
City of Rocklin

**First Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan
(September 22 2020)**

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

**HUD Entitlement: Community Development Block
Grant**

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

Amended September 22, 2020



Funding

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has notified the City of Rocklin that it has received a formula allocation from the first round of CDBG-CV funding in the amount of \$164,189 to be used specifically for the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds must be expended within 6 years and 80% of the CDBG-CV must be expended within 3 years. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed on March 27, 2020.

The City, due to the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic, informed HUD on June 24, 2020 that the City would be using available waivers (waiver #8 and #9, Consolidated Plan Requirements) per HUD guidance contained in the memo *“Availability of Waivers of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19.”*

Public Comment

The Amended Annual Action Plan was available for public comment and review from August 26 to August 31, 2020. Therefore, the City provided public notice and provided opportunity to comment on the substantial amendment for a five-day period.

The City Council is scheduled to consider this amendment at 2650 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin, 95677 beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The meeting will not be at the regular Council Chambers location in order to accommodate social distancing protocols. The public may listen to audio or view the meeting via live stream at <https://rocklin.ca.us/agendas-minutes>. This meeting will be offered via Zoom Webinar and the public is welcome to make a public comment through Zoom or via email at meetingcomments@rocklin.ca.us. Please refer to the meeting agenda for more information and instructions, or call (916) 625-5120 for the meeting ID and password.

Proposed Changes

The City is now proposing to amend the Annual Action Plan in order to use the CDBG-CV funding. The City is proposing the following changes to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan:

- City staff added goal CD2.1: “Meet the needs of low-income residents or vulnerable populations for basic nutrition and supplies.” in order to include the 2020 Coronavirus Food Box and 2020 Coronavirus Lighthouse- Basic Essentials Supplies projects, providing services in response to Coronavirus.
- In order to include all persons seeking counseling services in response to Coronavirus, staff edited the description for goal CD2.4 to read “Mental health services and counseling for low-income residents or vulnerable populations.”
- Goal HM2.1 was edited to be more specific to homeless services by removing “Counseling services to those fleeing domestic violence / human trafficking” as it is being addressed by goal CD2.4: “Provide mental health services”.
- The Seniors First project description was edited to reflect changes made to the program administration to implement Coronavirus safety protocols.

- The City is recommending that The Gathering Inn receive \$45,189 for a Mental Health Clinician position and \$20,000 for a medical clinic to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus and its effects on homeless populations.
- Staff is recommending that Stand Up Placer receive \$15,000 in CDBG-CV funds to respond to needs for services stemming from Coronavirus.
- Staff is recommending that Lighthouse receive \$5,000 in CDBG-CV funds for the basic essentials program, providing diapers and carseats to Rocklin residents who struggle to afford these supplies as a result of income reduction related to Coronavirus.
- Staff is recommending that Lighthouse receive \$25,000 for a counseling program to respond to clients struggling with issues including but not limited to financial loss, at home school and childcare challenges, food insecurity, and caring for family members affected by COVID or other issues directly related to Coronavirus.
- Staff is recommending that the Salvation Army receive \$39,000 for the rental assistance program and \$15,000 for the food box program in CDBG-CV funds to respond to income reductions related to Coronavirus.

Revisions to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan are in red.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Rocklin does not have any anticipated resources at its disposal for the Strategic Plan other than CDBG funding. The amount of CDBG funding is dependent on federal allocation, which can be unpredictable. Estimates below project level funding for the next five years.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	279,106	0	0	279,106	1,134,329	The City anticipates receiving a total of \$1,413,435 over the five-year Consolidated Plan period.
Other	public - federal	Public Services	164,189	0	0	164,189	0	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Rocklin receives no federal funding in addition to CDBG for housing and non-housing community development and there are no matching requirements for the City's CDBG program.

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 will consider the use of publicly owned land for the construction of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.

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	AH1.1: Preserve existing housing through minor rep	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Rocklin	AH1: Rehabilitation of existing units	CDBG: \$9,619	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
2	HM2.1: Reduce the risk of homelessness and reduce	2020	2024	Homeless	City of Rocklin	HM2: Homelessness Prevention	CDBG: \$13,955 CDBG-CV: \$59,000	Homelessness Prevention: 178 Persons Assisted
3	CD1.1: Improve safety and accessibility in public	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rocklin	CD1: Public improvements and infrastructure	CDBG: \$171,800	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 487 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	CD2.3: Meet senior nutrition and social needs	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rocklin	CD2: Public Service	CDBG: \$13,955	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 105 Persons Assisted
4	CD2.4: Provide mental health services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rocklin	CD2: Public services	CDBG: \$13,955 CDBG-CV: \$85,189	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 223 Persons Assisted
5	CD2.1: Improve the quality of life for low-income residents or vulnerable populations	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rocklin	CD2: Public services	CDBG-CV: \$20,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 485 Persons Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AH1.1: Preserve existing housing through minor rep
	Goal Description	Maintain existing housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households including elderly households aging in place. Complete minor repairs to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Repairs will not disturb lead-based painted surfaces.
2	Goal Name	HM2.1: Reduce the risk of homelessness and reduce chronic homelessness.
	Goal Description	This program will assist the homeless and persons at risk of homelessness with social, health, and case management services. As well as emergency rental assistance to avoid evictions and homelessness.

3	Goal Name	CD1.1: Improve safety and accessibility in public
	Goal Description	Sidewalk repairs and accessibility improvements to remove architectural barriers in the public right-of-way and improve safety for disabled persons city-wide. Potential activities over the plan period may include installation of auditory pedestrian crossing signals, curb cuts, sidewalks leading up to those curbs, wheelchair ramps, and improved accessible path of travel.
4	Goal Name	CD2.3: Meet senior nutrition and social needs
	Goal Description	Provide home delivery of hot meals to home-bound seniors or hot meals to the Senior Café Site in Rocklin when safe to do so.
5	Goal Name	CD2.4: Provide mental health services
	Goal Description	Mental health services and counseling for low-income residents or vulnerable populations.
6	Goal Name	CD2.1: Improve the quality of life for low-income residents and vulnerable populations
	Goal Description	Meet the needs of low-income residents or vulnerable populations for basic nutrition and supplies.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

City staff evaluated all submitted applications and have recommended the below projects to be funded for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2020 Handyman Program
2	2020 Homeless Programs
3	2020 Accessibility and Safety Projects
4	2020 Senior Services
5	2020 Mental Health Services
6	2020 Coronavirus Rental Assistance Program
7	2020 Coronavirus Food Box Program
8	2020 Coronavirus The Gathering Inn Counseling Program
9	2020 Coronavirus The Gathering Inn Medical Clinic
10	2020 Coronavirus Victim Services- Counseling Program
11	2020 Coronavirus Lighthouse- Counseling Program
12	2020 Coronavirus Lighthouse- Basic Essentials Supplies

Table 3 - Project Information

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

It is difficult to address all the community needs with the limited amount of funding received. However, it is believed that providing handyman or minor home repair services; assisting domestic violence victims, seniors, and the disabled; **providing basic essentials such as food and mental health care**; and preventing homelessness are the best ways to allocate funds based on the needs of the community.

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, many people either lost their jobs or had significant reductions in income. This made paying for essentials such as food, car seats and diapers difficult for many residents. This also made it difficult for people to afford medical services, including mental health services. Many people are also struggling to pay their rent or have no housing as a result of the loss or reduction of income. As a result, many Rocklin residents are in need of rental assistance to keep or secure their housing.

Subrecipients will require documentation, such as letters from employers or unemployment applications/statements, from clients showing the Coronavirus impact on their income. HUD requires that grantees prevent the duplication of benefits that is caused when a person, business, or other entity receives financial assistance from multiple sources for the same purpose, and the total assistance is more than the total need. A statement discussing that there will be no duplication of benefits from other sources of federal funds, like SBA Paycheck Protection or EIDL, to the subrecipients will be in each subrecipient agreement with the City. Subrecipients must agree to repay assistance that is determined to be duplicative. Subrecipients must also have a method of assessing whether the use of CDBG-CV will duplicate financial assistance that is already received or is likely to be received by acting reasonably to evaluate need and the resources to meet that need.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2020 Handyman Program
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	AH1.1: Preserve existing housing through minor rep
	Needs Addressed	AH1: Rehabilitation of existing units
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,619
	Description	Minor housing repairs serving homeowner households with low and moderate income in Rocklin.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 low-income elderly households
	Location Description	Scattered sites
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include housing rehabilitation and removal of architectural barriers in homes owned and occupied by households with low and moderate income. Examples include the removal of deteriorated and hazardous materials in a home, installing a water heater, and fixing a leaking faucet.
2	Project Name	2020 Homeless Programs
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	HM2.1: Reduce the risk of homelessness and reduce chronic homelessness.
	Needs Addressed	HM2: Homelessness Prevention
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,955
	Description	The funding will be utilized for one-time rental assistance and deposit assistance for households in Rocklin.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	68 individual at risk of homelessness
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The Salvation Army Rental Assistance program will provide emergency one-time assistance for individuals or families. They must receive a 3-day pay or quit notice from their landlord and have had an unexpected expense within the last 3 months. An unexpected expense would include an auto repair, home repair, medical bill, loss or employment, or something of that nature where the client had to pay out of pocket or had an unexpected loss of income.
3	Project Name	2020 Accessibility and Safety Projects
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD1.1: Improve safety and accessibility in public
	Needs Addressed	CD1: Public improvements and infrastructure

	Funding	CDBG: \$171,800
	Description	Improvements within the public right of way and pedestrian paths of travel to benefit disabled individuals in the City of Rocklin by improving their accessibility in block groups with 51% or more of households with incomes less than 80% AMI throughout the City.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	487 disabled individuals
	Location Description	Park Dr., Farrier Rd., driveway and crossing at Balfor Rd. (Twin Oaks Park), Nevada St. driveways, Rocklin Elementary, driveways at Willowynd Dr.
	Planned Activities	Sidewalk repairs/accessibility remove architectural barriers in the public right-of-way and improve safety for disabled persons citywide. Potential activities over the plan period may include installation of curb cuts, sidewalks leading up to those curbs, wheelchair ramps, and improved accessible path of travel.
4	Project Name	2020 Senior Services
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.3: Meet senior nutrition and social needs
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,955
	Description	Hot meals for seniors
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	105 senior individuals
	Location Description	Cafe meals served at 5757 Shannon Bay Drive, Rocklin, CA

	Planned Activities	The Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) operates seven Senior Cafes throughout Placer County, providing hot noon-time meals for seniors Monday through Friday. The Rocklin café is open daily from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm and lunch is served at 11:30 am. Every day the food is served to seniors and disabled individuals free of charge. The SNP provides Placer County seniors with a weekday hot meal served in a congregate, social setting, to reduce food insecurity and prevent the adverse effects of malnutrition, located in easily accessible facilities, and to foster a feeling of camaraderie and comfort, reducing the isolation experienced by many seniors. In March of 2020, the Seniors First cafe closed for dine-in meals due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The cafe remained open for to-go and delivery meals. Seniors First is expected to continue to operate in this manner until dine-in meals are once again safe for their clients.
5	Project Name	2020 Mental Health Services
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.4: Provide mental health services
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,955
	Description	The Victim Services Program will provide therapy services to survivors and crisis intervention and advocacy services to Rocklin survivors.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	68 domestic and sexual violence survivors
	Location Description	Services will be provided at a confidential location in Roseville.
	Planned Activities	Direct labor includes advocacy specialists, the advocacy coordinator, marriage and family therapists, interns, and the clinical manager. These individuals will provide direct services to clients.
6	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus Rental Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	HM2.1: Reduce the risk of homelessness and reduce chronic homelessness.
	Needs Addressed	HM2: Homelessness Prevention
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,000

	Description	The Salvation Army will provide rent and deposit assistance to Rocklin residents that had their income reduced or jobs lost due to the Shelter in Place order put in place in response to Coronavirus. During the shelter in place order and eviction moratorium, many landlords are not issuing 3-day pay/quit notices and adding onto their amount owed. This program would provide assistance to individuals that had their income impacted by coronavirus.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 residents at risk of losing their housing are expected to benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	City of Rocklin.
	Planned Activities	Rent and deposit assistance is paid directly to the landlords of eligible Rocklin residents.
7	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus Food Box Program
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.1: Improve the quality of life for low-income residents and vulnerable populations
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$15,000
	Description	The Salvation Army will give out food boxes to Rocklin residents that had their income reduced or jobs lost due to the Shelter in Place order put in place in response to Coronavirus. Every box includes staple food items such as; rice, beans, pasta, canned vegetables, fruit. This program would provide assistance to individuals that had their income impacted by coronavirus.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimating 460 low-income persons benefiting from the food box program.
	Location Description	Salvation Army- 100 Lincoln St, Roseville, CA 95678
	Planned Activities	Funding will be to reimburse for food costs. Every food box includes staple food items such as; rice, beans, pasta, canned vegetables, fruit.
	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus The Gathering Inn Counseling Program

8	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.4: Provide mental health services
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$45,189
	Description	Providing for the cost of a Mental Health Clinician position for a counseling program to provide services to homeless populations and/or those under threat of homelessness experiencing anxiety, depression, trauma and such due to coronavirus. Stress, anxiety and depression are possibly due to illness in the family, job losses or reduced income due to the response to Coronavirus.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 low-income individuals.
	Location Description	Services will be provided at The Gathering Inn-201 Berkeley Ave, Roseville, CA 95678
Planned Activities	Counseling services will be provided through a mental health clinician.	
9	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus The Gathering Inn Medical Clinic
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	HM2.2 Reduce the risk of homelessness and reduce chronic homelessness.
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$20,000
	Description	Medical services will be provided to low-income residents and persons experiencing homelessness to protect and prevent the spread of Coronavirus or assist those directly affected
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low-income persons
	Location Description	Medical Clinic would be provided at 201 Berkeley Ave, Roseville, CA.

	Planned Activities	Providing medical services, including administering medication. In addition, The Gathering Inn is expecting that Coronavirus testing will be performed through the medical clinic until after a vaccine is developed & distributed in order to protect against and prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Letters of loss of employment or reduction of pay will be used to document the program is in response to Coronavirus for services other than medical treatment or tests specific to prevent or protect against Coronavirus.
10	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus Victim Services- Counseling Program
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.4: Provide mental health services
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$15,000
	Description	Calls for help spiked prior to the shelter in place order, then dropped, but calls to law enforcement increased. This indicates that serious violence is occurring, but during the shelter in place order, it has been more difficult for victims to reach out for help. Stand Up Placer would use the CDBG-CV funds to accommodate an increased number of victims due to Coronavirus and additional services to those people due to expected higher degrees of traumatization. Victims sheltering in place with their abusers is leading to more severe abuse, as well as the stress of Coronavirus itself, joblessness and the threat of homelessness. Coronavirus is also being used as tool of abuse—some clients have been forced to go in public or into groups without masks in an effort to infect them and others are being told that because they went to work or the grocery store that they cannot see their children because they might have the virus. Stand Up Placer needs to screen and place clients in need of shelter in hotels until they have a negative Coronavirus test. Isolation is further damaging the mental health of victims who are already fragile due to trauma from their abuse, leading to increased need for therapy services.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 domestic and sexual violence survivors
Location Description	Services will be provided at a confidential location in Roseville.	

	Planned Activities	Direct labor includes advocacy specialists, the advocacy coordinator, marriage and family therapists, interns, and the clinical manager. These individuals will provide direct services to clients.
11	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus Lighthouse- Counseling Program
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.4: Provide mental health services
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$25,000
	Description	Counseling program to provide services to those experiencing anxiety, depression, trauma and such due to coronavirus. Possible sources of stress, anxiety and depression may include but are not limited to, job or financial losses, at home school or child care challenges, food insecurity, and caring for family members affected by COVID or other issues directly related to Coronavirus.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low-income individuals
	Location Description	Services will be provided at Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center: 110 Gateway Dr #210, Lincoln and 735 Sunrise Avenue, Suite 110, Roseville.
Planned Activities	Funding will be used to pay directly for counseling staff salaries.	
12	Project Name	2020 Coronavirus Lighthouse- Basic Essentials Supplies
	Target Area	City of Rocklin
	Goals Supported	CD2.1: Improve the quality of life for low-income residents and vulnerable populations
	Needs Addressed	CD2: Public services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$5,000

Description	Providing basic essentials (diapers and car seats) to low-income individuals. This program would provide assistance to individuals that had job losses or reduced income in response to Coronavirus. Diapers and car seats are essentials for parents to provide to their children. Diapers can stop possible contagion spread and car seats are needed to transport children to any necessary medical services that may be a result of Coronavirus or necessary in order to protect and/or prevent the children from being exposed or spreading Coronavirus.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low-income individuals (children)
Location Description	Supplies will be given out from the Lighthouse offices: 110 Gateway Drive, Suite 210, Lincoln and 735 Sunrise Avenue, Suite 110, Roseville.
Planned Activities	CDBG-CV will pay for the diapers and car seats provided to low-income individuals directly impacted from Coronavirus.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City of Rocklin does not have significant, dense areas of low-income residents, nor are there areas of significant racial or minority concentration.

TOOK OUT GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City's planning is focused more toward the number of persons who can be helped and identifying projects that will produce the best benefit for Rocklin residents.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Rocklin does not currently fund any affordable housing projects.

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

Table 4 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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

Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Due to the relatively small grant amount available, Rocklin does not utilize CDBG funds for the items in the tables above. However, 110 to 120 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers are administered within Rocklin each year through the City's contract with the Roseville Housing Authority. As of the writing of this document, there are currently 116 vouchers from the Roseville Housing Authority leased in the City of Rocklin.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Rocklin does not oversee a public housing authority and there is no public housing agency in the City.

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

The City recognizes that the Roseville Housing Authority has been acting as the public housing authority for many years and contracts with the City of Roseville to administer Rocklin's Section 8 program. The City will continue to support those services that meet the needs of Rocklin residents.

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

While the City of Rocklin is not a public housing authority, the City administers affordability covenants and existing down payment assistance loans on various properties within the city. City staff continue to market these opportunities and to work with prospective buyers to determine income eligibility.

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

Not applicable; there are no public housing agencies in the City of Rocklin.

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

Introduction

This section discusses the City's one-year activities to address the needs of persons who are homeless.

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

Placer County's Continuum of Care (CoC) conducts a Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) count of sheltered homeless persons during the last ten days in January in odd-numbered years. The HIC is a report that informs the homeless assistance community on the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels. The PIT count provides the homeless assistance community with the data needed to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point in time. Placer County CoC estimates that nearly 600 men, women, and children are homeless in Placer County on a given night. PIT counts are not a comprehensive measure of an area's homeless population, but rather snapshots from a single day that can be used to approximate broad trends. Typically, they are viewed as undercounts for a community's yearly overall homeless population because many people may move in and out of homelessness throughout the year.

Staff from the City of Rocklin Community Development Department (Housing and Code Compliance Divisions), as well as the Rocklin Police Department, have directly participated in the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count surveys conducted in 2018 through 2020. Rocklin-specific numbers for sheltered and unsheltered homeless counts combined consisted of 36 individuals in 2018 and 25 individuals in 2019. The final collective count for Rocklin in 2020 was 67 individuals .

The City of Rocklin is a member of the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS), a broad-based coalition of homeless housing and shelter providers, consumers, advocates, and government representatives working together to shape planning and decision-making around the issue of homelessness. Since 2014, the HRCS has provided leadership and coordination of Placer and Nevada Counties' Continuum of Care planning process. The HRCS is a private non-profit partnership working to ensure comprehensive, regional coordination of efforts and resources to reduce the number of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Roseville/Rocklin/Placer/Nevada Counties Continuum of Care system consists of six core components:

- Advocacy on behalf of those who are homeless or are at-risk of homelessness.
- A system of outreach, assessment, and prevention for determining the needs and conditions of

an individual or family who is homeless.

- Education on issues of homelessness, homeless prevention, low-income, and affordable housing programs.
- Engagement and interaction with local city and county governments concerning homeless programs, services, gaps in services, housing, and funding.
- Identifying the gaps and needs of homeless households and participating in community-wide planning to prioritize local and state funding to reduce chronic homelessness and address the needs of homeless persons and families.
- Tracking trends and data and adjusting priorities to meet the changing needs of homeless persons and families.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Although no transitional housing facility or emergency shelter is located within Rocklin, the Placer County Department of Health and Human Services Adult System of Care operates a transitional housing facility for homeless persons with mental health disabilities just outside the city limits. HomeStart offers a transitional housing program for Placer County homeless children and their families. The Gathering Inn (TGI) is an emergency housing program serving homeless individuals in Rocklin that offers overnight housing at various churches within south Placer County as well as supportive services at their main office in Roseville. The City of Rocklin has supported the Gathering Inn's activities for several years through the use of CDBG funds, but increased the amount of its support to \$50,000 per year in 2018 and 2019 utilizing the City's Low Moderate Housing Asset Fund rather than CDBG in order to provide a broader opportunity for other service organizations to be funded through the City's CDBG program and to be able to provide a higher level of funding to TGI. Recommended funding for TGI in 2020 will be \$60,000 from the Low Moderate Housing Asset Fund and is subject to City Council approval as part of the City's overall budget process. The Lazarus Project provides food, housing, clothing, guidance, counseling, education, job training, budgeting classes, parenting classes, and access to health care for persons recovering from homelessness, unemployment, abuse, addictions, and physical and/or mental impairment.

There are several organizations that provide emergency food in the Placer County area, including First United Methodist Church of Loomis, St. Mark's Anglican Episcopal, and United Methodist of Newcastle. In addition, the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul provide assistance to the homeless.

The City will continue to coordinate with these organizations to develop a strong system to meet the needs of homeless persons.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that

individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The loss of a job, a raise in rent, an eviction, or domestic violence can easily lead to homelessness for many low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The City also assists the homeless county-wide through its participation in the Placer County Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care (CoC) programs are created to address the problems of homelessness in a comprehensive manner. The Placer Consortium on Homelessness developed a ten-year plan to end homelessness in Placer County for 2004-2014. This plan contains a series of strategies to tackle a variety of homeless issues and concerns. The strategies are categorized into four different areas:

- **Prevention:** Prevent homelessness through a variety of means including, but not limited to, housing and appropriate services.
- **Access:** Facilitate access to housing and supportive services by actively engaging the homeless population and removing barriers.
- **Teamwork:** Facilitate ongoing communication and coordination among community partners, rallying community resources to address the issues of homelessness.
- **Housing:** Provide housing for the homeless.

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

The City will continue to coordinate with our partners to develop a strong and effective system to meet the needs of homeless persons.

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

Introduction:

The City's 2013-2021 Housing Element evaluated potential barriers or constraints to the development of affordable housing. These include the following:

Market Constraints

- Development costs; and
- Mortgage and rehabilitation financing.

Governmental Constraints

- Land-use controls;
- Flexibility in residential development standards;
- Provisions for a variety of housing;
- Development permit procedures;
- Site improvements, development fees, and exactions;
- Building codes and enforcement;
- Reasonable accommodation procedures; and
- Housing for persons with disabilities.

Environmental Constraints

- Water supply;
- Sewer capacity;
- Oak tree preservation;
- Seismic safety;
- Flooding;
- Fire protection; and
- Other hazards.

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

The City of Rocklin recognizes there are certain public policies, particularly zoning and land-use

regulations, that pose challenges in increasing affordable housing opportunities and residential investment. This is revealed in higher housing costs, a shortage of affordable housing in relation to demand, and higher land costs. Inflexible or outdated regulations contribute to this problem.

As identified in the 2013-2021 Housing Element, land costs, construction costs, and market financing can potentially hinder the timely production of new residential projects. Although many factors limiting housing production are market-driven, the City has some control in instituting policies and programs to address the constraints or limiting factors.

Costs associated with financing and construction costs for residential projects are going to impact developers that are seeking to serve the affordable housing market segment. Although land costs help keep the cost of some new housing affordable, rising construction costs and market financing will have a substantial impact on developers, resulting in substantially higher prices for their products once they are on the market.

The City is committed to removing or reducing barriers to affordable housing whenever possible. A variety of actions are contained in the Housing Element to address these issues have already been completed. As part of the City's implementation of the 2013-2021 Housing Element it carried out a series of zoning code amendments to update definitions and provisions related to community care facilities and transitional and supportive housing; allowed emergency shelters through a ministerial process in specific zones (consistent with SB 2); adopted updated regulations related to secondary dwelling units now referred to as accessory dwelling units (ADUs); and amended the zoning ordinance to conditionally permit single room occupancy (SRO) units within the City's C-2 zone (consistent with AB 2634). The City of Rocklin has also designed a number of implementing programs and goals that will focus City resources on meeting its projected housing needs. The City recognizes that there are a number of factors impacting the provision of affordable housing.

Overall, development standards in Rocklin are comparable to similar communities. However, parking requirements for apartments, condominiums, and townhomes may be higher than typically required. To facilitate affordable housing development, the City offers a variety of incentives, including reduction or waiver of garage parking requirements. Specifically, for apartment and triplex units that are affordable to lower-income households, the requirement for one covered space per unit and visitor parking is waived at the request of the applicant. Pursuant to State Density Bonus law (SB 1818), projects meeting the requirements of the Density Incentive Program are eligible to receive density increases, use of state parking standards, and may also receive additional regulatory concessions. The City also created a BARRO (Business Attraction Retention and Revitalization Overlay) zone primarily focused in the downtown/central Rocklin area which allows deviations to parking standards for both new residential and non-residential uses subject to evaluation of off-site parking availability and approval by the Community Development Director on a case-by-case basis.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section discusses the actions the City of Rocklin will undertake during the 2020-2021 annual Action Plan. This includes actions to 1) foster and maintain affordable housing; 2) evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards; 3) reduce the number of poverty-level families; 4) develop institutional structure; and 5) enhance coordination.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

While there are several constraints to meeting the needs of target-income residents, the primary obstacles identified through citizen participation were determined at the public hearings.

The City of Rocklin's Housing Element includes recommendations and programs to alleviate obstacles to meeting underserved needs. The City will continue to use CDBG dollars to address underserved needs and to provide education about services and service providers to the extent feasible. The City will encourage area service providers to offer services in the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Community Development Department staff regularly reviews Housing Element programs, objectives, and progress towards accommodating the City's share of the regional housing need. An annual implementation report will be prepared and provided to the California Office of Planning and Research and California Department of Housing and Community Development. Depending on funding availability, the City will consider modifications to Housing Element programs as necessary and appropriate to implement General Plan goals and policies.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to coordinate with Placer County's Department of Health and Human Services Environmental Services Division when possible to help reduce lead-based paint hazards and will educate City residents about where to go if there is a problem.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City's anti-poverty strategy includes improving the quality of housing in Rocklin, assuring safe housing choices for residents, and supporting social service agencies.

The City's anti-poverty strategy will focus on:

- Working with project proponents to increase the supply and availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing necessary for low-income families to live healthy, productive lives;
- Working with local utility providers to ensure existing and planned infrastructure will continue

to support a viable community and benefit low- and moderate-income persons;

- Looking for opportunities to increase the effectiveness of existing programs through better collaboration and efficient implementation; and
- Providing funding to a larger variety of programs to better assist individual situations, such as the victims and families of domestic violence, sexual violence and human trafficking, and individuals or families that recently faced an unexpected expense.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City relies on a network of public sector and non-profit organizations to implement the Strategic Plan. These organizations play a large role in directly providing housing and services to low-income, homeless, and special needs populations throughout Rocklin. The system's strengths include the collaborative manner in which these diverse groups work together to maximize available resources. Rocklin is a large enough city to have many institutional resources, yet small enough to be able to effectively communicate and collaborate. Currently there are no major gaps in types of housing and services, but there is a lack of funding resources. Over the next five years, the City expects to overcome any gaps in the institutional structure and delivery system by monitoring to identify weak links, improve program performance, and ensure compliance with applicable regulations, and by encouraging collaboration among agencies to eliminate duplicative services and better serve residents, especially low- and moderate-income households and special needs populations.

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

The City of Roseville's Housing Authority administers the Section 8 program for the City of Rocklin via contract. The City has historically budgeted for these services from its General Fund and anticipates providing continued funding in a similar manner in 2020-2021.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following table identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

The City does not currently have a balance of program income. The City does not plan to receive program income in 2020-21.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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