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2023
Annual
Action Plan

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds, each year the City of Yuma, Arizona is required to submit an Annual Action Plan (AAP) under Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 91. The purpose of the Annual Action Plan is to describe the goals and objectives for the year and outcomes expected to be achieved. The Action Plan must detail how funds will be spent in the program year.

The City of Yuma (City) is in the 3rd year of implementation of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. As a CDBG entitlement community, the City will receive \$890,871 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year (PY) 2023. These funds will be used to meet goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan. The primary objective for the use of CDBG is to improve living conditions for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. CDBG funds must be used within the City of Yuma boundaries.

In 2017, the Yuma County HOME Consortium (YCHC) was approved by HUD as a participating jurisdiction to begin receiving an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnership funds. The City of Yuma is the lead entity for the YCHC. The consortium includes the City of Yuma, Yuma County, City of Somerton, City of San Luis and the Town of Wellton. The consortium will receive \$378,564 in HOME Investment Partnership funds. The primary objective for the use of HOME funds is to create affordable housing for LMI households. These funds may be used throughout Yuma County.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Goals for 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan

Goal 1. Increase affordable rental housing options through the creation of new units and tenant based rental assistance.

Goal 2. Improve the quality of existing affordable rental and owner-occupied housing stock, including home accessibility modifications.

Goal 3. Facilitate homeownership options through down payment assistance, financial counseling, and/or supporting the creation of more diverse and affordable housing products.

Goal 4. Support low and moderate-income families through public services including, but not limited to, childcare and afterschool programming, nutrition and food assistance, and public facility improvements.

Goal 5. Provide supportive services to low-income households, people with special needs, and the homeless.

Goal 6. Improve community infrastructure in qualified neighborhoods to support community revitalization and housing affordability.

Goal 7. Continue to improve the quality of neighborhoods with low-income concentrations.

In PY 2023-24 (Year 3 of the Consolidated Plan), the YCHC and its partners plan to use HOME to accomplish the following throughout Yuma County:

- Develop up to 8 affordable rental housing units

Using CDBG, the City of Yuma and its subrecipients plan to accomplish the following within the city:

- Rehabilitate up to 7 homes owner-occupied housing units
- Administer a Homeless Outreach Program
- Conduct Fair Housing tests and enforcement; provide Fair Housing Counseling; hold Fair Housing clinics; and release print and/or video public service announcements via social media and other media
- Administer Housing Counseling Services to prevent foreclosure and evictions
- Continue Mesa Heights Neighborhood Revitalization, including infrastructure in support of affordable housing, code enforcement and small business façade improvements. These activities will benefit all 4,770 people that reside in the Mesa Heights Neighborhood

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

At the end of each program year, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER summarizes the accomplishments made that year and the progress made towards the goals established in the Consolidated Plan. The most recent CAPER reported on Program Year 2021 (7/1/21 – 6/30/22) and was submitted in September 2022.

In PY 2020, the City received an allocation of CDBG-CV funds to help the community get through the pandemic. Several activities were implemented immediately and were completed in 2020. However, some activities were not initiated until PY 2021 and were completed either the same year or are currently underway.

The following charts list the accomplishments made with CDBG-CV, CDBG and HOME funds in PY 2021.

CDBG-CV Goal – Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.						
Activity	Performance Objective	National Objective	2021 Goals	2021 Accomplishments	People Served Income Levels	Funds Expended 2021
Early Childhood Development	Create suitable living environment	LMC	176 people	137 people	70 Ext Low 29 Low, 13 Mod 25 Non-LMI	14,474
Keeping Homeless Safe	Create suitable living environment	LMC	200 people	1,291 people	1,291 Ext ;pw	40,000
Safe house COVID-19 Prevention	Create suitable living environment	LMC	200 people	205 people	205 Ext Low	28,575
Adult Daybreak Facility Improvements	Create suitable living environment	LMC	54 people	Construction underway		1,216

Table A – PY 21/22 Summary CDBG-CV Goals and Accomplishments

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Goals	Performance Objective	Activity	Nat'l Obj	5 Year Goals	2021 Goals	2021 Accomplishments	People Served Income Levels	Expended 2021
Increase affordable rental housing options through the creation of new units and tenant based rental assistance	Provide decent affordable housing							
Improve the quality of existing affordable rental and owner-occupied housing stock, including home accessibility modifications.	Create Suitable Living Environment	Housing Rehabilitation	LMH	35 hsg units	4 housing units	1 housing unit	1 Low	62,153
		Housing Rehabilitation – Mesa Heights		5 hsg units	2 housing units	1 housing unit	1 Ext Low	114,071
		ACHIEVE Window replacement	LMC	7 hsg units	7 housing units	7 housing units	7 Ext Low	134,520
		Saguaro 9 th Avenue Group Home	LMC	1 facility	1 facility	1 facility	4 Ext Low	40,000
Support low and moderate-income families through public services including, but not limited to, childcare and after school programming, nutrition and food assistance and public facility improvements.	Create Suitable Living Environment	Fair Housing Activities	N/A	6,000 people	6,000 people		N/A – Pln/Admin	19,887
		WACOG Housing Counseling	LMC	90 households	30 households	41 households	15 Ext Low 13 Low 13 Mod	21,352
Improve community infrastructure in qualified neighborhoods to support community revitalization and housing affordability	Create suitable living environment	Joe Henry Optimist Center Basketball Courts	LMA	3,855 people	3,855 people	Population 3,855, 56.55% LMI	2,180 LMI 1,675 Non-LMI	89,969
		Park Restroom Improvements	LMA	6,480 people MHN & Carver	6,480 people	Under Construction		969
Continue to improve the quality of neighborhoods with low-income concentrations	Create Suitable living environment	Code Enforcement/Rental Inspection Program	LMA	9,055 people	9,055 people	Population-9,055, 57.92% LMI	5,245 LMI people, 3,810 Non-LMI	64,064
		Voluntary Demolition Program	SBS	5 hsg units	2 hsg units	2 housing unit	N/A	15,366
		MHN Outreach	LMA	3,855 people	3,855 people	Population – 3,855, 56.55% LMI	2,180 LMI, 1,675 Non-LMI	7,221
		MHN Cleanup Program	LMA	3,855 people	3,855 people	Population – 3,855, 56.55% LMI	2,180 LMI, 1,675 Non-LMI	4,073
		MHN Façade Improvements	LMA	2 businesses	2 businesses	1 business	N/A	24,445
Provide Public Services for LMI people.	Create Suitable living environment	SHINE Childcare Center	LMC	30 households	30 households	14 households	3 Ext Low, 3 Low, 2 Mod	55,502
		Walk-In Freezer Replacement	LMC	800 people	800 people	894 People	894 Low	50,000

Table B – PY 21/22 Summary CDBG Goals and Accomplishments

Goals	Performance Objective	Activity	5 Year Goals	2021 Goals	2021 Accomplishments	People Served Income Levels	Expended 2021
Increase affordable rental housing options through the creation of new units and tenant based rental assistance.	Provide Decent Affordable housing	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	60 households	20 households	39 households	38 Ext Low 1 Low	\$ 451,871
		Rental Housing Development (CHDO)	5 housing units	1 housing unit	Predevelopment process		0
Improve the quality of existing affordable rental and owner-occupied housing stock, including home accessibility modifications	Provide decent Affordable housing	Housing Rehabilitation	40 housing units	6 housing units	8 housing units	2 Ext Low 3 Low, 3 Mod	\$ 546,405
Facilitate homeownership options through down payment assistance, financial counseling, and/or supporting the creation of more diverse and affordable housing products.	Provide decent Affordable housing	Down Payment Assistance	20 households	5 households	1 households	1 Mod	\$ 39,827

Table C – PY 21/22 Summary HOME Goals and Accomplishments

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Yuma provided various opportunities for consultation on the Action Plan, including: Public notices were published in the Yuma Sun in English and in the Bajo el Sol in Spanish; flyers on the application cycle for CDBG and HOME were emailed to 75 people on the email list, posted at City Hall, emailed to YCEH, and at other public service organizations; and public meetings and hearings were held. A public hearing was held in-person and virtually over Zoom announcing the opening of the funding cycle and requesting input on current needs of low-income people. A Citizen Advisory Committee reviewed CDBG applications, heard presentations from applicants and provided funding recommendations for staff to present to City Council at a televised work session. The YCHC reviewed and evaluated proposals from HOME applicants before making funding determinations. An invitation to a public hearing and request for comments on the proposed Action Plan was published in both newspapers. This public hearing was held at City Hall to gather input on the draft. The draft Action Plan was available on the City website for review, with a link to be able to comment (by email) and Neighborhood Services phone number to call to provide input. It was also available for review at Yuma and Somerton City Halls, the Yuma County Heritage and Main Libraries, and the Housing Authority of the City of Yuma.

5. Summary of public comments

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

At the public hearing in December, the following comment was received:

With the increase in unsheltered homeless people in Yuma, there is a need for outreach to unsheltered homeless people. This could help to get them to stay at the shelter and receive needed services.

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

Comments received were taken into consideration when determining which applications to fund.

7. Summary

The PY 2023 Annual Action Plan addresses goals and objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME funds. The City followed the Citizen Participation Plan and there were several opportunities for the public to provide input. The CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee and members of the Yuma County HOME Consortium were an integral part of the Citizen Participation process.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Yuma, AZ	
CDBG Administrator	Yuma, AZ	Planning & Neighborhood Services Department, Neighborhood Services Division
HOME Administrator	Yuma, AZ	Planning & Neighborhood Services Department, Neighborhood Services Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The lead agency that prepared the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan was the City of Yuma Planning and Neighborhood Services Department, Neighborhood Services Division. The Division is responsible for the administration of the City's CDBG Program and the Yuma County HOME Consortium's HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For questions regarding the PY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, or questions relating to the CDBG or HOME Programs, contact the Program Administrator:

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

1. Introduction

This section describes the consultation efforts undertaken to: 1) Coordinate the development of the annual plan with the efforts of housing providers, social service providers, health care providers and relevant government agencies; 2) Coordinate the development of the annual plan with Continuum of Care efforts; 3) Elicit public input.

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

The City of Yuma maintains partnerships with several nonprofit organizations and groups to implement the Consolidated Plan goals. Yuma is a relatively small community with limited resources, so local nonprofit organizations work closely together to reduce duplication of services.

The Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness (YCEH) holds bi-monthly meetings at Yuma City Hall. They are well attended by homeless, social service, housing, mental health, veteran's, local government and other local agencies. The meetings include discussions on homeless and homeless prevention services, and provide opportunities to network on other issues, get updates on new services offered, and to learn about new funding opportunities. City staff participates in the YCEH, however, it is coordinated by ACHIEVE Human Services. A City staff serves on the Strategic Planning Committee and participates in the Point-in-Time count.

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 YCEH is the Arizona Department of Housing's (ADOH) Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCoC). Members of YCEH that have access to Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) meet regularly for case conferencing. These meetings are coordinated efforts between homeless service providers, mental health, veteran's, housing and other social service agencies to provide needed services to homeless people.

The City supports homeless service providers with CDBG and HOME funding. This year, funds will be used for a Homeless Outreach Program. The goal of the program is to establish rapport with unsheltered people to get them to participate in available services and case management with the goal of being permanent housed.

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

Not applicable. The City does not receive ESG funds.

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

Please see the following table for agencies, groups, committees, and organizations who participated in the process and consultations.

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ACHIEVE Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing, Services – Persons with Disabilities, Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment, Homeless Needs – Chronically Homeless, Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through dialogue at Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness (YCEH) meetings and attendance at a public hearing.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Housing, Services-Victims of Domestic Violence, Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs – Families with children, Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through continuous staff dialogue.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness (YCEH)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Homeless, Planning Organization, Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless, Homeless Needs – Veterans, Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation was provided during bi-monthly YCEH meetings.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Yuma County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government – County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation at Yuma County HOME Consortium meetings concerning affordable housing needs throughout Yuma County.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of San Luis
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation at Yuma County HOME Consortium meetings concerning affordable housing needs throughout Yuma County.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Somerton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation at Yuma County HOME Consortium meetings concerning affordable housing needs throughout Yuma County.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Wellton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation at Yuma County HOME Consortium meetings concerning affordable housing needs throughout Yuma County.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Western AZ Council of Governments (WACOG)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing, Services – Housing, Services – Children Services – Elderly Persons, Services - Education Services – Fair Housing, Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment, Homelessness Strategy, Anti-Poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through staff dialogue and consultation during bi-monthly YCEH meetings.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Yuma Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing, PHA, Services – Housing, Services – Education, Services – Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs, Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Ongoing staff dialogue at regularly scheduled meetings.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	National Community Health Partners (NCHP)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing, Services – Persons with Disabilities, Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment, Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation was provided during bi-monthly YCEH meetings.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Campeños Sin Fronteras
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing, Other – Services, Farmworker Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment, Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through attendance at a public hearing.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Homeless Special Needs, Non-Homeless Special Needs
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services – Housing, Services – Children, Services – Elderly Persons, Services - homeless
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through dialogue at YCEH meetings.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Crossroads Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing, Services – homeless, Services – Education, Services - Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless, Homeless Needs – Families with children, Homeless Needs – Unaccompanied youth, Homelessness Strategy, Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Crossroads Mission was consulted through staff dialogue, participation in the YCEH meetings, and attendance at a public hearing.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All local agencies were invited to public hearings and to submit CDBG and/or HOME grant applications for eligible activities. No relevant agencies were intentionally excluded from the consultation process.

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?
General Plan – Housing & Redevelopment Elements	City of Yuma	Many of the goals outlined in the City’s General Plan align with the Consolidated Plan, such as the need for affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, housing rehab, and code enforcement.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Yuma	Reduce impediments to fair housing choice for residents by aligning its fair housing efforts with recommendations made in the AI.
Continuum of Care	AZ Dept of Housing, Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness	The City of Yuma aligned its homeless strategies with the Balance of State’s homeless strategies.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City solicited public comments on the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan. Public notices were published in English in the Yuma Sun and in Spanish in the Bajo el Sol. Public hearings and meetings were held virtually and at various locations to gather input from citizens, nonprofit organizations, and public agencies.

The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed applications, heard applicant presentations, and provided recommendations for staff to present to the City Council. The Yuma County HOME Consortium reviewed applications before determining funding allocations.

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

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

The City provides several opportunities for local governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations, including homeless providers, housing agencies, education, senior care, and other social service agencies to provide input. To ensure broad citizen participation, the community was given multiple opportunities to comment while the plan was being developed.

The draft was available for review and comment for 30 days. Notices were published in the Yuma Sun in English and in the Bajo el Sol, a Spanish newspaper. Consultation included: public hearings; flyers emailed to 75 organizations, emailed to YCEH, residents, and stakeholders that have shown interest in the program and to those on the YCEH email list and posted at City Hall and the Housing Authority.

Accommodations were made available for disabled people and those with Limited English Proficiency to provide input. Spanish-speaking staff was available for translation at meetings. Meetings were held at a time of day that would enable working members of the public to participate.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted & reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Other Direct Emailing	Other Nonprofit Organizations and other interested stakeholders	Flyers emailed to 75 parties interested in being on the CDBG email list, YCEH, and public agencies to post in their facilities. The flyers included the citizen participation schedule, information on available funding and invitation to participate in the process.	No comments received.	N/A	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community Non-English Speaking: Spanish	Public Notices in English and Spanish newspapers announcing the public hearings, One-on-one Application Workshops and how to provide input and comments.	No comments received.	N/A	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	The City held a virtual and an in-person public hearing to solicit input on the development of this Action Plan. There were three attendees.	No comments received.	N/A	
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Held one-on-one HOME & CDBG application workshops.		N/A	
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	At a City Council work session, staff gave an overview presentation on the Action Plan including funding proposals for CDBG and HOME funds. The meeting was open to the public, televised and live-streamed. The public could attend in-person or virtually.		N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted & reasons	URL (if applicable)
7	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community Non-English Speaking- Spanish	A summary of the draft AAP and opportunity to give input and an invitation to a Public Hearing was published in the Yuma Sun & Bajo el Sol (Spanish). The draft plan was on the City website for review. Hard copies were placed in locations throughout Yuma for public review.		N/A	
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	City staff presented final Action Plan to City Council for approval. The meeting was televised, live-streamed and available virtually. Comments could be provided in-person or virtually.		N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

In PY 2023-2024 (Year 3 of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan), the City of Yuma expects to receive approximately \$890,871 in CDBG and the YCHC expects to receive \$378,564 in HOME funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public - Federal	Admin & Planning Economic Development Housing Public Services	890,871	0	70,420	961,291	1,781,742	CDBG will be used for housing rehabilitation, code enforcement and rental inspection, and public services
HOME	Public - Federal	Admin & Planning Homeowner rehab New Construction for rental TBRA	378,564	0	41,150	419,714	757,128	HOME funds will be used for development of affordable housing

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Yuma will leverage a combination of federal, state, local and private funds to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in this Action Plan. The City will provide over \$382,000 of General Funds to support Neighborhood Services operations. The City will also provide general funds totaling \$94,880 to Catholic Community Services Safe House for victims of domestic violence, Crossroads Mission detox program, and Amberly's Place Victims Advocacy Center for operations.

HOME Match Requirements – The YCHC has received a 100% match reduction each year since its first allocation in PY 2017 and expects to receive the same for 2023/24. This means that HUD waived 100% of the match requirements this year for the YCHC. Subrecipients and CHDO's are encouraged to provide matching funds, despite the waiver. Any match that is provided for HOME projects this year will be "banked" for a future year.

In PY 2018, the YCHC allocated HOME funds to the Arizona Housing Development Corporation (AHDC) to acquire property to construct three rental homes on Magnolia Avenue. AHDC received \$572,043 from Cenpatico (Arizona Complete Health) for construction. If the YCHC does not receive a 100% match reduction this year, these matching funds will be used to satisfy PY 2023/24 match requirements.

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

The City owns three properties on Arizona Avenue in the Mesa Heights NRSA. The first is a 15-unit apartment complex at 20th Street and the second is a triplex at 23rd Street. Both are managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY) and are rented to low-to-moderate income tenants as non-subsidized affordable housing. These units will be rehabilitated using non-federal funds and will continue to be made available as non-subsidized rental units.

The City also owns a vacant lot on the corner of 18th Street and Arizona Avenue. As an incentive for development of affordable housing, the City is offering the lot in partnership with a private or non-profit housing developer. An RFP was issued for affordable housing development proposals. Those proposals are currently under review and evaluation.

These City-owned properties further the priority goals in the Consolidated Plan and the Mesa Heights Revitalization Plan of increasing the availability and quality of affordable rental housing.

Discussion

The City continuously explores new grant opportunities, partnerships, and private investment to supplement HOME and CDBG funds to address the needs outlined in the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan and to continue revitalization efforts in the Mesa Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improvements to Existing Rental and Owner Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Yuma: Citywide	Housing Repairs and Accessibility Modifications	CDBG - \$485,197	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated – 7 Housing Units
2	Improvements to Low income Neighborhoods	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Mesa Heights Carver Park Yuma High	Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG - \$70,420	Other – 4,640 Household Units
3	Increase Affordable Rental Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Yuma County	Affordable Rentals	HOME - \$381,858	Rental units constructed: 8 Housing Units
4	Public Services for LMI Families	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Yuma: Citywide	Public Services	CDBG - \$37,500	Public service activities other than LMI Housing Benefit – 70 Persons Assisted
5	Supportive Services for Low income households	2021	2025	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	City of Yuma: Citywide	Public Services	CDBG - \$40,000	Public service activities other than LMI Housing Benefit – 200 Persons Assisted
6	Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Mesa Heights	Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG - \$150,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,640 Housing Units
7	Administer CDBG/HOME & Fund Planning/Fair Housing	2021	2025	Administration & Planning	City of Yuma: Citywide Yuma County	N/A	CDBG - \$156,174 HOME - \$37,856	CDBG includes Fair Housing

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improvements to Existing Rental and Owner Housing
	Goal Description	Improve the quality of existing affordable rental and owner-occupied housing stock, including home accessibility modifications.
2	Goal Name	Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Continue to improve the quality of neighborhoods with low-income concentrations. This will include code enforcement, rental inspection, neighborhood clean-up, and property improvement programs in neighborhoods with more than 51% LMI people. The City is making targeted efforts to improve the safety and security of these areas.
3	Goal Name	Increase Affordable Rental Housing
	Goal Description	Increase affordable rental housing options through the creation of new units and tenant based rental assistance
4	Goal Name	Public Services for LMI Families
	Goal Description	Support low and moderate income families through public services including, but not limited to, child care and afterschool programming, nutrition and food assistance, and public facility improvements
5	Goal Name	Supportive Services for Low Income Households
	Goal Description	Provide supportive services to low-income households, people with special needs, and the homeless.
6	Goal Name	Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Public Infrastructure Improvements to the Mesa Heights Neighborhood, in support of affordable housing
7	Goal Name	Administer CDBG/HOME & Fund Planning/Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Administer CDBG and HOME and fund planning and fair housing activities.

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

Affordable housing is estimated to be provided to the following by CHDO affordable rental housing development:

Low income households - 8

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section identifies the projects that the City of Yuma and the HOME Consortium will undertake with CDBG and HOME funds. The City’s CDBG allocation for PY 2023/2024 is \$890,871. Any CDBG program income collected will be reported and allocated to CDBG eligible activities. The Yuma County HOME Consortium will receive \$378,564. The required 15% CHDO set-aside is \$56,785. No program income is expected.

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation – City of Yuma
2	Code Enforcement/Rental Inspection – City of Yuma
3	Crossroads Mission- Homeless Outreach Program
4	WACOG- Housing Counseling
5	Mesa Heights Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements - Supporting Housing Development – Vistara
6	CDBG Program Administration
7	Fair Housing – Southwest Fair Housing Council
8	HOME Planning & Administration
9	AHDC - Affordable Rental Development (CHDO Set Aside)

Table 4 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities are outlined in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and are being implemented in the 2023 Action Plan. These priorities were developed with input from citizens, local public agencies, and nonprofit organizations based on what their clients are experiencing. The City and the YCHC are committed to meeting the underserved needs in the community.

The primary obstacle to meeting needs is insufficient funding for housing and non-housing activities. In May of 2021, HUD staff explained that there was an error in the HOME formula that was fixed for the 2021 allocations. From 2017-2020 HUD over-allocated HOME to the YCHC each year. For 2022, HUD Headquarters staff explained that they were required to recapture the overages, which will cause the YCHC’s allocation to be reduced for four years (2022 – 2025). The past three HOME allocations were: 2021 – \$753,444; 2022 - \$411,329; and 2023 - \$378,564.

Requests for funding were significantly more than the amount available. After 10% for HOME Planning & Administration, \$340,708 was available for HOME projects. The YCHC board decided to allocate the remaining funds, including the CHDO set-aside for the Magnolia Avenue Rental Development project. These funds will be combined with 2021 and 2022 CHDO set-aside. This project will create 8 affordable housing units.

Other obstacles include:

- High costs of rental housing relative to the income of many renters
- A loss of naturally occurring affordable housing provided by the private sector due to rising rents
- Lack of accessible housing
- Deferred maintenance on some older rentals
- Limited product diversity in both rental and ownership housing
- The challenges accumulating a down payment and obtaining a mortgage loan for renters who would like to be owners.
- The significant increase in the housing market that makes homeownership out of reach for low- and moderate-income families.

The City will continue to pursue additional resources to meet underserved needs and will support some funding applications for resources sought by other agencies.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Yuma: Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improvements to Existing Rental and Owner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Repairs and Accessibility Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$485,197
	Description	The City will administer an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. National objective – LMH, Matrix Code-14A, Single-Unit Residential
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 low-and moderate-income families
	Location Description	City of Yuma limits
	Planned Activities	Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, including reconstruction.
2	Project Name	Code Enforcement/Rental Inspection
	Target Area	Mesa Heights, Yuma High and Carver Park Neighborhoods
	Goals Supported	Improvements to Low Income Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,420
	Description	The City of Yuma will administer a proactive Code Enforcement/Rental Inspection Program in three low-income areas. National objective – LMA, Matrix Code -15
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,304 households will benefit. All three low-income neighborhoods have more than 51% LMI people.
	Location Description	Mesa Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area has over 56.5% LMI, Carver Park has approximately 60.5% LMI and Yuma High has approximately 57% LMI.
	Planned Activities	The Program will address code violations throughout target areas and will inspect rental units to ensure compliance with City codes and safety of the tenants.

3	Project Name	Crossroads Mission – Homeless Outreach Program
	Target Area	City of Yuma: Citywide
	Goals Supported	Supportive Services for low income households
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Crossroads Mission will use CDBG funding for a Homeless Outreach Program. The goal is to establish a rapport with unsheltered homeless individuals to get them to participate in available services and case management. National Objective – LMC, Matrix Code - 03T (Homeless Programs)
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Persons assisted
	Location Description	Crossroads Mission, 944 S. Arizona Avenue
	Planned Activities	Crossroads Mission will administer a Homeless Outreach Program to provide supportive services with the goal of helping unsheltered homeless be permanent housed.
4	Project Name	WACOG - Housing Counseling
	Target Area	City of Yuma: Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services for low-and moderate-income families.
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,500
	Description	WACOG will use CDBG funding to provide Housing Counseling Services for low-mid income homeowners and tenants to avoid foreclosure and evictions. National Objective – LMC, Matrix Code – 5U (Housing Counseling)
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 Persons assisted
	Location Description	WACOG, 1235 S Redondo Center Dr.
	Planned Activities	Housing Counseling Services will provide one on one counseling to homeowners and tenants, with the goal of developing financial management skills and provide resources pertaining to rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, in order to prevent homelessness.

5	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$156,174
	Description	2023-2024 Program Administration of CDBG. National Objective – N/A, Matrix Code- 21A (General Program Admin)
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Administration of the 2023/2024 CDBG Program (including Fair Housing Activities in Project #7)
6	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	City of Yuma: Citywide
	Goals Supported	Planning & Administration
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000
	Description	Administer a Fair Housing program within the City of Yuma. National Objective – N/A Pln/Adm, Matrix Code 21D (Fair Housing Activities Subject to Admin Cap)
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 10,000 people will be provided information on Fair Housing.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Southwest Fair Housing Counseling will provide outreach, education, testing, and Fair Housing Counseling. They will also coordinate a print and video ad campaign with Public Service Announcements.

7	Project Name	Infrastructure Supporting Housing Development - Vistara
	Target Area	Mesa Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase affordable rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable rentals
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for Public facility improvements that may include streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters necessary for the development of the Vistara affordable rental housing project.
	Target Date	6/30/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,640 Household Units
	Location Description	Mesa Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area has over 56.5% LMI
	Planned Activities	CDBG will be used for public infrastructure supporting the development of Vistara.
8	Project Name	HOME Planning & Administration
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$37,856
	Description	Administer the 2021/2022 HOME Program and activities for the Yuma County HOME Consortium.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	The City of Yuma, the Lead Agency will administer the 2023-2024 HOME program on behalf of the YCHC that includes the City of Yuma, Yuma County, City of Somerton, City of San Luis, and Town of Wellton.

9	Project Name	AHDC- Affordable Rental Development
	Target Area	Yuma County
	Goals Supported	Increase affordable rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Increasing
	Funding	HOME: \$381,858
	Description	A CHDO will develop 8 affordable housing units that will be rented to very low-income households.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 Rental units constructed
	Location Description	Magnolia Avenue
	Planned Activities	A CHDO will develop 8 housing units that will offer affordable rent to very low-income households.

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

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

CDBG. The service area for CDBG funding is restricted to the City of Yuma limits. The Mesa Heights Neighborhood (MHN) is a HUD-designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The revitalization efforts in Mesa Heights are winding down; however, a few activities are underway. The Mesa Heights Neighborhood currently has a 57% low-and moderate-income population. In addition to Mesa Heights Neighborhood, activities are also taking place in the Carver Park Neighborhood with a 61% LMI population and Yuma High Neighborhood that has a 57% LMI population.

HOME. The service area for the Yuma County HOME Consortium is throughout Yuma County, including City of Yuma, Yuma County, City of Somerton, City of San Luis, and the Town of Wellton. Activities being funded this year will be available to anyone that lives in Yuma County.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Mesa Heights	16%
City of Yuma: Citywide	51%
Yuma County (HOME)	33%

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Yuma is focusing efforts in areas that have high percentages of low-and moderate-income people. For several years, the City focused efforts in the Carver Park and Yuma High Neighborhoods and continues to maintain them with Code Enforcement. The Mesa Heights Neighborhood was designated by the City and approved by HUD as a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area. The area currently has a 57% LMI population, an older housing stock, a need for infrastructure improvements, and more than 60% of the homes are rentals. For PY 2022, these areas remain the priority.

Yuma County HOME Consortium resources are allocated based on funding proposals received throughout the County. While geographic distribution is one contributing factor, when making funding decisions, the YCHC also considers priority needs, the readiness of a project to proceed and the capacity of an organization to successfully complete HOME projects.

Discussion

Please see discussion above.