

City of Fountain Valley Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan



Housing and Community Development Division
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Fountain Valley is a recipient of federal Community Development Block Grant funding and is a designated Entitlement City. As required under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, the City of Fountain Valley has prepared its FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs (FY 21-22 Action Plan). This is the first year of the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan. An approved FY 21-22 Action Plan is a prerequisite for funding under HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The period covered by this action plan is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

The FY 21-22 Action Plan describes the projects and activities that the City of Fountain Valley is proposing to undertake utilizing funds made available by HUD under the CDBG program. The plan also describes community development projects and activities that will be implemented utilizing non-federal sources. The City of Fountain Valley will utilize a variety of funding sources to accomplish the projects and activities outlined in the Consolidated Plan. These funds include Federal, State, and private sources.

The Annual FY 21-22 Action Plan has been prepared utilizing HUD's eConPlan suite, a module of the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). This ensures that the FY 21-22 Action Plan includes all HUD required components and report formatting.

The City of Fountain Valley will be receiving \$343,968 in CDBG grant funding for FY 21-22. This will be added to \$135,485 in unobligated Carry Forward from prior year grants, and \$20,547 in remaining CDBG-CV-1 funds for a total of \$500,000 for CDBG funded programs and activities.

HUD caps the amount of funding that may be expended on administration costs to twenty percent (20%) of the total entitlement; therefore, \$68,794 will be used for administration. The cost to provide fair housing services is also paid from the funds designated for Administration. \$4,800 will be used for these services. CDBG regulations allow a maximum of fifteen percent (15%) of the entitlement for Public Service Agency grants. The City will allocate the maximum allowed, \$51,595, plus the remaining \$20,547 in CDBG-CV-1 funds that must be used for coronavirus response for a total of \$72,142 for the fiscal year. The balance of the entitlement is budgeted for the provision of low-moderate-income housing related programs for home

preservation, which include \$269,564 for home rehabilitation, \$7,500 for lead based paint testing, and \$82,000 for code enforcement activities.

Other Federal funding sources, although not directly funded by the City, includes Section 8 Rental Assistance that is administered by the Orange County Housing Authority.

National COVID-19 Emergency Response and Funding

In response to the National COVID-19 Pandemic, the City received two rounds of CARES Act CDBG funding for a total of \$616,554 to be used to prevent, prepare for or respond to coronavirus. \$191,789 of the CDBG-CV -1 allocation was used to fund Small Business Employee Retention Grants to businesses for the retention of low and moderate-income employees.

An amendment to the FY 2020-21 AAP is currently in process to allocate an additional \$350,000 to a second grant to assist small businesses who have a low-moderate income component, with costs incurred in response to coronavirus.

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.

The City's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division has created several programs, projects and activities proposed for implementation during FY 2021-2022 each of which has been designed to meet the following four goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan:

- Priority #1 - Improve and preserve existing residential neighborhoods by implementing home improvement, code enforcement, and public facility and infrastructure improvement programs.
- Priority #2 - Address the needs of persons with special needs through the provision of financial assistance to public service agencies, and the removal of architectural barriers to the physically challenged.
- Priority #3 - Provide affordable housing opportunities for renter households through an on-going partnership with the Orange County Housing Authority.
- Priority #4 - Administer available federal, state and locally funded housing and community development grant programs, including providing fair housing services and ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal regulations.

Outcomes are discussed in the next section, Evaluation of Past Performance. The listed goals and objectives below will be implemented during the five-year period:

High Priority Need

- Administration of Grant: 5 year program
- Owner Occupied Home Improvement: Rehab 75 units
- Housing and Supportive Services: Assist 2,285 persons
- Code Enforcement in eligible areas:1,250 households
- Fair Housing Services: 300 persons
- Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant: 75 homes
- Fair Housing 5 –Year Report: 1 report covering city population of approximately 57,000

Low Priority Need

- Affordable Housing: 1 unit
- Residential Rehab for Rentals: 1 unit
- Affordable Rental Development: 1unit
- Capital Improvement Projects: 1 unit
- Natural Disaster Funds: 1 other

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

FY 20-21 is the first year of the current Consolidated Plan. Year- end totals are not available for FY 20-21 therefore FY 19-20 will be the primary source used to evaluate past performance. Many of the City’s programs have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic since March 2020 as reflected below.

Priority #1: Improve and preserve existing residential neighborhoods by implementing home improvement, code enforcement, and public facility and infrastructure improvement programs.

During FY 19-20, the City’s Home Improvement Program funded 14 applications for grants, rebates or loans to assist low- income homeowners rehabilitate their properties and two grants for lead based paint testing and abatement. CDBG funding was also used for code enforcement services in CDBG eligible areas to identify and abate 237 residential properties with code

violations. Note: the Home Improvement program was modified in April 2020 to an Exterior Grant program which allowed the City to continue to provide rehabilitation grants to low income households during the pandemic.

Priority #2: Address the needs of persons with special needs through the provision of financial assistance to public service agencies, and the removal of architectural barriers to the physically challenged.

Fountain Valley addressed this priority by providing grant funding to six (6) non-profit public service agencies providing seven (7) programs under the City's Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant Program. In allocating funding under this program, the City followed HUD's Continuum of Care philosophy by ensuring that resources were made available to assist as many special needs populations as possible. In FY 19-20, 699 persons/households were assisted through seven (7) PSA programs funded under the City's PSA Grant Program. This total was higher for the senior based services who had a significant increase in clients due to COVID-19.

Priority #3 Provide affordable housing opportunities for renter households through an on-going partnership with the Orange County Housing Authority.

During FY 19-20, the City of Fountain Valley continued to provide renter households with access to affordable housing opportunities through its ongoing partnership with the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA). Under this partnership, extremely low- and very low-income households can receive Section 8 Rental Assistance Vouchers provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 457 households in Fountain Valley received Section 8 vouchers during FY 19-20.

Priority #4: Administer available federal, state and locally funded housing and community development grant programs, including providing fair housing services and ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal regulations.

The administration of the City's housing and community development programs that benefited extremely low-income, low income and moderate-income persons included the following task/accomplishments:

- Preparation and submission of all funding applications including the Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER); and all reports required by HUD and other governmental agencies;

- Administration of CDBG funded projects including on site monitoring of home rehabilitation projects and annual audits of the public service agencies receiving CDBG funds;
- Preparation of all environmental review records (ERR's) and other administrative reports required by federal, state and local funding agencies;
- Implementation and oversight of the City's Home Improvement Program, Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant Programs, and collaborating with the contracted Fair Housing Services Provider.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In order to encourage citizen participation in the development of the City's FY 21-22 Action Plan, a number of actions were taken to receive the greatest amount of participation:

- On September 2, 2020, a public meeting of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) was held to review the Annual Action Plan process and timeline.
- On October 1, 2020, Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff published a Public Notice in the Fountain Valley View announcing the availability of funding under the City of Fountain Valley's FY 21-22 Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant program. Correspondence further detailing the availability of funding were sent to all prior-year program applicants, participants from the past five years and posted on the City's website.
- On November 2, 2020, the application period to submit applications for PSA Grant funding closed. Seven (7) program applications were received from six (6) nonprofit organizations that provide services for low-income Fountain Valley residents.
- On December 2, 2020, a public meeting of the HCDAB was held to receive presentations by six (6) agencies applying for PSA grants and one (1) fair housing services provider applying for funding to provide fair housing services to city residents. Due to COVID-19, agencies chose to submit PowerPoint presentations to the board. The board considered applications and made funding recommendations for the grant. Recommendations will be forwarded within the Action Plan to the City Council for review and approval.
- On March 25, 2021, a Public Notice was published in the Fountain Valley View announcing the commencement of the minimum 30-day review comment period beginning March 25, 2021 and concluding May 18, 2021. It also advised of a public

hearing at the April 7, 2021 HCDAB meeting to review the FY 21-22 Draft Action Plan, and a Public Hearing of the Fountain Valley City Council scheduled May 18, 2021, to review and approve the FY 21-22 Action Plan.

- On April 7, 2021, HCDAB held a public hearing to review the draft FY 21-22 Action Plan and to receive public input.
- On May 7, 2021, a public meeting of the HCDAB was held to review the draft FY 21-22 Action Plan to make recommendations to City Council. The HCDAB voted unanimously to forward the FY 21-22 Action Plan to City Council for review and approval. (TBD)
- On May 18, 2021, the City Council held a public hearing in the City Council Chambers to review the FY 2021-2220 Action Plan that includes the FY 2021-2220 CDBG budget. The Fountain Valley City Council unanimously approved the Action Plan and requested the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and forward the plan to HUD. (TBD)

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.

No comments received. (TBD)

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

The City of Fountain Valley did not exclude any comments or views. (TBD)

7. Summary

The Action Plan covers the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and identifies how the city will allocate its Fiscal Year 2021-22 CDBG grant funding. As stated above, the City of Fountain Valley continues to foster and maintain affordable housing and services to the underserved by successfully implementing housing and community development programs including its home improvement, code enforcement, fair housing, and public facility and infrastructure improvement programs. The grantee chose its goals or projects for the coming year based on the success of each program's past performance and needs of the community.

The City has also provided additional grant funding to small businesses and public services to assist with costs incurred in response to COVID -19.

R-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
CDBG Administrator	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	Planning and Building Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Fountain Valley is an entitlement City. The City of Fountain Valley Planning and Building Department is the lead agency for developing and implementing the strategic plan for the CDBG Program. The Housing Division within the Planning and Building Department administers the CDBG Program.

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

1. Introduction

The City contacts and consults with public agencies, private agencies and city residents to get a better understanding of community needs for the plan year during the development of the FY 21-22 Action Plan. For the Action Plan, the city consulted with the entities that are identified in the following sections.

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))

The City of Fountain Valley does not have any public housing within its jurisdiction. The city partners with the OCHA who administers the rental assistance program in the city and issues Rental Assistance Vouchers, Section 8 Certificates and other forms of housing assistance to city residents. The city is a member of the OCHA Cities Advisory Committee, which provides OCHA staff with input regarding program policies. The city continues to work closely with other Orange County HUD-grantee communities to develop regional plans and to share program management data.

Additionally, many of our PSA grantees provide physical and mental health evaluation within their scope of services and will provide assistance for residents when needed, either from their organization or by referring them to an appropriate agency for support.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Fountain Valley is a member of CA-602 Santa Ana, Anaheim, Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC). The County of Orange is the lead agency in Orange County’s CoC and the Orange County Office of Care Coordination administers and organizes the implementation of the program. Together with cities, non-profits, community organizations and businesses, Orange County’s CoC has built a system of care to connect those experiencing homelessness to available resources and assistance. The County’s regional planning process has been devised to ensure a single well-coordinated system of care to end homelessness. This is accomplished by balancing emergency, transitional, and permanent housing plus supportive services to address the needs of homeless persons so they can transition from streets and shelters to independent living.

Orange County is divided into three Service Planning Areas (SPAs) that efficiently direct resources as individuals experiencing homelessness enter the Coordinated Entry System. The City of Fountain Valley is in the Central SPA and staff attends quarterly meetings with all members to share information and give input into the development of plans across the region.

While the County's CoC and other supportive services are designed to move the homeless out of crisis and into self-sufficiency, the needs drastically exceed the funding available. To assist with this endeavor, the City of Fountain Valley grants 100% of the CDBG funds that are permitted to be allocated to public service agencies, to local PSA programs that assist the underserved. Many of these grantees offer supportive services that fill the gaps in the CoC system for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

HUD also requires that all CoC jurisdictions across the nation complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all individuals experiencing homelessness in the community on a single point in time during the last ten days of January. Orange County was scheduled to complete both the unsheltered and sheltered count in January of 2021 however they were postponed due to the safety issues surrounding the coronavirus. The latest Orange County Sheltered Point in Time Count took place in 2020. Demographic information was collected from individuals and families staying the night in each shelter on a single day. A total of 3,017 people were living in shelters county-wide. 1,490 people were residing in shelters in the central service planning area that includes Fountain Valley. Orange County's Point In Time Count is expected to occur again in January of 2022 if the coronavirus within the county is at a safe level.

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

The City of Fountain Valley is not a recipient of ESG funds nor do we administer HMIS. The Orange County CoC makes the determination of ESG fund allocations and the development, operation and/or administration of the fund and HMIS entries. The City attends and contributes to the COC's quarterly Central Service Planning Area meetings regarding these items.

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	INTERVAL HOUSE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interval House is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. They provide input into the needs and numbers of women and children that are victims of domestic violence in the City. Interval House provides quarterly updates of the number of people served.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Waymakers (Formerly Community Services Program)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Special Needs Facility and Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Services Program, now known as Waymakers, Inc. is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. The agency provides statistics on youth diversion needs and programs available to residents as well as potential programs that can be implemented in the future to address local needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Special Needs Facility and Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. The agency provides quarterly updates on the financial needs of low- income children in the city and the amount of assistance they provide to city residents.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Elwyn California
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services-Employment Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Special Needs Facility and Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Elwyn California is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. Elwyn provides input regarding the City's special needs populations, including job training and employment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	COUNCIL ON AGING - ORANGE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Special Needs Facility and Service

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Council on Aging is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. The agency provides quarterly statistics and input regarding the special needs of seniors in residential care in the community particularly the frail and/or disabled.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Community SeniorServ
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Special Needs Facility and Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community SeniorServ is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. Agency helps identify and support the needs of the City's special needs-elderly population specifically elderly and the frail. Agency submits quarterly statistics for city review.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Orange County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Impediments to Fair Housing

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Fair Housing Council of Orange County is a public service provider for Fountain Valley residents and sub-recipient of the CDBG Grant funds from the City. They provide quarterly input on housing issues in the City as well as providing annual workshops for landlords and tenants and sharing anecdotal as well as statistical data with the city.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Orange County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides data regarding HUD rental assistance and vouchers. Disseminates information regarding waiting lists for assistance countywide.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	211 ORANGE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides data regarding regional homelessness, housing and service gaps for homelessness and the availability of countywide programs. Provides Point in Time information regarding homelessness specific to the City of Fountain Valley.
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City contacted all previous CDBG applicants, current and previous sub-recipients of public service funds and issued a Public Notice regarding the availability of funding. There were not any agencies intentionally excluded from the process.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	County of Orange	Orange County has developed its CoC system in a comprehensive and coordinated effort to provide a service delivery system for the at-risk and homeless population.
Multi-Jurisdictional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	OC HUD Grantee Cities	Identified multi-jurisdictional fair housing impediments that were applicable to the City and which were incorporated into Consolidated Plan/Annual Plan goals.
5-Yr and 1-Yr. Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plan	Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)	OCHA provides information regarding the needs and availability of low- income renter households throughout the county.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
City of Fountain Valley Housing Element	City of Fountain Valley	Fountain Valley Housing Element identifies the needs, goals, projects and availability of housing for all income levels throughout the city.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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**

Citizen Participation Outreach

11	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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	October 1, 2020 Public Notice in the Fountain Valley View announcing the availability of funding under the City of Fountain Valley's FY 2021-2022 Public Service Agency (PSA) Grant program.	None	N/A	N/A

11	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	Direct Mail	Non-profits and local government	October 1, 2020, grant applications mailed to all prior-year program participants, applicants from the past five years, and all other interested parties kept on the interest list.	None	N/A	N/A
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notice posted October 1, 2020 on city website of the availability of public service agency grants.	None	N/A	N/A

11	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	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>On December 1, 2020 the HCDAB held a public meeting to receive PowerPoint presentations from public service agencies applying for grants and one agency applying to provide fair housing services. Recommendations will be forwarded to City Council within Action Plan.</p>	None	N/A	N/A

11	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>On March 25, 2021, public notice published in the Fountain Valley View summarizing the FY 2021-22 Action Plan budget. The public notice advised of a 30-day+ public review of the Draft Action Plan and comment period, which began on March 25, 2021, and ended on May 18, 2021. The public notice also advertised the HCDAB hearing on April 7, 2021 and the public hearing in front of City Council May 18, 2021, to review the Action Plan.</p>	No comments received	N/A	N/A

11	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Draft Action Plan posted on City website for public comments and review on March 25, 2021.	No comments received	N/A	N/A
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On April 7, 2021, a public hearing of the HCDAB was held to review a draft of the FY 2021-22 Action Plan.	TBD	N/A	
9	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On May 5, 2021, a public meeting of the HCDAB was held to review a draft of the FY 2021-2220 Action Plan and forward approval recommendation to City Council.	TBD	N/A	

11	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On May 18, 2021, a Public Hearing of the City Council was held to approve the FY 2021-2022 Action Plan and approve submission to HUD.	TBD	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City will receive \$343,968 in CDBG funding for FY 2021-22. \$135,485 in unobligated carry forward from prior year’s allocations along with \$20,547 in CARES Act Round 1 Funding will be added for a total of \$500,000 for the annual budget.

Other Federal funding sources, although not direct funding to the City, include Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance that is administered by the Orange County Housing Authority.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				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	343,968	0	0	0	1,256,032	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG-Carry over	public - federal	Housing	135,485	0	0	135,485	0	Unused funding from previous years
CDBG-CV1	public - federal	Public Services	20,547	0	0	20,547	0	Remaining funds from the CARES Act - Round 1 allocation to be used in response to the coronavirus.

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

Currently, the Federal funding the City receives from the CDBG is the sole source of funding for our program. The Public Service Agency grants provided to non-profit service providers allows them to leverage the funding against funding received from other local, state, federal, and private resources to provide the much needed services to the community.

The City of Fountain Valley also benefits from the housing vouchers for low income households provided by the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA). OCHA continues to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance program for a majority of cities in Orange County including Fountain Valley. The vouchers are funded by the Federal government.

The City does not participate in the federally funded HOME program so there are not any matching requirements.

Prior to the 2012 dissolution of redevelopment agencies and funding by the State of California, the City was able to provide many more services to its residents by leveraging both sources of funding.

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 does not currently own any publically owned land or property that can be used to address the needs of the Consolidated Plan. Fountain Valley is a nearly built out community with very little vacant land available for new developments. The Harbor Blvd South Island Specific Plan includes zoning that encourages the production of affordable housing units that, if built by affordable housing developers, would address some of the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

Funding sources to implement the City's Consolidated Plan are limited. Assuming the continued level of annual CDBG allocation, the City expects approximately \$1.6 million of CDBG funds available for the five year Consolidated Plan period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025, to be used to achieve the goals within the Strategic Plan.

The additional CDBG-CV funding received will be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus in the community.

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	Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Administration	City-Wide	Administration of Grant Program	CDBG: \$63,994	Other: 1 Other
2	Neighborhood Revitalization	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City-Wide	Owner Occupied Home Improvement	CDBG: \$269,564	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
3	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Code Enforcement	CDBG/Code Enforcement Eligible Exception Criteria	Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$82,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 150 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Services for Frail/Elderly	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly	City-Wide	Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly	CDBG: \$19,108 CDBG- CV1: \$20,547	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 155 Persons Assisted
5	Youth Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Youth services	City-Wide	Youth Services	CDBG: \$16,721	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 95 Persons Assisted
6	Services for Disabled	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Disabled Adults	City-Wide	Services for Disabled	CDBG: \$6,688	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Homeless Services and Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Domestic violence shelter and services	City-Wide	Homeless Services and Housing	\$9,078	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 55 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 55 Persons Assisted
8	Fair Housing Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Fair Housing Services	City-Wide	Fair Housing Services	\$4,800	Other: 60 Other
9	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Lead Based Paint Hazards Testing	City-Wide	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant	CDBG: \$7,500	Other: 15 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	CDBG program administration costs.
2	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Goal Description	CDBG funds for owner occupied rehabilitation grants, loans and rebates.
3	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	Housing and Building code enforcement to preserve housing stock in eligible residential areas, to refer qualified homeowners to Housing Division to apply for grants, loans and rebates.
4	Goal Name	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Goal Description	Services for seniors
5	Goal Name	Youth Services
	Goal Description	Provide childcare scholarships and juvenile diversion services.

6	Goal Name	Services for Disabled
	Goal Description	Provide case management, life skills, and job training to disable adults.
7	Goal Name	Homeless Services and Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funding to domestic violence shelter for emergency shelter and supportive services.
8	Goal Name	Fair Housing Services
	Goal Description	Contract with Fair Housing Council Orange County to provide fair housing services to residents per HUD requirement.
9	Goal Name	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Goal Description	Lead-based paint hazard grant to test and abate any hazards found in the course of a City of Fountain Valley Rehabilitation Program project.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects summarized below address the high priority needs of the Strategic Plan. The City of Fountain Valley will allocate CDBG funding to the projects below to address the needs of low income residents in Fountain Valley.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Neighborhood Revitalization
2	Administration of CDBG Program
3	Code Enforcement
4	Meals on Wheels Congregate Meals
5	Meals on Wheels Delivered
6	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley
7	Waymakers
8	Elwyn
9	Interval House
10	Fair Housing
11	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
12	Fresh Beginnings Ministries

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The biggest obstacle to meeting the needs of the underserved is the considerable lack of public and private resources to fully address the priorities identified in this Consolidated Plan. Funding for the development and preservation of affordable housing is greater than the revenues available even though the needs are growing. Housing costs are high in Orange County and very large subsidies are needed for affordable housing development, or homeownership assistance. Because of the lack of available resources the City is not able to fund all community needs as identified during the citizen participation process.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Owner Occupied Home Improvement
	Funding	CDBG: \$269,564
	Description	Provide loans, grants and rebates to low income homeowners for rehabilitation. Must be owner occupied.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 qualifying low income homeowners a year
	Location Description	City-wide as qualified
	Planned Activities	Provide loans, grants and rebates to qualifying low income households to do minor rehabilitation of their single family or mobile home. Owner occupied only.
2	Project Name	Administration of CDBG Program
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration of Grant Program
	Funding	CDBG: \$63,994
	Description	CDBG program oversight and coordination
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program admin
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	CDBG program management
3	Project Name	Code Enforcement

	Target Area	CDBG/Code Enforcement Eligible Exception Criteria
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$82,000
	Description	Enforcement of zoning, housing and building codes in CDBG eligible areas
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 150 code enforcement violations abated in CDBG eligible areas per year
	Location Description	CDBG eligible areas
	Planned Activities	Conduct code enforcement in CDBG eligible areas. Educate residents of City's Home Improvement Program.
4	Project Name	Meals on Wheels Congregate Meals
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Needs Addressed	Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,465
	Description	Provide meals to low income residents at Fountain Valley Senior Center at low or no cost
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 low income seniors per year.
	Location Description	Fountain Valley Senior Center, 17967 Bushard St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708
	Planned Activities	Provide lunch 2 times a week to low income individuals in a congregate setting at low or no-cost

5	Project Name	Meals on Wheels Delivered
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Needs Addressed	Services for Elderly/Frail Elderly
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,643
	Description	Home delivered meals to frail elderly
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 frail and elderly low income senior a year
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Deliver meals to homebound frail and elderly persons and provide case management
6	Project Name	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,078
	Description	Provide childcare scholarships to low income families
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low income families a year
	Location Description	Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley, 16582 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708
	Planned Activities	Provide childcare scholarships to low income families
7	Project Name	Waymakers
	Target Area	City-Wide

	Goals Supported	Youth Services
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,643
	Description	Provide juvenile diversion services to city residents
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 juveniles and their families will benefit from services
	Location Description	Fountain Valley Police Department and other locations across the city
	Planned Activities	Provide diversion services to juvenile residents in an effort to keep them out of the juvenile justice system.
8	Project Name	Elwyn
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Services for Disabled
	Needs Addressed	Services for Disabled
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,688
	Description	Provide case management, life skills and job training to disabled adults
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low income disabled adults
	Location Description	Elwyn California located at 18325 Mt. Baldy Cir., Fountain Valley, CA 92708
	Planned Activities	Provide case management , life skills and job training to disabled adults
9	Project Name	Interval House
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Services and Housing

	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,078
	Description	Emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 victims of domestic violence
	Location Description	Confidential
	Planned Activities	Emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence.
10	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing Services
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,800
	Description	Provide fair housing services to low income residents
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 low income households assisted per year
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Provide fair housing services to low income households in the community
11	Project Name	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Needs Addressed	Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500

	Description	Provide lead based paint hazard testing to participants of Home Improvement Program
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low income households that are participating in the home improvement program per year
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Tests for lead based paint and abate if necessary
12	Project Name	Fresh Beginnings Ministries
	Target Area	City -wide
	Goals Supported	Services for Seniors
	Needs Addressed	Services for Frail/Elderly
	Funding	CDBG-CV1 \$20,547
	Description	Year 2 of new outreach program providing information, referral services, and case management to seniors in response to COVID-19.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 senior clients
	Location Description	City-wide via phone and internet. Limited services available at Fountain Valley Senior Center as COVID regulations allow.
	Planned activities	Social Services Outreach Program for Seniors in response to COVID-19.

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 majority of CDBG funded activities will be available city-wide because they are available to low income households regardless of where they live in the city. The exception to this is CDBG funded code enforcement activities which are restricted to the limited CDBG eligible areas of the city.

Resources are utilized to benefit areas with racial/ethnic minority concentrations as these areas do have some overlap with CDBG eligible areas. According to the latest American Community Survey 5- year estimates for 2019, Fountain Valley is approximately 54.2% white, 35.8% Asian and the remaining 10% consisting of mixed race individuals, Black, American Indian, and Native Hawaiians. Different races are scattered throughout the City with concentration of non-white households getting progressively greater in the farther north-east areas. Residents in Fountain Valley who identify as Hispanic comprise approximately 15.4% of the City’s population. The Hispanic population is also slightly more concentrated in the north eastern area of the city.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-Wide	75
CDBG/Code Enforcement Eligible Exception Criteria	25
CDBG ELIGIBLE EXCEPTION CRITERIA	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City has limited resources and all program funding comes from the annual CDBG allocation. The City strives to allocate funds to help persons and households for which the greatest need exists, and where services relate most closely to other activities affecting neighborhood revitalization and quality of life. To that end, the City has determined that allocating funding to public service agencies and the neighborhood improvement program, which provide services specifically to low income households throughout the city, and funding code enforcement in CDBG eligible areas to maintain the quality of neighborhoods, are the most effective use of CDBG funding for the residents of Fountain Valley.

Discussion

As discussed above, the City's CDBG program allocates funds to provide activities that promote a better quality of life, that provide safe and secure living environments, and that preserve neighborhoods and instill pride of ownership throughout the community.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The proposed activities for FY 2020-21 will allocate CDBG funds to meet the housing needs of the following households.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	70
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	70

Table 9 - 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	15
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	15

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

Discussion

Due to the limited resources, the City of Fountain Valley focuses on the Owner-Occupied Home Improvement Program that offers loans, grants and rebates to qualifying households for minor rehabilitation to allow low income households to stay in their homes for a longer period of time. Older homeowners with reduced income are often better off aging in place and the program makes the necessary improvements that allows them to do so. Additionally, the City supports Interval House Domestic Violence Shelter that assists homeless victims of domestic violence with emergency shelter and supportive services.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are no Public Housing developments within the City of Fountain Valley. The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), a division of OC Community Services, administers rental assistance programs throughout Orange County, with the exception of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana, who have their own assistance programs. Low income households are able to use the vouchers to towards their monthly rent in order to make units affordable to their financial situation. Fountain Valley currently has 449 rental assistance voucher recipients in the city.

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

There are no actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing.

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

There is no Public Housing within the City of Fountain Valley.

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

There is no Public Housing within the City of Fountain Valley.

Discussion

The City supports the County's efforts to increase the supply and quality of affordable housing county-wide.

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

Introduction

Because the City does not have a large population of homeless individuals, the City's homeless strategy is to provide services that prevent future homelessness. The programs offered using CDBG funding benefit low income households in an effort to ensure they are able to stay in their current housing and/or provide social services that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

The City also participates and supports the Santa Ana/Anaheim/Orange County Continuum of Care (COC CA 602) that coordinates a vast network of homeless shelters and support services throughout the county.

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 unsheltered homeless population in the City is limited and largely transient; the City does not have a specific gathering spot or permanent encampment for homeless individuals. The common spots for transient homeless in the City are along the Santa Ana River and Mile Square Park which are primarily under County jurisdiction.

Goal: Continue to provide homeless persons information and referrals to nearby assistance and services provided by the various agencies including the Orange County 2-1-1 program.

Goal: Continue to fund a Homeless Liaison Police Officer from the General Fund that is dedicated to homeless issues in the city and educates homeless individuals regarding available programs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Fountain Valley has one emergency shelter with a 14-person capacity specifically for homeless families. While not funded by the city, it is a part of the CoC that the City supports. There remains a shortage of year-round emergency beds across the County. Fountain Valley supports the efforts of the County of Orange and the CoC to develop more emergency, transitional and supportive housing county-wide.

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

Fountain Valley provides CDBG funds to a local shelter that provides emergency shelters and transitional housing for domestic violence victims. The shelter also provides educational classes such as preparing resumes, job interviews, career enhancement, and money management. Medical and legal services are also provided for their clients. The combination of these services should provide a foundation for their clients to learn to be more self-sufficient.

The City will continue to pursue funding opportunities as they present themselves to assist homeless services providers assist low income renters at risk of homelessness with rental assistance, case management, workforce development.

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 cost of housing is high in Fountain Valley therefore it very difficult for very low income persons to maintain their housing without some type of assistance. Programs such as Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and VASH vouchers for veterans are a great help but are in such limited supply that persons just being released from public institutions or systems of care would have great difficulty in obtaining housing on their own. There are a number of group homes in the city that provide housing alternatives to persons in this type of situation. The Orange County 2-1-1 program allows individuals to access a large variety of assistance with a one stop approach.

2-1-1 Orange County has a fully developed Community Corrections Program to assist people recently exiting from a corrections facility. The program includes a Proposition 47 Re-Entry Center, Stepping Up Initiative program and Collaborative Courts. All of these programs will assist people discharged from the corrections system.

The County uses SHP, ESG, CDBG, EHAP, and OCHA/HSS funds to support the Continuum of Care system by providing emergency shelters and supportive services. In collaboration with the

entire CoC, the County of Orange Health Care Agency has also implemented Proposition 63 Full Service Partnership Programs. These programs have created outreach options for homeless persons to access services starting at the street outreach level and continuing until the individual and/or family is well established in permanent supportive housing. The CoC and all participating cities work together to meet the housing needs of Orange County residents.

Discussion

The City of Fountain Valley continues to fund Neighborhood Improvement programs and social service providers in an effort to address homelessness and prevent future homelessness in the community.

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

Introduction:

The main barrier to affordable housing in Fountain Valley is the lack of vacant or underutilized land to develop, and the lack of developers interested in constructing affordable housing projects, primarily due to the high cost of land in the city.

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 believes its land use controls, fees and permitting processes do not present a constraint to residential development due to the fact that the Fountain Valley General Plan and Municipal Ordinance provide for a range of housing types and densities. The City's fees are low when compared to surrounding jurisdictions.

The City's 2014-21 Housing Element has a goal of conserving and supporting affordable housing opportunities in the city and has outlined the following policies to further this goal:

- Promote and expand affordable home ownership opportunities for lower and moderate income households in the City.
- Pursue available housing funds provided by Federal, State, private and/or local sources to preserve affordable housing.
- Continue to support innovative public, private and non-profit housing development organizations' efforts in the provision of affordable housing, particularly for special needs groups.
- Address the long and short term needs of those who are homeless through continued support of local private and non-profit groups which provide shelter and services.
- Conserve the existing stock of rental housing. Limit the proportion of multifamily housing units permitted to convert to owner-occupied status.
- Provide regulatory incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing. The City is continues to search for property that would be financially feasible to accommodate the construction of affordable housing.

Discussion:

A variety of factors add to the cost of housing in Fountain Valley and constrains the

development of affordable housing units. The city provides zoning incentives to affordable housing developers to build affordable housing projects in the city and actively looks for additional funding to promote affordable housing. The City is in the process of updating its Housing Element and General Plan in compliance with State laws. ADUs represent a viable option as they avoid the burden of land costs and are often provided at zero rent or a reduced rent. Through the Housing Element update, the City will explore options to encourage the production of ADUs.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City will implement programs that address the issues listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

One of the main obstacles to meeting underserved needs is inadequate funding. Many public service agencies struggle to obtain federal and state government funding as well as funding from private foundations to provide much needed services. The City will continue to allocate public service agency funding for activities that serve the needs of the underserved such as services for the elderly, disabled adult services, and services that assist low income households. The home improvement program also serves many elderly people who qualify for program assistance. City staff refers any residents requesting information regarding rental assistance to OCHA who manages the Housing Voucher program for the majority of the county or 2-1-1 Orange County for additional services. Residents are also directed to Fair Housing Council of Orange County to address questions or concerns of landlords and tenants in the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Fountain Valley utilizes its Neighborhood Revitalization Program to offer low interest loans, grants and rebates to income eligible homeowners to allow them to make necessary repairs to their homes to provide a safe a decent living environment at an affordable cost. The majority of the applicants are seniors; programs such as these allow seniors to stay in their home which is usually the most affordable housing option to them. The City is very committed to protecting housing that is affordable to the current resident, and in fact 54% of the current year's CDBG budget is dedicated to making funds available for income eligible homeowners.

The City also supports the affordable efforts of the County of Orange as a member of the Cities Advisory Committee. The committee reviews and gives input to the administration of the housing voucher programs such as Section 8 and VASH programs. During times of enrollment in the voucher program, the City assists in distributing applications and providing guidance. The OCHA had anticipated opening the waiting list at the end of 2020 however the coronavirus postponed that. They are now looking towards 2022 for the possible re-opening of the waiting list. As of February 2020 there were still 8,600 people on the current OCHA waiting list.

The City also provides access to a list of county-wide affordable housing options to prospective low-income tenants inquiring at City Hall.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Fountain Valley has established a Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant Program to test, evaluate and mitigate any lead based paint hazards found in the course of a home rehabilitation project. Each home that receives HUD funds for rehabilitation is tested for the presence of lead based paint hazards. Any necessary remediation work is covered by a Lead Based Paint Hazard Grant funded by CDBG funds.

The City promotes lead based paint training for local contractors by distributing flyers via the City Building Department as they become available from various government entities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 5.5% of the City's households are living at or below the poverty level. The City has identified several activities and services that can be implemented to combat poverty and to prevent possible homelessness. Specific examples include the following activities:

- Provide home improvement programs that allow low income households to do necessary repairs on their owner occupied properties to allow them to stay in their homes longer.
- Support rental assistance programs provided by the Orange County Housing Authority for very low-income renters.
- Fund emergency shelter supportive services for domestic violence victims to prevent homelessness. Supportive services, counseling and rental assistance are also provided.
- Support public services programs to improve the quality of life seniors, youth, the disabled, and other populations that may be severely impacted by the cost of living in the region.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has made an effort to develop an institutional structure that will help identify and access resources to improve the community and assist those most in need. The lead agency to administer the CDBG program is the Housing Division of the Planning and Building Department. The Division will prepare the Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice every five years, draft the Annual Action Plan and CAPER, and complete all additional reports required by HUD. The City will ensure the public is notified of all opportunities to provide input and are given ample opportunity to engage in the process as established by the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

The City will continue to work with non-profit agencies in the delivery of services and programs for the benefit of low- to moderate-income residents and manage and promote the Home Improvement Program that provides funding to low income homeowners for repair and rehabilitation of their homes.

The City manages all the activities to ensure that the CDBG funding is allocated in a manner that best assists low income household in the community.

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

The City of Fountain Valley does not have any public housing; however, the city supports OCHA who provides rental assistance for low income households in the community. The City is a member of the Orange County Cities Advisory Committee that reviews the OCHA's 5-year and 1-year PHA to ensure that it is compatible with the City of Fountain Valley Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the City reviews PSA grant applications each year to ensure the goals of the PSA's are compatible with goals of the Consolidated Plan. The City continues to attend meetings with other Orange County grantees to discuss regional efforts and goals that benefit low income households across the county.

Discussion:

The City allocates funding in the most cost-effective manner to assist low income households in the community.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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. (2020,2021,2022)	70.00%

Estimated that more than 70% of CDBG funds that will be used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. The time frame to determine the minimum overall benefit to determine that 70% of CDBG funds are used to benefit low and moderate income are program years 2020, 2021 and 2022.