

In order to respond to COVID-19, Bexar County is reprogramming CDBG public service funds from Literacy San Antonio to the San Antonio Food Bank. Bexar County is also reprogramming ESG funds from Haven for Hope to St. Vincent de Paul.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the annual update to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, which sets forth Bexar County's long-term community development goals and strategies.

Program Year 2019 (PY 2019) is the fourth year of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Bexar County. The AAP process has been specifically created to assist in mapping one-year actions for community development and making good use of available federal, state, and local resources.

Bexar County will receive \$3,155,312 for use towards community development activities during Program Year 2019, which begins October 1, 2019 and ends September 30, 2020. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines this allocation amount based on Bexar County's Service Area population, poverty, housing overcrowding, and age of housing. Based on this formula, the total estimated HUD Entitlement funding for PY 2019 will be comprised of \$2,299,875 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$652,665 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and \$202,772 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

The Bexar County Economic & Community Development Department is the Lead Agency responsible for plan coordination and reporting.

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.

Existing needs in Bexar County are largely driven by continued difficulties in the housing market, limited opportunities in employment sectors, aging infrastructure, and shifting population trends, as noted in the Consolidated Plan's needs assessment.

Many communities within the Bexar County service area lack the basic necessities for a suitable living environment. There are often significant deficits in affordable housing options, supportive services for special needs populations, available homeless facilities, education and job training opportunities, and necessary infrastructure.

Unfortunately, statistics regarding changes in the Bexar County population potentially indicate that the need for community services and facilities is likely to continue to grow.

As seen in the San Antonio and Bexar County Point in Time Count conducted in early 2019, there are still approximately 3,066 homeless persons in the region. In order to address these needs, Bexar County, through a collaborative planning process, has developed goals and measurable objectives in coordination with community partners over the five years of the Amended 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan in Housing; Homeless; Public Facilities; Economic Development; Infrastructure; and Public Services.

See Consolidated Plan (attached).

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

In the 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), ECD provided an evaluation of the second year of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Bexar County made significant progress in meeting its five year goals. Some notable accomplishments included the following:

CDBG Public Service

Results: Provided support to public service agencies which benefitted **500 low to moderate income individuals**. This figure exceeded our proposed estimate by 167 individuals. Services include emergency rental assistance, counseling, essential services, homelessness prevention, transportation services, youth services, and hot meals for the elderly.

- Expenditures: **\$ 200,584.85**

CDGB Infrastructure

Results: Developed infrastructure which benefitted **91,710 Households** in low to moderate income census tracts in unincorporated Bexar County and participating cities. This figure exceeded our proposed estimate by 84,478 households.

- Expenditures: **\$851,139**

HOME

Results: Provided affordable housing which benefitted **21 Low-Income Households** in Bexar County, and leveraged \$4,157,285 towards an additional 188 units. The County met its performance indicator; however, this figure was not included in the PR 23 as the project is currently open. The project, which involves the construction of 167 single family units, is scheduled for completion in March 2018.

- Expenditures: **\$589,013**

ESG

Results: Provided homelessness prevention which benefitted **8 Low-Income Households** in Bexar County.

Results: Provided rapid-rehousing which benefitted **16 Low-Income Households** in Bexar County.

- Expenditures (Homelessness Prevention): **\$222,210.62**
- Expenditures (Rapid-Rehousing): **\$56,495.26**

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

ECD is responsible for producing the 2019 Annual Action Plan. In this capacity, ECD works with a number of County departments, the Houston Housing Authority, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that the planning process is both comprehensive and inclusive. ECD solicits information from other County departments, the private sector, non-profit organizations, neighborhood-based organizations, and residents, regarding existing conditions and strategies for addressing current or future needs.

ECD recognizes that Bexar County residents are the center of, and partners in, the development and execution of the 2019 Annual Action Plan. ECD seeks community involvement and provides residents with opportunities to become involved in the development of the Annual Action Plan. Opportunities for citizen input are provided throughout the planning process through:

- Public hearings
- Publications and postings

- Technical Assistance Workshops

The Annual plan was informed by a community engagement process that quadrupled citizen participation through public meetings and direct engagement with stakeholders as outlined below:

Citizen Participation Process Overview

Four (4) public hearings were held at the following locations and times to ensure maximum citizen participation in the development of the AAP:

Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, Precinct 1

Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Somerset Multi-Purpose Center
19375 "K" Street
Somerset, Texas 78069

Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, Precinct 2

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Balcones Heights Justice Center, 3300 Hillcrest
Balcones Heights, Texas 78201

Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff, Precinct 3

Thursday, February 24, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Hill Country Village, 116 Aspen Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78232

Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Precinct 4

Thursday, February 21, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Greater Randolph Area Seniors Program Center
250 Donalan Drive
Converse, Texas 78109

Additionally, two (2) Technical Assistance Workshops were held on the following dates:

- 1. February 20, 2019 TA Workshop (All Funding Sources) 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.**
- 2. February 29, 2019 TA Workshop (All Funding Sources) 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.**

Through this process, we increased community participation, obtained public input, and utilized all feedback in the development of our annual action plan. All information was used to inform programmatic strategies that will benefit residents of unincorporated Bexar County and participating municipalities.

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.

`<p align="LEFT">Bexar County recieved no public comments regarding the Action Plan. </p><p align="LEFT"> </p><p align="LEFT"></p>`

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

`<p align="LEFT">All comments or views were considered. ECD did not send any responses specifically rejecting comments received.</p>`

7. Summary

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the PY2019 Annual Action Plan represent Bexar County's vision for improving the quality of life in the low and moderate income areas of the County.

The 2019 Annual Action Plan represents detailed activities for the fifth year of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. During PY 2019, ECD will build upon past experience and strategies striving to meet the five year goals set in the Consolidated Plan and updated in the Annual Action Plans. ECD staff will continue to focus on using data-driven approaches and utilizing various citizen and stakeholder participation techniques, to validate the needs set in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan.

ECD continues to make strides in addressing the community's needs and the Consolidated Plan priorities, through community involvement, evaluations of past performance, and responding to past experience with improved efficiency.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	BEXAR COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	BEXAR COUNTY	Community Development and Housing Division
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	BEXAR COUNTY	Community Development and Housing Division
ESG Administrator	BEXAR COUNTY	Community Development and Housing Division
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Bexar County Economic and Community Development Department (ECD) serves as the lead agency responsible for administering the programs covered by this 2019 Annual Action Plan, which include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

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

To improve the coordination between the various community stakeholders that are connected with Bexar County residents, the Economic & Community Development Department (ECD) attends and/or hosts meetings with community stakeholders to engage with them on a regular basis. The intent is to learn about the programs and supports being offered in the community, and to identify program opportunities. When a partnership can be formed or support can be offered, ECD examines the potential role it could play to move the conversation from dialogue to action. ECD aims to fully understand the issues driven by Bexar County residents, particularly related to housing and community development.

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.

Bexar County is a member of the SARAH Board and actively participates in monthly board meetings, bimonthly general membership meetings, and is an active member on the Point in Time Count, Performance Review (Monitoring/APR Review), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Coordinated Access subcommittees. Information discussed in these subcommittees, as well as that presented by each subcommittee at the SARAH Board meetings, is incorporated into homeless policies developed by the County to address the needs of homeless persons. Data from the Point in Time (PIT) Count, Housing Inventory Count, and HMIS was utilized to inform policy which was enacted through funding decisions.

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

The County serves on the Executive Board and as an active member of the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) designated Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency. The County's involvement

includes attending bi-monthly board and general membership meetings; participating in workgroups which include Youth Homeless, Housing Standards, Coordinated Entry and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The County's participation allows for a collaborative and coordinated approach to address homelessness on a system-wide level.</div><p align="LEFT"></p></div></div>

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need 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 CoC was consulted with the anticipated outcome to align funding sources in order to improve performance so that the County strategic plan mirror the CoC's. The County also utilized the CoC as a pivotal point to initiate input from homeless individuals and organizations. The County created a survey in which it now utilizes to capture data to prioritize its funding sources.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Somerset Senior Citizens Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 provided survey which is used to help identify priorities of elderly for the next program year.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	JOVEN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 provided input which focuses in identifying priorities of the youth for the next program year.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Project Quest
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development 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?	Agency assisted Bexar County with consultation in regards to workforce development and community needs for training, job skills and unemployment and lack of services (eg. medical and healthcare in the community).
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Planning organization Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Housing Partner collaborated with County to provide valuable input for County's market analysis on housing stock, community needs for affordable housing.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	San Antonio Food Bank
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	San Antonio Food Bank provided input for community needs.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Bexar County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>PHA collaborated with County to provide valuable input for County's market analysis on housing stock, community needs for affordable housing.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Private sector banking/financing, Community Development Financial Institutions were not consulted directly, health care facilities, mental health facilities were not consulted. This is an area for improved coordination for economic development opportunities.

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	South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH)	Bexar County is a member on the SARAH Board and actively participates in monthly board meetings, bimonthly general membership meetings, and is an active member on the Point in Time Count, Performance Review (Monitoring/APR Review), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Coordinated Access subcommittees. Information discussed in these subcommittees, as well as that presented by each subcommittee at the SARAH Board meetings, is incorporated into homeless policies developed by the County to address the needs of homeless persons. Data from the Point in Time Count, Housing Inventory Count, and HMIS was solicited and incorporated into this plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Coordination of efforts remains a high priority for Bexar County when addressing community needs and supporting goals in the Consolidated Plan. ECD works to broaden its outreach efforts and has been able to gather strategic input into the planning process this year. ECD

staff has consulted with community stakeholders to create innovative housing strategies. The department continues to work closely with participating cities, state, and the federal government to achieve the Consolidated Plan goals.</p>

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Bexar County encourages citizen participation in the development of its Five-Year Consolidated Plan, particularly in low/moderate income target areas. Public notices are prepared and public meetings are coordinated in accordance with established County policy which calls for at least two public meetings a year. Public comments are heard in each of the County's four (4) precincts. Comments are also heard at Commissioner's Court. Action Plans to be commented on are available to at participating cities, the ECD office, and the department's website. CAPER's are available online and in our office. Comments from homeless populations are solicited during public outreach events at Haven for Hope.

Inviting representative organizations to public hearings encourages participation of disabled, minority, and other special populations. Other specific measures may be taken to ensure that residents of public housing and low/moderate income target areas are informed of public meetings.

Public notification of all hearings takes place at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. Hearings are held at central locations, which are convenient to residents and accessible to persons with disabilities and in public areas. For hearings where a significant number of non-English-speaking residents are anticipated, interpreters will be provided. Public hearings were held in each of the County's four precincts to discuss community development activities. Notifications of the public meetings were posted by all participating cities through their respective offices.

When comments are made by citizens, ECD reviews all comments and addresses concerns. Final approval of the Action Plan is made by Bexar County Commissioners Court based on any public comments and concerns addressed to public officials. Both processes assist in goal setting and ensuring 5 year plan goals are met.

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 Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	PCT 1 = 6, PCT 3 = 0, PCT 2 = 15; PCT 4 = 7 = Total 28 citizens participated in this process and gave feedback for community needs.	Citizens expressed the need for infrastructure, public services (literacy, senior services, workforce development)housing rehabilitation, single family, Homeless Services (rapid rehousing, prevention, HMIS).	Not Applicable	

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)
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No Response	None	Not Applicable	

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)
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No Response	None	Not Applicable	

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 Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Citizens expressed the need for infrastructure, public services (literacy, senior services, workforce development)housing rehabilitation, single family, Homeless Services (rapid rehousing, prevention, HMIS).</p>		Not Applicable	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Bexar County expects to receive \$3,155,312 for use towards community development activities during Program Year 2019.

The total estimated HUD Entitlement funding for PY2019 will be comprised of \$2,299,875 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds,

\$652,665 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and \$202,772 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,299,875	0	0	2,299,875	0	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOM E	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	652,665	0	0	652,665	0	The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to provide affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income households.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	202,772	0	0	202,772	0	The ESG program provides funding to: Engage homeless individuals and families residents; Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and Prevent family and HMIS; as well as administrative activities (up to 7.5% of a recipient

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

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

<div>The County doesn't anticipate utilizing publically owned land or property to address the needs identified in the plan.</div>

Discussion

<div>All of the funding associated with the 2019 Action Plan is being directed toward activities consistent with the strategic goals outlined in Bexar County's 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan.</div>

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	Provide public services	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Countywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$344,981	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1201 Persons Assisted
2	Improve public facilities and infrastructure	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,131,731	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7585 Persons Assisted
3	Improve access to and quality of housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$363,188 HOME: \$587,399	Rental units rehabilitated: 21 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 14 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Housing/services for persons who are homeless	2016	2020	Homeless	Countywide	Housing/services for the Homeless	ESG: \$187,565	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 70 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 55 Persons Assisted
6	Planning and administration	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$459,975 HOME: \$65,266 ESG: \$15,207	Jobs created/retained: 8 Jobs

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide public services
	Goal Description	<p align="LEFT">Bexar County will provide funding for various public service activities that will expand or make these services more accessible to low- and moderate-income or special needs persons.</p>
2	Goal Name	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Goal Description	<p align="LEFT">The County will support activities that will enhance and preserve neighborhoods. Activities will include public facility and infrastructure improvements.</p>

3	Goal Name	Improve access to and quality of housing
	Goal Description	<p align="LEFT">The County will provide funding for several programs that will include single family home repair, new construction, and rehabilitation of rental units. These activities will help to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing in Bexar County.</p>
4	Goal Name	Housing/services for persons who are homeless
	Goal Description	<p align="LEFT">The County will fund activities that will provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities. It will also provide funding for various public service activities to support those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.</p>
6	Goal Name	Planning and administration
	Goal Description	The County will employ eight (8) employees responsible for ensuring local, state, and federal compliance pertaining to HUD-funded grants (i.e., CDBG, HOME, and ESG).

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Bexar County proposes to fund seventeen (17) different activities in 2019. All activities aim to advance the goals identified in AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.220(c)(3)&(e).

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Literacy San Antonio, Inc. - SAReads Literacy Academy
2	GRASP - Senior Meal Project
3	San Antonio Food Bank - Healthy Options Program for the Elderly (Project HOPE)
4	QUEST Quality Employment through Skills Training
5	Somerset Senior Citizens Transportation
6	Each One Teach One San Antonio Eastside Education and Training Center Expansion
7	City of Balcones Heights Vivian Lane
8	City of Somerset K Street Phase II
9	City of Universal City West Byrd Drainage Improvements
10	City of Converse Converse Senior Center Improvement
11	Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc. Watson Road Development
12	Bexar County 2019 ESG Program
13	HOME Administration
14	CDBG Administration
15	Merced Housing Texas Casitas de Merced ADA Modifications
16	Merced Housing Texas Owner Occupied Repair Program
17	Boysville, Inc. Roofing and Security

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The County understands that investments in affordable housing, public infrastructure, economic development and public services will have greater value when they are coordinated with other investments, assets, and services. When investing HUD entitlement funding, the County will seek to prioritize investments that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Promotes access to quality employment: The County will seek to support projects and services that more effectively connect low and moderate income people to quality employment

opportunities and/or locate quality jobs in low-income/ distressed areas.

- Support access to education: The County has made strategic investments in promoting educational opportunities for the community to focus on fundamental importance towards literacy.
- Promotes healthy environments and lifestyles and/or access to essential resources: The County will meet these needs by targeting funds to assist indigent and the most venerable populations.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Literacy San Antonio, Inc. - SAReads Literacy Academy
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$27,620
	Description	The project will provide Science-Based Reading Instruction to 250 children of low income families who reside in unincorporated Bexar County. The funds will pay for the training, coaching, and support for classroom teachers in elementary schools in Southwest Independent School District.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 children of income families will benefit for this project.
	Location Description	Southwest Independent School District: 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX 78252 - Unicorporated Bexar County and Participating Cities.
	Planned Activities	Literacy - Youth Services (Public Services)
2	Project Name	GRASP - Senior Meal Project
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	GRASP will provide hot noon meals that meet dietary requirements to eligible low/very-low income seniors over age 62 at the GRASP Senior Center in Converse and in Bexar County participating cities.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 low to moderate income senior citizens.
	Location Description	250 Donalan, Converse, Texas 78109, Bexar County, PCT 4.

	Planned Activities	GRASP will provide hot noon meals that meet dietary requirements to eligible low/very-low income seniors over age 62 at the GRASP Senior Center in Converse and in Bexar County participating cities. (Public Services- Category - Senior Services)
3	Project Name	San Antonio Food Bank - Healthy Options Program for the Elderly (Project HOPE)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$147,380
	Description	The project will alleviate some of the stress for these seniors in need by providing a vessel for healthful food. ProjectHOPE provides approximately 50 pounds of food to seniors each month. This funding request in the amount of \$147,380.08 is a direct benefit and will provide fresh, perishable and non-perishable groceries to 725 unduplicated seniors residing in BexarCounty.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	725 unduplicated seniors will be assisted with this funding.
	Location Description	5200 Enrique M. Barrera Pkwy San Antonio, Texas 78227, Bexar County
Planned Activities	The project will alleviate some of the stress for these seniors in need by providing a vessel for healthful food. Project HOPE provides approximately 50 pounds of food to seniors each month. This funding request in the amount of \$147,380.08 is a direct benefit and will provide fresh, perishable and non-perishable groceries to 725 unduplicated seniors residing in Bexar County.	
4	Project Name	QUEST Quality Employment through Skills Training
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$86,525

	Description	The program will provide 18 low to moderate income participants who reside in unincorporated Bexar County or its participating cities with access to training in the IT/Cyber-security, Healthcare & Trades/Advanced Manufacturing sectors that lead to associate & bachelor degrees or industry-recognized certifications.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18 low to moderate individuals.
	Location Description	515 SW 24th St., Suite 201 San Antonio, Texas 78207-4619
	Planned Activities	The program will provide 18 low to moderate income participants who reside in unincorporated Bexar County or its participating cities with access to training in the IT/Cyber-security, Healthcare & Trades/Advanced Manufacturing sectors that lead to associate & bachelor degrees or industry-recognized certifications.
5	Project Name	Somerset Senior Citizens Transportation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	The project will utilize the funds to purchase a new/used transit van to continue providing transportation services to low to moderate senior citizens age 62 years and older who reside in the unincorporated areas of Bexar County and the following participating cities: Sandy Oaks, Somerset, and Von Ormy.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 low to moderate income seniors.
	Location Description	19375 K Street, Somerset, Texas 78069, Bexar County

	Planned Activities	The project will utilize the funds to purchase a new/used transit van to continue providing transportation services to low to moderate senior citizens age 62 years and older who reside in the unincorporated areas of Bexar County and the following participating cities: Sandy Oaks, Somerset, and Von Ormy.
6	Project Name	Each One Teach One San Antonio Eastside Education and Training Center Expansion
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,456
	Description	The project will provide (1) Adult Basic Education (ABE)--one on one and small group tutoring to adults age 18 and older functioning below the 8th grade level academically; 2) one on one and small group tutoring to adults preparing for High School Equivalency (HSE) exams; 3) basic computer literacy; and 4) one on one and small group instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL) to 15 low to moderate income individual who reside in unincorporated Bexar County or participating cities.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low to moderate income individuals.
	Location Description	Eastside Education and Training Center at 4551 Dietrich Rd., San Antonio, TX 78219, Bexar County
	Planned Activities	The project will provide (1) Adult Basic Education (ABE)--one on one and small group tutoring to adults age 18 and older functioning below the 8th grade level academically; 2) one on one and small group tutoring to adults preparing for High School Equivalency (HSE) exams; 3) basic computer literacy; 4) one on one and small group instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL) to 15 low to moderate income individual who reside in unincorporated Bexar County or participating cities.
	Project Name	City of Balcones Heights Vivian Lane

7	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	This project will include the reconstruction of Vivian Lane which is approximately 800' linear feet of pavement, ADA compliant sidewalks, curbs, driveways, sewer replacement and utility relocation from Ronald to Gentleman Rd. which is located in Balcones Heights, Texas.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1795 Low/Moderate income households.
	Location Description	Project Site - Vivian lane, Balcones Heights, Texas 78201, Bexar County.
Planned Activities	This project will include the reconstruction of Vivian Lane which is approximately 800' linear feet of pavement, ADA compliant sidewalks, curbs, driveways, sewer replacement and utility relocation from Ronald to Gentleman Rd. which is located in Balcones Heights, Texas.	
8	Project Name	City of Somerset K Street Phase II
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	This project will expand the width of "K" street by approximately ten feet to improve traffic safety. Please note this is a continuation of K Street - Phase I.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3000 low to moderate income households.

	Location Description	7360 K Street Somerset Texas, TX 78069, Bexar County
	Planned Activities	This project will expand the width of "K" street by approximately ten feet to improve traffic safety. Please note this is a continuation of K Street - Phase I.
9	Project Name	City of Universal City West Byrd Drainage Improvements
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	The proposed West Byrd Drainage Improvement Project will mitigate flooding in the Parkview Estates Subdivision.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,565 low to moderate income household
	Location Description	West Byrd, Universal City, TX 78148
	Planned Activities	The proposed West Byrd Drainage Improvement Project will mitigate flooding in the Parkview Estates Subdivision.
10	Project Name	City of Converse Converse Senior Center Improvement
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$181,731
	Description	The project will
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low to moderate income seniors will be served by the City of Converse Senior Center.
	Location Description	406 S Seguin Converse, TX 78109

	Planned Activities	The Converse Community Center project will have a Senior Center to accommodate senior residents of Converse and unincorporated Bexar County. As a proactive approach the Center will allocate public space and services to accommodate both the current and projected senior population of the city and unincorporated Bexar County. The Center will provide specific social services and serve as an important social venue. Exercise and fitness activities will be offered, along with classes in a variety of fields, from technology to health to dance. The proposed center will also provide any necessary referrals.
11	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc. Watson Road Development
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$587,399
	Description	The goal of the Watson Road Development project is to create 14 affordable houses for low and very-low income (20% - 80% of AMI) first-time homebuyers in need of decent and affordable housing. The objectives for this project are to identify funding for infrastructure, create buildable lots through infrastructure construction and other improvements, qualify families, build homes & transfer titles of new affordable single-family homes to first time homebuyers. Habitat hopes to build the infrastructure for 14 houses with this funding request.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	14 low to moderate low income families.
	Location Description	13801 Watson Road, San Antonio, TX 78073.

	Planned Activities	The goal of the Watson Road Development project is to create 14 affordable houses for low and very-low income (20% - 80% of AMI) first-time homebuyers in need of decent and affordable housing. The objectives for this project are to identify funding for infrastructure, create buildable lots through infrastructure construction and other improvements, qualify families, build homes & transfer titles of new affordable single-family homes to first time homebuyers. Habitat hopes to build the infrastructure for 14 houses with this funding request.
12	Project Name	Bexar County 2019 ESG Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing/services for persons who are homeless Planning and administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing/services for the Homeless
	Funding	ESG: \$202,772
	Description	Bexar County has funded one agency, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with HESG funds. Bexar County funded Society of St. Vincent de Paul to fund rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will use Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to provide (1) temporary rental assistance and stabilization services to assist individuals and families living on the streets or in emergency shelters obtain permanent housing; and (2) assistance to households in imminent risk of homelessness due to an eviction. St. Vincent de Paul was awarded \$187,565.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Bexar County awarded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with \$187,565. St. Vincent de Paul will provide rapid rehousing services to 70 households and homeless prevention services to 55 households.
	Location Description	1 Haven for Hope Way, San Antonio, TX 78207, Bexar County;

	Planned Activities	The project will provide homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services. Assistance may include: rental deposits; short-term and mid-term rental payments; utility deposits; utility payments; rental arrears, and housing search and placement. Case managers work closely with clients to develop and implement a service plan to ensure they access other public benefits. Through these programs, clients are stabilized in housing and assisted comprehensively to help ensure they do not face homelessness again.
13	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$65,266
	Description	HOME Administration funds will be utilized for administration and oversight of the program.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 jobs.
	Location Description	233 N. Pecos, Suite 320, San Antonio, Texas 78207
	Planned Activities	HOME Administration funds will be utilized for administration and oversight of the program.
14	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$459,975
	Description	CDBG Administration funds will be utilized for administration and oversight of the program.
	Target Date	9/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 jobs.
	Location Description	233 N. Pecos, Suite 320, San Antonio, Texas 78207
	Planned Activities	CDBG Administration funds will be utilized for administration and oversight of the program.
15	Project Name	Merced Housing Texas Casitas de Merced ADA Modifications
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$132,300
	Description	The primary outcome of this project will be to make 21 of the restrooms at Casitas de Merced ADA compliant which is a rental housing development ADA compliant so that low-income elderly and/or disabled residents can live in safe, affordable, and quality housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	21 households
	Location Description	8135 1st St, Somerset, TX, 78069, Bexar County
	Planned Activities	The primary outcome of this project will be to make 21 of the restrooms at Casitas de Merced ADA compliant which is a rental housing development ADA compliant so that low-income elderly and/or disabled residents can live in safe, affordable, and quality housing.
16	Project Name	Merced Housing Texas Owner Occupied Repair Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$230,888

	Description	The primary outcome of this project will be to help 10 low to moderate income homeowners who reside in unincorporated Bexar County and or a participating city remain in theirhome longer. Merced will achieve this outcome by making health and safety-related repairs to their homes that will ensure continued livability. We will track this outcome by comparing pre-repair property assessments to post-repair inspections to ensure the repairs adequately resolved the identified safety and health hazards. The will also survey homeowners after repairshave been completed. Our goal is to have 100% of homeowners rate the quality of work a 4 or better (on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent).
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low to moderate income households.
	Location Description	212 W. Laurel San Antonio, TX 78212-4303, Bexar County
	Planned Activities	The primary outcome of this project will be to help 10 low to moderate income homeowners who reside in unincorporated Bexar County and or a participating city remain in their home longer. Merced will achieve this outcome by making health and safety-related repairs to their homes that will ensure continued livability. We will track this outcome by comparing pre-repair property assessments to post-repair inspections to ensure the repairs adequately resolved the identified safety and health hazards. The will also survey homeowners after repairs have been completed. Our goal is to have 100% of homeowners rate the quality of work a 4 or better (on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent).
17	Project Name	Boysville, Inc. Roofing and Security
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000

Description	The project entails the replacement of all metal roofing sheets, any damaged or rotted decking, installation of new underlayment, replacement of heating vent covers and fascia trim at the Boysville Children's Home. The project scope also includes the installation of new iron-and-stone fencing around the campus with a controlled access gate and the installation of new, fortified doors with access control pads to ensure the safety of children.
Target Date	9/30/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 Children
Location Description	8555 E. Loop 1604 N. Converse, Texas 78109
Planned Activities	The project entails the replacement of all metal roofing sheets, any damaged or rotted decking, installation of new underlayment, replacement of heating vent covers and fascia trim at the Boysville Children's Home. The project scope also includes the installation of new iron-and-stone fencing around the campus with a controlled access gate and the installation of new, fortified doors with access control pads to ensure the safety of children.

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

Bexar County does not currently direct its investments in specific target areas. Projects identified in the Action Plan are available to qualified citizens throughout unincorporated Bexar County and participating cities.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Countywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Bexar County seeks to allocate program resources to meet community development needs in equitable distribution within our jurisdiction. In Program Year 2019-2020, Bexar County will not direct investments to specific, targeted areas.

Discussion

While Bexar County does not currently target investments to specific geographic areas, it considers the geographic dispersion of affordable housing to be a key core value in the investment of affordable housing-related activities with federal and local funds. The County supports providing affordable housing in areas outside of low-income neighborhoods, thereby reducing racial and ethnic segregation, de-concentrating poverty, and providing for more economic opportunities for low-income households.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Maintaining and developing new affordable housing stock is one of the primary functions of the HOME grant funds. Bexar County Economic & Community Development will foster relationships and work with non-profit and for-profit groups throughout the year to promote the development, construction, production and maintenance of affordable housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	55
Non-Homeless	21
Special-Needs	0
Total	76

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	20
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	21

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

Discussion

<div>The above numbers are goals for Program Year 2019. The actual number may exceed the stated goals.</div>

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing was established by the federal government to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Residents of public housing pay approximately 30% of their monthly adjusted household income for rent.

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

Bexar County intends on increasing the supply of affordable housing through new construction and rehabilitation activities. The County also provides Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for low and moderate income residents of Bexar County.

Bexar County also consults with the Housing Authority of Bexar County (HABC) regarding public housing initiatives such as:

- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) / Section 8 Program
- Public Housing / Scattered Sites Program
- Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program

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

Bexar County makes a concerted effort to work with the Housing Authority to support homeownership activities, to include:

- Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Meetings
- Board of Directors Meetings
- Public Hearings
- Community Activities / Initiatives (i.e., Money Smart Classes, Back to School Drives, Health Fairs, Employment Fairs, Summer Youth Employment, etc.)

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

provided or other assistance

The PHA is no longer designated as "troubled".

Discussion

The Housing Authority of Bexar County has also redeveloped its non-profit corporation which is called Bexar County Management Development Corporation (BMDC). BMDC assists the housing authority create positive outcomes in the lives of youth, seniors, and families in San Antonio and Bexar County communities, to include the following areas:

- Healthy Community initiatives
- Supportive services for vulnerable populations
- Health and medical prevention services through collaborations
- Rental and utility assistance
- Job training programs
- Educational opportunities
- Youth programming

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

Introduction

Bexar County through the Economic & Community Development Department collaborates with the Continuum of Care to ensure continuity throughout the County.

Sub-committees and work groups are developed within the Continuum of Care to ensure needs keep up with demands and changes. Goals and objectives are made through these groups which are approved through a certification of consistency with applications for CoC grants.

Bexar County also participates in meetings with other local, state and federal agencies to assist persons with special needs who are not homeless. Solutions for transportation issues for persons with mental and/or physical impairments are discussed, analyzed and planned with transportation agencies, mental health service providers, employers, the Alamo Area Council of Governments and the County.

The County will continue to participate in trainings, meetings, and activities for persons who are not homeless but have other special needs when opportunities arise. The County is a member of the local Continuum of Care's Independent Review Team for their NOFA process, the Housing Strategy's Workgroup, SARAH Board, HMIS, and the Point in Time Committee.

Homelessness is a community concern with no jurisdictional boundaries and can best be addressed through a comprehensive plan implemented via collaborative partnerships.

Bexar County's homelessness plan is organized around the following goals:

- Prevent people from becoming homeless
- Move people into housing
- Link people to appropriate services and remove barriers
- Increase income support and economic opportunities
- Expand data collection
- Implement public education on homelessness

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

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

individual needs

The County will fund services for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing for homeless individuals and families. To better coordinate all of these services that the County helps to fund through its partner agencies like the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; the Bexar County local Continuum of Care -South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) has developed a subcommittee who is responsible for the planning, evaluation, and redesign of the effectiveness of the housing assessment services in Coordinated Entry for Bexar County. The Coordinated Entry System Subcommittee meets at least monthly to discuss current matters to help best serve the homeless population.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Bexar County is funding one homeless prevention and rapid rehousing project with ESG funds of \$187,565. The project will provide case management, housing search and placement, financial assistance for rapid rehousing, and homelessness prevention for homeless individuals and households. Financial assistance may include: rental deposits; short-term and mid-term rental payments; utility deposits; utility payments; rental arrears, and housing search and placement. Case managers work closely with clients to develop and implement a service plan to ensure they access other public benefits. Through these programs, clients are stabilized in housing and assisted comprehensively to help ensure they do not face homelessness again.

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

Bexar County's Economic & Community Development Department will administer the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) and coordinate activities to enhance the quality and quantity of homeless facilities and services for homeless individuals and families. ESG funds will be used for a variety of activities that directly relate to homeless individuals, including Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention.

The ESG standards adopted by SARAH in 2013 were revised in 2018 to align performance measures such as length of stay to national benchmarks. It is also important to note, that the CoC, City of San Antonio, and Bexar County continuously review these policies and procedures to ensure that these standards and performance measures are updated and meet the needs of the community.

Bexar County and City of San Antonio are currently working with the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless to review the ESG Written Standards again to ensure that the current Written Standards

and ESG Performance Metrics are up to date and do not require any revisions. This review will ensure that the local cities are consistent with required HUD rules and regulations.

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

The Economic & Community Development Department will administer the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and coordinate activities to help extremely low income individuals and families and those who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care; or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

ESG funds can be used for a variety of activities that directly relate to preventing homelessness, including:

1. Homeless Prevention (Includes housing relocation and stabilization services and short (3 months)/ medium (24 months) term rental assistance to help people avoid becoming homeless.
2. Rapid Rehousing activities

Discussion

Bexar County continues to work closely with the ESG grantees within the Continuum of Care (CoC) to develop strategies to end and prevent homelessness for the County's most vulnerable populations.

As part of the strategy, the Economic & Community Development Department requires all agencies providing services with ESG funds to participate in HMIS and the Coordinated Entry System, which uses a common assessment tool to ensure the most vulnerable populations receive prioritization and are matched to appropriate housing initiatives.

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

Introduction:

The Bexar County Economic & Community Development Department is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing and overcoming identified barriers to affordable housing. These efforts have resulted in the creation of the a Fair Housing Plan, development of specific goals and objectives to overcome barriers to affordable housing and support for projects that counter the negative effects of public policies.

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

Bexar County does not have ordinance making authority. It cannot enforce zoning ordinances or building codes. Its only real power comes through public health and safety initiatives which revolve around the regulation of septic systems and platting requirements. That being said, Bexar County funds projects that favorably impact housing, essential services, employment, financial resources and infrastructure improvements.

Discussion:

The Bexar County Economic & Community Development Department has developed specific goals and objectives that address the housing needs of low to moderate income populations within the County's service area. These housing goals are aimed at creating the opportunity for adequate, affordable, accessible housing for extremely low, very low, and low income persons through eventual elimination of lead based paint hazards, encouragement of homeownership, minor home repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction of single family housing, rehabilitation of multifamily housing, provision of rental assistance, new construction, and development of partnerships.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

<div><div>Bexar County will fund projects in PY2019 that meet the needs of the underserved through public services and community infrastructure improvements, will improve and maintain affordable housing, prevent homelessness for extremely low income families, reduce lead based paint hazards, and increase coordination among public and private housing and social service agencies.</div></div>

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Many aging streets located in low/moderate income areas will be assisted with improved infrastructure to ensure a neighborhood remains vital and blight is prevented.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The lack of quality affordable housing choice can be an impediment to fair housing. Issues such as the continued rise of average monthly rents while wages remain relatively stagnant are a challenge.

To foster decent, safe, and affordable housing, Bexar County will continue to collaborate and partner with local nonprofit housing developers, for profit builders, the Housing Authority of Bexar and local residents to measure the needs, discuss the issues and find solutions to problems of the Bexar County housing market.

Through these programs, Bexar County will work to foster and maintain decent and affordable housing for low income residents of the County through homeownership, rehabilitation/reconstruction programs, and new construction projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

<div>Bexar County will develop its institutional structure and enhance coordination to encourage the

creation of affordable housing by continuing to sponsor programs to expand technical capacity and improve coordination among local agencies, such as planning forums, homeless surveys, workshops, and joint venture housing activities.</div>

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

<div>ECD will continue to coordinate with Continuum of Care members, participating cities, housing developers, and local housing authorities in sharing information. Chronic homelessness, minority homeownership, local housing issues, the development of self-sufficiency programs, and other improvements to public housing will continue to be discussed.</div>

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Bexar County continuously works to comply with all program specific requirements for CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs. In addition, the Economic & Community Development Department will continue to offer technical assistance to subrecipient organizations in order to ensure a better understanding of program specific CDBG, ESG, and HOME rules.

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	70
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	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:

<div>Bexar County does not plan to use HOME funds for other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.</div>

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:

Bexar County imposes a recapture provision in its contracts that comply with the HOME Final Rule, 24 CFR 92.254. If a property that is assisted with HOME funds is no longer owner-occupied, is refinanced, or is sold during the period of affordability, the County shall recapture funds based on shared net proceeds.

For HOME-assisted homebuyer projects, the County shall require its CHDOs and subrecipients, through written CHDO or Subrecipient agreements, to perform ongoing monitoring of the principal residency requirement during the period of affordability. Confirmation that the buyer is using the property as his or her principal residence may be accomplished by verifying that the buyer's name appears on utility company records or insurance company records for the home. In addition, postcard or letters mailed with "do not forward" instructions may demonstrate whether the buyer is receiving mail at the home.

Failure to comply with the resale or recapture requirements means that:

- 1) the original HOME-assisted homebuyer no longer occupies the unit as his or her principal residence (i.e., unit is rented or vacant), or
- 2) the home was sold during the period of affordability and the applicable resale or recapture provisions were not enforced.

In cases of noncompliance under either resale or recapture provisions, the County must repay to its HOME Investment Trust Fund in accordance with §92.503(b), any *outstanding HOME funds* invested in the housing. The amount subject to repayment is the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing (i.e., any HOME development subsidy to the developer plus any HOME down payment or other assistance (e.g., closing costs) provided to the homebuyer) minus any HOME funds already repaid (i.e., payment of principal on a HOME loan). Any interest paid on the loan is considered

program income and cannot be counted against the outstanding HOME investment amount.

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:

Bexar County imposes a recapture provision in its contracts that comply with the HOME Final Rule, 24 CFR 92.254. The County shall require the Resale provision to be used in the event that only a Development Subsidy is used to make the home affordable.

A clear, detailed written agreement, executed before or at the time of sale, ensures that all parties are aware of the specific HOME requirements applicable to the unit (i.e., period or affordability, principal residency requirement, terms and conditions of either the resale or recapture requirement). The HOME written agreement must be a separate legal document from any loan instrument and must, at a minimum, comply with the requirements at §92.504(c)(5) of the HOME rule. If the County provides HOME funds to a subrecipient or CHDO to develop and sell affordable housing, the County must prepare and execute the agreement with the buyer, or be a party to the agreement along with the entity it funded.

The written agreement between the homebuyer and the County, as well as mortgage and lien documents are all used to impose the Recapture Provisions in HOME-assisted homebuyer projects under the recapture option. The purpose of these enforcement mechanisms is to ensure that the County recaptures the Direct Subsidy to the HOME-assisted homebuyer if the HOME-assisted property is transferred. Unlike the resale option, deed restrictions, covenants running with the land, or other similar mechanisms are not required by the HOME rule to be used in homebuyer projects under the recapture option.

A clear, detailed written agreement, executed before or at the time of sale, ensures that all parties are aware of the specific HOME requirements applicable to the unit (i.e., period or affordability, principal residency requirement, terms and conditions of either the resale or recapture requirement). The HOME written agreement must be a separate legal document from any loan instrument and must, at a minimum, comply with the requirements at §92.504(c)(5) of the HOME rule. If the County provides HOME funds to a subrecipient or CHDO to develop and sell affordable housing, the County must prepare and execute the agreement with the buyer, or be a party to the agreement along with the entity it funded.

While mortgage and lien documents are used to secure repayment of the HOME subsidy, these documents are not sufficient to enforce the Resale Provisions. Separately recorded deed restrictions will be used to impose the Resale Provisions (§92.254(a)(5)(i)(A)) in HOME-assisted homebuyer projects under the resale option. The purpose of these enforcement mechanisms is to secure and

retain the affordable re-use of the property, while providing a fair return to the seller.

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:

Bexar County does not intend to refinance any existing debt secured by multi family housing that is or has been rehabilitated with HOME funds (reference 24 CFR 92.206(b)).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

Bexar County's has adopted the Coc/ESG Written Standards which are included as an attachment.

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

The Continuum of Care coordinated assessment system was developed and adopted in March 2017 in accordance with HUD's requirements (24 CFR Part 578) all providers within the Continuum of Care's area, except for victim service providers, shall use that assessment system. Bexar County and City of San Antonio are currently working the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless to review the Written Standards again to ensure that the currently Written Standards and ESG Performance Metrics are up to date and do not require any revisions. This review will ensure that the localities are consists which required HUD rules and regulations.

A victim service provider may choose not to use the Continuum of Care's assessment system. However, all victim service providers are required to use a centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUDS's minimum requirements.

This shall include the use of a standardized assessment tool by all providers to determine the appropriate intervention to address the episode of homelessness and the prioritization of individuals and families for assistance based on the severity of their service needs and the length of time homeless.

The CoC has determined that the VISPDAT (Vulnerability Index Service Priority Decision Assessment Tool) will be the standardized assessment tool used for Bexar County and the City of San Antonio. The VISPDAT is required to be conducted upon intake into: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing,

Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing. Outreach workers should conduct a VISPDAT on homeless persons engaged. Providers conducting the VISPDAT assessment are required to enter that information into HMIS.

As Bexar County CoC moves forward in implementing coordinated entry, it will be implemented in stages commencing with Permanent Supportive Housing, then including Rapid Rehousing and Transitional Housing. Referral and admission to Permanent Supportive Housing will be prioritized consistent with

Notice CPD 14 012: “Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status”

All referrals through San Antonio/Bexar County coordinated entry to permanent supportive housing will be prioritized consistent with Notice CPD14-012.

CoC funded providers of permanent supportive housing must accept referrals from the Coordinated Entry System and most follow procedures and time frames for responding to referrals as specified in the CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

Ongoing training and support will be provided to all CoC and ESG funded providers in the assessment, prioritization, referral and placement process.

All ESG and CoC funded providers must comply with requirements for coordinated entry established by the CoC. These requirements will be documented in the Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures.

This includes but is not limited to: Only admitting persons and families and accepting referrals from the coordinated entry system; designate a staff member and alternate as the agency’s point of contact for coordinated entry and; Participate in trainings established by the CoC.

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

Bexar County released a Notice of Funding Availability to solicit projects for available 2019 ESG funding. Applicants were notified of available funding via e-mail, web postings, public notices, and applicant conferences. Interested parties submitted applications via ZoomGrants –an online portal. All submissions were evaluated by a impartial scoring committee.

- Applicant agency must meet all state and federal requirements, as threshold criteria, for an award
 - Demonstration of need within the proposed project area for the type of services proposed for the population to be served
 - Evidence of ability to develop the proposed project, expend all funds within the required timeframes, and to operate the project over the required contract period
 - Evidence of ability to provide, either directly or through referral, the appropriate support services.
 - The appropriateness of plans for participant selection and the consistency of these plans within the intent of the ESG program.
 - The reasonableness of the total project cost and the ESG program amount requested, and the eligibility of proposed expenditures.
 - Evidence that matching funds are firmly committed and available for obligation and expenditure.
 - Evidence that focus of the project is on enabling participants to achieve the highest level of self sufficiency possible.
 - Evidence of financial feasibility of the project over the required operating period.
 - Appropriateness of qualifications and backgrounds of personnel and staff assigned to the project.
4. 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.

<div>24 CFR 576.405(a) requires the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy making entity of the recipient. CoC membership currently fulfills this requirement.</div>

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

<div>ESG performance standards will be followed per 24 CFR Part 576, including measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and measures to assess how well the program serves the targeted population. This includes reductions in the number of homeless persons living on the streets and in shelters, the number of persons who do not reenter the shelter or supportive housing system within one year, and the number of persons exiting with permanent housing. Bexar County will continue to consult with the CoC on performance standards for evaluating ESG.</div><div></div><div>Per HUD regulations, SAGE will be utilized to report aggregated data on persons assisted with ESG.</div>

