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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 24) Action Plan for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and,

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other entities, to receive these funds and execute agreements necessary to implement and comply with related federal regulations. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City of Long Beach (City) to develop and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) and an annual Action Plan that furthers the goals established in the Consolidated Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds. The current Consolidated Plan was approved by the City Council and HUD in 2022 and is valid from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2028.

As part of the entitlement submittal to HUD, the City, in conjunction with the Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC), has developed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Action Plan (Attachment A). The Action Plan describes the resources, programs, and activities the City will undertake in the second year of the current Consolidated Plan period to address the needs and implement the programs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan provides the parameters for developing the proposed Action Plan budget.

For the FY 24 Action Plan, Congressional appropriations for CBDG and ESG grants have decreased by four percent and the HOME allocation has increased by one percent since FY 23. For FY 24, several budgetary changes are being proposed to funded programs as a response to both the decreased total appropriation amounts as well as activity performance, rate of activity expenditure and impact toward Consolidated Plan goals and priorities. To help meet the highest need established in the Consolidated Plan, Housing Element and while in a State of Emergency on Homelessness, funds for housing acquisition are being increased and prioritized in this Action Plan. Additionally, activities requested by stakeholders, or those that best respond to Consolidated Plan goals and priorities, have proposed budgetary increases for FY 24 and include the Afterschool and Weekend Recreation Program, Senior Meal Services and Sidewalk Improvement in CDBG-eligible areas. Budgetary decreases must be made and are being proposed for activities that underspent in FY 23, including Urban Forestry, Code Enforcement and City Attorney Code Enforcement programs. The decrease

in funding proposed will not materially impact service delivery of programs. Lastly, some activities funded in FY 23 will not receive additional funding for FY 24 as these activities have existing carryover funding. The Housing Services and Referrals, Neighborhood Grant Program, Park Facilities and ADU Grant Program are still working to expend funds from last year. The Home Improvement Grant Program, the Enhanced Commercial Façade Program and the Place-Based Neighborhood Improvement Strategy will continue with prior Consolidated Plan funds.

The FY 24 Action Plan describes in detail the proposed programs and services to be funded during the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The following table summarizes the FY 24 Action Plan funding.

FY 24 Action Plan Budget

Available Funds	CDBG	ESG	HOME	TOTAL
New Entitlement	\$5,203,472	\$477,000	\$3,111,489	\$8,791,961
Program Income	\$60,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,560,000
Total Available Funds	\$5,263,472	\$477,000	\$4,611,489	\$10,351,961

On April 19, 2023, the LBCIC conducted the first public hearing to establish the basis for developing the FY 24 Action Plan by assessing resources and current Consolidated Plan goals for HUD grants and receiving public input. The LBCIC conducted the second and final public hearing on June 21, 2023, which allowed the LBCIC to solicit final public comment on the FY 24 Action Plan. Multilingual notices regarding the second public hearing and the availability of the draft Action Plan were posted on the City website for public review 30 days prior to this public hearing. Advertisements were published in the Press-Telegram and Excelsior (Spanish newspaper) announcing the availability of the draft Action Plan and details of the public hearing. In addition, stakeholders received an email notice about the public hearing and the availability of the draft Action Plan for review and comment.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on May 31, 2023 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on June 7, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 11, 2023, as the FY 24 Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by August 15, 2023 to receive funding for the new fiscal year.

EQUITY LENS

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit into this recommendation. This recommendation will assist low-income Long Beach residents and businesses located in CDBG areas.

FISCAL IMPACT

In FY 24, the City will receive \$8,791,961 in CDBG, HOME, and ESG entitlement funds and an estimated \$1,560,000 in Program Income. These funds are budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Development Services Department through the annual budget process. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal

budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. These grant funds generate a broad, positive impact on job creation and retention within the community.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

City of Long Beach
FY 2024 Annual Action Plan
(October 1, 2023 - September
30, 2024)



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan (AP) serves as the official application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for the City of Long Beach. The Action Plan (AP) covers the upcoming one-year program period of FY 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024).

The Action Plans represent a comprehensive planning effort mainly led by the Long Beach City Council and the Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC), with involvement of local government experts, the social service community, residents, and consultation with other local HUD entitlement communities.

This AP was prepared using the eCon Planning Suite system developed and mandated by HUD. The system prescribes the structure and contents of this document, following the Federal Consolidated Planning regulations.

2. Summary of the Objectives and Outcomes Identified in the Plan

This AP incorporates the following Performance Measure Objectives/Outcomes to be associated with each activity funded:

General Objective Categories- Activities will meet one of the following:

- Decent Housing (DH)
- A Suitable Living Environment (SL)
- Economic Opportunity (EO) General

Outcome Categories- Activities will meet one of the following:

- Availability/Accessibility (1)
- Affordability (2)
- Sustainability (3)

The strategies in this AP are intended to address the priorities established in the FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan. The City's goals and priorities for the FY 2023 – FY 2027 Consolidated Plan are identified below:

Goal: Assist in the Creation and Preservation of Affordable Housing for Lower-Income and Special Needs Households

Priority: New Affordable Housing Opportunities

Priority: Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing

Priority: Housing Assistance

Goal: Support Activities to End Homelessness

Priority: Emergency Shelters and Essential Services

Priority: Rapid Re-Housing

Priority: Homeless Prevention

Priority: Street Outreach

Goal: Support Activities that Assist with Basic Needs, Eliminate Blight, and/or Strengthen Neighborhoods

Priority: Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

Priority: Neighborhood Improvement Programs

Priority: Improved Quality of Aging Housing Stock

Priority: Public and Supportive Services

Priority: Interim Assistance

Goal: Expand Economic Opportunities for Low-Income Households

Priority: Business Technical Assistance and Other Programs

Priority: Improved Business Corridors

Goal: Promote Fair Housing Choice

Priority: Fair Housing Services, Outreach, and Education

Goal: Planning and Program Administration

Priority: Management of Grant Funds and Program Delivery

3. Evaluation of Past Performance

The City of Long Beach has been diligent in implementing its community development goals and undertook a range of housing and community development activities to primarily benefit extremely low, very low/low, and moderate income residents and those with special needs. This section highlights the accomplishments during FY 2021-2022. Accomplishments during FY 2022-2023 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) will be reported by the end of 2023.

Affordable Housing

The City utilized both CDBG and HOME funds to preserve and improve the City's affordable housing stock:

- 47 rental units and 7 CHDO units were rehabilitated
- 11 households assisted with security/utility deposits
- 63 homes received rehabilitation loans and rebates
- Code Enforcement: 2,638 code violations inspected and provided assistance for correction

Public Services

The City utilized CDBG funds and ESG funds to provide supportive services for the City's extremely low, very low/low, and moderate income households, especially those with special needs:

- Youth Services: 20,908 (duplicated) youths assisted with after-school and weekend recreation programs
- Homeless Services: persons assisted with emergency shelters; 12,551 persons assisted at the Multi-Service Center; and 52 persons assisted with homeless prevention and outreach services

Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

The City utilized CDBG and other local and private funds to provide an array of programs and services to improve our neighborhoods. A variety of activities such as public facilities improvements and tree planting benefited primarily the low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Economic Development

The City assisted 1,004 local neighborhood businesses with technical assistance services, including some businesses that received grants for exterior façade improvements under the Business Revitalization Program.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process

This section summarizes the specific efforts undertaken by the City of Long Beach to obtain inclusive community input during the development of the FY 24 Action Plan (see also Appendix A – Community Participation for outreach materials).

Community Meetings and Outreach Efforts

The City provided multiple opportunities to obtain input on housing and community development needs by presenting at an in-person community meeting on February 11, 2023 and providing a virtual community meeting on April 8, 2023. Interpretation was also provided for both events in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. The April 8 virtual community meeting was also recorded and uploaded via the City of Long Beach YouTube in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog so that any residents unable to attend the live session could review the presentation at any time.

To promote the Action Plan development process, a public notice was issued and posted on the Development Services Department website. Multilingual fliers were created in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog for the community meetings and were posted on the Development Services Department website and shared via social media (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook). Email notifications were also sent to community organizations and residents that have expressed interest and/or have participated in the City's housing and community development programs. E-blasts were also sent out via the Neighborhood Resource Center and LinkLB.

In addition, two LBCIC Public Hearings were held on April 19, 2023 and June 21, 2023. Multilingual 30-day Public Notices were issued and posted on the City website and were publicized in local newspapers in English (Long Beach Press Telegram) and Spanish (Excelsior) – see Appendix A - Public Participation for more details.

Public Review of Draft Action Plan

A 30-day public review of the draft FY 24 Action Plan was held from May 19, 2023 to June 19, 2023.

The draft Action Plan was made available via the City of Long Beach, Development Services website at longbeach.gov/HUDgrants. Notification of the draft Plan was promoted via E-blasts and through multilingual Public Notices in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog.

5. Summary of Public Comments

Public comments are summarized in the appendix.

6. Summary of Comments or Views not Accepted and the Reasons for Not Accepting Them

All public comments received were accepted.

7. Summary

The City of Long Beach has undertaken diligent and good faith efforts in outreaching to all segments of the community that may benefit from the City's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

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
Lead Agency	Long Beach	Development Services/Grants Administration
CDBG Administrator	Long Beach	Development Services/Grants Administration
HOME Administrator	Long Beach	Development Services/Grants Administration
ESG Administrator	Long Beach	Development Services/Grants Administration

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs are administered by the Development Services Department, Grants Administration.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For matters concerning the City of Long Beach's CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, please contact: Elizabeth Weithers, Development Project Manager, City of Long Beach Development Services Department, 411 West Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 570-6912.

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

1. Introduction

As part of the development of the 2024-2027 Con Plan and the FY 2024 AP, the City undertook an extensive outreach program to consult and coordinate with non-profit agencies, affordable housing providers, and government agencies regarding the needs of the low and moderate income community. The outreach program has been summarized in the Executive Summary and Citizen Participation sections of this Plan and provided in detail as Appendix A - Public Participation.

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)).

To outreach to various agencies and organizations, the City compiled an outreach list consisting of various agencies and organizations, including:

- Non-profit service providers that cater to the needs of low and moderate income households and persons with special needs;
- Schools;

- Affordable housing providers;
- Housing advocates;
- Housing professionals;
- Public agencies (such as neighboring jurisdictions, school districts, health services, public works);
- Economic development and employment organizations; and
- Community and neighborhood groups.

The complete outreach list is included in Appendix A – Public Participation. These agencies were contacted and notified of the plan development process and community workshops. Specific agencies were also contacted to obtain data in preparation of this Plan, such as Housing Choice Voucher use and demographic characteristics of persons with disabilities and persons experiencing homelessness.

On an ongoing basis, Long Beach staff interacts with various non-profit agencies and public service groups in the delivery of programs through its federal entitlement and other resources. These agencies are assisted by City staff in planning programs and projects, ensuring activity eligibility and costs, complying with federal regulations and requirements, and monitoring the timely expenditure of annually allocated program funds. The City requires agencies to submit quarterly and annual reports to meet federal requirements, and periodically conducts on-site monitoring reviews.

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 Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) sets forth the City’s strategies for ending homelessness. The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is the lead agency for the Long Beach CoC. The Long Beach Continuum of Care has strategic partnerships with local agencies to provide a comprehensive system of care to reduce homelessness for chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. The CoC recognizes the local needs of people experiencing homelessness, and bridges HUD’s priorities with local priorities to allocate resources to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness in the Long Beach jurisdiction. The CoC includes the fundamental program components identified by HUD and also provides a system of linkages and referral mechanisms across these components to provide comprehensive services to move individuals and families from being homeless or at risk of being homeless to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

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

The Department of Health and Human Services, Homeless Services Division (HSD) is the lead for the local CoC jurisdiction and draws upon the Homeless Services Advisory Committee, CoC Board, and CoC General Membership for policy, program, and funding recommendations. The Homeless Services Division releases a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the federal ESG biennially for these component types: Homelessness Prevention, Emergency Shelter, HMIS, Outreach Services, and Rapid Rehousing.

All ESG funded providers are required to enter data into the LB HMIS (or comparable database). HSD developed a performance matrix for the CoC and ESG using HMIS data and fiscal performance data. This performance data is shared with the CoC Board and General Membership to evaluate ESG funded projects on their programs' effectiveness and compares the performance data to the last period to score and rank each project by component type to allocate ESG funds.

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

As part of the Con Plan and FY 2024 AP development process, the City utilized an outreach list that was developed to solicit input from agencies and organizations that serve low and moderate income persons and persons with special needs. Agencies and organizations that attended the Consolidated Plan Community Workshops and/or participated in the Stakeholder Interviews are included in Appendix A: Public Participation of the five-year Con Plan. Agencies attended the public hearings for the AP are also noted in the sign-in sheets. See Appendix A: Public Participation

Table 2 – Agencies, Groups, Organizations Who Participated

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

The City contacted agencies as part of the outreach process for this CON PLAN and FY 2024 AP. All applicable agencies and agency types were consulted.

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 (CoC)	Long Beach Health and Human Services Department	Potential funding allocations to address homeless needs will complement the CoC Strategy.
2021-2029 Housing Element	Long Beach Development Services – Planning Bureau	Outlines the City's plan of action for facilitating the development and preservation of housing over the next eight years.

Table 3 – Other Local / Regional / Federal Planning Efforts

AP-12 Citizen Participation

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

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

An in-person presentation and virtual community meeting were held to solicit community and stakeholder input for the development for this AP. Public Hearings were also conducted before the LBCIC to receive public comments on the Draft AP prior to City Council approval.

Publicity

Multi-lingual (English, Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog) information about the workshops and surveys was distributed through: City website; flyers; email blasts; press releases; public notices; display advertisements in Long Beach Press Telegram (English) and Excelsior (Spanish) and posted on City's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Public Review of Draft Documents

A 30-day public review was held from May 19, 2023 through June 19, 2023. Copies of the Draft AP were made available for the public at the following locations:

- City Website
- City Hall
- Development Services Department
- Main Library

The final Con Plan, amendments, Annual Action Plans, and performance reports will be available for five years at Long Beach Development Services Department.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking: Spanish, Khmer, Tagalog Non-Targeted/ Broad Community	Residents and community stakeholders attended a community meeting on February 11, 2023 for discussions on housing and community development needs	Comments are summarized in Appendix A	All comments were accepted	https://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/hn/lbplan/
2	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking: Spanish, Khmer, Tagalog Non-Targeted/ Broad Community	Residents and community stakeholders attended a virtual community meeting on April 8, 2023 for discussions on housing and community development needs. Interpretation was provided in Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog. The meeting was uploaded on the City of Long Beach YouTube channel.	Comments are summarized in Appendix A	All comments were accepted	
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking: Spanish, Khmer, Tagalog Non-Targeted/ Broad Community	A public notice and multilingual fliers were created in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog for the community meetings and were posted on the Development Services Department website and shared via social media (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook). Email notifications were also sent to community organizations and residents that have expressed interest and/or have participated in the City's housing and community development programs. E-blasts were also sent out via the Neighborhood Resource Center and LinkLB.	Summary of survey results is provided in Appendix A.	All complete surveys were analyzed	

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)
4	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/ Broad Community	The City conducted two public hearings before the Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC) on April 19 and on June 21, 2023.	Comments are summarized in Appendix A	All comments were accepted	https://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/hn/lbplan/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Annual Action Plan - Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Long Beach is an entitlement jurisdiction for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, and anticipates receiving \$5,203,472 in CDBG funds, \$3,111,489 in HOME funds, and \$477,000 in ESG funds for FY 2023-2024. In addition, program income of \$60,000 from CDBG activities and \$1,500,000 from HOME activities is anticipated. Anticipated program income is incorporated into the City's annual budgeting process.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public-Federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$5,203,472	\$60,000		\$5,263,472	\$16,461,825	For planning purposes, the City estimates the availability of approximately \$27 million in CDBG allocations over the five-year Consolidated Plan period. This estimate assumes stable allocations over the planning period. In addition, the City anticipates a total program income of \$300,000 over five years. Specifically, a program income of \$60,000 is expected for FY 2023-2024
HOME	Public-Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$3,111,489	\$1,500,000		\$4,611,489	\$13,761,204	For planning purposes, the City estimates the availability of approximately \$15 million in HOME funds over the five-year Consolidated Plan period. This estimate assumes stable allocations over the planning period. In addition, the City anticipates \$1,500,000 in program income in FY 2023-2024.
ESG	Public-Federal	Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Street Outreach	\$477,000			\$477,000	\$1,485,885	For planning purposes, the City estimates the availability of approximately \$2.5 million in ESG funds over the five-year Consolidated Plan period. This estimate assumes stable allocations over the planning period.

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

Leveraging

Long Beach has access to a variety of federal, state, local and private resources to achieve its housing and community development goals. These funds include the following key programs in FY 2023-2024 and total over \$156 million:

- CDBG: \$5,263,472
- HOME: \$4,611,489
- ESG: \$477,000
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers: \$108,960,602
- Continuum of Care: \$8,516,928
- HOPWA: \$1,497,494
- Housing Funds: \$16 million
- General Fund: Public Facilities Improvement (\$3.6 million) and Code Enforcement Activities (\$4.2 million)
- Health Fund: Code Enforcement Activities (\$2 million)

Specific funding sources will be utilized based on the opportunities and constraints of each program.

Match Requirements

Home Match Requirements: Pursuant to HUD regulations, all participating jurisdictions (PJs) must contribute or match 25 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. The HOME statute allows for a reduction of the matching contribution requirement under three conditions: 1) fiscal distress, 2) severe fiscal distress, and 3) for Presidentially declared major disasters. When a local jurisdiction meets one of these distress conditions, it is determined to be in fiscal distress and receives a 50 percent reduction of match. If a local jurisdiction satisfies both of the distress criteria, it is determined to be in severe fiscal distress and receives a 100 percent reduction of match. Based on November 2022 data from HUD, the City of Long Beach is no longer considered fiscally distressed and does not qualify for the HOME match reduction in the upcoming year. However, the City has an accumulated excess match for over \$9.9 million when redevelopment funds were available to provide affordable housing. This excess match will be adequate to fulfill the City's future match requirements for an extended period of time.

ESG Match Requirements: The City of Long Beach contracts with non-profit agencies to provide emergency housing, rapid rehousing, and street outreach. The funded agencies must provide at least 100 percent match as stated in the Request for Proposals. The match source can be either in-kind or cash match and must be from sources other than ESG program or McKinney-Vento funding. Funds used to match a previous ESG/CDBG grant may not be used to match a subsequent grant. Also, detailed match documentation must be submitted during the invoice process.

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 LBCIC released Requests for Proposals (RFP) and awarded to qualified developers the following sites that were previously purchased with redevelopment housing set-aside funds and therefore are subject to the income and household target requirements per SB 341:

- 4151 E. Fountain – Development of a 73-unit affordable housing projects for families
- 5571 Orange Avenue – Development of an 8-unit, homeownership project for low-income families
- 225-227 Fifteenth Street/Long Beach Boulevard–Development of an 8-unit, homeownership project for low-income families

The City is working on various HOME affordable housing projects:

- Construction underway for an 87-unit affordable development that will provide quality housing for extremely low, very low- and low-income individuals and families, 20 of which are homeless or at risk of homelessness (BRIDGE Housing)
- Construction underway for a 67-unit affordable housing project which will serve low and extremely low-income seniors, and senior veterans experiencing homelessness (Mercy Housing)
- Construction underway for an 89-unit affordable housing project which will serve low and extremely low-income veterans and veterans experiencing homelessness (Century)

Discussion

See discussions above.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Create and Preserve Affordable Housing	2023	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide RECAPs Target Areas TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas TCAC High Opportunity Target Areas	New Affordable Housing Opportunities Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing Housing Assistance	CDBG: \$1,550,000 HOME: \$4,300,341	Rental Units Constructed/Acquired/Rehabilitated: 75 Housing Units Rental units constructed: 0 Housing Units Rental units rehabilitated: 3 Housing Units Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Re-Housing: 65 Households Assisted
2	Support Activities to End Homelessness	2023	2024	Homeless	Citywide	Emergency Shelters and Essential Services Rapid Re-Housing	ESG: \$441,245	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 375 Persons Assisted Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Re-Housing: 50 Households Assisted

3	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods	2023	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas Code Enforcement Target Areas RECAPs Target Areas TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements Neighborhood Improvement Programs Improved Quality of Aging Housing Stock Public and Supportive Services	CDBG: \$2,568,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50,000 persons Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 42,030 Persons Assisted Housing Code Enforcement: 8,050 Housing Units Other: 350 Trees Planted 20,025 sites of graffiti removal/prevention
4	Expand Economic Opportunities	2023	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas	Business Technical Assistance and Other Programs Improved Business Corridors	CDBG: \$110,000	Businesses assisted: 500 Businesses Assisted
5	Promote Fair Housing Choice	2023	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Fair Housing Services, Outreach, and Education	CDBG: \$100,000	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,000 Persons Assisted
6	Planning and Program Administration	2023	2024	Planning and Administration	Citywide	Management of Grant Funds and Program Delivery	CDBG: \$935,472 HOME: \$311,148 ESG: \$35,775	N/A

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City will pursue a range of activities to expand affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income households, including those with special needs (seniors, large households, disabled, homeless, etc.) Emphasis will be on affordable rental housing due to funding limitations and urgency of needs. Creation of new affordable housing opportunities with focuses on TCAC High Opportunity Areas as part of the City's strategy to increase access to opportunities through housing supply in areas of high opportunity. The City will actively pursue opportunities through new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition/rehabilitation, and preservation.
2	Goal Name	Support Activities to End Homelessness
	Goal Description	The City will utilize both ESG and HOME funds to coordinate services and facilities for the homeless. The City's strategy for addressing homeless needs is four-pronged: 1) street outreach; 2) rapid re-housing; 3) homeless prevention; and 4) homeless facilities and essential services. The intent is to address the needs of those rendered homeless and at-risk of homelessness using a continuum of care approach by supporting services and facilities that complement the existing Continuum of Care system.
3	Goal Name	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	The City has committed to a place-based strategy where resources are targeted to address issues at the neighborhood level. To address key Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) goals, improve neighborhood conditions, and eliminate disparities in access to opportunity between residents in Long Beach and reduce segregation, the Consolidated Plan will focus place-based efforts and investments in segregated, high poverty, low opportunity neighborhoods (RECAPs and TCAC Low Opportunity areas).
4	Goal Name	Expand Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City will work to expand economic development opportunities in low income neighborhoods to advance social equity. Assistance may include technical assistance and other programs with the goal of retaining and attracting businesses to these neighborhoods and improving the business corridors that serve low income neighborhoods.
5	Goal Name	Promote Fair Housing Choice
	Goal Description	The City will promote fair housing, outreach, and education services to promote the awareness and compliance with fair housing laws. Targeted outreach in RECAPs and TCAC Low Opportunity areas will be prioritized.
6	Goal Name	Planning and Program Administration
	Goal Description	The City will continue to implement the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs in compliance with all applicable regulations and requirements. The caps for program administration costs are 20 percent for CDBG, 10 percent for HOME, and 7.5 percent for ESG.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

During FY 2023-2024, the City of Long Beach will pursue a range of housing and community development activities using CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. These activities will implement the City's Consolidated Plan and Priorities:

Goal: Assist in the Creation and Preservation of Affordable Housing for Lower-Income and Special Needs Households

Priority: New Affordable Housing Opportunities

Priority: Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing

Priority: Housing Assistance

Goal: Support Activities to End Homelessness

Priority: Emergency Shelters and Essential Services

Priority: Rapid Re-Housing

Priority: Homeless Prevention

Priority: Street Outreach

Goal: Support Activities that Assist with Basic Needs, Eliminate Blight, and/or Strengthen Neighborhoods

Priority: Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

Priority: Neighborhood Improvement Programs

Priority: Improved Quality of Aging Housing Stock

Priority: Public and Supportive Services

Priority: Interim Assistance

Goal: Expand Economic Opportunities for Low-Income Households

Priority: Business Technical Assistance and Other Programs

Priority: Improved Business Corridors

Goal: Promote Fair Housing Choice

Priority: Fair Housing Services, Outreach, and Education

Goal: Planning and Program Administration

Priority: Management of Grant Funds and Program Delivery

For FY 2023-2024, the City of Long Beach anticipates receiving \$5,263,472 in CDBG funds, \$3,111,489 in HOME funds, and \$477,000 in ESG funds. In addition, the City anticipates generating \$60,000 in program income from CDBG activities and \$1,500,000 in program income from HOME activities.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Graffiti Removal Program
2	Graffiti Prevention Program (Mural Restoration)
3	Neighborhood Resource Center (Focus Areas)
4	Enhanced Neighborhood Leadership Training Program (Focus Areas)
5	After School and Weekend Recreation
6	Senior Services (Meals on Wheels)
7	Code Enforcement
8	Code Enforcement (City Attorney)
9	Urban Forestry Program
10	Technical Business Assistance / SBDC Support
11	Sidewalk Improvement (PW-CIP)
12	Fair Housing Services (Focus Areas)
13	Administration
14	Multi-Family Residential Rehabilitation Loan (CHDO) (High Opportunity)
15	New Construction/ Acquisition/ Rehabilitation and Land Acquisition Loan Program (High Opportunity)
16	Security Deposit and Rental Assistance
17	Emergency Shelter
18	Rapid Rehousing

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The City identified the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) as an opportunity to strategically align with and help implement the 2021-2029 Housing Element to strengthen place-based strategies and improve conditions in R/ECAPs and TCAC low opportunity areas, and to expand housing mobility and housing supply in High Opportunity areas.

In the Housing Element’s Action 6.11, the City committed to focus Con Plan resources on improving conditions in the R/ECAPs and areas of low opportunity. As part of the City’s strategy to increase access to areas of high opportunity, the City has also focused new Construction/ Acquisition resources in areas of High Opportunity. Rehabilitation efforts that preserve affordable housing are prioritized in both High and Low Opportunity areas.

Long Beach has allocated approximately 14.3 percent of its FY 2023-2024 CDBG allocation to public facilities and infrastructure improvements (sidewalk improvements).. Just under 18 percent of the City’s allocation is reserved for administration costs and 14.9 percent is set aside for public services.

For FY 2023-2024, the City has allocated almost 80 percent of its HOME allocation to increase housing supply in areas of High Opportunity and preserve affordable housing, regardless of location.

One of the greatest challenges in meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income persons is having limited financial resources. The City of Long Beach will continue to use its CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding to support: the development of affordable housing and public service agencies that address the special needs of the underserved, including the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, youth, seniors, female-headed households, victims of domestic violence, and the disabled. The City also proactively seeks additional resources to better meet the underserved needs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Graffiti Removal Program
	Target Area	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	This program is used to remove graffiti from private and public properties to improve neighborhoods and discourage further graffiti. The program is offered citywide at no cost to property owners or tenants.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,000 Sites
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas.
	Planned Activities	Remove graffiti from private and public properties.
2	Project Name	Graffiti Prevention Program (Mural Restoration)
	Target Area	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	The Mural Arts Program provides mural restoration at various public facilities such as schools and parks to discourage vandalism and improve the physical exterior of facilities.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 Projects
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas.
	Planned Activities	Mural restoration at various public facilities.
3	Project Name	Neighborhood Resource Center (Focus Area)
	Target Area	RECAP Target Areas TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Resource Center provides administrative and technical training for organizations located within the target zone.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10,000 Persons Assisted

	Location Description	This program is available in the RECAP Target Areas. Neighborhood Resource Center located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd, 3 rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the operation of the Neighborhood Resource Center, a key neighborhood and community resource and referral point.
4	Project Name	Enhanced Neighborhood Leadership Training Program (Focus Area)
	Target Area	RECAP Target Areas TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Leadership Program is a six-month training program teaching Target Areas residents the principles of effective leadership and provides examples of how to solve neighborhood problems. Each student must complete a community project.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	This program is available in the RECAP Target Areas.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the program to provide training to students for completing the community projects.
5	Project Name	After School and Weekend Recreation
	Target Area	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$391,000
	Description	After School, Weekend, and/or Summer Recreation for youth programs in schools and parks located in designated low/moderate income neighborhoods.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30,000 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	This program is available to youth and children in the CDBG Low and Moderate Income Target Areas.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for after school, weekend and/or summer recreation youth programs.
6	Project Name	Senior Services (Meals on Wheels)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Provide meal services for seniors to complement current senior programming at various City facilities.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,000 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Meals provided by the City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department at the Senior Center and other sites to seniors.
7	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CDBG Code Enforcement Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$860,000
	Description	The Intensified Code Enforcement (ICE) program is a comprehensive code enforcement program to eliminate blight in the Target Areas in conjunction with the Home Improvement Rebate and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8,000 Housing Units
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Code Enforcement Target Areas
	Planned Activities	The program focuses on bringing all structures within a specific geographic area into compliance with City building, health and safety requirements.
8	Project Name	Code Enforcement (City Attorney)
	Target Area	CDBG Code Enforcement Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Provides funds for work performed by the City Attorney and City Prosecutor on Code Enforcement cases.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 Housing Units
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Code Enforcement Target Areas.
	Planned Activities	Provides funds for work performed by the City Attorney and City Prosecutor on Code Enforcement cases.
9	Project Name	Urban Forestry Program
	Target Area	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Utilizing neighborhood volunteers, the City will plant and maintain trees along public parkways in target areas. Other grant funds will be leveraged to increase the project accomplishments.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 Trees
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Planned Activities	Funding will be made available to plant and maintain trees along public parkways in target areas.
10	Project Name	Technical Business Assistance / SBDC Support
	Target Area	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Expand Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Business Technical Assistance and Other Programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000
	Description	To provide for the attraction, creation, and expansion of businesses, concentration on low-moderate income areas, especially the creation of low-moderate income jobs. Focus services on small businesses, utilizing bilingual workers to outreach and furnish information about business development and loan programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 Jobs/500 Businesses
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds are used to assist private for-profit businesses with counseling, development, and expansion. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides services to small and large businesses by supporting new start-ups and promoting growth of existing businesses to provide services and jobs to low and moderate income neighborhoods.
11	Project Name	Sidewalk Improvement Project (PW-CIP)
	Target Area	CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$752,000
	Description	Replaces deteriorated sidewalks to improve and enhance low and moderate income neighborhoods.
	Target Date	9/30/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60,000 Square Feet, benefitting approximately 50,000 persons
	Location Description	This program is available in the CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas
	Planned Activities	Replaces deteriorated sidewalks to improve and enhance low and moderate income neighborhoods.
12	Project Name	Fair Housing Services (Focus Areas)
	Target Area	RECAP Target Areas/ TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Promote Fair Housing Choice
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Services, Outreach, and Education

	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	The Fair Housing Program for the City includes the following programs: Discrimination Complaints – Investigations and disposition; Landlord/Tenant Program – Counseling and dispute resolution; and Education and Outreach Program – Outreach to residents, landlords, apartment managers, and other housing professionals.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,000 Persons Assisted with at least 50% of services in zip codes representing Central, West and North Long Beach
	Location Description	This program is available to all residents, housing providers, and housing professionals citywide.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide fair housing services to tenants, landlords, and housing professionals. Increased outreach and education activities in identified communities including focused outreach in R/ECAPs.
13	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Management of Grant Funds and Program Delivery
	Funding	CDBG: \$935,472 HOME: \$311,148 ESG: \$35,775
	Description	To provide for the general oversight and management of various grant programs. Work with the Mayor, City Council, Long Beach Community Investment Company, and the community to conceive, develop and administer activities aimed at the improvement of low/moderate income areas and persons.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable.
	Location Description	411 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802
	Planned Activities	Funding administration and planning activities.
14	Project Name	Multi-Family Residential Rehabilitation Loan (CHDO) (High Opp)
	Target Area	TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas RECAP Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improved Quality of Aging Housing Stock
	Funding	HOME: \$466,724
	Description	The City works in cooperation with the LBCIC to administer a rehabilitation loan program for multi-family housing. This satisfies the City's 15 percent CHDO requirement for HOME funds.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 Housing Units
	Location Description	This program is available to multi-family housing developments citywide.

	Planned Activities	Provide rehabilitation assistance to multi-family housing via a Request for Proposal/Notice of Funding Availability process.
15	Project Name	New Construction/Acquisition/Rehabilitation (High Opp)
	Target Area	TCAC High Opportunity Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	New Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,550,000 HOME: \$3,633,617
	Description	Provide assistance for the new construction/acquisition/rehabilitation of affordable multi-family housing units in areas with a High Opportunity designation.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 Housing Units
	Location Description	This program is available in TCAC high opportunity areas.
	Planned Activities	Provide funding for the new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation of affordable housing via a Request for Proposal/Notice of Funding Availability process.
16	Project Name	Security Deposit and Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Create and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$200,000
	Description	Security deposit assistance/utility deposit assistance for homeless families seeking permanent shelter. Clients who will be served under this program are usually those that earn below 50% Area Median Family Income (AMI).
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	65 Households
	Location Description	This program is available citywide
	Planned Activities	Provide short-term assistance for homeless families to secure permanent housing.
17	Project Name	Emergency Shelter
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Activities to End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Shelters and Essential Services
	Funding	ESG: \$225,818
	Description	Activities to maintain operate emergency shelter activities (payment for shelter maintenance, operation, rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food and furnishings).
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	375 Persons

	Location Description	This program is available citywide
	Planned Activities	Several agencies in Long Beach provide temporary shelter for homeless families, individuals, and for specific sub-populations of the homeless with an average length of stay of less than 90 days. Homeless households requiring longer than a 90-day stay will be prioritized for direct entry to a transitional shelter. MSC intake staff coordinated discharges from emergency shelters for alternative placement to housing resources.
18	Project Name	Rapid Re-Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Activities to End Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Shelters and Essential Services
	Funding	ESG: \$215,407
	Description	Relocation and stabilization services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to assist homeless people move quickly into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 Persons
	Location Description	This program is available citywide
	Planned Activities	Relocation and stabilization services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to assist homeless people move quickly into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing

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 City's strategy is to focus its investment in a most impactful manner by providing significant investments in several older, low income neighborhoods in the City that have been designated RECAPs or areas of Low Opportunity areas. New affordable housing construction and acquisition will be focused on areas of High Opportunity to increase access to opportunities.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
RECAP and TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas	7%
TCAC High Opportunity Target Area	50%
CDBG Low and Moderate Income (LMA) Target Areas	14%
Code Enforcement Target Areas	9%
Citywide	19%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Con Plan refocuses City resources to Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs) and TCAC Low Opportunity areas as well as TCAC High Opportunity Areas. This dual strategy provides a coordinated improvement of aging housing units and public improvements through place-based strategies as well as increasing access to areas of high opportunity. The new strategy targets residents in R/ECAPs and TCAC Low and High Opportunity Areas and emphasizes a balanced approach that includes place-based and mobility strategies – making investments in the City's R/ECAPs that improve conditions and eliminate disparities in access to opportunity between residents of these neighborhoods and the rest of the Long Beach jurisdiction.

Discussion

In addition to programs that focus on the various target areas, programs that are offered based on income eligibility or other special needs status could also benefit residents in these target areas.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Long Beach plans to utilize CDBG and HOME funds to support a number of authorized housing activities, including various residential rehabilitation programs and an affordable housing development program.

- Security Deposit Assistance: 65 Households
- Multi-Family Residential Rehabilitation Loan (CHDO): 3 units
- New Construction/Acquisition/Rehabilitation and Land Acquisition Loan Program: 75 units

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	143
Special-Needs	0
Total	

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	65
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	75
Total	143

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

Discussion

See discussion above.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) owns and operates the only public housing project in Long Beach - the 743-unit Carmelitos Housing Development located in North Long Beach.

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

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) receives modernization funds annually from HUD to maintain its public housing stock. The 2018-2022 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHAP) identifies revitalization of the Carmelitos Senior Rose Garden to make the space usable to residents with the addition of trash receptacles, bike racks, picnic tables, and drought tolerant plants. Carmelitos is identified as a development that has set aside three units for disadvantaged Transitional Age Youth. Support services and workforce development programs are offered to youth at Carmelitos to assist them in gaining financial independence. The City will continue to inform Carmelitos residents about available City programs and will continue to coordinate with HACoLA to increase activities and improve the living conditions of residents.

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

The Resident Council at Carmelitos meets with LACDA staff regularly. The residents, through the Resident Council, are encouraged to take part in determining the needs of their neighborhood by completing various surveys and attending meetings with LACDA Resident Initiatives staff. An on-site Service Learning Program provides residents with a range of learning opportunities. The Carmelitos Community Garden represents another community partnership to improve the quality of life for public housing residents. Residents of the Carmelitos public housing development have access to several programs aimed at lifting residents up out of poverty. The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) offers public housing CalWORKS recipients career development and work experience opportunities. A Service Learning Program on-site at Carmelitos provided in conjunction with local universities and colleges offers a range of educational opportunities for residents, with a focus on family literacy, workforce development, and family issues.

LACDA has an effective Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) that assists participants to move towards self-sufficiency and homeownership. The FSS program requires PHAs to develop strategies, such as job training, homeownership programs, scholarships, tuition reimbursement, childcare and transportation, to help public housing residents obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self sufficiency. Carmelitos has a dedicated Jobs Plus Project Officer and Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator. Workforce development services are provided at the Carmelitos public housing development through Pacific Gateway.

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

Not applicable. LACDA is not identified as a “troubled” agency.

Discussion

See discussion above.

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

Introduction

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

For the FY 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City will continue to implement its ESG program to address the needs of the homeless in the community. Specifically, the City is proposing to allocate ESG funding to the following program components: Rapid Re-Housing and Emergency Shelter for reaching out to unsheltered homeless persons.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

For FY 2023-2024, the ESG program includes funding for Emergency Shelter to address the emergency shelter needs of homeless persons.

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

For FY 2023-2024, the City will allocate funding for Emergency Shelter programs. In addition, HOME funds will be used to support the Security Deposit Assistance program to help the homeless or at risk homeless attain permanent housing in areas of High Opportunity.

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

Several programs and services to be offered by the City will help low income families and individuals avoid becoming homeless. These include:

- Multi-Service Center
- Fair Housing Services
- Security Deposit Assistance

Discussion

See discussion above.

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

Introduction

The most critical barrier to affordable housing in Long Beach is that the need for decent and affordable housing far exceeds the City's available resources. With the elimination of redevelopment funds, the City's ability to address its affordable housing needs is seriously compromised. The City values its partnership with nonprofit housing developers in pursuing innovative strategies to addressing the City's affordable housing needs, including providing more permanent housing options for the homeless and persons with special needs.

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

To encourage the development and conservation of affordable housing, the City has adopted several ordinances – a density bonus ordinance, State coastal zone law, as well as various other incentives. These ordinances encourage higher density housing that is affordable to special needs populations and remove potential constraints to development, while preserving affordable units in the coastal zone.

Long Beach Community Investment Company

The City continues to improve and expand affordable housing opportunities in the City through its public nonprofit corporation, the Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC). The LBCIC is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation established to assist in the creation of affordable housing opportunities, including both rental and home ownership. The major sources of revenue for the LBCIC include HOME funds and advances from the City's Housing Development Fund. LBCIC will continue to work with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other developers to create additional affordable housing opportunities for low income households.

The City's Housing Services and Grants Administration work with the LBCIC and the City to identify and finance affordable housing projects and programs that will provide safe, decent, and affordable rental and ownership opportunities for Long Beach residents and workers.

On July 20, 2020, the Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC) was awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,940,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), CalHome Program. The purpose of the CalHome Program is to enable low income households to become or remain homeowners. On March 22, 2021, the Long Beach Community Investment Company was awarded the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program for the development of multifamily affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. The PLHA allocation for three years is over \$12 million and the City expects to receive more funding in the next two years.

Incentives for Affordable Housing

To encourage the development and conservation of affordable housing, the City has adopted several ordinances – a density bonus ordinance, State coastal zone law, as well as various other incentives. These ordinances encourage higher density housing that is affordable to special needs populations and remove potential constraints to development, while preserving affordable units in the coastal zone.

- **Density Incentives** – Long Beach has adopted the State density law to provide up to a 35 percent density bonus to facilitate the development of lower income housing, moderate-income condominiums, and housing for seniors.
- **Waiver of Fees** – In addition to the density bonus, parks and recreation and transportation development fees are waived for affordable housing if the criteria on length of affordability and income/affordability level are met.
- **Relaxed Standards** – In conjunction with the density bonus ordinance, certain development standards may be relaxed if increased density cannot be physically accommodated on the site. This provision follows a priority order specified in the Zoning Code and the applicant must show that the density bonus cannot be achieved with each sequential waiver before the next waiver is allowed. The priority order is:
 1. Percentage of compact parking
 2. Tandem parking design limitations;
 3. Privacy standards;
 4. Private open space;
 5. Common open space;
 6. Height;
 7. Distance between buildings;
 8. Side yard setbacks;
 9. Rear yard setbacks;
 10. Number of parking spaces (but not less than one space per unit); and
 11. Front setbacks.
- **Public Land for Affordable Housing:** The 2021-2029 Housing Element Update included actions to monitor the potential disposition and opportunity for affordable housing on land owned by public agencies (such as the City, school district, public utilities, County, State, and Federal agencies).
- **Religious Facility Housing Overlay:** AB 1851 (Religious Facility Housing) provides relief in parking requirements when a religious institution partners with a nonprofit organization to provide affordable housing on site. This new state law applies only to religious facility properties in residential zones or nonresidential zones that also allow residential uses. Religious facilities are located throughout the City and oftentimes are situated on large sites with high proportions of undeveloped land. The residential sites inventory has been expanded to include religious facility properties, including some in high resource areas. The City will adopt an overlay to:
 - Provide incentives and parking relief to religious facility and other institutional properties, including in zones that do not normally permit residential uses.
 - Designate religious properties in the Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType as part of the Overlay, with specific provisions to allow for affordable housing at an increased density of 30 units per acre.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)** represent an important opportunity to create more affordable housing for lower and moderate-income households. The State has passed multiple bills in recent years to remove constraints to the development of ADUs (including AB 587, AB 671, AB 68, and SB 13, among others). The City's current ADU regulations do not comply with State law. As of January 2019, the City has locally implemented the

State regulations and continues to assist applicants in the ADU application, permitting, and construction process. To facilitate ADU development, the City has dedicated a webpage to provide clear and concise information about ADU requirements and application/review process. In addition, in the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update, the City included actions to pursue mechanisms to facilitate the construction of ADUs, including but not limited to: Expanding pre-approved standard ADU plan types and resources; Pursue funding to assist lower and moderate-income homeowners in constructing ADUs; Pursue funding and other incentives to assist in the development of ADUs restricted to low and moderate income renters, particularly in high resource areas; and Consider expanding/extending fee waivers for ADUs beyond State law.

Discussion

See discussion above.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The extent of housing and community development needs in Long Beach exceeds the City's funding capacity. To utilize its limited funding in the most cost-effective manner, the City targets its investments in the most distressed neighborhoods in the community. Specifically, the City is focusing funds on R/ECAPs and areas of Low Opportunity to improve conditions in these areas as well as in High Opportunity areas to increase affordable housing supplies in these areas.

Additionally, on July 14th, 2020, the City Council approved a citywide Inclusionary Housing Policy that would require 11 percent of all new rental units in the Downtown and Midtown areas to be affordable to very-low income households and would require 10 percent of all new for-sale housing to be affordable to moderate-income households. The policy took effect when the implementing Ordinance was adopted in 2021 and the affordability requirements will be phased in over a 3-year period, with full requirements applied by 2023.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City fosters relationships with for-profit and non-profit housing developers for the new construction of both market rate and affordable housing projects. The City also leverages its resources with private capital in order to develop quality affordable homes for Long Beach residents. For FY 2023-2024, the City has allocated CDBG and HOME funds for the rehabilitation and preservation of its aging housing stock, focusing on multi-unit developments due to limited resources.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City's lead-based paint (LBP) hazard reduction strategy involves several components.

Housing Programs

All CDBG, HOME, and NSP-funded housing programs and projects have incorporated lead-based paint hazard reduction efforts. In addition, the City has complied with federal lead safety requirements, including pre-rehabilitation lead inspections and post-rehabilitation lead clearances. These practices will continue for the federally funded rehabilitation projects under this five-year Consolidated Plan, which estimates lead inspection and/or clearances for approximately 1,400 housing units.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement uses the Lead Safe Work Practice (LSWP) standards to correct code enforcement violations. Five Code Enforcement employees have obtained the State of California Department of Public Health Lead Inspection Assessor certification.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP):

Long Beach has one of three locally managed CLPPPs in the state of California operated through the Nursing Services Division of the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services. CLPPP is a multipronged program aiming to reduce the burden of lead exposure

through targeted interventions in the community and affected families referred to the program. CLPPP is composed of a team of Public Health Nurses, Environmental Health Specialists and Health Educators.

CLPPP provides health education for community members and families through community events, health fairs, and workshops. Provider trainings are performed by Public Health Nurses (PHNs) to ensure that all medical providers in Long Beach are current on the latest state guidelines for the management of lead poisoning among children under the age of 21. PHNs also case manage lead-burdened children with toxic blood lead levels, providing in-home physical, development, and nutritional assessments to determine non-environmental sources of lead. Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) collaborate with PHNs to perform environmental assessments of the lead-burdened child's environment providing testing of the child's home, suspected food sources or other suspected sources of exposure. REHS and PHNs provide recommendations to the family to help lower lead levels pending findings from health and home assessments. REHS will also work with property owners to remove lead sources if lead is identified on the property in paint, soil, etc. Finally, PHNs work with lead-burdened children's medical providers to give guidance on the medical management of lead poisoning and ensuring that children with elevated blood lead levels meet the state's criteria for safe blood lead levels..

Lead Hazard Control (LHC) Strategy

In FY 2022, the City of Long Beach received \$4.6 million from HUD for its Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LHC) for a three-year period from April 15, 2022 through October 15, 2025. The LHC Program identifies low income residences (with a focus on families with children under six years old), and addresses lead poisoning hazards created by lead-based paint.

- For FY 2023– FY 2024, the LHC program outlines the following work program: LCH provides lead-based paint hazard control services for units of pre-1978 constructed affordable housing throughout the City, focusing on areas of highest need, specifically ZIP Codes 90802, 90804, 90806, 90810, and 90813.
- Health Education Specialist educates residents, advises residents of relocation and other responsibilities associated with LHC activities. Inspector / Assessors perform inspections, create report.
- After LHC work is performed by contractor, Inspector/Assessors follow HUD and State of California clearance protocols. Submit samples to certified lab.
- Program manager solicits educational outreach opportunities from city and community groups. Program manager and health educator attend event, provide materials and education, with focus on pregnant women and children under six. Provide lead-safe work practices education for CLPPP events. A new flyer was created to promote the program.
- Program Assistant coordinates with Center for Working Families, City Section 3 coordinator, and local media to recruit low-income residents interested in becoming lead-based paint certified workers. Contract with local certified training company to provide education, certification.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The challenges associated with poverty – stress, strained family relationships, substandard housing, lower educational attainment, limited employment skills, unaffordable childcare, and transportation difficulties – make it hard for low-income families to obtain and maintain

employment, and therefore housing and basic needs. Economic stability can have lasting and measurable benefits for both parents and children.

The City seeks to reduce the number of people living in poverty (extremely low-income households earning less than 30 percent of the AML) by providing a number of programs including housing assistance, supportive services, economic development assistance, and job training opportunities. The City will continue to leverage opportunities to support funding for Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs), and other groups to provide training and employment opportunities to extremely low-income persons.

In collaboration with the Pacific-Gateway Workforce Investment Board (PGWIB), the City will continue to offer outreach and training to poverty-level families and individuals. Through the CoC system, the City will work with the PGWIB job-training providers to ensure that low- and moderate-income persons are trained with employable skills with the potential to earn higher wages. The City will also support youth programs that focus on providing youth a positive direction and outlook in life, assisting them in achieving educational and career goals.

In addition, the City's funding (through CDBG and ESG funds) of human service programs for basic needs, food distribution, and case management for homeless and those at risk of homelessness support the goals and strategies of reducing poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The central responsibility for the administration of the Action Plan is assigned to Grants Administration. This agency will coordinate activities among the public and private organizations to realize the prioritized goals of the Annual Action Plan. Extensive public-private partnerships have been established and organized to address the City's housing, homeless, and community development needs. Grants Administration will access, facilitate, and coordinate resource linkages and draw from the immediate sources of expertise in the community to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new collaboratives.

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

The City conducts extensive outreach to engage a wide range of non-profit agencies, groups and organizations to assist in the process of developing the Action Plan. The process includes:

1. Press releases and notices circulated in the City inviting residents to participate in the process.
2. E-mail notification to existing non-profit partners and community stakeholders inviting them to participate in the plan process.
3. Public notices advertising the Plan public comment and review period, non-profit application period, and plan adoption hearing.
4. Public application process for non-profit organizations based in the community.
5. Internal application process for City departments.
6. Discussions with departments to identify funding priorities.
7. Discussions of funding and public meetings, including City Council meeting.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

This section addresses the regulatory requirements of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs not covered in the previous sections.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income.	100.00%

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 forms of HOME investments beyond those previously described.

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:

While the City has not allocated FY 2023 HOME funds for homebuyer assistance, households assisted with HOME-funded homebuyer assistance in the past are subject to the following recapture provisions.

Homebuyer Activities – Recapture Option

To ensure long-term affordability, the City will impose a recapture provision, which will allow the City to recycle funds to assist future homebuyers. The City may require additional restrictions, including first-time homebuyer qualifications and affordability requirements, which may be more restrictive than current HOME Program regulations. Examples of current requirements include the following: a) Total household income cannot exceed low-income limits; b) Must occupy property as the principal residence; c) Required to comply with recapture/resale provisions during the affordability period. Additional City Restrictions: a) Must purchase a home within the City of Long Beach; b) Required to be a first-time homebuyer; c) Complete an approved pre-purchase Homebuyer Workshop.

Recapture Option

The City of Long Beach will recapture the entire direct HOME loan amount if the HOME Program recipient decides to sell the house within the affordability period.

Enforcement of the Recapture Option

To enforce the recapture restrictions, the City will record a Deed of Trust against the property. This Agreement will ensure that the full HOME subsidy will be recaptured from the net proceeds of the sale. Where the net proceeds are insufficient to repay both the HOME subsidy plus the homeowner's investment, the City will forgive a prorated share of the HOME subsidy based on occupancy during the affordable period. In such case, the homeowner will not be permitted to recover more than the homeowner's investment.

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:

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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:

See Appendix E: AP-90 (HOME Refinancing Guidelines).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(I)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

See Appendix C: ESG Written Standards

If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Long Beach CoC has established a Coordinated Entry System (CES) that meets HUD requirements. The Long Beach CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) is intended to increase and streamline access to housing and services for households experiencing homelessness and to match people to housing and services based on their needs. The Long Beach CoC has adopted a set of policies and practices that assist in how the CES operated and how housing resources are prioritized based on multiple factors aligned with HUD stated goals. The Long Beach CES has two designated CES hubs, the Multi-Service Center (MSC) and the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) Project. The MSC is a unique facility that co-locates social service agencies that provide integrated, centralized assessment and comprehensive services for at-risk and homeless individuals and families in one location. The HAP serves as a satellite CES for the CoC system of care. The HAP provides integrated, centralized assessment and comprehensive services for homeless people, with expertise in working with homeless people with a mental illness and those with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse.

2. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

As the lead agency of the Long Beach CoC, the City competitively funds private nonprofit agencies that provide a broad array of services, including ESG specific programs, to address the needs of the men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. The City issues Request For Proposals (RFP) in compliance with federal and local procurement requirements to select the best nonprofit to provide the services. The City allows for faith based organizations to apply as long as they are in compliance with federal requirements around not utilizing funding for activities that are focused on providing or spreading the message of their faith. The Long Beach CoC has board members who participate in selection committees with the support of the City to review all received proposals. Recommended programs for award are then approved by City Council for the DHHS to enter into contract.

3. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City has a homeless or formerly homeless person serving as a voting member on the Long Beach Continuum of Care Board. In 2021, the Long Beach CoC Board set aside funding to create and compensate a lived experience advisory board (LEAB).

4. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City's ESG allocation complements and contributes to the Long Beach CoC program by providing resources to increase permanent housing placements, reduce the length of homelessness, increase housing retention, and maintain/increase household income.

DHHS developed a performance matrix for evaluation of ESG funds using HMIS data and fiscal performance. HMIS data is used to monitor progress monthly to ensure compliance with eligibility requirements and effective distribution of the CoC service and housing resources. HMIS will be utilized to track client data and report on outputs and outcomes as required by HUD.

Discussion

Consultation with CoC

The City of Long Beach Department of Development Services, Grants Administration manages the Consolidated Planning process for the City and collaborates with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Homeless Services Bureau, which is the City lead for the local Continuum of Care (CoC) jurisdiction. As the lead CoC agency since 1995, DHHS competitively funds nonprofit agencies that provide a broad array of services located at the Multi-Service Center (MSC), the Villages at Cabrillo, the Village Integrated Service Agency, and other scattered site programs to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. The Homeless Services Bureau administers the following components within the City's Consolidated Plan: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Security Deposit Program. In addition, the Homeless Services Bureau collaborates directly with the City's Housing Authority to coordinate the CoC Shelter Plus Care projects, Section 8 set aside, and the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) programs for the City.

The Homeless Services Bureau works closely with the Long Beach CoC stakeholders on a variety of levels, including the development and implementation of funding priorities, performance standards, system-wide policies and procedures, program implementation, and the HMIS. The Homeless Services Officer and MSC Coordinator participate in several advisory boards, including the HSAC, an advisory body appointed by the Long Beach City Council; the Multi-Service Center Advisory Board; and the Villages at Cabrillo Advisory Board. The Homeless Services Bureau Manager also hosts regular CoC General Membership and CoC Board meetings to review system-wide coordination. The CoC membership has met in subcommittees to address the following:

- Educational Assurances
- Chronic Homelessness
- Veteran Homelessness
- Discharge Planning
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Data and Performance
- Centralized/Coordinated Intake and Assessment

The City of Long Beach Department of Development Services, Grants Administration manages

Requirements for Recipients who plan to use the risk factor under paragraph (1)(iii)(G) of the "at risk of homelessness" definition

The City does not intend to use the risk factor under Paragraph (1)(iii)(G) of the "at risk of homelessness" definition.

Appendix A: Public Participation

A summary of the City's public participation process and comments received is provided on the following pages.

Comments Received:

April 8, 2023 Community Meeting

In person comments:

- Transportation improvements: improved bus stops, shade, dedicated bus shelters
- Bring back the Home Improvement Rebate Program and work with community organizations to help spread the word about this program and how to access it
- Child care programs – youth care centers
- How do developers get project based vouchers?

Comments via email:

- “I attended the Zoom meeting about the 2024 Action Plan on Saturday April 8th. I am a resident in Zaferia and was just talking with my neighbor about a series of car break-ins on our street. I think it would be great if some of the HUD grant money could go toward home improvements along the street or alley – for example creating an outdoor sitting area in the front yard, updating a porch or adding security cameras. Having more people with eyes on the street will make it safer for us and our children to be out and about. Thank you for your consideration.”

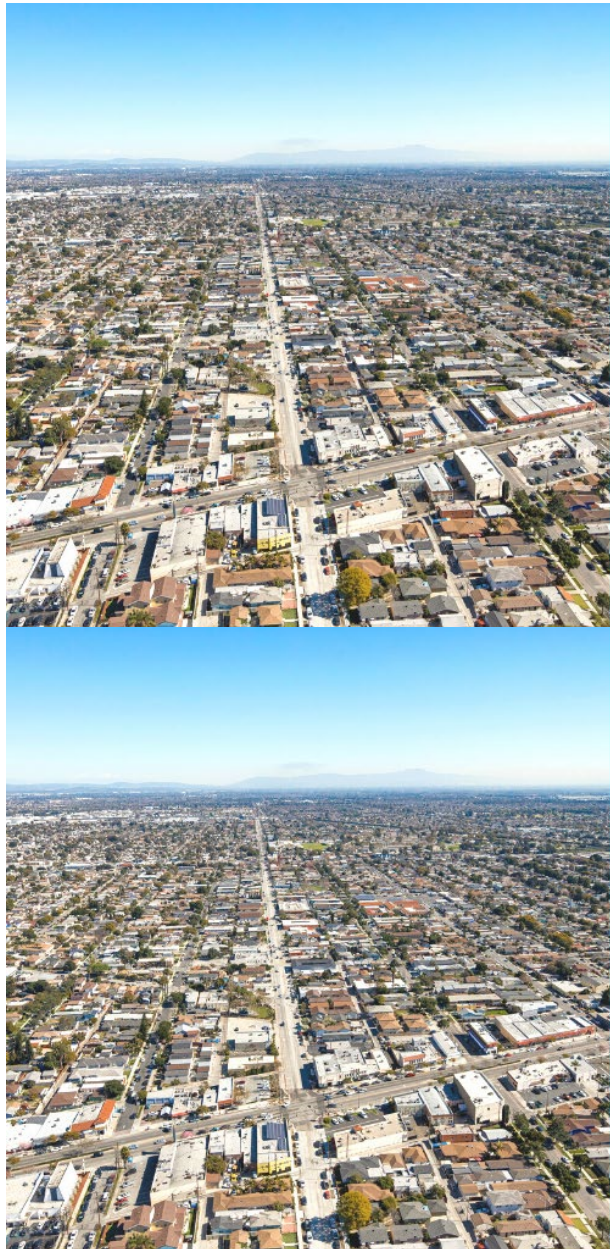
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APARTMENT ASSOCIATION, SOUTHERN
ARTS COUNCIL LONG BEACH
BETHANY LONG BEACH
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Providing Services, Supporting Businesses, Sustaining Communities

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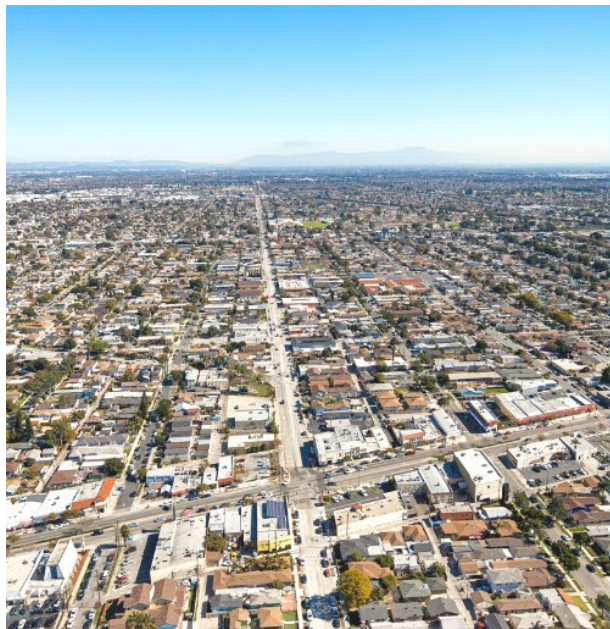
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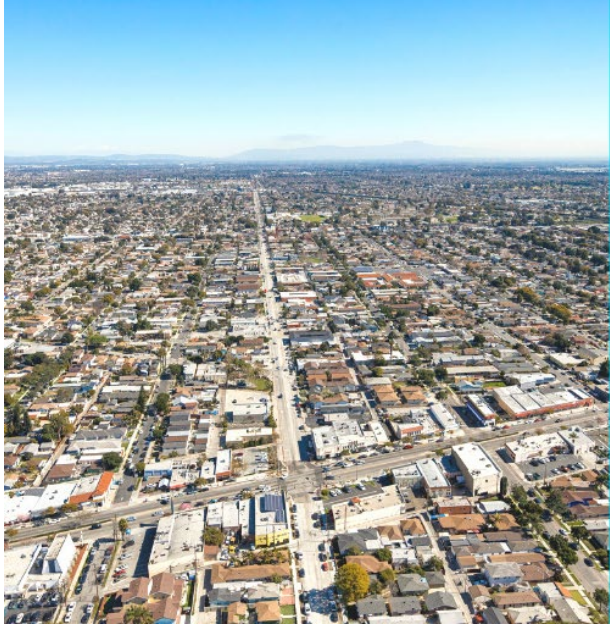
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FUTBOL

Próximo Mundial tendrá casi el doble de partidos

Aprobado el nuevo formato del Mundial: 12 grupos de cuatro equipos

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El Consejo de la FIFA, reunido este martes en Kigali (Ruanda), ha aprobado el nuevo formato del Mundial para la edición de Norteamérica 2026, según el cual las selecciones participantes quedarán repartidas en doce grupos de cuatro equipos.

El incremento de equipos que competirán en la fase final de los 22 desde Francia 1998 hasta Qatar 2022, a los 48 a partir de la próxima cita, obliga a esta distribución, según la cual superarán la fase de grupos los dos primeros de cada uno de ellos y los ocho mejores terceros.

En total, a partir de este Mundial que tendrá lugar en Canadá, Estados Unidos y México, se jugarán 104 partidos, 40 más que en el formato precedente, y la duración será también de 40 días, entre el 8 de junio y el 19 de julio.

Formato revisado

Según la FIFA, "el formato revisado mitiga el riesgo de colusión y garantiza que todos los equipos jueguen un mínimo de tres partidos, al tiempo que proporciona un tiempo de descanso equilibrado entre equipos competidores".

Así mismo, el Consejo aprobó por unanimidad los calendarios de partidos internacionales "tras un detallado proceso de consulta". El calendario de partidos masculinos 2025-30 queda fijado de esta ma-

nera: marzo: una ventana de nueve días y dos partidos; junio: ventana de nueve días y dos partidos (incluidos los amistosos en preparación de los torneos finales cuando correspondo); finales de septiembre/principios de octubre: una ventana de 16 días y cuatro partidos (se introducirá a partir de 2026, con dos ventanas de seis días y dos partidos que se mantendrán en septiembre y octubre de 2025); noviembre: una ventana de nueve días, ventana de dos partidos.

Empazará el 25 de mayo

Según esta disposición, el período de liberación obligatoria para el Mundial empezará el 25 de mayo de 2026, un día después del último partido oficial de clubes, aunque pueden existir excepciones aplicables a los partidos finales de las competiciones de clubes de la confederación hasta el 30 de mayo de 2026 sujeto a la aprobación de la FIFA.

Con 36 días, el número total combinado de descanso, los días de lanzamiento y de torneo, se incrementa también a los de las ediciones de la Copa Mundial de la FIFA de 2010, 2014 y 2018. El calendario de partidos internacional masculino 2025-2030 detallado se publicará en los próximos días.

Por otro lado, el calendario de partidos internacionales femeninos 2024/25 prevé seis ventanas para permitir que las confederaciones presenten sus rutas de clasificación de competencia específica

y para permitir la disputa de choques amistosos.

Se han agregado a este calendario las fechas del Torneo Olímpico de Fútbol Femenino (25 de julio al 10 de agosto de 2024), así como la Copa Oro de Concacaf que se jugará por primera vez del 20 de febrero al 10 de marzo de 2024.

Descanso obligatorio

El Consejo además aprobó por unanimidad la creación de un grupo de trabajo dedicado al bienestar de los jugadores para garantizar la correcta aplicación de los períodos de descanso obligatorio.

"FIFA promovió un enfoque verdaderamente global para las discusiones sobre el calendario internacional de partidos, que consideró las perspectivas de todas las partes interesadas clave. Nuestro objetivo fundamental es tener claridad sobre este tema y tener partidos de fútbol significativos mientras se protege el bienestar de los jugadores y se reconoce que muchos jugadores necesitan un fútbol más competitivo", señaló el suizo Gianni Infantino, presidente del

máximo organismo futbolístico mundial.

Con respecto al Mundial de Clubes, que a partir de junio de 2025 se disputará cada cuatro años con 32 equipos, el Consejo aprobó por unanimidad "los principios clave de acceso con el objetivo de garantizar la máxima calidad posible basada en criterios deportivos".

Principios clave

Teniendo en cuenta de que el período de consideración el cuatrienio de las temporadas que finalizan en 2021 y 2024, los principios clave de acceso son los siguientes:

Para confederaciones con más de cuatro plazas: acceso para los campeones de las cuatro ediciones anteriores de la competición de clubes más importante de la confederación y equipos adicionales que se determinarán mediante una clasificación de clubes basada en el mismo período de cuatro años.

Para confederaciones con cuatro plazas: acceso para los campeones de las cuatro ediciones anteriores de la máxima competición de clubes de la confederación.

CASI EL DOBLE

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rante el período 2021-2024, se utilizará una clasificación de clubes calculada en función de criterios deportivos para conceder el acceso.

Realizarán consultas

Se aplicará un límite de dos clubes por país a la lista de acceso, con una excepción en caso de que más de dos equipos del mismo país ganen la máxima competición de clubes de la confederación durante el período de cuatro años.

No obstante, FIFA precisa que se realizarán nuevas consultas con las confederaciones y las partes interesadas para definir los mecanismos de cálculo de la clasificación de clubes, que se basará en criterios deportivos.

Al margen de este torneo, "siempre la necesidad expresada por las confederaciones de que los campeones de sus principales competiciones de clubes se enfrenten anualmente para estimular la competitividad, el Consejo de la FIFA aprobó por unanimidad el concepto estratégico de una competición anual de clubes de la FIFA a partir de 2024".

Sede neutral

"Esta competición contará con los campeones de las principales competiciones de clubes de todas las confederaciones y concluirá con una final que se disputará en una sede neutral, entre el ganador de la Liga de Campeones de la UEFA y el ganador de los 'play-offs' intercontinentales entre las otras confederaciones.



Lionel Messi y Leandro Paredes de Argentina, celebran al final de su victoria en los cuartos de final de la Copa del Mundo. FOTO: RICARDO BAZZUCCHI - THE ASSOCIATED ILLUSTRATION: EXCELSIOR

ENTRE CANCHAS Y ENCORDADOS

Sópatelas...

El Olimpia, de Honduras, vapuleó este miércoles 8 por 4-1 al Atlas, de México, en un partido poco vistoso en el primer episodio, pero de mucha entrega en el segundo por parte del equipo del país centroamericano. En el primer tiempo, el partido fue muy movido hasta los quince minutos, cuando la pizarra ya estaba 1-1.

Fue el Atlas el primero en poner a prueba al portero del Olimpia, Edén Menjivar, quien al minuto 2, en una gran tapada envió la pelota al saque de esquina tras un potente remate de Edison Flores.

El Olimpia reaccionó, y al minuto 8, en una jugada de triangulaciones, Kevin López puso la pizarra 1-0.

El Atlas, con un juego más ordenado y mayor posesión de la pelota, apostó por emparejar cartones, lo que logró al

minuto 14, de penalti, ejecutado por el argentino Julio Furch.

A partir de ese momento ambos equipos bajaron la intensidad del juego, con un Atlas que parecía conformarse con el empate, mientras que el Olimpia no lograba definir sus jugadas con saídas desde el medio campo, en las escasas llegadas al área rival.

El Olimpia fue otro equipo en el segundo episodio y evidenció el mal momento que atraviesa el Atlas, que en diez jornadas ha sumado seis empates en la Liga mexicana.

En el partido de vuelta Atlas se recuperó, con un 4-0... Ooops!

México vapuleó en beisbol a USA

México llegó este domingo con pronóstico reservado a la segunda jornada del Grupo C del V Clásico Mundial de Béis-

bol y salió rehabilitado del estadio Chase Field de Phoenix (Arizona) tras vapulear por 5-1 a Estados Unidos.

El recital del Tri fue conducido por el primera base y jardinero de 30 años Joey Meneses, quien impulsó cinco carreras, entre ellas un cuadrangular, y además firmó tres.

Además de la aportación del jugador de los Nacionales de Washington, la ofensiva mexicana llegó 15 imparables y el cuerpo de lanzadores que entró hoy en acción limitó la producción de los bates estadounidenses a ocho hits. Además, sacó de circulación a cinco.

La selección de Benjamín Gil se fue en ventaja con un batazo de cuatro esquinas de Meneses, que además catapultó desde la primera base a Randy Arozarena.



Foothill Transit Forward es una mirada profunda a nuestro sistema de autobuses. Hemos trabajado con expertos en transporte público y clientes como usted para encontrar formas de mejorar nuestros mapas y horarios. El objetivo es un servicio de autobús más cómodo y útil. Deseamos compartir con usted las mejores sugerencias. Únase a nosotros en uno de nuestros talleres en línea o presentaciones en persona para conocer los cambios sugeridos, hacer preguntas y compartir sus comentarios.

Estas son algunas de nuestras próximas reuniones presenciales:

- Miércoles 15 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m.**
Biblioteca Sunkist (La Puente)
840 Puente Ave.
La Puente, CA 91746
- Miércoles 22 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m.**
Biblioteca de San Dimas
145 N Walnut Ave.
San Dimas, CA 91773
- Jueves 23 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m.**
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Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

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Correo: Attn: Foothill Transit Forward
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West Covina, CA 91790



AVISO PÚBLICO

AVISO DE LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El miércoles, **19 de abril, 2023**, a las 4:00 p.m., la Compañía de Inversiones Comunitaria Long Beach (CIC) llevará a cabo una audiencia pública que tomará lugar en el 2do Piso en el Salón Principal de Conferencias, Concejo Municipal, 411 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach.

El propósito de estas Audiencias Públicas es la de recibir retroalimentación pública en cuanto al desarrollo del Plan de Acción del Año Fiscal 2023-2024 que aborda las prioridades actuales del Plan Consolidado. La Ciudad de Long Beach recibe dinero anualmente por parte del Departamento de los Estados Unidos de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) para ayudar a mejorar nuestras comunidades. Los fondos estructurales provienen por parte de tres recursos de fondos: Subsidio del Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), Subsidio de Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG) y La Ley de la Afiliación de Inversión (HOME).

La Ciudad de Long Beach tiene la intención de brindar adaptaciones razonables para las Audiencias Públicas de acuerdo con la Ley Estadounidense de las Discapacidades (ADA) de 1990. Si es que se requieren adaptaciones especiales, favor de llamar a Alem Hagos al (562) 570-7403 con por lo menos 48 horas previo a la Audiencia Pública del 19 de abril, 2023. Los ciudadanos que deseen brindar comentarios por escrito deben hacerlo a más tardar el 17 de abril 2023 para la Audiencia Pública del 19 de abril. Los comentarios por escrito pueden ser hechos a nombre de Alem Hagos, Departamento de Servicios del Desarrollo, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802. Correo electrónico: alem.hagos@longbeach.gov.

Para solicitar esta información en un formato alternativo o para solicitar adaptaciones razonables, favor de comunicarse con el Departamento de Servicios del Desarrollo al longbeach.gov/lbds y 562.570.3807. Se solicita un mínimo de tres días hábiles para asegurar la disponibilidad; se hará el mejor intento para satisfacer solicitudes con breve notificación.

ABISO SA PAMPUBLIKONG PAGDINIG

Sa Miyerkules, **Abril 19, 2023** sa ganap na 4:00PM, ang Kompanya ng Pamumuhunan sa Komunidad (Community Investment Company, CIC) ng Long Beach ay magsasagawa ng Pampublikong Pagdinig sa 2nd Floor Conference Room sa loob ng City Hall sa 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach.

Layunin ng Mga Pampublikong Pagdinig ang pagbibigay-daan sa input ng publiko sa pagbuo ng Plano ng Pagkilos sa FY 2023 – 2024 na tumutugon sa kasalukuyang mga priyoridad ng Pinagsama-samang Plano. Taon-taong tumatanggap ng pera ang Lungsod ng Long Beach mula sa Departamento ng Pabahay at Urban na Pagpapaunlad (Housing and Urban Development, HUD) ng Estados Unidos para tulungang mapabuti ang ating mga kapitbahayan. Nagmumula sa tatlong mapagkukunan ng pagpopondo ang mga pondo ng karapatan: Bloke ng Gawad para sa Pagpapaunlad ng Komunidad (Community Development Block Grant, CDBG), Gawad para sa Mga Solusyong Pang-emergency (Emergency Solutions Grant, ESG), at Batas sa Pakikipagsosyo sa Pamumuhunan sa Tahanan (Home Investment Partnership Act, HOME).

Nilalayan ng Lungsod ng Long Beach na magbigay ng makatuwirang akomodasyon para sa mga Pampublikong Pagdinig alinsunod sa Batas para sa Mga Amerikanong may Kapansanan (Americans with Disability Act, ADA) ng 1990. Kung kailangan ng mga espesyal na akomodasyon, mangyaring tawagan si Alem Hagos sa (562) 570-7403 nang hindi bababa sa 48 oras bago ang Pampublikong Pagdinig sa Abril 19, 2023. Dapat itong gawin ng mga mamamayang gustong magbigay ng mga nakasulat na komento bago lumipas ang Abril 17, 2023 para sa Pampublikong Pagdinig sa Abril 19. Maaari ding i-address ang mga nakasulat na komento kay Alem Hagos, Development Services Department, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802. Email: alem.hagos@longbeach.gov.

Para hilingin ang impormasyong ito sa alternatibong format o para humiling ng makatuwirang akomodasyon, mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa Departamento ng Mga Serbisyo sa Pagpapaunlad sa longbeach.gov/lbds at 562.570.3807. Hinihiling ang hindi bababa sa tatlong araw ng negosyo para matiyak ang pagiging available; gagawin ang mga pagsisikap para matugunan ang mga kahilingan nang may mas maikling panahon ng pag-abiso.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, **April 19, 2023** at 4:00PM, The Long Beach Community Investment Company (CIC) will conduct a Public Hearing in the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall at 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to allow for public input on the development of the FY 2023 – 2024 Action Plan that addresses the current Consolidated Plan priorities. The City of Long Beach annually receives money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help improve our neighborhoods. The entitlement funds come from three funding sources: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME).

The City of Long Beach intends to provide reasonable accommodation for the Public Hearings in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990. If special accommodations are required, please call Alem Hagos at (562) 570-7403 at least 48 hours prior to the April 19, 2023 Public Hearing. Citizens wishing to provide written comments must do so by April 17, 2023 for the April 19th Public Hearing. Written comments may also be addressed to Alem Hagos, Development Services Department, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802. Email: alem.hagos@longbeach.gov.

To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Development Services Department at longbeach.gov/lbds and 562.570.3807. A minimum of three business days is requested to ensure availability; attempts will be made to accommodate requests with shorter notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: On Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 4:00PM, The Long Beach Community Investment Company (CIC) will conduct a Public Hearing in the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall at 411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for public input on the development of the FY 2023 – 2024 Action Plan that addresses the current Consolidated Plan priorities. The City of Long Beach annually receives money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help improve neighborhoods. The entitlement funds come from three funding sources: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME).

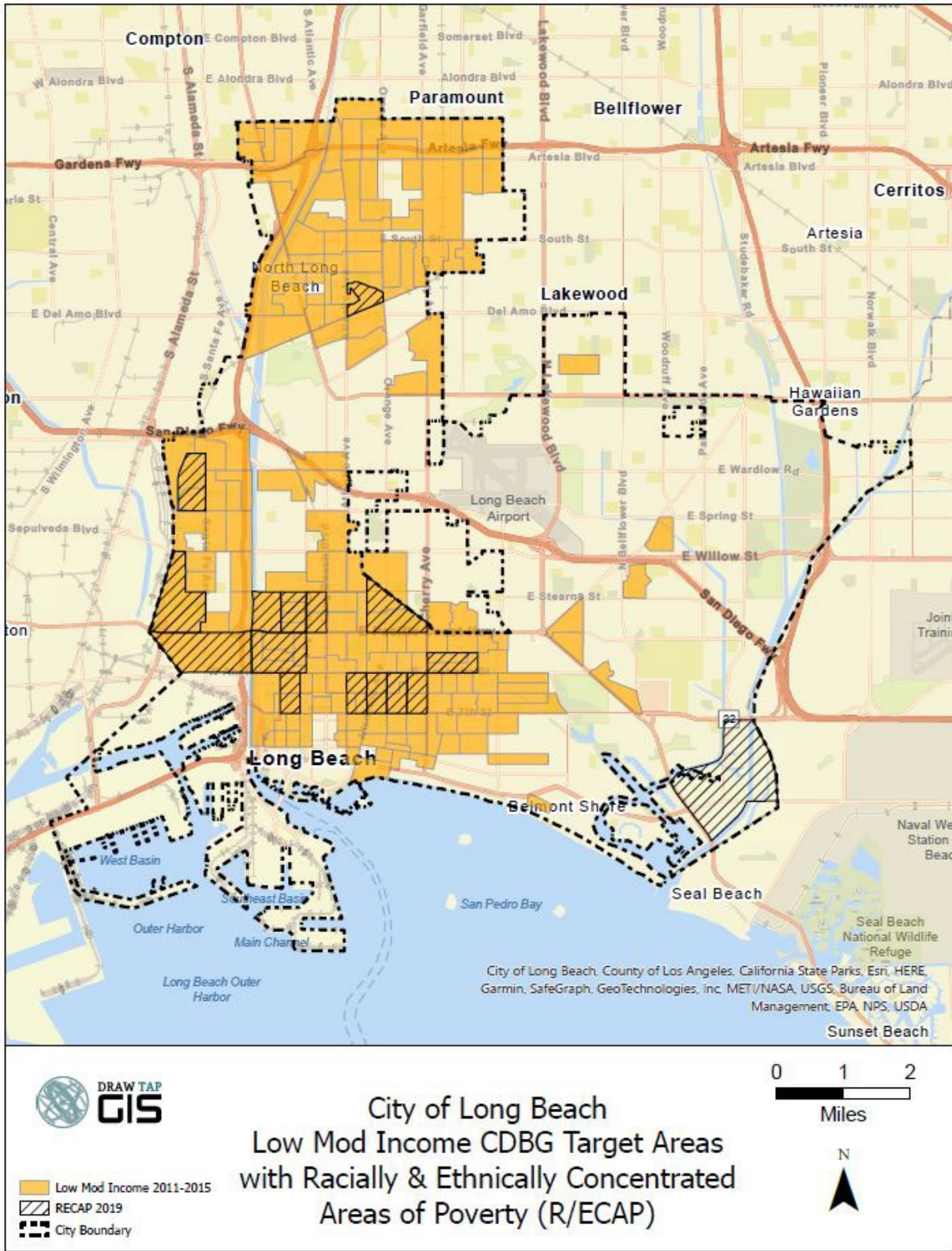
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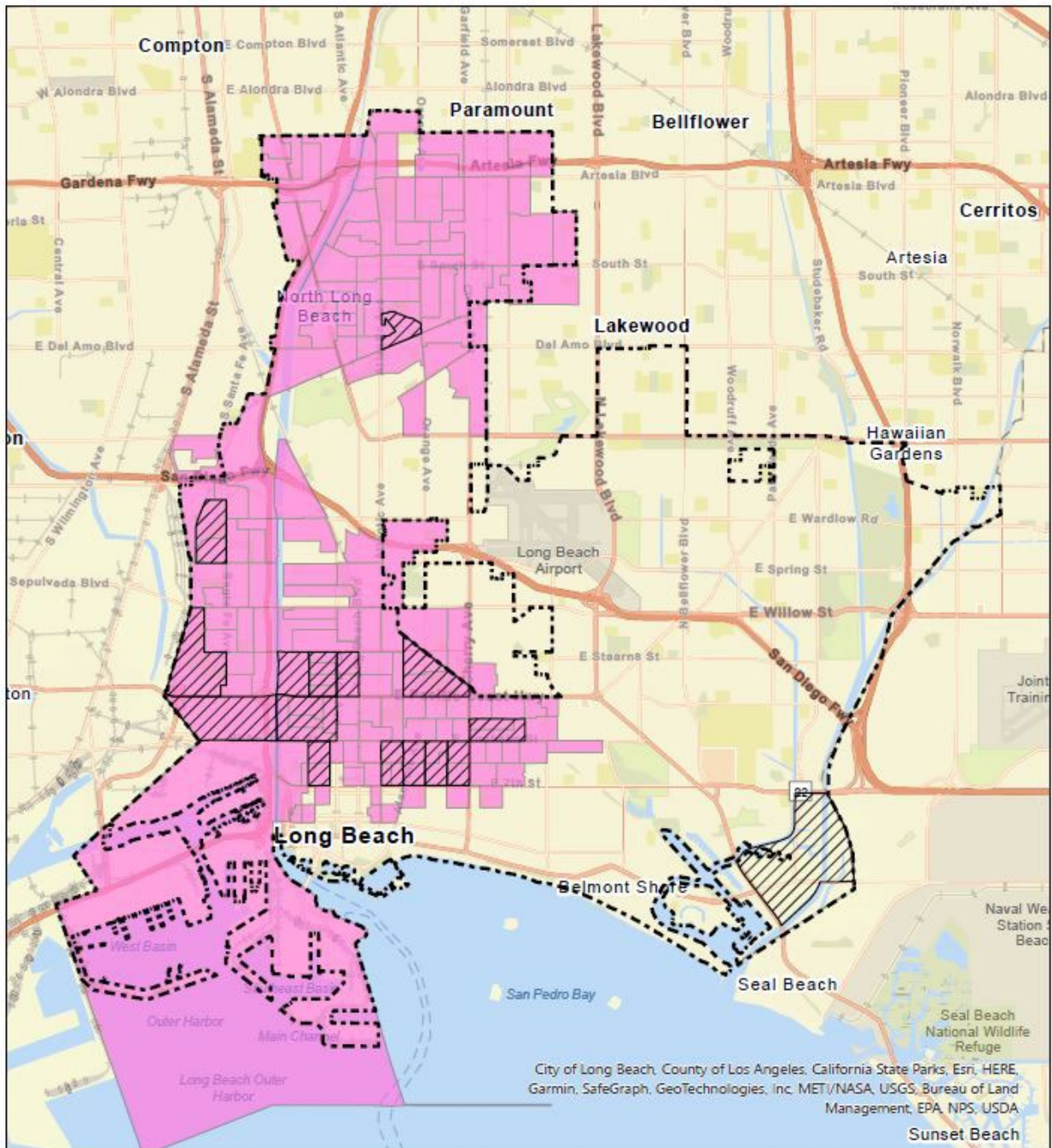
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Low and Moderate Income CDBG Target Areas and RECAP Target Areas



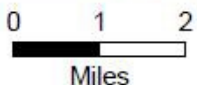
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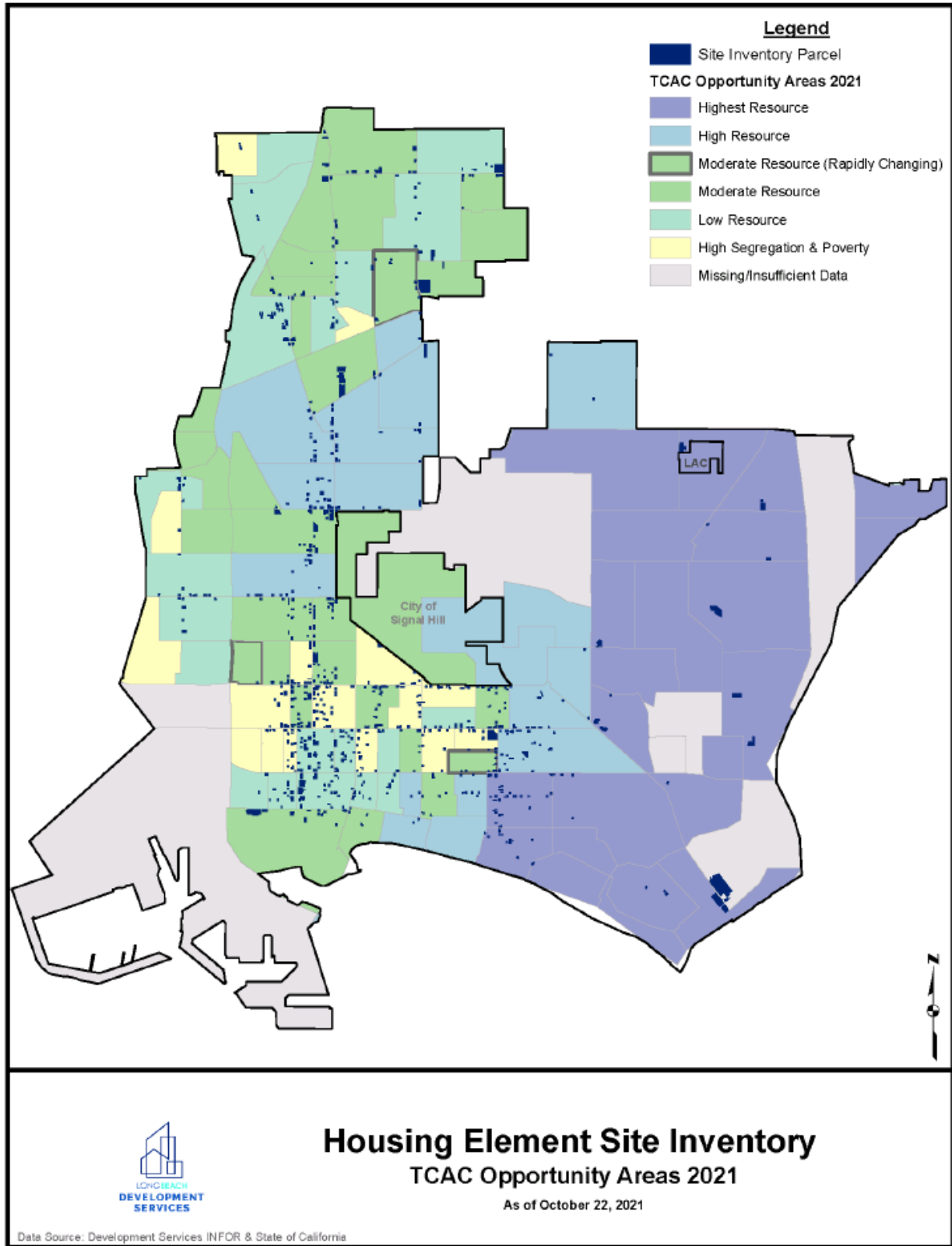
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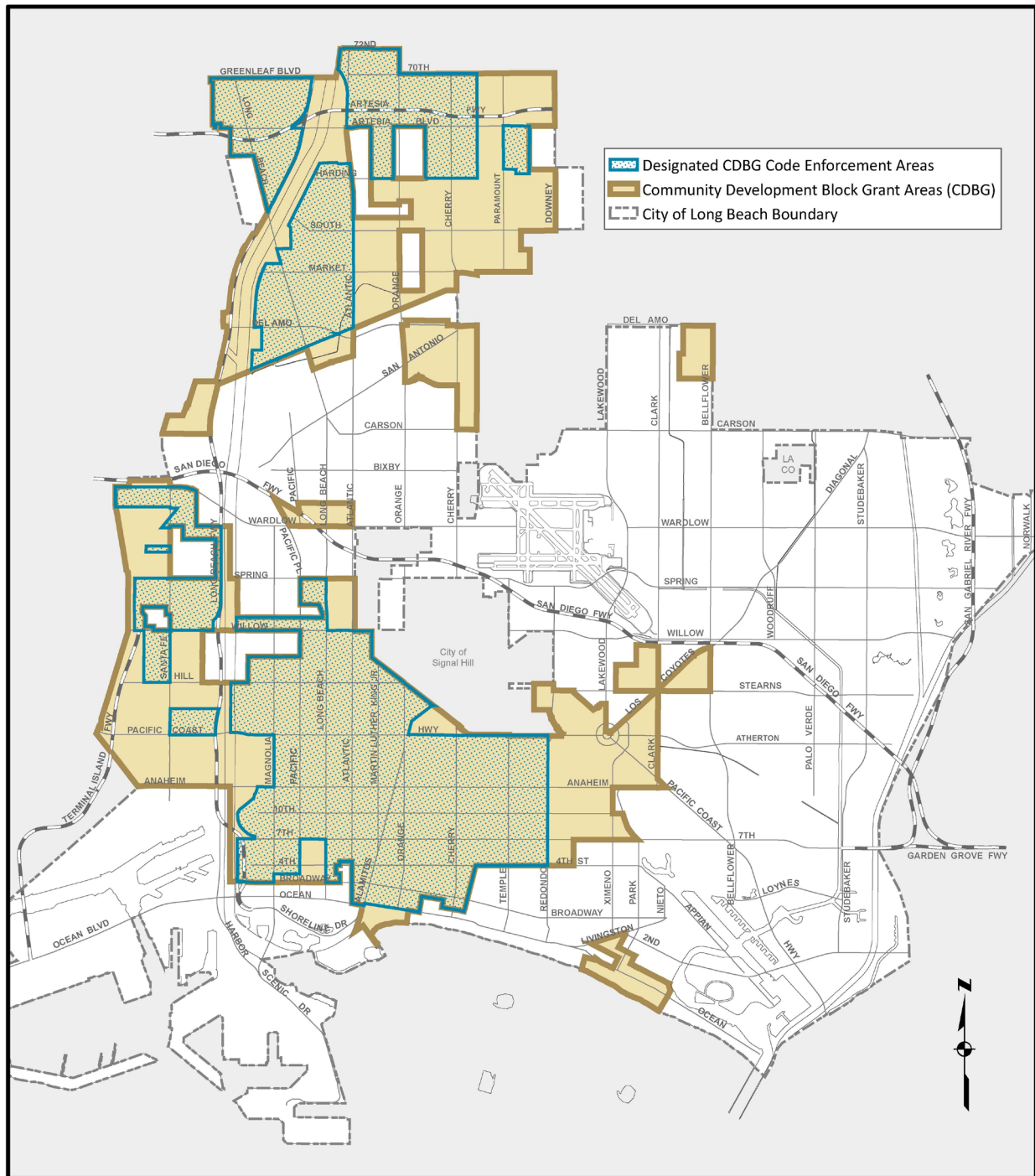
- Minority Concentration ACS 2015-2019
- RECAP 2021
- City Boundary

Minority Concentration is defined by Census Block Groups that have a greater minority population than Los Angeles County at large (74%)”

TCAC Opportunity Maps



Designated CDBG Code Enforcement Areas



City of Long Beach Designated CDBG Code Enforcement Areas



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Appendix C: ESG Written Standards

Long Beach Continuum of Care

Written Standards



Department of Health and Human Service

Homeless Services Division

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REVIEW RELEASE DATES AND BOARD APPROVAL DATES

<i>Continuum of Care Grant Written Standards</i>	
Review Release Date	CoC Board of Directors Approval Date
April 30, 2015	-
May 27, 2016	September 8, 2016

<i>Emergency Solutions Grant Written Standards</i>	
Review Release Date	CoC Board of Directors Approval Date
April 30, 2015	June 24, 2015
May 27, 2016	September 8, 2016

<i>Merged CoC & ESG Written Standards</i>	
Review Release Date	CoC Board of Directors Approval Date
April 11, 2017	May 11, 2017

LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE WRITTEN STANDARDS

INTRODUCTION

The City of Long Beach is committed to fostering a system of care that responds to the diverse needs of homeless individuals and families and those at-risk of homelessness. A comprehensive and coordinated approach with city leaders, local agencies and community groups proactively addresses the needs in the Long Beach community. Together these partners provide services and programming that transition homeless households from housing crisis to self-sufficiency and stable permanent housing.

PURPOSE

The Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program interim rules require recipients and CoCs to consult to develop written standards for administering assistance. This is necessary to establish community-wide expectations on the operations of projects within the community, to ensure the system is transparent to users and operators, to establish a minimum set of standards and expectations in terms of the quality expected of projects, to make the local priorities transparent to recipients and subrecipient of funds, and to create consistency and coordination between projects.

The Written Standards establish a uniform criteria for eligibility determination, system delivery, prioritization, and performance measures throughout the CoC. These standards will ensure that at-risk and homeless households experiencing homelessness, who enter projects throughout the CoC, will be given similar information and support to access and maintain permanent housing. All projects that receive CoC and/or ESG funding, or co-located at the Coordinated Entry System hubs are required to abide by the Written Standards.

It is expected that the standards will be refined as programs evolve, members gain more experience, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data from projects are analyzed. The Written Standards serve as the guiding principles for the Long Beach CoC system of care. These policies may only be changed by the approval of the CoC Board based on feedback from the CoC membership.

The Written Standards may be adapted to consider feedback from service providers, program participants, the effectiveness and appropriateness of housing and services for current program participants, the CoC's success at meeting the performance standards in Section 427 of the McKinney-Vento Act, changes in the characteristics of the homeless population within the CoC, or changes in the housing and service resources available.

SECTION I: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

Overview of Coordinated Entry and Assessment

The Long Beach CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) is intended to increase and streamline access to housing and services for households experiencing homelessness, to match appropriate levels of housing and services based on their needs, and to prioritize persons with severe service needs for the most intensive interventions. CES also prioritizes assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner.

The Long Beach CES has two designated CES hubs, the Multi-Service Center (MSC) and the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) Project. The MSC is a unique facility that co-locates social service agencies that provide integrated, centralized assessment and comprehensive services for at-risk and homeless individuals and families in one location. Services include: showers, mail, outreach and prevention services, case management, crisis counseling, educational assurances, life skills training, employment assistance, financial literacy, expungement workshops, fair housing workshops, housing coordination and deposit assistance, health screenings, HIV/AIDS related services, substance abuse and mental health treatment referrals, veterans services, mainstream benefits, and referrals to other community resources.

The HAP serves as a satellite CES for the CoC system of care. The HAP provides integrated, centralized assessment and comprehensive services for homeless people, with expertise in working with homeless people with a mental illness and those with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse. These individuals, especially those with co-occurring disorders, are among those described as chronically homeless. Mental illnesses, like schizophrenia or bi-polar disorder, coupled with very low or no income, are major factors that perpetuate long-term homelessness. HAP streamlines service delivery, minimizes barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing, and ultimately reduces the length of homelessness experienced by individuals.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) primary goals for coordinated entry processes are that assistance be allocated as effectively as possible and that assistance be easily accessible no matter where or how people present. Key elements of coordinated assessment include:

- A coordinated assessment location and staff
- The use of standardized assessment tools to assess consumer needs
- Referrals to programs based on the results of the assessment tools
- Capturing and managing data related to assessment and referrals in a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Prioritization of consumers with the most barriers to return to housing for the most cost- and service-intensive interventions.

Funded agencies will participate in the CES, ensuring that any point of entry in the CoC provides participants with access to stabilization and housing. Agencies will participate in the CoC's CES intake process. Participation includes direct service for and referrals to: homeless programs, prevention and diversion, mainstream resources, and housing. Projects will prioritize referrals from the CES hubs, to fill project vacancies within five (5) business days.

Goals of Coordinated Entry System

CES is intended to increase and streamline access to housing and services for households experiencing homelessness, to match appropriate levels of housing and services based on their needs, and to prioritize persons with severe service needs for the most intensive interventions. CES will help the Long Beach CoC prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner. The Long Beach CoC identified the following common goals for the CES:

- Assistance will be allocated as effectively as possible
- Assistance is easily accessible no matter where or how people present
- The process will be easy on the program participant, and will provide quick and seamless entry into homelessness services
- Individuals and families will be referred to the most appropriate resource(s) for their individual situation
- The process will prevent duplication of services
- The process will reduce length of homelessness
- The process will insure full occupancy across programs
- The process will improve performance outcomes across funded projects

Assessment

The Long Beach CoC has adopted the Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as its primary assessment tool. The tool is a combination of the Vulnerability Index, which measures the chronicity and vulnerability of a person and the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, which is an intake and case management tool that helps allocate resources in a logical, targeted way that focuses on individual needs. The combination of the two tools allows providers to assess a person beyond the general population categories like vulnerable and chronically homeless and to understand the person on multi-dimensions to better meet their needs. The tool provides for an unbiased assessment of a household's overall housing and service needs. The VI-SPDAT is not meant to replace any other programmatic assessment, but rather is a universal assessment tool that is used in combination with other appropriate program tools. The VI-SPDAT is centralized in the HMIS and shared across CoC/ESG partners in an effort to increase coordination of care and to de-duplicate assessment efforts. Assessment may occur over time and there may also be instances where a participant should be reassessed or reprioritized, particularly if s/he remains homeless for a long period of time or if there has been a significant change in the household that may impact service need. The VI-SPDAT assessment in conjunction with other screening tools will assist in:

- Screening for diversion or prevention
- Assessing shelter and other emergency needs
- Identifying housing resources and barriers
- Evaluating vulnerability to prioritize for assistance
- Screening for program eligibility
- Facilitating connections to mainstream resources

The Long Beach CES hubs provide preliminary triage and assessment to determine program eligibility and level of assistance needed. Households are assessed to determine the least level of assistance needed in order to maintain or obtain sustainable housing.

Housing status and annual income, where required, are verified by program staff prior to program enrollment. Additionally, the evidence relied upon to establish and verify homeless status and annual income are included in the Homeless Management Information System

(HMIS) record to demonstrate compliance with program regulations, to establish history of homelessness, and to prevent duplication of services within the CoC.

Households that are screened and determined to meet preliminary criteria will have a VI-SPDAT completed in order to identify the household's housing and service needs. The agency will follow the Written Standards guiding the use of the VI-SPDAT.

Outreach and Engagement

Funded agencies will participate in outreach and engagement of the street homeless population including participation in the Long Beach CoC Street Outreach Network. The agency will utilize the HMIS to enter, document and update data on outreach and engagement of the street homeless population and follow protocol for adding participants to the Chronic Homeless Registry.

Prioritization for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Placement

Funded agencies will participate in the Long Beach CoC PSH Placement Prioritization Process. All PSH placements will be prioritized according to the CoC's written prioritization process and aligned with HUD priorities. PSH placements will come from the Housing Prioritization List established by the Chronic Homeless Registry.

Housing First Certification

Housing First is an evidence-based practice that has shown to be an effective model for chronically homeless populations to access, obtain and maintain permanent housing. Funded agencies will utilize a Housing First approach per the awarded project application. Housing First is a housing approach that offers permanent, affordable housing as quickly as possible for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and then provides the supportive services and connections to community-based supports people need to keep their housing and avoid returning to homelessness. Housing First does not have service participation requirements or precondition requirements for program enrollment.

Housing First Certification components include:

- Quickly and successfully connecting homeless individuals and families to permanent housing;
- No service participation requirements or preconditions including, but not limited to:
 - Demonstration of sobriety
 - Completion of alcohol or drug treatment
 - Agreeing to comply with a treatment regimen upon program entry
 - Placement into Transitional Housing prior to permanent housing
 - Minimum income threshold
 - Participation in services as a condition of tenancy
 - Related preconditions during program participation that might lead to the program participant's termination from the project
 - Program participants are not required to participate in services as a condition of tenancy
- Supportive services that are offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness;
- Participation in supportive services based on the needs and desires of program participants;
- Tenants have full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections; and
- Practices and policies to prevent lease violations and evictions.

STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE

CoC and ESG funded projects may terminate assistance to project participants who violate program requirements or conditions of occupancy. Termination under this section does not bar the subrecipient from providing further assistance at a later date to the same individual or family. The subrecipient may terminate assistance in accordance with a formal process established by the subrecipient that recognizes the rights of individuals affected. This process, at a minimum, must consist of:

- Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;
- A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the decision to terminate; and
- Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.

STANDARDS FOR PROJECT PARTICIPANT CONFIDENTIALITY

To ensure the safety and security of program participants, subrecipients are required to develop and implement written policies and procedures to guarantee the confidentiality of records concerning program participation. Confidentiality must be protected at all times. This includes all written information, any release of information, program participant records and adequate confidential space for services. To comply with these requirements, the subrecipient should, for example, keep written records or files under lock and key with only particular personnel granted access to those files. Confidentiality statements must be signed by every employee and kept on file. Standardized forms must be used to show program participant consent when program participant information is exchanged from agency to agency and kept in the program participant chart or file. The policy regarding program participant confidentiality and the completion of required forms must be in place.

STANDARDS FOR FAIR AND EQUAL ACCESS AND INCLUSIVITY

The Long Beach CoC ensures fair and equal access to programs and services for all program participants regardless of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender identity, pregnancy, citizenship, familial status, household composition, disability, Veteran status, or sexual orientation. If an individual's self-identified gender or household composition creates challenging dynamics among residents within a facility, the host program should make every effort to accommodate the individual or assist in locating alternative accommodation that is appropriate and responsive to the individual's needs.

The Long Beach CES includes provisions for all priority subpopulations including households experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families, youth, seniors, disabled and specialized provisions for those fleeing domestic violence.

CoC/ESG providers will enroll homeless households based on needs regardless of limiting barriers to housing. Households will not be turned away from emergency response services or homeless designated housing due to lack of income, lack of employment, disability status, or substance use. Subrecipients who leverage alternate funding which restricts access to partner projects based on specific program participant attributes or characteristics, shall disclose this additional restrictions to the CoC in writing.

SAFETY PLANNING

Special provisions are set in place when dealing with domestic violence households seeking services through the coordinated entry hubs. CES staff and the broader CoC shall utilize the local domestic violence hotline to coordinate intakes for households fleeing domestic violence and seeking shelter. Intake staff shall coordinate additional services via telephone directly with shelter staff, as domestic violence shelters do not track program participants in the local HMIS. Households seeking entry into domestic violence shelters are not required to access services through the CES hubs so that households can access the system of care in the most seamless and safest manner possible.

PROCESS FOR MAKING SUBAWARDS

As the lead agency of the Long Beach CoC, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) competitively funds nonprofit agencies that provide a broad array of services to address the needs of the men, women, and children experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness in Long Beach. A Request For Proposals (RFP) will be issued, in compliance with procurement requirements and City Council authorization. The City will allocate and administer CoC and ESG State and Federal funds via executed subcontracts, as recommended by the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) to the CoC Board and approved by the Mayor and City Council of Long Beach.

HOMELESS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

The DHHS has a homeless or formerly homeless person serving as a voting member on the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC). HSAC is an advisory body that was established by City Ordinance in 1988 to commence strategic planning activities to address homelessness in the City. HSAC is comprised of representatives from each of 9 council districts along with two representatives appointed by the Mayor. The Continuum of Care Board also has a homeless or formerly homeless person serving as a voting member.

FULL COVERAGE

The Long Beach CES services the entire Long Beach jurisdiction. The CES provides linkages to services that are funded by the CoC, as well as non-CoC funded projects, such as those funded through the State/Federal Emergency Solutions Grant, County funded projects, faith based partners, businesses, and philanthropic groups. The Long Beach CES works collaboratively with regional CES partners to ensure that all households accessing the Long Beach CES are effectively linked to their corresponding CES where appropriate.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The CoC's ESG State and Federal allocations will complement and contribute to the Long Beach CoC system performance measures by providing resources to increase permanent housing placements, reduce the length of homelessness, increase housing retention, and maintain/increase household income.

DHHS will utilize the local HMIS to regularly monitor progress, ensure compliance with eligibility requirements and effectively coordinate CoC services and housing resources. HMIS will be utilized to track program participant data and report on outputs and outcomes as required by funders.

SYSTEM EVALUATION

The CES process will be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure that it is operating at maximum efficiency. The CES Advisory Board will be the lead entity that evaluates system delivery and will partner with the HMIS subcommittee to review data on system performance. Performance evaluation will include:

- A monthly review of metrics from the coordinated assessment process including occupancy reports, length of stay, and turn over beds coordination.
- A program participant focus group with people experiencing homelessness that have accessed the coordinated assessment process.
- An annual performance report with a section devoted to coordinated assessment and homelessness assistance system outcomes. The report may include assessment data, as well as the total number of assessments and referrals made, successes to be shared. Major findings from this report will be presented to the CoC Board.

Subrecipients will participate in the CoC General Membership meetings, webinars, and any relevant subcommittees that support quality service delivery within the system of care.

CONSULTATION WITH CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP

The City of Long Beach Department of Development Services, Neighborhood Services Bureau manages the Consolidated Planning process for the City and collaborates with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Bureau of Human Services, Homeless Services Division, which is the City lead for the local Continuum of Care (CoC) jurisdiction. As lead CoC agency since 1995, DHHS competitively funds nonprofit agencies that provide a broad array of services located at the Multi-Service Center (MSC), the Villages at Cabrillo, The Village – Mental Health America of Los Angeles, and other scattered site programs to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. The Homeless Services Division administers the following components within the City's Consolidated Plan: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Move-in Deposit Program. In addition, the Homeless Services Division collaborates directly with the City's Housing Authority to coordinate the CoC Rental Assistance projects (formerly known as Shelter Plus Care projects), Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) set aside, and the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) programs for the City.

The Homeless Services Division works closely with the Long Beach CoC stakeholders for input and guidance on the development and implementation of funding priorities, performance standards, system-wide policies and procedures, program implementation, and the HMIS. The Homeless Services Officer, MSC Coordinator, and Homeless Impacts Coordinator participate in several advisory boards, including the HSAC, an advisory body appointed by the Long Beach City Council; the Coordinated Entry System Advisory Board; and the Villages at Cabrillo Advisory Board. The Homeless Services Officer also hosts regular CoC Membership meetings to review system wide coordination. The CoC Membership has subcommittees in the following topic areas:

- Educational Assurances Policy
- Chronic Homelessness Initiative
- Veteran Homelessness Initiative
- Discharge Planning Consortium
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- HEARTH Act system transformation

REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS WHO PLAN TO USE THE RISK FACTOR UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(iii)(G) OF THE “AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS” DEFINITION

The City does not intend to use the risk factor under Paragraph (1)(iii)(G) of the “at risk of homelessness” definition.

*SECTION II: CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) PROGRAM BACKGROUND,
POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS*

BACKGROUND

Beginning in 1987, the City of Long Beach has committed to shaping a comprehensive and coordinated system of care that responds to the diverse needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of becoming homeless. The City continues to expand services to these populations and facilitates a seamless delivery system using an active collaboration of local agencies, city leaders, community groups, and other public and private resources. Through the Long Beach Continuum of Care, the City and its community partners strive to create a balance of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing and supportive services to assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Through this balance of services, the Long Beach CoC empowers families and individuals to make the critical transition from housing crisis to self-sufficiency and stable permanent housing.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING INDIVIDUALS' AND FAMILIES' ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER 24 CFR 578

Households are triaged at time of initial intake for program eligibility and level of assistance needed. Households are assessed to determine the least level of assistance needed to maintain or obtain sustainable housing by utilizing the Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as the primary assessment tool. The household must meet the requirements of an applicable AND eligible category under the definition of "At Risk of Homelessness" OR definition of "Homeless" as established by HUD at 24 CFR §578.3, in addition to all applicable requirements for each project.

For homeless assistance programs:

- The household has not identified any subsequent housing options.
- The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing.

Housing status and annual income, where required, are verified by program staff prior to program enrollment. Additionally, the evidence relied upon to establish and verify homeless status and annual income are included in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) record in order to demonstrate compliance with program regulations, prevent duplication of services and enhance interagency coordination within the CoC.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING AND PRIORITIZING WHICH ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Transitional housing addresses the needs of several homeless subpopulations including unaccompanied youth, veterans, single women and men, families, substance users, and dually diagnosed persons. The CES prioritizes transitional housing placement for homeless households requiring long-term shelter (more than 90-days) with the outcome target to secure permanent housing. Projects awarded for transitional housing under the Long Beach COC must utilize a Housing First approach.

Eligible households for transitional housing placement include, but are not limited to:

- Households with no income or limited income
- Recent history of substance abuse, or actively using drugs or alcohol

- Sporadic employment history
- No high school diploma/GED
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Head of household has a significant disability impeding them from working
- Head of household has a significant disability requiring supportive housing services
- Household is employed but total household income cannot sustain fair market rent
- Criminal background

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING AND PRIORITIZING WHICH ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

Rapid Re-housing (RRH) is an intervention, informed by a Housing First approach, which is a critical part of a community's effective homeless crisis response system. RRH projects are designed to support households living on the streets or in emergency shelters so that these households can achieve long-term housing stability. The RRH projects assists households to address practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing by linking them to community resources, reducing the amount of time they experience homelessness, and avoiding a near-term return to homelessness.

Households prioritized for Rapid Re-housing are those that lack financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing, but have the ability to maintain housing with sufficient income and social supports with the assistance of Rapid Re-housing.

Households prioritized for rapid re-housing services include:

- Household recently lost its employment and is receiving unemployment benefits
- Household has a part-time job
- Household has a full time job
- Household recently lost its job and has exhausted its unemployment benefits; or
- Household has a history of steady, gainful employment for at least 6 months within the previous 24 months, if not currently employed
- Lower acuity (1-7) VI-SPDAT
- Households that can demonstrate the ability to be self-sufficient within a short time frame

Rapid Re-housing projects may establish an income requirement for continued eligibility at re-evaluation, a maximum amount or percentage of rental assistance that a program participant may need, a maximum number of months that a program participant may receive rental assistance, and a maximum number of times that a program participant may receive rental assistance.

Projects receiving Rapid Re-Housing funds are required to determine that units meet HUD's Housing Quality Standards, rent reasonableness standards (which is the applicable rent standard), and comply with the Lead Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act. Program participants receiving Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) must sign a lease of at least one year that is renewable (for a minimum term of one month) and terminable only for cause.

Supportive services include a wide range of services outlined in 24 CFR part 578.53. Supportive services may be provided until 6 months after rental assistance stops. At a minimum, program participants must attend monthly case management meetings; however, if the project is operating

under the Housing First approach, service participation may be refused, but must be documented as such.

STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING WHAT PERCENTAGE OR AMOUNT OF RENT EACH PROGRAM PARTICIPANT MUST PAY WHILE RECEIVING RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

Determination of the share of rent and utilities cost will be determined at time of household's intake assessment and will be approved as the smallest amount needed in order to maintain or obtain housing. CoC-funded rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving the same type of assistance through other public sources, or to a program participant who is being provided with replacement housing payments under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA) at the same time. Units assisted with rental assistance must also meet rent reasonableness standards, and have both a rental assistance agreement and written lease agreement before financial assistance payments are approved. CoC-funded rental assistance will be paid directly to the appropriate third-party (e.g. property owner).

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING AND PRIORITIZING WHICH ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

The Long Beach CoC maintains a wide portfolio of permanent housing resources ranging from deposit assistance to permanent supportive housing. All households are assessed by the CES for eligibility and overall needs to ensure that the household is being linked to the most appropriate housing resource. Order of priority for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds will be determined in accordance with Exhibit A, *Notice CON PLAND-16-011: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing*.

CoC funded PSH agencies will follow an order of priority that targets persons who need housing the most. This will ensure that persons who are Chronically Homeless (CH) are prioritized for housing with an appropriate level of care. The CoC dedicates and prioritizes PSH beds in order to increase the number available to persons who are CH. Agencies are encouraged to increase the number of CH PSH beds dedicated to persons experiencing chronic homelessness by designating formerly non-CH beds as CH beds. All PSH projects are encouraged to prioritize the designation of CH beds that become vacant to the maximum extent possible.

Priority Levels: An order of priority is used to prioritize chronically homeless individuals and families for housing. The order of priority is based upon the severity of needs, and not upon diagnosis or disability type. PSH projects are required to follow the order of priority when selecting participants for housing in accordance with the CoC's written standards and current grant agreement. Order of priority for occupancy in PSH is as follows:

- First Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness and with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- Second Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Longest History of Homelessness.
- Third Priority—Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families with the Most Severe Service Needs.
- Fourth Priority—All Other Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families.

Other Considerations and Requirements for PSH Projects

- Compliance of CoC funded PSH agencies with nondiscrimination provisions of Federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and Titles II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- Compliance of CoC funded PSH agencies with recordkeeping requirements that document a program participant's status as chronically homeless.
- Recipients must maintain and follow written intake procedures to comply with the definition of CH status. The order of priority for obtaining evidence is: (1) third-party documentation, (2) intake worker observations, and (3) certification from the person seeking assistance. Records contained in an HMIS or comparable database used by victim service or legal service providers are acceptable.
- PSH projects that include beds dedicated to, or prioritized for, CH must maintain records verifying individuals or families in those beds meet the definition for CH status.

*SECTION III: EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM BACKGROUND,
POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS*

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR) 91.220(l)(4)(i) and 567.400(e)(1), the City of Long Beach (City) and the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) have developed the following written standards for the provision and prioritization of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. The following standards are intended as basic, minimum standards to which individual ESG applicants and/or subrecipients can add additional and more stringent standards applicable only to their own projects. These required standards help to ensure that the ESG program is administered fairly and methodically. The City and the Long Beach CoC will continue to build upon and refine this document.

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) significantly amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, including major revisions to the Emergency Shelter Grants program, which was renamed the Emergency Solutions Grants program. The HEARTH Act, and implementation of the applicable federal regulations by HUD, incorporated many of the lessons learned from the implementation of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Recovery Act Program (HPRP) into the new ESG program, including placing a greater emphasis on rapid re-housing assistance.

The City of Long Beach is awarded Federal ESG funds annually from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Annual Action Plan Process. These funds are designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as those at risk of homelessness, and provide the services necessary to help those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

The City of Long Beach was recently designated by the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as an Administrative Entity (AE) of State ESG funds in furtherance of these goals. As an AE, the City's responsibility is to award and administer State ESG funds to eligible service providers for ESG eligible activities in the CoC service area. State ESG regulation section 8403(g) requires that AEs select qualified service providers through a process that meets HCD requirements. All CA ESG funds shall be utilized in a manner consistent with the Core Practices set forth in 25 CCR 8409. The State ESG program is subject to change by the State.

The State ESG Program, funded by the State's General Fund, funds activities eligible under the Federal ESG Program, including rapidly re-housing individuals and families, preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless, engaging homeless individuals and families living on the street, and operating homeless shelters and providing essential services to shelter residents. Funds awarded by an AE shall be used for eligible activities as permitted by 25 CCR 8408. State ESG funds shall not be used for Renovation, Conversion, or Major Rehabilitation activities pursuant to 24 CFR §576.102.

The ESG program allows the City to set priorities based on the needs of the community. These standards outline the specific guidelines and priorities that will be used by the City in awarding and administering ESG funding. Currently, eligible program components that are prioritized under the City's ESG program are Emergency Shelter, ~~Street Outreach~~, Rapid Re-Housing, Administrative Costs, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Homelessness Prevention. Applications

for projects in other components will not be considered at this time. The City and Long Beach Continuum of Care may revise ESG component priority in subsequent years.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING INDIVIDUALS' AND FAMILIES' ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

All subrecipients receiving ESG funds will ensure that all program participants meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the project. At a minimum, this includes:

- An initial evaluation, conducted in accordance with the centralized assessment, these written standards, and Long Beach CoC Standards of Care, to determine:
 - Eligibility of each individual or family for ESG assistance; AND
 - The amount and types of assistance needed to (re)gain stability in permanent housing; AND
- The household must meet the requirements of an applicable AND eligible category under the definition of “At Risk of Homelessness” OR definition “Homeless” as established by HUD at 24 CFR§576.2; AND
- For Homelessness Prevention assistance:
 - The household income must be below 30% area median income (AMI).
 - The household has not identified any subsequent housing options.
 - The household lacks the financial resources and support networks necessary to retain immediate housing or remain in their existing housing without ESG assistance.
- For Rapid Re-housing assistance:
 - The household has not identified any subsequent housing options.
 - The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing.

Housing status and annual income must be verified through recordkeeping and documentation procedures outlined by HUD in 24 CFR part 576. Additionally, the evidence relied upon to establish and verify homeless or at risk for homelessness status and annual income must be included in the program HMIS participant record sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the program regulations.

STANDARDS FOR TARGETING AND PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES RELATED TO STREET OUTREACH

Funded projects under the street outreach component provide outreach and engagement to all people experiencing homelessness regardless of subpopulation. Outreach efforts are targeted to those individuals/families who are least likely to access services on their own and are determined to be vulnerable. Projects can use funds for costs providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people to connect them with emergency shelter, housing or critical services; and provide urgent, non-facility based care to unsheltered homeless

people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility. For the purposes of ESG-funded street outreach projects, the term “unsheltered homeless people” means individuals and families who qualify as homeless under paragraph (1)(i) of the “homeless” definition under the § 576.2.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION, DIVERSION, REFERRAL, AND DISCHARGE BY EMERGENCY SHELTERS ASSISTED UNDER ESG, INCLUDING STANDARDS REGARDING LENGTH OF STAY, IF ANY, AND SAFEGUARDS TO MEET THE SAFETY AND SHELTER NEEDS OF SPECIAL POPULATION.

The City and the Long Beach CoC are continuing to collaborate on the refinement of the policies and procedures for admission, diversion, referral, and discharge by emergency shelters assisted under ESG. ESG-funded emergency shelter programs serve households that meet the definition of “homeless” as defined by HUD at 24 CFR §576.2. Households served by ESG-funded emergency shelters lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; cannot be served by other programs or resources; and have no other options for overnight shelter. Households are referred to ESG- funded emergency shelters after exhausting all available options for diversion.

Projects funded under the Emergency Shelter component work directly with the CES to target open shelter beds. Households are screened using a standardized assessment tool to evaluate program eligibility and identify the appropriate intervention(s) to meet the households’ needs. Households are assessed to determine the lowest level of assistance needed to maintain or obtain sustainable housing. Households needing immediate shelter will be prioritized and placed based on availability.

CES intake staff prioritize emergency shelter placement for homeless households requiring short-term shelter with the outcome target to secure permanent housing such as:

- Households that are able to afford fair market rent but lack the supports or resources to stabilize into housing on their own.
- Households that recently lost income, but have the work history to secure employment and stabilize in a short amount of time.
- Households that recently secured a housing voucher and are in the process of securing long-term permanent housing.
- Households that need to be stabilized due to long term street homelessness

Diversion from emergency shelter is one of the strategies the Long Beach CoC utilizes to reduce homelessness within the local community. During intake assessment, households are assessed for existing support systems and resources to prevent them from entering the shelter system. Intake staff provide linkages to mainstream resources such as childcare, employment services, and food resources to stabilize households. HMIS is used to increase coordination and avoid duplication of services.

Emergency shelter placement is prioritized for homeless households requiring short-term shelter (less than 90-days) with the outcome target to secure permanent housing. Homeless households requiring longer than a 90-day stay will be prioritized for direct entry to transitional shelter. Discharges from the emergency shelter will be coordinated at the CES hubs by the ESG funded eligibility screening staff member for alternative placement to housing stabilization resources. Emergency shelters will ensure vacancies will be filled within 72 hours.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSING, PRIORITIZING, AND REASSESSING INDIVIDUALS' AND FAMILIES' NEEDS FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES RELATED TO EMERGENCY SHELTER

Due to limited length of stay in emergency shelter, households will be assessed, prioritized, and reassessed for essential services on a regular basis; they will also be regularly assessed to determine progress on goals pertaining to increasing income, linkages to mainstream and homeless services resources, and housing placement. Emergency shelter staff will work with the CoC partners to ensure linkages to mainstream services, employment, and housing resources are expedited in an effort to reduce length of time that a household experiences homelessness. Eligible Essential Services include case management; child care; educational services; employment assistance and job training; outpatient health services, but only to the extent that other appropriate health services are unavailable in the community; legal services, but only to the extent that other appropriate legal services are unavailable or inaccessible in the community; life skills training; mental health services, but only to the extent that other appropriate mental health services are unavailable or inaccessible in the community; substance abuse treatment services, but only to the extent that other appropriate substance abuse treatment services are unavailable or inaccessible within the community; and transportation.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATION AMONG EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVIDERS, ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AND RAPID RE- HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS; OTHER HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS; AND MAINSTREAM SERVICE AND HOUSING PROVIDERS

The system coordination among the emergency shelters, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, homeless assistance and mainstream service providers will be completed via the CES hubs. At both CES hubs, representatives from mainstream benefits and employment services are located onsite to increase income and earning capacity for those served by the Long Beach CoC. There is regular, open, and ongoing communication between the ESG partners, the Long Beach CoC, and the City via meetings and trainings. Furthermore, ESG subrecipients are required to participate in the local HMIS, which coordinates care, reduces duplication, and better serves program participants across the CoC system of care.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING AND PRIORITIZING WHICH ELIGIBLE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WILL RECEIVE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION ASSISTANCE AND WHICH ELIGIBLE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WILL RECEIVE RAPID RE- HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Homelessness prevention and shelter diversion can reduce the number of people entering the homeless assistance system and the demand for shelter and other programmatic housing beds. While prevention is the least proven strategy, linking homelessness prevention and diversion efforts with the centralized assessment process can create an integrated, system-wide "front door" to the homeless assistance system. Homelessness prevention will be prioritized for individuals and families who would spend the night in an emergency shelter or on the streets without ESG assistance. To be eligible for homeless prevention services under ESG, the household must:

- Meet the requirements of an category under either the definition of "At Risk of Homelessness" OR categories 2 or 4 under the definition of definition "Homeless" as established by HUD at 24 CFR§576.2;
- Have an annual household income below 30% of area median income;

- Have not identified any subsequent housing options;
- Lack the financial resources and support networks necessary to retain immediate housing or remain in their existing housing without ESG assistance;
- Meet one of the following prevention targets:
 - Severe housing cost burden (55% to 75% rent to gross monthly income ratio);
 - Fixed income is TANF, Pension, SSI, VA benefits;
 - Sudden and significant loss of source of income; or
 - Had a onetime financial incident and a onetime gap payment will end the housing crisis; AND
- Demonstrate at least one of the following risk factors:
 - Household unit left primary residence in Long Beach within past 3 months and is currently staying with family/friends;
 - Household is living in a motel, using own resources;
 - Residency in housing that has been condemned by housing officials and is no longer meant for human habitation;
 - Eviction within 2 weeks from a private dwelling;
 - Imminent foreclosure of rental housing can be confirmed;
 - Discharge within 2 weeks from an institution in which person has been a resident for more than 180 days;
 - Credit problems or history of eviction that preclude obtaining of housing;
 - Physical disabilities and other chronic health issues which are barriers to employment;
 - Recent traumatic life event that has prevented the household from meeting its financial responsibilities;
 - Homeless in last 12 months;
 - Incidence of domestic violence; and/or
 - Program participant has exhausted all other sources of public benefits.

The Rapid Re-housing component under the Federal ESG will target households residing in emergency and transitional shelter programs, to promote reduced length of time experiencing homelessness and to decrease average length of stay in shelter programs system wide. Rapid re-housing resources will be targeted to individuals and families who meet the following guidelines:

- Household must be literally homeless, as defined by HUD; AND
- No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified; AND
- Household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing.

Families and individuals with lower barriers to housing and less service needs who are expected to stabilize in permanent housing with no additional assistance will receive priority for Rapid Rehousing assistance for the Federal ESG Program.

Additionally, the Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention components funded under the State ESG Program must follow the Core Practices preserved in 25 CCR 8409.

Core Practices under the State ESG Program include:

- Comprehensive and coordinated access to the funded activity throughout the Service Area of the CoC;
- Prioritized access to funded services for people with the most severe needs;
- Low barrier access to services and services operated consistent with housing first practices; and
- A progressive engagement approach to services and financial assistance.

Rapid Re-housing (RRH) projects must ensure that at re-evaluation, household's income must be less than or equal to 30% of AMI. However, RRH projects may establish a maximum amount or percentage of rental assistance that a program participant may need, maximum number of months that a program participant may receive rental assistance, and maximum number of times that a program participant may receive rental assistance.

Projects receiving Rapid Re-Housing funds are required to determine that units pass HUD's Habitability Standards, rent reasonableness (rental assistance may cover up to the FMR for a unit), and comply with the Lead Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act. Program participants receiving Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) must have a written lease between the owner and the program participant.

Supportive services are limited to housing relocation and stabilization services. Housing stability case management may not exceed 30 days during the period in which the program participant is seeking permanent housing and may not exceed 24 months during the period in which the program participant is living in permanent housing. At a minimum, program participants must attend monthly case management meetings; however, if the project is operating under the Housing First approach, service participation may be refused, but must be documented as such. The Core Practices prescribed in 25 CCR 8409 establish that all California State ESG funded programs will utilize Housing First and Progressive Engagement practices.

State regulations prohibit subpopulation targeting with State ESG funds in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program unless documentation of all of the following is provided to HCD prior to award of funds for these activities: (1) that there is an unmet need for these activities for the subpopulation proposed for targeting, and (2) that there is existing funding in the Continuum of Care Service Area for programs that address the needs of all of the excluded populations for these activities (25 CCR Section 8408).

STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING WHAT PERCENTAGE OR AMOUNT OF RENT AND UTILITIES COSTS EACH PROGRAM PARTICIPANT MUST PAY WHILE RECEIVING HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION OR RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Determination of the share of rent and utilities cost will be determined at time of household's intake assessment and will be approved as the smallest amount needed in order to maintain or obtain housing. ESG-funded financial assistance, including rental assistance, cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving the same type of assistance through other public sources or to a program participant who has been provided with replacement housing payments under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA), during the period of time covered by the URA payments. Units assisted with rental assistance must also meet rent reasonableness standards, be at or below Fair Market Rent (FMR), and have both a rental assistance agreement and written lease agreement before financial assistance payments are approved. ESG-funded financial assistance, including rental assistance, will be paid directly to the appropriate third-party (e.g. utility company, property owner). Any late fees incurred while receiving ESG assistance will be the responsibility of the subrecipient or tenant; such fees must be paid by non-CoC/ESG funds.

STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING HOW LONG A PARTICULAR PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND WHETHER AND HOW THE AMOUNT OF THAT ASSISTANCE WILL BE ADJUSTED OVER TIME

The City and Long Beach CoC are committed to ensuring the most efficient and effective use of ESG resources. All approvals of rental assistance will be based on the assessment of the eligible household's needs. Households receiving rapid re-housing assistance or homelessness prevention will be re-evaluated every three months to determine if the household maintains program eligibility (i.e., an annual income below 30% AMI, a lack of sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance, and a demonstrated continued need for financial assistance). Furthermore, ESG subrecipients will be responsible for follow up evaluations with households for tracking housing retention. Per household rental assistance should not exceed twelve months in a three-year period.

STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING THE TYPE, AMOUNT, AND DURATION OF HOUSING STABILIZATION AND/OR RELOCATION SERVICES

The type of housing stabilization and/or relocation services a household receives will be determined at the time of initial evaluation, via the VI-SPDAT assessment, and at each re-evaluation. Households will be assessed for the lowest amount of need for housing stabilization. The subrecipients will retain flexibility to promote improved outcomes among a population with diverse and individualized needs. In accordance with the interim rule, no household will receive more than 24 months housing stabilization and/or relocation services in a 3-year period.

DETERMINATIONS OF INELIGIBILITY

For each household determined ineligible to receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) assistance, the household's record must include documentation of the reason for that determination.

APPENDIX A Notice CON PLAND-16-011: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing



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I. Purpose

This Notice supersedes Notice CPD-14-012 and provides guidance to Continuums of Care (CoC) and recipients of Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) regarding the order in which eligible households should be served in **all** CoC Program-funded PSH. This Notice reflects the new definition of chronically homeless as defined in CoC Program interim rule as amended by the Final Rule on Defining “Chronically Homeless” (herein referred to as the Definition of Chronically Homeless final rule) and updates the orders of priority that were established under the prior Notice. CoCs that previously adopted the orders of priority established in Notice CPD-14-012, which this Notice supersedes, and who received points for having done so in the FY2015 CoC Program Competition are encouraged to update their written standards to reflect the updates to the orders of priority as established in this Notice. CoCs that have not previously adopted the orders of priority established in Notice CPD-14-012 are also encouraged to incorporate the orders of priority included in this Notice into their written standards

A. Background

In June 2010, the Obama Administration released *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (Opening Doors)*, in which HUD and its federal partners set goals to end Veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015, and end family and youth homelessness by 2020. Although progress has been made there is still a long way to go. In 2015, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness extended the goal timeline for achieving the goal of ending chronic homelessness nationally from 2015 to 2017. In 2015, there were still 83,170 individuals and 13,105 persons in families with children that were identified as chronically homeless in the United States. To end chronic homelessness, it is critical that CoCs ensure that limited resources awarded through the CoC Program Competition are being used in the most effective manner and that households that are most in need of assistance are being prioritized.

Since 2005, HUD has encouraged CoCs to create new PSH dedicated for use by persons experiencing chronic homelessness (herein referred to as dedicated PSH). As a result, the number of dedicated PSH beds funded through the CoC Program for persons experiencing chronic homelessness has increased from 24,760 in 2007 to 59,329 in 2015. This increase has contributed to a 30.6 percent decrease in the number of chronically homeless persons reported in the Point-in-Time Count between 2007 and 2015. Despite the overall increase in the number of dedicated PSH beds, this only represents 31.6 percent of all CoC Program-funded PSH beds.

To ensure that all PSH beds funded through the CoC Program are used as strategically and effectively as possible, PSH needs to be targeted to serve persons with the highest needs and greatest barriers towards obtaining and maintaining housing on their own—persons experiencing chronic homelessness. HUD’s experience has shown that many communities and recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH continue to serve persons on a “first-come, first-serve” basis or based on tenant selection processes that screen-in those who are most likely to succeed while screening out those with the highest level of need. These approaches to tenant

selection have not been effective in reducing chronic homelessness, despite the increase in the number of PSH beds nationally.

B. Goals of this Notice

The overarching goal of this Notice is to ensure that those individuals and families who have spent the longest time in places not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelters, or in safe havens and who have the most severe service needs within a community are prioritized for PSH. By ensuring that persons with the longest histories of homelessness and most severe service needs are prioritized for PSH, progress towards the Obama Administration's goal of ending chronic homelessness will increase. In order to guide CoCs in ensuring that all CoC Program-funded PSH beds are used most effectively, this Notice revises the orders of priority related to how persons should be selected for PSH as previously established in Notice CPD-14-012 to reflect the changes to the definition of chronically homeless as defined in the Definition of Chronically Homeless final rule. CoCs are strongly encouraged to adopt and incorporate them into the CoC's written standards and coordinated entry process.

HUD seeks to achieve two goals through this Notice:

1. Establish a recommended order of priority for dedicated and prioritized PSH which CoCs are encouraged to adopt in order to ensure that those persons with the longest histories residing in places not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelters, and in safe havens and with the most severe service needs are given first priority.
2. Establish a recommended order of priority for PSH that is not dedicated or prioritized for chronic homelessness in order to ensure that those persons who do not yet meet the definition of chronic homelessness but have the longest histories of homelessness and the most severe service needs, and are therefore the most at risk of becoming chronically homeless, are prioritized.

C. Applicability

The guidance in this Notice is provided to all CoCs and all recipients and subrecipients of CoC Program funds—the latter two groups referred to collectively as recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH. CoCs are strongly encouraged to incorporate the order of priority described in this Notice into their written standards, which CoCs are required to develop per 24 CFR 578.7(a)(9), for their CoC Program-funded PSH. Recipients of CoC Program funds are required to follow the written standards for prioritizing assistance established by the CoC (see 24 CFR 578.23(c)(10)); therefore, if the CoC adopts these recommended orders of priority for their PSH, all recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH will be required to follow them as required by their grant agreement. CoCs that adopted the orders of priority established in Notice CPD-14-012, which this Notice supersedes, and who received points for having done so in the most recent CoC Program Competition are strongly encouraged to update their written standards to reflect the updates to the orders of priority as established in this Notice. Lastly, where a CoC has chosen to not adopt HUD's recommended orders of priority into their written standards, recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH are encouraged to follow these standards for selecting participants into their programs as long as it is not inconsistent with the CoC's written standards.

D. Key Terms

1. **Housing First.** A model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions for entry (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold). HUD encourages all recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH to follow a Housing First approach to the maximum extent practicable.
2. **Chronically Homeless.** The definition of “chronically homeless”, as stated in Definition of Chronically Homeless final rule is:
 - (a) A “homeless individual with a disability,” as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:
 - i. lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
 - ii. Has been homeless and living as described in paragraph (a)(i) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described in paragraph (a)(i). Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90 days will not constitute as a break in homelessness, but rather such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter immediately before entering an institutional care facility;
 - (b) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (a) of this definition, before entering the facility;
 - (c) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (a) or (b) of this definition (as described in Section I.D.2.(a) of this Notice), including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.
3. **Severity of Service Needs.** This Notice refers to persons who have been identified as having the most severe service needs.
 - (a) For the purposes of this Notice, this means an individual for whom at least one of the following is true:
 - i. History of high utilization of crisis services, which include but are not limited to, emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; and/or

- ii. Significant health or behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, or functional impairments which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing.
- iii. For youth and victims of domestic violence, high risk of continued trauma or high risk of harm or exposure to very dangerous living situations.
- iv. When applicable CoCs and recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH may use an alternate criteria used by Medicaid departments to identify high-need, high cost beneficiaries.

(b) Severe service needs as defined in paragraphs i.-iv. above should be identified and verified through data-driven methods such as an administrative data match or through the use of a standardized assessment tool and process and should be documented in a program participant's case file. The determination must not be based on a specific diagnosis or disability type, but only on the severity of needs of the individual. The determination cannot be made based on any factors that would result in a violation of any nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements, see 24 C.F.R. § 5.105(a).

II. Dedication and Prioritization of Permanent Supportive Housing Strategies to Increase Number of PSH Beds Available for Chronically Homeless Persons

A. Increase the number of CoC Program-funded PSH beds that are dedicated to persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

Dedicated PSH beds are those which are required through the project's grant agreement to only be used to house persons experiencing chronic homelessness unless there are no persons within the CoC that meet that criteria. If there are no persons within the CoC's geographic area that meet the definition of chronically homeless at a point in which a dedicated PSH bed is vacant, the recipient may then follow the order of priority for non-dedicated PSH established in this Notice, if it has been adopted into the CoC's written standards. The bed will continue to be a dedicated bed, however, so when that bed becomes vacant again it must be used to house a chronically homeless person unless there are still no persons who meet that criterion within the CoC's geographic area at that time. These PSH beds are also reported as "CH Beds" on a CoC's Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

B. Prioritize non-dedicated PSH beds for use by persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

Prioritization means implementing an admissions preference for chronically homeless persons for CoC Program-funded PSH beds. During the CoC Program competition project applicants for CoC Program-funded PSH indicate the number of non-dedicated beds that will be prioritized for use by persons experiencing chronic homelessness during the operating year of that grant, when awarded. These projects are then required to prioritize chronically homeless persons in their non-dedicated CoC Program-funded PSH beds for the applicable operating year as the project application is incorporated into the

grant agreement. All recipients of non-dedicated CoC Program-funded PSH are encouraged to change the designation of their PSH to dedicated, however, at a minimum are encouraged to prioritize the chronically homeless as beds become vacant to the maximum extent practicable, until there are no persons within the CoC's geographic area who meet that criteria. Projects located in CoCs where a sub-CoC approach to housing and service delivery has been implemented, which may also be reflected in a sub-CoC coordinated entry process, need only to prioritize assistance within their specified area. For example, if a Balance of State CoC has chosen to divide the CoC into six distinct regions for purposes of planning and housing and service delivery, each region would only be expected to prioritize assistance within its specified geographic area.¹

The number of non-dedicated beds designated as being prioritized for the chronically homeless may be increased at any time during the operating year and may occur without an amendment to the grant agreement.

III. Order of Priority in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing

The definition of chronically homeless included in the final rule on “Defining Chronically Homeless”, which was published on December 4, 2015 and went into effect on January 15, 2016, requires an individual or head of household to have a disability and to have been living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven for at least 12 months either continuously or cumulatively over a period of at least 4 occasions in the last 3 years. HUD encourages all CoCs adopt into their written standards the following orders of priority for all CoC Program-funded PSH. CoCs that adopted the orders of priority established in Notice CPD-14-012, which this Notice supersedes, and who received points for having done so in the most recent CoC Program Competition are strongly encouraged to update their written standards to reflect the updates to the orders of priority as established in this Notice. Where a CoC has chosen to not incorporate HUD's recommended orders of priority into their written standards, recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH are encouraged to follow these standards for selecting participants into their programs as long as it is not inconsistent with the CoC's written standards.

As a reminder, recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH are required to prioritize otherwise eligible households in a nondiscriminatory manner. Program implementation, including any prioritization policies, must be implemented consistent with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and Title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable. For example, while it is acceptable to prioritize based on level of need for the type of assistance being offered, prioritizing based on specific disabilities would not be consistent with fair housing requirements or program regulations.

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A. Prioritizing Chronically Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Dedicated or Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

1. CoCs are strongly encouraged to revise their written standards to include an order of priority, determined by the CoC, for CoC Program-funded PSH that is dedicated or prioritized for persons experiencing chronic homelessness that is based on the length of time in which an individual or family has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter and the severity of the individual's or family's service needs. Recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH that is dedicated or prioritized for persons experiencing chronic homelessness would be required to follow that order of priority when selecting participants for housing, in a manner consistent with their current grant agreement.
2. Where there are no chronically homeless individuals and families within the CoC's geographic area, CoCs and recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH are encouraged to follow the order of priority in Section III.B. of this Notice. For projects located in CoC's where a sub-CoC approach to housing and service delivery has been implemented, which may also be reflected in a sub-CoC coordinated entry process, need only to prioritize assistance within their specified sub-CoC area.²
3. Recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH should follow the order of priority above while also considering the goals and any identified target populations served by the project. For example, a CoC Program-funded PSH project that is permitted to target homeless persons with a serious mental illness should follow the order of priority under Section III.A.1. of this Notice to the extent in which persons with serious mental illness meet the criteria. In this example, if there were no persons with a serious mental illness that also met the criteria of chronically homeless within the CoC's geographic area, the recipient should follow the order of priority under Section III.B for persons with a serious mental illness.
4. Recipients must exercise due diligence when conducting outreach and assessment to ensure that chronically homeless individuals and families are prioritized for assistance based on their total length of time homeless and/or the severity of their needs. HUD recognizes that some persons—particularly those living on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation—might require significant engagement and contacts prior to their entering housing and recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH are not required to allow units to remain vacant indefinitely while waiting for an identified chronically homeless person to accept an offer of PSH. CoC Program-funded PSH providers are encouraged to follow a Housing First approach to the maximum extent practicable. Therefore, a person experiencing chronic homelessness should not be forced to refuse an offer of PSH if they do not want to participate in the project's services, nor should a PSH

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project have eligibility criteria or preconditions to entry that systematically exclude those with severe service needs. Street outreach providers should continue to make attempts to engage those persons that have been resistant to accepting an offer of PSH and where the CoC has adopted these orders of priority into their written standards, these chronically homeless persons must continue to be prioritized for PSH until they are housed.

B. Prioritizing Chronically Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Beds Not Dedicated or Not Prioritized for Occupancy by Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

1. CoCs are strongly encouraged to revise their written standards to include the following order of priority for non-dedicated and non-prioritized PSH beds. If adopted into the CoCs written standards, recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH that is not dedicated or prioritized for the chronically homeless would be required to follow this order of priority when selecting participants for housing, in a manner consistent with their current grant agreement.

(a) First Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with Long Periods of Episodic Homelessness and Severe Service Needs

An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who has experienced fewer than four occasions where they have been living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter but where the cumulative time homeless is at least 12 months **and** has been identified as having severe service needs.

(b) Second Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability with Severe Service Needs.

An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who is residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter and has been identified as having severe service needs. The length of time in which households have been homeless should also be considered when prioritizing households that meet this order of priority, but there is not a minimum length of time required.

(c) Third Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Places Not Meant for Human Habitation, Safe Haven, or Emergency Shelter Without Severe Service Needs.

An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who is residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter where the individual or family has not been identified as having severe service needs. The length of time in which households have been homeless should be considered when prioritizing households that meet this order of priority, but there is not a minimum length of time required.

(d) Fourth Priority—Homeless Individuals and Families with a Disability Coming from Transitional Housing.

An individual or family that is eligible for CoC Program-funded PSH who is currently residing in a transitional housing project, where prior to residing in the transitional housing had lived in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or safe haven. This priority also includes individuals and families residing in transitional housing who were fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and prior to residing in that transitional housing project even if they did not live in a place not meant for human habitation, an emergency shelter, or a safe haven prior to entry in the transitional housing.

2. Recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH should follow the order of priority above, as adopted by the CoC, while also considering the goals and any identified target populations served by the project. For example, non-dedicated or non-prioritized CoC Program-funded PSH that is permitted to target youth experiencing homelessness should follow the order of priority under Section III.B.1. of this Notice, as adopted by the CoC, to the extent in which youth meet the stated criteria.
3. Recipients must exercise due diligence when conducting outreach and assessment to ensure that persons are prioritized for assistance based on their length of time homeless and the severity of their needs following the order of priority described in this Notice, and as adopted by the CoC. HUD recognizes that some persons—particularly those living on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation—might require significant engagement and contacts prior to their entering housing and recipients are not required to keep units vacant indefinitely while waiting for an identified eligible individual or family to accept an offer of PSH (see [FAQ 1895](#)). Recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH are encouraged to follow a Housing First approach to the maximum extent practicable. Street outreach providers should continue to make attempts to engage those persons that have been resistant to accepting an offer of PSH and where the CoC has adopted these orders of priority into their written standards, these individuals and families must continue to be prioritized until they are housed.

IV. Using Coordinated Entry and a Standardized Assessment Process to Determine Eligibility and Establish a Prioritized Waiting List

A. Coordinated Entry Requirement

Provisions at 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) requires that each CoC, in consultation with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program funds within the CoC's geographic area, establish and operate either a centralized or coordinated assessment system (referred to in this Notice as coordinated entry or coordinated entry process) that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services. CoCs that adopt the order of priority in Section III of this Notice into the CoC's written standards are strongly encouraged to use a coordinated entry process to ensure that there is a single prioritized list for all CoC Program-funded PSH within the CoC. The [Coordinated Entry Policy Brief](#), provides recommended criteria for a quality coordinated entry process and standardized assessment tool and process. Under no circumstances shall the order of priority be based upon diagnosis or disability type,

but instead on the length of time an individual or family has been experiencing homelessness and the severity of needs of an individual or family.

B. Written Standards for Creation of a Single Prioritized List for PSH

CoCs are also encouraged to include in their policies and procedures governing their coordinated entry system a requirement that all CoC Program-funded PSH accept referrals only through a single prioritized list that is created through the CoCs coordinated entry process, which should also be informed by the CoCs street outreach. Adopting this into the CoC's policies and procedures for coordinated entry would further ensure that CoC Program-funded PSH is being used most effectively, which is one of the goals in this Notice. The single prioritized list should be updated frequently to reflect the most up-to-date and real-time data as possible.

C. Standardized Assessment Tool Requirement

CoCs must utilize a standardized assessment tool, in accordance with 24 CFR 578.3, or process. The [Coordinated Entry Policy Brief](#), provides recommended criteria for a quality coordinated entry process and standardized assessment tool.

D. Nondiscrimination Requirements

CoCs and recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH must continue to comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of Federal civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and Titles II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable. See 24 C.F.R. § 5.105(a).

V. Recordkeeping Recommendations for CoCs that have Adopted the Orders of Priority in this Notice

24 CFR 578.103(a)(4) outlines documentation requirements for all recipients of dedicated and non-dedicated CoC Program-funded PSH associated with determining whether or not an individual or family is chronically homeless for the purposes of eligibility. In addition to those requirements, HUD expects that where CoCs have adopted the orders of priority in Section III. of this Notice into their written standards. The CoC, as well as recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH, will maintain evidence of implementing these priorities. Evidence of following these orders of priority may be demonstrated by:

- A. Evidence of Severe Service Needs.** Evidence of severe service needs is that by which the recipient is able to determine the severity of needs as defined in Section I.D.3. of this Notice using data-driven methods such as an administrative data match or through the use of a standardized assessment. The documentation should include any information pertinent to how the determination was made, such as notes associated with case-conferencing decisions.
- B. Evidence that the Recipient is Following the CoC's Written Standards for Prioritizing Assistance.** Recipients must follow the CoC's written standards for prioritizing assistance, as adopted by the CoC. In accordance with the CoC's adoption of

written standards for prioritizing assistance, recipients must in turn document that the CoC's revised written standards have been incorporated into the recipient's intake procedures and that the recipient is following its intake procedures when accepting new program participants into the project.

C. Evidence that there are no Households Meeting Higher Order of Priority within CoC's Geographic Area.

- (a) When dedicated and prioritized PSH is used to serve non-chronically homeless households, the recipient of CoC Program-funded PSH should document how it was determined that there were no chronically homeless households identified for assistance within the CoC's geographic area – or for those CoCs that implement a sub-CoC³ planning and housing and service delivery approach, the smaller defined geographic area within the CoC's geographic area – at the point in which a vacancy became available. This documentation should include evidence of the outreach efforts that had been undertaken to locate eligible chronically homeless households within the defined geographic area and, where chronically homeless households have been identified but have not yet accepted assistance, the documentation should specify the number of persons that are chronically homeless that meet this condition and the attempts that have been made to engage the individual or family. Where a CoC is using a single prioritized list, the recipient of PSH may refer to that list as evidence.
- (b) When non-dedicated and non-prioritized PSH is used to serve an eligible individual or family that meets a lower order of priority, the recipient of CoC Program-funded PSH should document how the determination was made that there were no eligible individuals or families within the CoC's geographic area - or for those CoCs that implement a sub-CoC planning and housing and service delivery approach, the smaller defined geographic area within the CoC's geographic area - that met a higher priority. Where a CoC is using a single prioritized list, the recipient of PSH may refer to that list as evidence that there were no households identified within the CoC's geographic area that meet a higher order of priority.

VI. Questions Regarding this Notice

Questions regarding this notice should be submitted to HUD Exchange Ask A Question (AAQ) Portal at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/>.

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APPENDIX B

Department of Housing and Community Development, Emergency Solutions Grants Program, State Regulations, California Code of Regulations Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter 20, § 8409. Core Practices

Authority cited: Section 50406(n), Health and Safety Code. Reference: 24 C.F.R. 92.320 and 24 C.F.R. Part 576.

§ 8409. Core Practices

(a) Unless exempted by federal rules, all ESG-funded activities shall utilize a Coordinated Entry system established by and consistent with the protocols of the Continuum of Care for the Service Area in which that program operates. Participation in Coordinated Entry shall occur in a manner that promotes the following, as reflected in the Continuum of Care Written Standards:

(1) Comprehensive and coordinated access to assistance regardless of where an individual or family is located in the Continuum of Care Service Area. Local systems should be easy to navigate and have protocols in place to ensure immediate access to assistance for people who are homeless or most at-risk;

(2) Prioritized access to assistance for people with the most urgent and severe needs, including, but not limited to, survivors of domestic violence. ESG-funded activities shall seek to prioritize people who:

(A) Are unsheltered and living in places not designed for human habitation, such as cars, parks, bus stations, and abandoned buildings;

(B) Have experienced the longest amount of time homeless;

(C) Have multiple and severe service needs that inhibit their ability to quickly identify and secure housing on their own; and

(D) For Homelessness prevention activities, people who are at greatest risk of becoming literally homeless without an intervention and are at greatest risk of experiencing a longer time in shelter or on the street should they become homeless.

(b) All ESG-assisted projects shall operate in a manner consistent with housing first practices as reflected in the Continuum of Care Written Standards, (consistent with subsections (1) through (5) below), and progressive engagement and assistance practices, including the following:

(1) Ensuring low-barrier, easily accessible assistance to all people, including, but not limited to, people with no income or income history, and people with active substance abuse or mental health issues;

(2) Helping participants quickly identify and resolve barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing;

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- (3) Seeking to quickly resolve the housing crisis before focusing on other non-housing related services;
- (4) Allowing participants to choose the services and housing that meets their needs, within practical and funding limitations;
- (5) Connecting participants to appropriate support and services available in the community that foster long-term housing stability;
- (6) Offering financial assistance and supportive services in a manner which offers a minimum amount of assistance initially, adding more assistance over time if needed to quickly resolve the housing crisis by either ending homelessness, or avoiding an immediate return to literal homelessness or the imminent risk of literal homelessness. The type, duration, and amount of assistance offered shall be based on an individual assessment of the household, and the availability of other resources or support systems to resolve their housing crisis and stabilize them in housing; and
- (7) Notwithstanding subdivision (6) above:
 - (A) Rapid Rehousing activities funded within the same Continuum of Care Service Area shall follow the same program requirements for type, duration, and amount of assistance provided, unless sufficient written justification for any differences is provided by the Continuum of Care and approved by the Department; and
 - (B) Homeless prevention activities funded within the same Continuum of Care Service Area shall follow the same program requirements for type, duration, and amount of assistance provided, unless sufficient written justification for any differences is provided by the Continuum of Care and approved by the Department.
- (8) Any other practices promoted or required by HUD.

Authority cited: Section 50406(n), Health and Safety Code. Reference: 24 C.F.R. Sections 576.400 and 576.401.

§ 8410. Match Requirements.

- (a) Pursuant to 24 CFR 576.201, the Department will provide HUD with annual documentation of the sources and amounts of matching funds required of the Department as a recipient of ESG funds.

Appendix D: Citizen Participation Plan

1. Encouragement of Citizen Participation

All grantees of funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the “Consolidated Plan” for Community Planning entitlement funds must develop and follow a written Citizen Participation Plan describing the City's policies and procedures for including citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan (this includes the annual Action Plan, annual Performance Report, and substantial amendments). This Citizen Participation Plan (CON PLANP) is intended to ensure full participation by residents of the City of Long Beach (City) in the development and implementation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and other related HUD-assisted programs.

The Citizen Participation Plan (CON PLANP) is updated every five years, hence this update.

This CON PLANP addresses the need to provide sufficient information to the public regarding HUD- assisted programs to allow the opportunity for meaningful citizen participation in the development and implementation of the various programs and activities funded by HUD. It encourages participation among the primary program beneficiaries who are persons of low and moderate income and residents of slums and blighted areas. It guides recipients through the entire Consolidated Plan process, including project development and review, compilation of the annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan, and project implementation. The CON PLANP encourages citizens to propose projects as well as assess performance.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to provide input into all aspects of the City's consolidated planning activities – from assessing needs and setting priorities through performance evaluation. This CON PLANP offers numerous opportunities for citizens to contribute information, ideas, and opinions about ways to provide decent housing, establishing and maintaining a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.

In developing its Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Substantial Amendments, CAPER and Section 108 applications to HUD, the City will take appropriate actions to encourage the participation of all of its citizens including:

- Low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in areas where federal funds are proposed to be used, including Designated Code Enforcement Areas, and Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs);
- Residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods;
- People with Limited English Proficiency;
- People with Disabilities;
- Residents of public and other assisted housing developments; and
- Local and regional institutions, the regional Continuum of Care and other organizations (including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations,

and community-based and faith-based organizations).

The City of Long Beach is committed to keeping all interested groups and individuals informed of each phase of the consolidated planning process, and of activities being proposed or undertaken under HUD entitlement programs. Opportunities to comment on or participate in planning community development and affordable housing activities and projects will be publicized and disseminated as widely as possible in Long Beach.

In order to conduct meaningful public participation and solicit public input before developing draft Consolidated Plan and Action Plans, the City will conduct public workshops and presentations to neighborhood groups, agencies working with low-income groups, and other stakeholders to prioritize housing and community development needs.

2. Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC)

The Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC) consists of seven (7) community residents appointed by the Mayor and City Council to carry out citizen participation activities for HUD entitlement grant programs. LBCIC meets the third Wednesday of every month and conducts business according to its Bylaws.

3. Public Hearings

The City of Long Beach will conduct at least two public hearings each year to obtain resident input. The hearings are usually held before the Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC) which meets in City Hall. Hearings will take place at different stages of the consolidated planning process and together address:

- Housing and community development needs;
- Proposed use of program funds, and
- Program performance during the past year.

At least one hearing will be held in the early spring (usually in March or April before the LBCIC), to solicit feedback on the City's housing and community development needs and to review program performance during the past year. In addition, at least one hearing will be held in the summer (usually in May or June, before the LBCIC) to solicit comments on the draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action plans, which include the proposed use of CDBG, ESG and HOME funds. The information provided to the public on or before the public hearing will include:

- The amount of assistance the local government expects to receive (including grant funds and program income);
- The range of activities that may be undertaken;
- The estimated amount of funding that will benefit persons of low- and moderate- incomes.

This information will be presented at the public hearing and is contained in the text of the Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans under review.

4. Public Hearing Notices and Outreach

Information about the time, location, and subject of each hearing will be provided to citizens at least 30 days in advance by publication in a local newspaper(s), via email distribution lists, and via publication on the City's website, www.longbeach.gov/lbds. Targeted outreach developed specifically for informing low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those residing in Racially/Ethnicity Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP) areas, residents of public and other affordable housing, and persons with disabilities will take place via distribution of notices to providers of services to these populations, including the Long Beach Housing Authority and non-profit affordable housing developers in Long Beach. Published notices will include instructions in Spanish, Tagalog, and Khmer. Outreach to local businesses, Long Beach-based developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and other community-based and faith-based organizations, will take place via notices sent to these organizations via email and/or regular mail.

Every effort will be made to ensure that public input collection before conducting public hearings is inclusive. Public hearings will be held at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. in City Hall as the venue is centrally located and adjacent to the City's low-income neighborhoods.

5. Publication of the Proposed Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans

The City will publish proposed Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans in a manner that affords citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments. The proposed Consolidated Plan (or "public comment draft") shall include:

- The amount of assistance the City expects to receive (including grant funds and program income); and
- The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low- and moderate-incomes.

Notice of the availability of the draft Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan will be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation at the beginning of the required 30-day public comment period. The notice will describe the purpose of the plan and will instruct where and when copies of the entire proposed Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan may be obtained or examined. The following are among the locations where copies of the public comment draft will be made available for inspection:

- Long Beach Main Library: Reference Desk, 200 West Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802
- Development Services Department, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802
- City Website, www.longbeach.gov/lbds
- Or by directly requesting copies from Development Services, Grants Administration Division:

Elizabeth Weithers, Development Project Manager
Development Services Department
411 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor
Long Beach, California 90802
Email: Elizabeth.Weithers@longbeach.gov

Telephone: (562) 570-6912

6. Public Comments on the Proposed Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan

The City of Long Beach will receive comments from citizens on its proposed Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan for a period not less than 30 days prior to submission of the Plan(s) to HUD. All comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at public hearings will be considered in preparing the final Plan(s). A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore shall be attached to the final Plan(s). Oral comments outside of the public hearing will not be considered, unless they are also provided directly to staff via email, letter, or other legible written form at the address provided in Section 5, above.

The final version of the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan as submitted to HUD will be posted on the City's webpage.

7. Amending the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan

HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 91.505 require substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans whenever an entitlement jurisdiction:

- Changes in funding allocation priorities and/or the method of distributing funds; or
- Additions or deletions in activity funds exceeding twenty-five (25) percent of budgeted dollars. The use of HOME funds, however, may be periodically adjusted within low income housing activities, provided the City's Consolidated Plan low income housing goals are maintained; or
- Carries out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the Action Plan; or
- Changes to the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity, except when such modified activities continue to substantially benefit low and moderate income persons within targeted neighborhoods, and implementation of the original purpose and scope of the activity is improved; or
- Becomes aware of HUD-imposed regulatory changes guiding planning, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation requirements.

A substantial change shall not include budget modifications within an approved budget for a project where there is an increase and/or a decrease of federal funds from one eligible activity budget line item to another eligible activity budget line item, within the same project or contract budget. This does not include the transfer of funds between different contracted projects.

Some amendments will be considered substantial while others will be considered to be not substantial. All non-substantial amendments, including those required by HUD regulations, will be considered narrative changes to be completed by the grantee department in consultation with LBCIC, and will be published in the plans and online within a reasonable time after they are made.

The need to prepare a substantial amendment shall trigger use of the public participation requirements described below.

8. Public Notice of and Public Comment on Substantial Amendment.

Once drafted, the City of Long Beach shall make the substantial amendment public and submit it to the LBCIC for its review, comment, and recommendation to the City Council. Notice and opportunity to comment will be given to citizens through public notices in local newspapers and other appropriate means, such as the targeted distribution lists described above in Section 3. A public comment period of not less than 30 days will be provided prior to implementing any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan. Development Services staff will prepare a summary of all comments received and, in cases where any citizens' views are not accepted, provide reasons for the decision. This documentation will be attached to the substantial amendment, which will be available to the public and submitted to HUD.

9. Preparation of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Performance reports on programs covered by the Consolidated Plan/AAP are to be prepared by the City of Long Beach for annual submission to HUD by December 31. The City of Long Beach shall provide a preliminary draft of the CAPER to the LBCIC and publish a notice announcing that the public shall have no less than 15 days to review and comment on the document. The CAPER shall be placed on view at the same public places where the Consolidated Plan/AAP shall be made available, and posted to the City's website.

All public comments submitted in writing regarding the CAPER will be considered and a summary of these comments or views and staff responses shall be attached to the document. The City shall encourage commissioners and members of the public to review the performance detailed in the CAPER during the early spring public hearing.

10. Access to Records

A reasonable number of free copies of the City of Long Beach Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, as well as all amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan will be available to citizens and groups requesting them. These documents shall be maintained for not less than 5 years on the City's web site. Materials will also be made available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities upon request.

11. Technical Assistance

The City shall make available, upon request, technical assistance to groups representing persons of low- and moderate-income (and other special needs) that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under any of the programs covered by the Plans. The City shall also hold at least one workshop for community agencies applying for City funding on or near the time of issuance of a Request for Proposals to explain issues related to various funding sources available, eligible activities, the application process itself, and to answer any questions applicants may have.

12. Citizen Complaints

The City of Long Beach shall accept written complaints and provide a substantive written response to any written citizen complaint within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 15 working days, when the complaint concerns the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, amendments thereto, and performance reports.

Complaint, comments and questions should be directed to:

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Appendix E: AP-90 (HOME Refinancing Guidelines)

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:

Refinancing with Rehabilitation Guidelines

Under certain circumstances, the HOME Investment Partnership Program allows the use of HOME funds for refinancing; however, HUD regulations at 24 CFR 92.206(b) require that "Refinancing Guidelines" be included in the local participating jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan. Subject to certain HUD requirements, the local participating jurisdiction designs its own "Refinancing Guidelines" and includes these guidelines in the Consolidated Plan for public input and HUD review/approval.

The HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.206(b) allow HOME funds to pay the cost to refinance existing debt secured by housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds:

1. For single-family (1 to 4 unit) owner-occupied housing when lending HOME funds to rehabilitate the housing, if the refinancing is necessary to reduce the overall housing costs to the borrower and make the housing more affordable; and
2. For multi-family projects when lending HOME funds to rehabilitate the units, if refinancing is necessary to permit or continue affordability under 24 CFR 92.252. The Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must establish refinancing guidelines and state them in its Consolidated Plan.

It is the City's understanding, via oral confirmation from HUD Los Angeles Area Office staff, that HUD's intent in the above-stated 24 CFR 92.206 (b) reference to "the cost to refinance existing debt" is not simply to use HOME funds to pay for the lender's costs and fees associated with a refinancing, but also to pay for the refunding in replacing the existing debt with new debt. The following adopted "Refinancing Guidelines" describe the conditions under which the City of Long Beach will use HOME funds in any project proposing to refinance existing debt on a multifamily housing property.

1. May not be used for single-family housing. Although HUD HOME regulations allow HOME funds for refinancing in connection with "single family (one to four units) housing", the City of Long Beach Refinancing Guidelines stipulate that HOME funds to refinance may only be allowed in connection with multi-family housing projects; refinancing may not be allowed with single-family housing. HUD defines "single-family housing" as one to four units, including one owner-occupied unit.
2. HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG. This is a HOME regulations requirement at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2)(vi).
3. HOME funds may not be used to refinance properties that previously received home funding unless the affordability period has expired. This is a HOME regulations requirement. 24 CFR 92.214(a)(7) states that HOME funds may not be used to provide

HOME assistance (beyond one year after project completion) to a project previously assisted with HOME funds during the period of affordability established in the original written agreement.

4. Use of HOME funds for refinancing will only be allowed in multi-family projects, which are proposed to be rehabilitated with HOME funds. This is a HOME regulations requirement. 24 CFR 92.206(b) states that HOME funds may be used to pay "the cost to refinance existing debt secured by housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds" (emphasis added).
5. The refinancing must be necessary to permit or continue affordability under HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.252 ("Qualification As Affordable Housing: Rental Housing"). The purpose of the refinancing must be to maintain current affordability and/or create additional affordable units. This is a HOME regulations requirement at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2).
6. The new investment of HOME funds for refinancing can be made either to maintain current affordable units or to create additional affordable units. Levels of affordability will be, at a minimum, those required by the HOME Program regulations. This guideline is a HOME regulations requirement at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2)(iii). The Guidelines must "state whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both."
7. For those projects which currently have affordable (non-HOME-funded) deed restricted units and which may seek to use HOME Program "Refinancing With Rehabilitation," the requirement to "maintain current affordable units or create additional affordable units" may also be met by increasing the project's current affordability level. For example, an increased affordability level may be achieved by:
 - lowering the existing rent restrictions;
 - increasing the number of affordable/restricted units;
 - extending the term of existing affordability restrictions; or
 - a combination thereof.

The level of additional affordability (if any) will be determined in the context of overall financial feasibility of each financing.

1. Regardless of the amount of HOME funds invested, the minimum affordability period shall be at least 15 years. This is a HOME regulations requirement at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2) and 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2)(iv). The actual affordability period will be the subject of negotiation on each project.
2. The investment of HOME funds for refinancing will be allowed jurisdiction-wide. Eligible properties must be located in the City of Long Beach. This is a HOME regulations requirement at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2)(v), which requires the guidelines to specify whether the investment of HOME funds, for refinancing, will be jurisdiction wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy.
3. Whenever HOME funds are used for refinancing, the City of Long Beach staff will require a review of management practices to determine that:

- "Disinvestment" in the property has not occurred. HUD regulations do not define "disinvestment." Within these Guidelines, the term "disinvestment" shall mean an intentional and avoidable reduction in capital investment, which results in a failure to either construct, maintain or replace capital assets [i.e., buildings, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, property infrastructure, etc] in accordance with the HUD minimum property standards enumerated at 24 CFR 92.251, and as determined by the City of Long Beach staff;
- The long-term needs of the project can be met; and
- The feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.

This is a HOME regulations requirement at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2)(ii). The City of Long Beach staff will either conduct this review of management practices, or select a consultant (costs to be borne by the owner) to conduct such a review.

4. In any project using HOME funds for "Refinancing With Rehabilitation" the owner(s) would not be allowed to take cash out of the refinancing. However, a reasonable developer fee (which shall be subject to negotiation) for a project would be considered a project expense and would not be considered to be taking cash out of the refinancing. HOME regulations do not allow owners to withdraw cash from the refinancing; 24 CFR 92.205(d) states that only the actual HOME eligible development costs (i.e. costs eligible under 92.206(a), (b), or (c)) of the assisted units may be charged to the HOME program. Neither Sections 92.206(a) or (b) or (c) authorize the retention of refinanced HOME funds by the owner.
5. The minimum amount of HOME funds that can be invested in a project is \$1,000 times the number of HOME-assisted units in the project. This is a HOME regulations requirement.
6. Projects seeking to use HOME funds for "Refinancing With Rehabilitation" _must be in compliance with all regulations for the HOME Investment Partnership Program at 24 CFR 92.
7. There will be a minimum "required ratio" between rehabilitation and refinancing as follows: within a proposed project up to 85% of the project's HOME funds may be used for refinancing and at least 15% of the project's HOME funds must be used for rehabilitation. The HOME regulations require, at 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2)(i), that whenever HOME funds are used for refinancing, the rehabilitation must be the "primary eligible activity" and that this "primary eligible activity" requirement is met either by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or by establishing a "required ratio" _between rehabilitation and refinancing. HUD HOME regulations do not specify the amount of this "required ratio" and allow the participating jurisdiction to propose the "required ratio." Staff will determine the ratio based on the amount of HOME funds invested, leverage of HOME funds, and financial feasibility.
8. Under these Guidelines, the property proposing to use HOME for refinancing may only be owned by non-profit owners or by public entities including the Long Beach Housing Development Company. However, there is a prohibition on ownership interests, which are contrary to the HUD conflict of interest prohibitions at 24 CFR 92.356 [HOME "Conflict of Interest"], or 24 CFR 8536 ["Procurement"], or 24 CFR 8442 ["Codes of Conduct"].

9. HUD HOME regulations do not limit property ownership in connection with refinancing. However, under these Guidelines, in order to encourage housing activity by nonprofits, the City of Long Beach has decided to exclude for-profit owners from using HOME funds for "Refinancing With Rehabilitation" and give priority to non-profits which are designated as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).
10. Loan Terms: These "Refinancing With Rehabilitation Guidelines" are intended to be used in conjunction with other existing HOME-funded programs previously approved by the City of Long Beach ("other City of Long Beach existing HOME programs"). City of Long Beach staff will superimpose these Guidelines onto the "other City of Long Beach existing HOME programs." To the extent that these Guidelines may be inconsistent with the requirements of the "other City of Long Beach existing HOME programs," the more restrictive requirements will apply.
11. These "Refinancing with Rehabilitation Guidelines" are minimum guidelines for conformance with HUD minimum requirements, and they may be subject to further additional restrictions or limitations (including but not limited to funding availability) as determined by the City of Long Beach. These Guidelines serve to obtain HUD's approval of a general framework and create a potential alternative for the City of Long Beach. However, approval of these Guidelines does not create an obligation or requirement that the City of Long Beach will make loans utilizing Refinancing With Rehabilitation. The City of Long Beach is authorized to modify (after notification to HUD) these "Refinancing With Rehabilitation Guidelines" to the extent that any provisions in these "Refinancing With Rehabilitation Guidelines" may be inconsistent with the City of Long Beach current (or future) adopted policies.

Appendix F: Certifications

Appendix G: Standard Forms (SF 424)

1. SF 424 (See forms on the following page)



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