaboration among various community groups.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to work directly with developers to spur development to construct and rehabilitate affordable housing. The Planning and Housing Divisions have been combined to better coordinate development issues as they are encountered. The Department of Planning and Community Development is currently developing the Unified Zoning Code for the City of Pueblo. The re-working of the city's current 1968 zoning code will be more inclusive of affordable housing. The Division will fund four programs to assist existing low-income homeowners maintain their homes and maintain housing stock.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The EPA reports a large percentage of non-compliance from its on-site investigation and monitoring of RRP activities occurring in the city. The Division of Housing and Citizen Services will facilitate Lead Safe Work Practices training and/or Repair, Remodeling, and Painting training in the upcoming program year. The Division will continue to require lead safe work practices on all of its rehabilitation and repair projects.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Pueblo Economic Development Corporation receives one-half of one-percent of the City's sales tax collected. The organization provides incentives to attract a new business to Pueblo. The incentives are instrumental in attracting new business and new jobs to the community.

The City of Pueblo will continue its investment in the Pueblo Economic & Workforce Development Dashboard. Developed and maintained by Dr. Tatiana Bailey, an economics professor at UCCS in Colorado Springs. The Dashboard serves as a vital resource offering real-time insights into the regional economy in comparison to state and national economic landscapes. By identifying trends and providing valuable data, the Dashboard empowers local businesses to adapt and thrive amidst market fluctuations.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Pueblo's Division of Housing and Citizen Services through its involvement with the Community Commission on Housing and Homelessness, the Community Services Advisory Commission, the DICE Team, and the Continuum of Care will coordinate efforts to reduce duplication and reinforce community structure.

The main gaps within the agencies are those that are created through regulations and funding eligibility. Pueblo agencies work well together referring clients and sharing information. Agencies continue to use the coordinated entry model and the “by Name” list to coordinate assistance for their clients.

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

The City has established the Community Commission on Housing and Homelessness, a twenty-five member commission created to develop housing strategies and to roundtable solutions to existing housing issues. The Commission is made up of government officials, non-profit service providers, medical providers, and first responders. Current focus groups are:

- Neighbors In Need (The workgroup focused on the current needs of the un-housed: Pallet Shelter/Ice Tent camping sites, safe parking sites, text alerts and direct services notifications.)
- Housing (The workgroup identifies barriers to affordable housing and development in general; evaluates use and re-use of existing assets within the community.)
- Shift the Narrative (The workgroup focuses on humanizing homeless individuals, and from a Fair Housing point of view, builds empathy for proposed housing projects to support the un-housed.)

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities: Eviction Diversion Program | \$100,000 |
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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:
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:
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:
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:
5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special

needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).



2024 Annual Action Plan

Attachment A

Community Development Block Grant Program Funds			
2024	CDBG Entitlement Allocation		\$ 1,453,413.00
Project No.	Project Name	Project Agency	Amount
	Public Services		
CD2401	Administration	DHCS	\$ 290,000.00
CD2402	Homeless Prevention	Posada	\$ 23,745.00
CD2403	Homeless Supportive Services	Posada	\$ 75,000.00
CD2404	Homeless Youth Services	Posada	\$ 35,000.00
CD2405	It's All About Being A Teen	Catholic Charities	\$ 50,005.00
CD2406	Senior Transportation	SRDA	\$ 30,000.00
	Public Facilities/Neighborhood Improvements		
CD2407	Orman Sidewalks - 1600 Block	Richard Coleman	\$ 107,500.00
CD2408	Van Buren Sidewalks - 200 Block	Kimberly Pease	\$ 153,600.00
CD2409	ADA Curb Ramps - Bonforte BLVD	Public Works	\$ 200,000.00
CD2410	ADA Curb Ramps - Citywide	Public Works	\$ 200,000.00
CD2414	Eastside Child Care Improvements	Eastside Child Care Center	\$ 65,000.00
CD2415	Parking Lot Improvements - 501 Belmont Ave	Posada	\$ 40,150.00
	Housing Activities		
CD2411	ERESP	Pueblo County	\$ 40,000.00
CD2412	Minor Repair Program	DHCS	\$ 75,000.00
CD2413	Rehabilitation	DHCS	\$ 68,413.00
		CDBG Total	\$ 1,453,413.00
HOME Partnership Investement Act Program Funds			
2024	HUD HOME Allocation		\$ 880,344.00
Project No.	Project Name	Project Agency	Amount
HO2410	City Administration	City of Pueblo	\$ 76,589.00
HO2420	County Administration	Pueblo County	\$ 11,445.00
HO2430	County Programs	Pueblo County	\$ 85,834.00
HO2340	Community Housing Development Organization	TBD	\$ 132,052.00
HO2450	City Programs	City of Pueblo	\$ 574,424.00
HO2460	City Match	City of Pueblo	\$ 176,620.00
		Allocation w/ City Match	\$ 1,056,964.00

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