

CITY OF PITTSBURG



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

1. Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are distributed annually to entitlement communities by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support various community development activities benefiting lower-income individuals and households. To receive these annual allocations, jurisdictions must submit a five-year Consolidated Plan along with annual Action Plans outlining their investments, goals, and how these align with the objectives of the Consolidated Plan.

CDBG funding is designated for a variety of public services benefiting Pittsburg's most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, severely disabled adults, abused and neglected children, victims of domestic violence, and the unhoused. Additionally, CDBG funds support economic development initiatives, infrastructure improvements, and other public service needs for low- and moderate-income persons and microenterprises. It also supports infrastructure projects in lower-income neighborhoods.

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.

For jurisdictions to receive annual CDBG fund allocations, they must prepare and submit a five-year Consolidated Plan, an Annual Action Plan and a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report that details all the accomplishments in relation to the Annual Action Plan.

The entitlement jurisdictions of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek and the Urban County (all other cities and the unincorporated areas) constitute the Contra Costa Consortium (Consortium). Together, the Consortium prepared a joint Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2025 Contra Costa Consortium Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan). The priority needs for the City, and the strategy and objectives to address those needs are detailed in the Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a detailed planning document that provides a needs assessment, describes the jurisdiction's non-housing community development needs, its housing needs and market conditions, sets out a five-year strategy identifying priorities and available resources and establishes the Action Plan which outlines intended uses of the resources. The Consolidated Plan incorporates the requirements of HUD's CDBG Program. HUD must approve both the Consolidated Plan and the City's Action Plan. The Consortium divided the Consolidated Plan into two funding cycles:

- 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 - two-year funding cycle
- 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 - three-year funding cycle

The City's CDBG funds can only be used for projects and programs that benefit residents of Pittsburgh. To comply with HUD'S 70% rule, which requires grantees to ensure that at least 70% of its expenditures over a period must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The City has determined that its use of CDBG entitlement funds shall be one Program Year (PY) beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. The Action Plan has been prepared in compliance with the Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is guided by three overarching goals:

1. To provide a suitable living environment through safe, more livable neighborhoods, greater integration of low- and moderate-income residents throughout Contra Costa County communities, increased housing opportunities, and reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods.
2. To expand economic opportunities through more jobs paying self-sufficient wages, opportunities for homeownership, development activities that promote long-term community viability, and empowerment of low- and moderate-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.
3. To provide decent housing by preserving the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of affordable housing, and reducing discriminatory barriers.

3. Evaluation of Past Performance

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

The City remains dedicated to enhancing and upholding compliance with the CDBG program's standards. Despite the numerous changes in HUD representatives over the years, City staff is dedicated to collaborating with HUD counterparts to ensure effective

program management and identify avenues for enhancement. Amid the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City and its subrecipients have adapted as needed to uphold performance metrics. While infrastructure projects have faced delays due to supply chain issues and understaffing, the majority of previously funded programs and activities have stayed on track, with grant disbursements occurring promptly. The Pittsburg grant program continues to achieve its goals and maintain adherence to established guidelines, as detailed below:

1. **Housing** – Other funding sources have replaced CDBG funds that funded the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, preserving and maintaining the existing housing stock .
2. **Public Services** – The City has allocated funds to a variety of supportive services, including assistance for the homeless, medically uninsured, and programs for at risk youth.
3. **Economic Development** – The City funds a job training and placement program. Additionally, assistance was also given to support micro-enterprises that result in business and job creation.
4. **Infrastructure/Public Facilities** – The City committed to enhancing its infrastructure by replacing sidewalks and installing American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps in eligible census tracts. Unfortunately, construction delays in the industry hindered progress, causing the project to stall. The City was unable to utilize a significant portion of the project funds to comply with the timeliness rule for the 2023-2024 program year. Bids were solicited and approved in October 2023, and construction has since reached 90% completion, with 22 ADA-compliant ramps and sidewalks successfully installed.

The City is dedicated to collaborating with the Consortium to achieve the objectives and policies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. It remains focused on ensuring that funded activities align with the required performance metrics.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Community Forums

Five Consolidated Plan Community Forums were conducted throughout Contra Costa County to introduce the Consortium’s Five-Year Consolidated Plan Process and to solicit input from residents and workers throughout Contra Costa County on the level of need for

various types of improvements that can potentially be addressed by the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan.

Outreach

Over a thousand entities, organizations, and persons were directly contacted via outreach efforts and requested to share materials with their beneficiaries, partners, and contacts; encouraged attendance at the forums; and responded to the Community Needs Survey. The survey was available in both English and Spanish.

Results from the forums and outreach efforts helped direct each jurisdiction’s funding recommendations to ensure that community needs are addressed each fiscal year.

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.

Newspaper ads regarding the CDBG FY 2024-2025 funds were published in the East Bay Times in English, Spanish and Tagalog on April 05, 2024. The comment period is from April 05, 2024 through May 06, 2024 and during the public hearing to be held on May 06, 2024.

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

No comments have been received thus far.

7. Summary

No comments have been received thus far.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		City of Pittsburg

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Pittsburg is a member of the Contra Costa HOME Consortium. The Consortium consists of the Contra Costa Urban County and four CDBG entitlement jurisdictions: Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek.

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

1. Introduction

To achieve the objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan, the City government engages in a collaborative process with the community and service providers at all levels. This collaborative effort is essential for ensuring that the funding activities recommended for FY 2024-25 are aligned with the needs and priorities of the community.

This process is initiated by consulting with a wide range of stakeholders, including various funded agencies and County departments that provide services to residents. These consultations help City staff gain a comprehensive understanding of the current needs and challenges facing the community. They also provide valuable insights into the most effective strategies for addressing these needs and improving the quality of life for residents.

Overall, this collaborative approach ensures that the Consolidated Plan reflects the input and priorities of the community and is tailored to address the most pressing needs of residents. By working closely with the community and service providers, the City government is able to develop funding recommendations that have a meaningful impact on the lives of residents and contribute to the overall well-being of the community.

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 Consortium's outreach and consultation strategies included the formation of community outreach partnerships with affordable housing, social service, and mental health providers; workforce developers; community advocates; and others. Subrecipients alerted their clients and program beneficiaries that an important planning process was being undertaken and encouraged active participation by beneficiaries.

The Consortium conducted a Community Needs Survey to solicit input from residents and workers in Contra Costa County during the Consolidated Plan process. Respondents were informed that the Consortium was updating the Consolidated Plan for federal funds that primarily serve low and moderate income residents and special needs populations. The questionnaire polled respondents about the level of need in their respective neighborhoods for various types of improvements that can potentially be addressed using entitlement funds.

The City provides information to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburg (Housing Authority) regarding programs that can enhance the living situation of its clients by providing resources to assist with becoming a homeowner, landlord/tenant issues, as well as other programs that may be of benefit to the household. In addition, the City, through its senior center services, has established partnerships with agencies that provide assistance to the senior population.

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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 actively participates in the Continuum of Care (CoC) by engaging in various activities and staying informed about CoC initiatives. This includes:

- Regularly attending CoC meetings to stay updated on key issues, developments, and strategies related to homelessness
- Participating in committees within the CoC, such as those focused on funding allocation, program evaluation, and strategic planning
- Staying informed about CoC activities through newsletters and email communications from the CoC, ensuring that the City is aware of important updates and opportunities for collaboration
- Meeting regularly with staff from the Contra Costa County Health, Housing & Homeless Services, which serves as the lead agency for the CoC. These meetings help coordinate efforts among jurisdictions and ensure alignment with broader regional strategies to address homelessness.

By actively participating in the CoC, the City demonstrates its commitment to addressing homelessness and collaborates with regional partners to develop effective solutions and strategies.

Chronic homelessness - During the five years since its 2019 homeless point-in-time count, Contra Costa Health (CCH) and community partners have added hundreds of shelter beds across the county, a 30% increase. The County's 2023 point-in-time count, estimated that 2,372 people were staying in shelter beds or living outdoors on an average night in Contra Costa, compared to 2,277 in 2020. On the night of the 2023 point-in-time count, there were 1,563 unsheltered people in Contra Costa County compared to 1,570 in 2020.

The former Motel 6 was converted into a transition housing facility in 2020, after having received \$21.5 million in Homekey funding. The facility continues to be a significant transitional housing resource in the City of Pittsburg, offering essential support to individuals and

families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. It provides temporary housing solutions for those in need, serving as a bridge between homelessness and permanent housing.

Additionally, the facility plays a crucial role in the community by reducing the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and providing a safe and supportive environment for those in need. By offering transitional housing and support services, it helps individuals and families rebuild their lives and regain self-sufficiency.

The City entered into a Contract with Contra Costa Health Services to provide homeless outreach services (Coordinated Outreach Referral Engagement – CORE) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Staff will seek City Council approval to extend this contract for 3 more years. City staff participate in monthly meetings with staff from the Continuum of Care (CoC), Health, Housing and Homeless (H3) as well as Bay Area Community Services (BACS). H3 provides advice on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in the county to strategically plan to prevent and end homelessness. CoC coordinates the community's policies, strategies and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County. Together, all agencies are working collaboratively to ensure homeless services are available while minimizing negative impacts to the community.

Veterans – The Housing Authority (HA) administers nineteen (19) project based vouchers at Veterans' Square. The HA also administers 185 Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. The HA averages 125 VASH voucher holders per month.

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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

Pittsburg does not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds but Contra Costa County is a recipient of these funds and coordinates its allocation with the CoC. The CoC completes an annual action plan each year. This annual action plan will guide the work of the CoC and inform the decisions of the Contra Costa Interagency Council for Homelessness (CCICH) Executive Committee and the CoC.

The expansive participation in Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) by service providers throughout the CoC has given the City more knowledge about the population being served. Changes to the policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS is overseen by CCICH Executive Committee to ensure compliance with HUD requirements and best practices.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Pittsburg Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Pittsburg Housing Authority has clients that are interested in becoming homeowners and this has become attainable through HUD's Homeownership Voucher Program.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Other government - County

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Department of Conservation and Development was the lead agency in the development of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan and is the lead agency in the development of the upcoming 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan.</p>
<p>3 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Contra Costa Health Services Homeless Program</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - County</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Contra Costa County's Health and Homeless Services staff participate in the community meeting/public hearing process and provide information on special needs populations, including homeless populations. This consultation results in improved coordination of services to the City's at risk and homeless populations.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Contra Costa Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff participates in monthly meetings with staff from the Continuum of Care (CoC) as well as the Health, Housing, and Homeless Services (H3).H3 provides advice on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in the county to strategically plan to prevent and end homelessness. The City and H3 are working collaboratively to ensure homeless services are available while minimizing negative impacts to the community.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Opportunity Junction
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Opportunity Junction is a Contra Costa Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) that works closely with the low-income community to provide educational programs, job training and placement services, and is well-connected with economic development agencies and partners in Contra Costa County.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	SHELTER, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Shelter Inc. administers the City's CDBG-CV funds to assist with keeping residents housed by providing funds towards past due rent, mortgage, and utilities.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	SiFi Networks Pittsburg LLC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband and narrowing digital divide
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City is currently collaborating with existing internet service providers to enhance the speed and quality of internet services available to residents. This effort involves exploring upgrades to existing infrastructure and technologies to deliver faster and more reliable internet connections. Concurrently, the City is proactively seeking partnerships with additional internet service providers that offer high-speed internet services. These partnerships aim to expand the range of high-speed internet options available to resident

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

No agency types were intentionally excluded. Organizations were consulted on an individual and group basis. An effort was made to reach as many organizations as possible.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Coalition of Homeless Services Providers	Through the outreach process, homelessness and homeless prevention services were identified as a priority for the CDBG program. These services will complement the CoC Strategy.
Housing Element 2023-2031	City of Pittsburg Planning Department	The 2023-2031 Pittsburg Housing Element was adopted on May 22, 2023, by City Council Resolution 23-14301. This document was heavily consulted for all housing goals and objectives to assure unity and conformity.
Contra Costa County Consortium	Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development	The cities of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg and Walnut Creek and the County of Contra Costa have formed the Contra Costa HOME Consortium to cooperatively plan for the housing and community development needs of Contra Costa County.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

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

The Consortium divided the Consolidated Plan into two (2) funding cycles:

- 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 - two-year funding cycle
- 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 - three-year funding cycle

With the Consortium's designated funding cycles, FY 2024-2025 is the third and final year of the three-year funding cycle that covers 2023-2025. Renewal applications for the third year funding cycle were due on February 23, 2024.

On April 05, 2024, public notices in English, Spanish and Tagalog were published in the East Bay Times, announcing the May 06, 2024 public hearing at the City Council meeting. Interested parties were encouraged to send comments on the draft 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. Written comments were accepted from April 05 – May 05, 2024.

On May 06, 2024, through Resolution 24- XXXX City Council considered approval of the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	2 Council Members; 1 Life Enrichment Subcommittee Member; 0 Members of the Public	No public comments received	Not applicable	https://www.pittsburgca.gov/services/community-services/community-development-block-grant-cdbg
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	City Council Members, Staff and the members of the Public attended the in-person City Council meeting where the public hearing was held.	No public comments received	Not applicable	https://www.pittsburgca.gov/services/community-services/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/public-notices-and-postings/-fsiteid-1#!/
3	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish and Tagalog Non-targeted/broad community	City Council Members, Staff and the Public attended the in-person City Council meeting where the public hearing was held.	No public comments received	Not applicable.	https://www.pittsburgca.gov/services/community-services/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/public-notices-and-postings/-fsiteid-1#!/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

EXPECTED RESOURCES

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

Introduction

As of April 5, 2024, HUD had not yet released its allocation for Pittsburg for FY 2024-2025. To ensure the City would have the AAP approved in time for submission to HUD, this item was presented to the City Council on May 6. Staff proposed to award sub receipts the same percentage of funds they were awarded in FY 2023-2024. In FY 2023-2024, the City received \$146,303 in program income, which will be allocated for Public Services and Administration Expenses. The allocations were made public on May 8, 2024, with the City receiving \$641,748.

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	Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Infrastructure/Public facilities Public Services	\$641,748	146,303	0	\$788,051	\$788,051	CDBG allocation for the FY 2024-2025 is \$641,748.

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: \$		
Other	public - local	Other	150,000	0	0	150,000	150,000	City plans to issue 5 housing rehabilitation loans in FY 2024-2025 using CAL Home funds.

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

The City leverages Federal, State, and local resources to the greatest extent feasible. Moreover, the City continues to encourage non-profit organizations to seek other Federal, State, and local funding for both housing and non-housing community development activities.

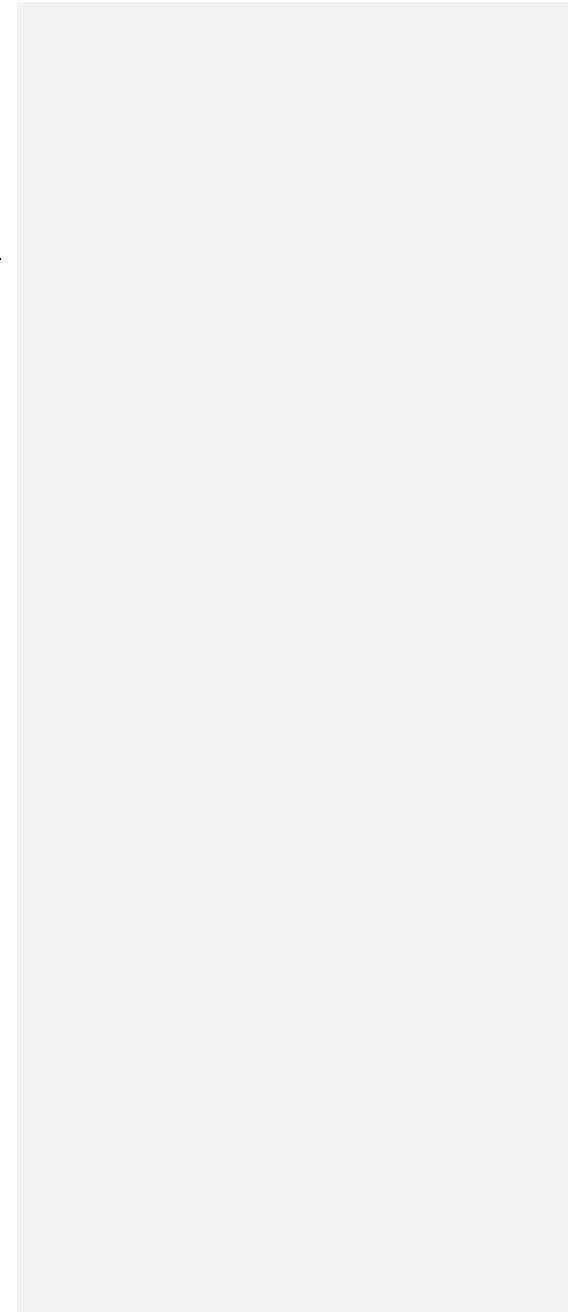
The City secured grant funding from the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Authority, which is disbursed over a 5-year period. Total received to date is \$811,461, which is the 2019 and 2020 allocation. These funds have been instrumental in supporting the Coordinated Outreach Referral Engagement (CORE) program, which focuses on engaging and stabilizing homeless individuals in Pittsburgh. Additionally, a portion of the PLHA grant was used to purchase a house, which will be transferred to the Housing Authority to expand the Section 8 housing inventory. The City is anticipating receiving the 2021 and 2022 disbursement, which will be an additional \$815,734.

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 recognizes the need for affordable housing and will be issuing a Requests for Proposal (RFP) to develop vacant City-

owned land into mixed use development projects with 25% restricted to lower income households. This effort reflects the City's recognition that affordable housing is a priority for Pittsburg.

Discussion



ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	AH-3: Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing	2020	2025	Affordable Housing	City of Pittsburgh	Affordable Housing	Successor Agency: \$150,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Units
2	CD-1: General Public Services	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Pittsburgh	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$118,208	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3,490 persons served
3	CD-3: Youth	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Pittsburgh	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 persons helped
4	CD-6: Economic Development	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Pittsburgh	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$65,372	Jobs created/retained: 1 jobs created Businesses Assisted: 31 Businesses
5	H-2: Homeless Prevention and Services (Non-Shelter)	2020	2025	Homeless	City of Pittsburgh	Reduce/Alleviate Homelessness	CDBG: \$0	Homelessness Prevention: 0 persons assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	CD-7: Infrastructure and Accessibility	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Pittsburg	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$476,122	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5,395 persons assisted
7	CD-8: Administration	2020	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Pittsburg	Program Administration	CDBG: \$128,350	Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AH-3: Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>Maintaining and preserving affordable housing during this Annual Action Plan includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cal -Home funds will contribute \$150,000 to the housing rehabilitation budget making the total budget for the program be \$150,000 <p>The total housing rehabilitation budget will be \$150,000 for the program year 2024-2025.</p>

2	Goal Name	CD-1: General Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>Public Service Activities will fund the same subrecipients that were funded in the previous fiscal year since this is the 3rd year in a 3-year funding cycle. Those sub recipients funded are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loaves and Fishes - \$36,030 • John Muir Land Trust - Family Harvest Farms - \$26,100 • Healthy Hearts Institute - Community Garden - \$26,100 • St. Vincent DePaul RotaCare Clinic - \$29,977 <p>During FY 2023-2024, the City received \$146,303 in housing rehabilitation loan payoffs funded by CDBG funds. This amount is considered Program Income and will be added to the allocation for disbursement in this category for FY 2024-2025.</p>
3	Goal Name	CD-3: Youth
	Goal Description	Youth services will continue to be funded through other sources (ARPA, Measure M and General Fund).
4	Goal Name	CD-6: Economic Development
	Goal Description	<p>Economic Development activities during this Annual Action Plan include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COCOKIDS - \$15,549 • Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center - \$24,911 • Opportunity Junction Administrative Careers Training Program - \$24,911

5	Goal Name	H-2: Homeless Prevention and Services (Non-Shelter)
	Goal Description	Homeless Prevention activity during this Annual Action Plan will be funded with Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant funds. These funds are used to pay for CORE Program who provide assistance to the unhoused. Under Public Services, subrecipients, Loaves and Fishes and St. Vincent de Paul RotaCare Clinic, provide services to the unhoused.
6	Goal Name	CD-7: Infrastructure and Accessibility
	Goal Description	The following projects will be funded with CDBG funds in FY 2024-2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Pittsburg – ADA Ramps Installation and Sidewalk Replacement - \$273,938 • City of Pittsburg - Roadway Safety Improvements - Linscheid Drive - \$202,184
7	Goal Name	CD-8: Administration
	Goal Description	Planning and Administration - \$128,350, which is 20% of the total annual HUD entitlement.

AP-35 PROJECTS - 91.420, 91.220(D)

Introduction

Pittsburg's CDBG program major objectives are to:

- Provide assistance to programs and activities that benefit lower income persons.
- Preserve the existing housing stock for lower income persons.
- Provide assistance to programs that create permanent employment opportunities for lower income persons.
- Improve the public works infrastructure, including improvements that aid in the revitalization and improve safety in neighborhoods, increase accessibility for persons with disabilities and seniors, and increase the health and safety of residents.
- Provide assistance to neighborhood and public facilities that serve lower income persons and families.

#	Project Name
1	2024-2025 Loaves and Fishes
2	2024-2025 Healthy Hearts Institute Community Garden
3	2024-2025 John Muir Land Trust - Family Harvest Farms
4	2024-2025 COCOKIDS Road to Success
5	2024-2025 - Opportunity Junction - Administrative Careers Training Program
6	2024-2025 - Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center - Igniting the power of Entrepreneurship
7	2024-2025 St. Vincent DePaul - RotaCare Program
8	2024-2025 - City of Pittsburg - Citywide Roadway Safety Improvements
9	2024-2025 - City of Pittsburg - Handicapped Pedestrian Transportation Improvements
10	2024-2025 Planning & Administration

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The City of Pittsburg remains committed to addressing barriers that hinder meeting the needs of underserved populations. To this end, Pittsburg will continue to allocate CDBG funds for public facility and infrastructure improvements, and public service activities

benefiting special needs populations and low-income families. Housing rehabilitation efforts are funded by other funding sources. Additionally, the City employs various strategies to combat poverty, including initiatives to stimulate economic growth and create job opportunities, as well as to equip residents with the skills needed to access these opportunities.

A significant step taken by the City to reduce poverty is funding agencies that offer economic development programs and services for individuals with extremely low to very low incomes in the community. By supporting programs like CoCoKids, Opportunity Junction, and the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, the City aims to reduce the number of individuals living below the poverty line. These programs provide individuals with the resources and training necessary to compete in the job market or start their own businesses, ultimately empowering them to improve their economic circumstances.

AP-38 PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Summary Information

Project Name	2024-2025 Loaves and Fishes
Target Area	City of Pittsburg
Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	\$36,030
Description	Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa County (LFCCC) offers a hot meal program and food pantry service to combat food insecurity, a significant concern in Contra Costa County. These services provide homeless individuals and very low to low incomes residents with access to nutritious meals every day. To reach more people, both dine-in and take-out options are available. This support enables individuals to allocate their income to other critical needs such as rent, utilities, and healthcare, while also granting easier access to nutritious food, including fresh produce, for the homeless and food-insecure population.
Target Date	6/30/2025

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Loaves and Fishes is estimated to serve 1,600 residents of Pittsburg. Ninety-eight percent of those served are individuals who are low to very low-income, including those who are recently unemployed, homeless, underemployed, or disabled. Loaves and Fishes offers meals and groceries to people who are unable to afford nutritious meals for themselves or their families. Their services are available to anyone experiencing hunger, including adults, children, families, and the elderly.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <p>Objective - Creating a Suitable Living Environment Outcome - Availability/Accessibility HUD Performance Measure Type - Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service HUD Matrix Code – 05W Food Banks HUD National Objective - LMA HUD Accomplishment Type - Persons (General)</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Pittsburg Dining Room-1415 Simpson Court Pittsburg, CA 94565</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>LFCCC strives to serve well-balanced meals with low salt content, including fresh green salads, seasonal fruit salads, and an entrée. In the past year, LFCCC has expanded its mission to include community-based food programs and partner services focused on basic needs, in addition to providing meals.</p> <p>During the pandemic, LFCCC closed its dining halls in adherence to social distancing guidelines and switched to providing all meals on a takeout basis. This change led to a surge in the number of people seeking food assistance. While dining halls have since reopened, LFCCC continues to offer the takeout option, maintaining a hybrid operation to meet varying needs.</p> <p>Through partnerships with other nonprofits, LFCCC extends its reach and provides essential services in a cost-effective manner.</p>
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2	Project Name	2024-2025 Healthy Hearts Institute Community Garden
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$26,100
	Description	Healthy Hearts remains committed to expanding its farming operations in Pittsburg to reach a broader community audience, providing increased access to healthy foods and environmental education.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Estimated to help approximately 800 low and moderate persons - residing in Pittsburg.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <p>Objective - Creating a Suitable Living Environment</p> <p>Outcome - Availability/Accessibility</p> <p>HUD Performance Measure Type - Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service</p> <p>HUD Matrix Code – 05W Food Banks</p> <p>HUD National Objective - LMA</p> <p>HUD Accomplishment Type - Persons (General)</p>
Location Description	<p>875 El Pueblo Ave, Pittsburg, CA 94565</p>

Planned Activities	<p>The Healthy Hearts Institute (HHI) is dedicated to revitalizing low-income communities through a focus on health and wellness. The institute emphasizes four key elements of health: stress management; nutrition; environmental sustainability; and physical fitness. Through the establishment of community gardens and the provision of education, resources, and tools, HHI aims to support healthy lifestyles among low-income families.</p> <p>This project will significantly benefit its target audience by enhancing their access to locally grown, organic fruits and vegetables. It will also provide a space for community members to gather and discuss ways to improve community health. By transforming a vacant, blighted lot into a thriving community garden, gathering space, and urban farm, the project will offer direct access to nutritious produce. Low-income families will learn how to cultivate organic produce free of pesticides, thereby gaining access to healthy food options.</p> <p>Additionally, the project will educate participants about environmental stewardship, with programs focusing on composting, rainwater harvesting, and solar power. It will also provide education on environmental justice, empowering participants to develop local solutions to address the disproportionate burdens they face.</p> <p>While the HHI has been cultivating fresh and healthy foods for the community since 2017, the demand for food has exceeded its capacity. With support from the CDBG Program, the institute plans to enhance its infrastructure, increase farming capacity, expand food storage capacity, and add to its team to support expanded farming operations.</p>
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3	Project Name	2023-2024 John Muir Land Trust - Family Harvest Farms
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services

Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	\$26,100
Description	<p>Family Harvest Farm (FHF), a regenerative farm located in Pittsburg, plays a pivotal role in bolstering food security within the community. Through its multifaceted initiatives, FHF ensures access to fresh produce for Pittsburg residents while simultaneously providing educational opportunities and employment avenues for young adults aged 18-24 who have experience in foster care.</p> <p>At its core, FHF operates as a sustainable food source by growing and distributing fresh produce directly to residents of Pittsburg. By employing regenerative farming practices, FHF not only yields nutritious food but also contributes to the long-term health of the local ecosystem.</p> <p>FHF also serves as a hub for community engagement and education through its diverse range of workshops. These workshops cover topics such as organic gardening techniques, cooking with seasonal produce, and sustainable living practices, empowering residents to make informed decisions about their food choices and environmental impact.</p> <p>FHF is committed to providing valuable work experience and support for young adults transitioning from foster care. Through hands-on training in farming and agriculture, mentorship, and other support services, FHF equips these individuals with the skills and confidence needed to pursue meaningful employment opportunities and achieve their full potential.</p>
Target Date	6/30/2025

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Estimated to help approximately 750 Pittsburg residents.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <p>Objective - Creating a Suitable Living Environment</p> <p>Outcome - Availability/Accessibility</p> <p>HUD Performance Measure Type - Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service</p> <p>HUD Matrix Code – 05W Food Banks</p> <p>HUD National Objective - LMA</p> <p>HUD Accomplishment Type - Persons (General)</p>
Location Description	<p>1300 Power Ave, Pittsburg, CA 94565</p>

Planned Activities	<p>Family Harvest Farm (FHF) is addressing food insecurity, a significant barrier to healthy living in low/moderate income neighborhoods lacking food security or access to supermarkets. FHF's initiatives target these neighborhoods to make a meaningful impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distributing Fresh Produce - FHF provides free fresh produce at its farm stand to over 750 residents annually. This initiative aims to increase access to nutrient-rich foods, educate residents about food sources, and foster a deeper connection to their food. - Addressing Food Insecurity - FHF's efforts are crucial in areas like Census tracts 3131.05, 3132.05, 3141.02 and 3552.02, classified as Low/Moderate Income Status and high risk for food insecurity due to residents' distance from supermarkets. - Community Engagement - FHF engages the community through workshops, volunteer opportunities, environmental education, and plant and produce distribution. They anticipate over 1,100 in-person visits and 1,300 outreach touches with school groups and the community in the next fiscal year. - Transitional Employment - FHF offers fair-wage transitional employment for young adults transitioning from foster care, providing them with skills, experience, and community support for personal growth and transformation.
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4	Project Name	2024-2025 COCOKIDS Road to Success
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-6: Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$15,549

Description	The program provides microenterprise assistance to very low-, low-, and moderate-income residents who wish to establish or maintain stable small businesses as licensed home-based family childcare providers.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Projected to assist around 11 businesses in Pittsburg, this program is designed to aid very low, low, and moderate-income adults in Pittsburg who are interested in establishing or sustaining licensed family childcare microenterprises. Additionally, the program benefits children aged 0-12, along with their families, who require childcare services in these areas, providing early care and education.</p> <p>Performance Measures: Objective - Creating Economic Opportunities Outcome - Availability/Accessibility HUD Performance Measure Type - Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service HUD Matrix Code - 18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance HUD National Objective - LMC HUD Accomplishment Type - Persons (General)</p>
Location Description	Various Pittsburg home sites will receive services provided by staff located at 1035 Detroit Avenue, Suite 200, Concord, CA 94518

Planned Activities	<p>The primary objective of the project is to support very low, low, and moderate-income residents of Pittsburg in establishing and maintaining family childcare businesses. This includes providing business development training, technical assistance, and ongoing support to ensure the viability and success of these microenterprises. The Road to Success initiative aims to train and support individuals who aspire to become family childcare providers or are looking to sustain existing family childcare home (FCCH) microenterprises.</p> <p>In Pittsburg, the Road to Success program will continue its microenterprise development efforts, serving a total of 11 clients throughout the year. Some providers have already achieved success and expanded to meet the City's childcare needs, including the demand for quality care and early education. The project is designed to be cost-effective, delivering achievable objectives to support microenterprises in staying operational and generating revenue. The agency responsible for the project has the necessary experience and capacity to complete it in a timely manner.</p> <p>The project's focus on retention, sustainability, and recruitment aims to enhance the prospects of success for home-based family childcare microenterprises. This, in turn, contributes to economic self-sufficiency, sustains employment, improves the quality of care and early education for children, stimulates local economies, and enhances small business profitability for the target populations across all jurisdictions.</p>
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5	Project Name	2024-2025 - Opportunity Junction - Administrative Careers Training Program
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services CD-6: Economic Development

Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	\$24,911
Description	The Administrative Careers Training (ACT) Program, formerly known as the Job Training and Placement Program (JTPP), is designed to train and position low-income individuals in administrative careers. This program offers a comprehensive approach, combining computer training with life skills, case management, paid work experience, mental health services, career skills development, job placement assistance, and long-term alumni support. Opportunity Junction, a Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO), has established employment contracts with for-profit businesses to facilitate the placement of their trainees.
Target Date	6/30/2025

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>The ACT Program will provide training and job placement assistance to 1 low income Pittsburg resident to be placed under contract with an employer partner. The ACT program is designed to address all of the barriers faced by hard-to-serve low-income adults seeking to enter the job market at sustainable wages. The program integrates computer training with life skills, paid experience, case management and psychological counseling, career counseling and job placement, and long-term ongoing support. Participants enter administrative careers that enable them to become self-sufficient.</p> <p>The ACT Program targets motivated, low-income job seekers facing addressable barriers to employment. Participants must: reside in Contra Costa County and read English at a minimum of a 7th grade level.</p> <p>Performance Measures: Objective – Creating Economic Opportunities Outcome - Availability/Accessibility HUD Performance Measure Type - Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service HUD Matrix Code – 18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits HUD National Objective - LMJ HUD Accomplishment Type - 1 Job created</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>3102 Delta Fair Blvd., Antioch, CA 94509</p>

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>The ACT Program encompasses several key components:</p> <p>1. Twelve Weeks of Full-Time Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Skills: Includes team-building exercises covering goal setting, overcoming obstacles, managing change, self-care, business, and workplace skills. Also includes a half-unit college credit class taught in partnership with Los Medanos College, focusing on public speaking. - Computer Skills: Focuses on the Microsoft Office Suite and online applications such as Google Docs and Salesforce. Training leads to Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification in Word and Excel, with some trainees earning MOS certification in PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook. - Academic Skills: Includes Business English and Business Math. <p>2. Up to Four Months Paid, On-the-Job Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After training, Opportunity Junction hires participants as paid interns in their Staffing Services social enterprise, providing contracted services for local businesses and administrative support for the staff. Opportunity Junction hires every graduate of the training phase, emphasizing the benefit to the participant. <p>3. Case Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants receive close support from case managers throughout the program and for 18 months following job placement. Case managers ensure that each participant is linked to child-care, health care, transportation, and other needed services. <p>4. On-Site Counseling Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An onsite counselor assesses all ACT participants and provides referrals and counseling. Integrating these services into the program helps to destigmatize the issues participants face, making it easier for them to participate, especially those who have experienced past trauma. <p>5. Personalized Job Placement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interns engage in comprehensive career-building
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		activities including skill and interest assessment, job search assistance, resume and cover letter preparation, and interview practice to facilitate a good fit between participants and employers.
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6	Project Name	2024-2025 - Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center - Igniting the power of Entrepreneurship
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-6: Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	TBD
	Description	The project contributes to the economic vitality of Contra Costa County by providing intensive small business training, classes, individual consulting, network development, and access to capital services to English and Spanish-speaking low-income residents. These services aim to develop their business skills and acumen, as well as provide access to the resources and networks necessary to establish thriving small businesses.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Renaissance is estimated to assist approximately 20 residents of Pittsburg. The individuals served by Renaissance come from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, many of whom are lower-income, heads of households, have poor or no credit, face housing insecurity, and have limited formal education. Data indicates that aspiring entrepreneurs from these under-resourced communities often lack appropriate small business training and support services, access to capital, and role models from similar backgrounds. Renaissance addresses these challenges by providing tailored training, resources, and support, thereby changing the dynamic and serving as a long-term ally for the businesses' success.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Creating Economic Opportunities - Outcome: Availability/Accessibility - HUD Performance Measure Type: Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service - HUD Matrix Code: 18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance - HUD National Objective: LMC - HUD Accomplishment Type: Persons (General)
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Los Medanos College, 2700 E Leland Rd, Pittsburg, CA 94565</p> <p>La Clinica de La Raza, 337 E Leland Rd, Pittsburg, CA 94565</p>

Planned Activities	<p>Various entry points will be used and will include the following program components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sessions of the 4-week Start Smart class (1 per quarter each of English and Spanish) will be offered in Pittsburg • 2 sessions of the 10-week Business Prep class (two in English, two in Spanish) will be offered in the Pittsburg/Antioch area. These are scheduled to follow the Start Smart classes as clients determine they are ready to move forward with their business plans. • Individual consulting services on an ongoing basis. <p>For clients engaging in our industry-specific business growth services, we will offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Food Workshops (4 in English, 4 in Spanish – 1 each per quarter) • 3 Service Industry Workshops (3 in English, 3 in Spanish) • 3 Retail Workshops and • 2 Makers Workshops (English) • Individual consulting services on an ongoing basis
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7	Project Name	2024-2025 St. Vincent DePaul - RotaCare Program
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$29,977

Description	The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is a four-exam room clinic constructed and operated by St. Vincent de Paul. The clinic offers free urgent and chronic medical care to uninsured individuals. It is staffed by a full-time clinic administrator and volunteer medical professionals, including physicians, nurses, social workers, and health educators. All services, including physician/nurse treatment, lab services, x-rays, MRIs, ultrasounds, and diagnostics, are provided free of charge. Patients are also referred for free surgical and specialty care. Bilingual support is available for all services.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>This program aims to support 340 residents of Pittsburg, focusing on the uninsured, low-income, minority population of East County requiring medical care. More than 90 percent of the patients served come from minority backgrounds, with over 79.5% having incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 20.5% having incomes above 200% of the FPL.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <p>Objective - Creating a Suitable Living Environment</p> <p>Outcome - Availability/Accessibility</p> <p>HUD Performance Measure Type - Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service</p> <p>HUD Matrix Code – 05M Health Services</p> <p>HUD National Objective - LMC</p> <p>HUD Accomplishment Type - Persons (General)</p>
Location Description	<p>The St. Vincent de Paul Free Medical Clinic Program is located at the St. Vincent de Paul Family Resource Center: 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA 94565.</p> <p>Additionally, St. Vincent de Paul has 27 neighborhood-based locations that provide emergency food, clothing, utility assistance, rental assistance and other emergency assistance.</p>

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<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to improving the availability and accessibility of health services for low-income and underserved residents of East County, including Pittsburg, where significant health disparities exist.</p> <p>Despite the advancements made by the Affordable Care Act, the services provided by free and charitable clinics remain essential. In recent years, these clinics have faced increased demand from patients alongside a reduction in donations. In November 2023, Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee announced its Grant Program and SVDP was awarded a 2 year grant of \$60,000 per year to support the clinic’s operations. The funding will cover expenses for patients including pharmaceuticals, lab services, diagnostics/X-ray/MRI/Ultrasound, medical supplies, (Glucometers, BP readers), diabetic supplies, (glucose strips), and some printing/office supply expenses. Despite this grant, the clinic’s budget remains insufficiently funded, primarily because of a surge in patient numbers. A significant portion of these patients are facing severe financial hardships, often having to choose between paying for rent and food or covering the costs of medications. SVDP is diligently working to secure additional funding, as the consequence of inadequate funds would be a reduction in the duration of free pharmaceutical services provided to patients.</p> <p>All services at the clinic are provided at no cost to patients. A licensed pharmacist dispenses all medications, and any necessary lab or radiology services are also offered free of charge. Referrals are made to Quest Diagnostics and Antioch Imaging for these additional services, with St. Vincent de Paul covering all associated costs, including those for lab tests (at Quest Diagnostics-Pittsburg) and x-rays/MRI/ultrasound imaging (at Antioch Medical Imaging).</p>
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8	Project Name	2024-2025 - City of Pittsburg - Citywide Roadway Safety Improvements
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-1: General Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$202,184
	Description	The City is using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to enhance roadway safety and traffic flow for both pedestrians and vehicles. Pedestrian enhancements include installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks and audible signals at traffic lights for the visually impaired. Street safety improvements include installing flashing post speed limit signs, bulb-outs, buffered bike lanes, and additional safety signage.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>The project aims to create safer and more accessible streets by implementing a variety of measures aimed at reducing the risk of accidents and improving the overall flow of traffic.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Creating a Suitable Living Environment - Outcome: Availability/Accessibility - HUD Performance Measure Type: Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service - HUD Matrix Code: 03L - Sidewalks - HUD National Objective: LMA - HUD Accomplishment Type: 5,395 Persons
	Location Description	Areas in the city that meet the HUD-specified census tracts for very low-income and low-income residents.

	Planned Activities	Roadway safety and traffic calming projects that would help assist both pedestrians and vehicles. Pedestrian improvements would consist of installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks and audibles at traffic signals for the visually impaired. Street safety improvements would consist of installation of flashing post speed limit signs, bulb outs, buffered bike lanes, and/or safety signage.
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9	Project Name	2024-2025 - City of Pittsburg - Handicapped Pedestrian Transportation Improvements
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-7: Infrastructure and Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$273,938
	Description	The project aims to enhance accessibility for pedestrians, including those with mobility impairments and physical challenges, by installing curb ramps at specific intersections. This initiative seeks to improve access to public transportation, schools, businesses, and other community facilities. City staff will oversee the design, construction management, and inspection processes to ensure the project's success.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Estimated to install 22 ADA ramps</p> <p>The project aims to enhance access to public transportation, schools, businesses, and other community facilities for pedestrians, the mobility impaired, and physically challenged individuals by installing 22 curb ramps and replacing sidewalks at specific intersections.</p> <p>Performance Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Creating a Suitable Living Environment - Outcome: Availability/Accessibility - HUD Performance Measure Type: Provide New or Continuing Access to a Service - HUD Matrix Code: 03L - Sidewalks - HUD National Objective: LMA - HUD Accomplishment Type: Persons
Location Description	22 ADA compliant curb ramps and sidewalks in areas in the city that meet the HUD-specified census tracts for very low-income and low-income residents.
Planned Activities	These ramps will be designed to provide a smooth transition between the sidewalk and the street, making it easier for people with mobility impairments, wheelchair users, parents with strollers, and others to navigate sidewalks and cross streets safely.

10	Project Name	2024-2025 Planning & Administration
	Target Area	City of Pittsburg
	Goals Supported	CD-8: Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	\$128,350
	Description	For planning and administration of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
Location Description	Not applicable
Planned Activities	Administration - foster the growth of sustainable urban communities by enhancing partnerships across government levels and the private sector. This includes administering federal grant programs with fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

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

The geographic areas covered by the CDBG entitlement include neighborhoods with concentrations of low-income residents and minority populations. These areas are often characterized by higher levels of poverty, limited access to resources, and disparities in access to quality healthcare and nutrition.

Within these neighborhoods, the CDBG funding will be directed to support programs and services that address the specific needs of low-income and minority residents. This will include initiatives to improve access to healthcare, fresh food and job training skills programs. These programs aim to reduce disparities, enhance outcomes, and promote wellness within these communities.

Funding will also be allocated to improve infrastructure in low-income areas, with a focus on those areas that have a high concentration of low-income and minority demographics. These projects aim to enhance the quality of life for residents by upgrading essential infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks and street lighting. Improving infrastructure in these areas can have a significant impact on the quality of life for residents. Safe and well-maintained roads and sidewalks can improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, making it easier for residents to access essential services such as healthcare facilities, grocery stores, and schools.

Additionally, the CDBG funding may be used to support affordable housing initiatives, economic development projects, and community infrastructure improvements in these areas. These investments are designed to enhance the overall quality of life for residents and promote community revitalization.

By targeting assistance to geographic areas with concentrations of low-income and minority populations, the CDBG program aims to address systemic inequities and promote social and economic inclusion. This approach reflects a commitment to ensuring that all

residents of Pittsburg have access to the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Pittsburg	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The rationale behind prioritizing the allocation to areas with a high concentration of low-income and minority communities is rooted in the program's overarching goal of promoting community development and improving the quality of life for individuals and families with limited resources.

Discussion

Allocating 100% of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received in Pittsburg citywide can have several benefits:

Equity - distributing funds citywide ensures that all neighborhoods and residents, especially those in low-income areas, have access to resources and services. This helps reduce disparities and improves the overall quality of life for the entire community.

- Community Development - By investing in various neighborhoods across the city, CDBG funds can support a wide range of community development projects, including affordable housing, infrastructure improvements, and public services. This can lead to a more vibrant and sustainable community.
- Targeted Impact - While spreading funds citywide is beneficial for overall equity and development, it's also important to target specific areas or projects that have the greatest need or potential impact. This approach can help address concentrated poverty and other community challenges more effectively.
- Comprehensive Approach - Utilizing CDBG funds citywide allows for a comprehensive approach to community development, addressing various needs and priorities identified by residents and local officials. This approach can lead to more holistic and sustainable outcomes.

Overall, allocating 100% of CDBG funds received in Pittsburg citywide can help create a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous community for all residents.

AP-75 BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING -91.420, 91.220(J)

Introduction

Several common barriers to affordable housing exist throughout the City, including insufficient funds to preserve existing affordable housing and expand the supply. During a meeting with housing developers, a prevalent theme emerged: the high cost of construction and the lack of funding sources at the local, state, and federal levels. Housing developers face challenges in making projects financially feasible.

Given Pittsburg's limited ability to contribute financially to housing projects due to the lack of funding sources, efforts have been made to identify additional opportunities to minimize barriers to affordable housing.

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 offers several mechanisms to facilitate the provision of diverse housing types to meet community needs. These mechanisms include the Planned Development District, density bonuses as per State law, and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Additionally, policies and programs from the 2007–2023 Housing Element support further density bonuses and incentives for mixed-income projects, including special needs housing. This flexibility provides additional support for deviating from development standards for projects that align with community objectives, such as affordable and special needs housing. These policies and programs are proposed to continue into the 2023–2031 Housing Element, which outlines financial and regulatory incentives, concessions, and allowances for developing housing for special needs populations in the city. All these regulations allow flexibility from the base district development standards and are not considered constraints on housing development.

The City, using other funding sources such as grants, also works with its Housing Authority

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on projects and programs that increase Pittsburg residents' access to affordable housing.

Discussion

Like many cities, Pittsburg requires developers to obtain a series of approvals, or entitlements, before constructing any new development to ensure compliance with the City's design, health, and safety standards. The length of the entitlement process can vary depending on the project's environmental analysis requirements and involves payment of planning permit and Engineering and Building plan check and permit fees. An analysis of the development approval process and fees indicates that Pittsburg is not overly restrictive in its requirements for development approval, processing time, or fee structure. The entitlement and development processes are expeditious and comparable to surrounding communities. The City emphasizes customer service by providing developers with assistance early in the development process. Tools such as online display of development standards on the City's website and free pre-application project reviews by all City departments (separate from the formal Preliminary Plan Review application) help developers ensure that application submittals are complete and comply with the Municipal Code on initial application for a development permit. The pre-application review process also gives developers insight into potential conditions of approval, such as infrastructure installation, frontage improvements, design review conditions, or other potential issues, before formal application submittal.

AP-85 OTHER ACTIONS – 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Priority is determined by the level of need demonstrated by data collected during the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, information gathered during consultation and citizen participation processes, and the availability of resources to address these needs. Affordable housing, homelessness, non-housing community development needs, and grant administration are all considered "high" priorities based on these components.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Special needs groups, including the elderly/frail elderly, persons with disabilities, and victims of domestic abuse, are present throughout the city. These populations face various obstacles to accessing housing and services. To address these challenges, the City of Pittsburg will continue to allocate CDBG funds for public facility/infrastructure improvements, public service activities, and whenever possible, housing rehabilitation

activities. In cases where CDBG funds are not available, the City will use its best effort to use other sources of funds for housing rehabilitation to support these vulnerable populations.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Pittsburg is committed to creating opportunities for its low-income residents by providing access to affordable housing and resources. The Housing Authority currently owns four residential properties leased to housing choice voucher residents. Additionally, the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program offers low interest deferred loans to low-income residents. Many applicants for this program are on fixed incomes and struggle to afford home maintenance and repairs. Pittsburg also funds the Future Build program, which partners with Grid Alternatives, to install solar power on homes of low-income families.

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Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead hazards are a significant concern for the City, especially considering that an estimated 90% of pre-1940 housing units may contain lead-based paint. To protect residents from these hazards, the City will continue to adhere to HUD regulations outlined in 24 CFR Part 35. This regulation focuses on reducing or eliminating lead-based paint hazards in federally owned housing and housing funded with federal funds. The City mandates that its subrecipients comply with these regulations and include requirements for compliance in their projects. Additionally, recipients of homeowner rehabilitation funds must sign HUD's Notification for Lead-Based Paint, and any necessary abatement measures must be included in the home's repairs.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Pittsburg employs a range of strategies to combat poverty, including initiatives to stimulate economic growth, create job opportunities, and equip residents with the skills needed for these roles. A portion of the city's CDBG funding is allocated to non-profit agencies operating Public Services programs that aid the homeless, directly impacting individuals living in poverty. Various City departments also provide services and support programs promoting personal responsibility, independence, and self-sufficiency.

One of Pittsburg's key efforts to reduce poverty is funding economic development programs and agencies assisting low-income individuals. These programs include microenterprise assistance for those starting or maintaining small businesses, small business development training, and job training and placement services. These initiatives

aim to enhance clients' lives and businesses by increasing social and human capital, household income, and job opportunities, ultimately reducing reliance on public assistance and generating jobs within the community.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Contra Costa County Consortium, comprising the County of Contra Costa and the cities of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek, was established to enhance the administration and implementation of their respective CDBG programs through collaboration. The Consortium members coordinate their Consolidated Planning efforts and have developed a streamlined application process for CDBG/HOME/ESG funds. This process allows applicants to submit one application for multiple jurisdictions and, once funded, complete one periodic performance report for all funding jurisdictions. This collaborative approach has reduced the administrative burden for Subrecipients and facilitates information sharing among jurisdictions.

Additionally, the Consortium has implemented a multiple-year funding cycle, which has significantly reduced the time spent on completing and reviewing applications for both Subrecipients and CDBG/HOME staff. Each entitlement jurisdiction in the Consortium conducts its own annual planning and allocation process, including the preparation and completion of its annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). These planning efforts are closely coordinated among Consortium members to align CDBG allocations, maximize funding, and ensure collaboration between agencies.

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

The Consortium's jurisdictions collaborate on strategies and actions to address housing discrimination and other obstacles. The Contra Costa Interagency Council on Homelessness (CCICH) partners with local entities, including public and private agencies, the interfaith community, homeless advocacy groups, and other organizations, to implement the CoC Plan aimed at reducing homelessness. The City's goals in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are largely achieved through activities conducted by subrecipients, primarily public and private agencies and non-profit organizations within the County. However, there are concerns about the long-term capacity of the non-profit sector during challenging budgetary periods, particularly in meeting complex federal regulations for federally funded programs. Pittsburg will continue

to support these agencies by providing technical assistance, fostering collaboration between them, and offering funding assistance whenever feasible.

Discussion

Pittsburg collaborates extensively with public and private affordable housing providers, as well as with Contra Costa County’s Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Homeless Services departments, along with various other agencies. This collaboration aims to effectively allocate funds to address the needs of the City's low to moderate-income residents and special needs populations. By coordinating these efforts, Pittsburg maximizes the impact of its CDBG funds and ensures they are used efficiently and effectively.

In working with affordable housing providers, Pittsburg seeks to increase the availability of affordable housing options for its residents. This includes supporting the development of new affordable housing units, as well as the preservation and rehabilitation of existing units. By partnering with these providers, Pittsburg can leverage their expertise and resources to achieve its affordable housing goals.

Pittsburg also collaborates closely with Contra Costa County’s Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Homeless Services departments to address the health and well-being of its residents. This includes supporting programs and services that promote access to healthcare, mental health services, and support for individuals experiencing homelessness. Through these partnerships, Pittsburg aims to improve the overall quality of life for its residents and ensures that they have access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

AP-90 PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - 91.420, 91.220(L)(1,2,4)

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Projects planned with all expected CDBG funds for the year are identified in the Projects Table. Program income available for use is included in the projects to be carried out. For FY 2024-2025, the City does not anticipate receiving program income.

The City does not have any float-funded activities, Section 108 loan guarantees, or surplus urban renewal settlement funds. Similarly, the County does not have any Urgent Need activities.

All of the City's FY 2024-2025 CDBG funds that are not allocated to Program Administration will benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. The City anticipates allocating 20 percent of its annual CDBG entitlement funds towards Program Administration.

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	146,303
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:	146,303

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. 100.0%

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Discussion

For this Action Plan, the City calculates the Overall Benefit using a one-year time period, specifically focusing on fiscal year 2024-25.