

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Mesa's 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive document promoting a coordinated approach to housing and community needs and fostering the coordination of all programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It details the activities and projects in which HUD dollars, as well as other federal, State, and local funding dollars, will be allocated. This Plan outlines the priorities by which the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and local Human Services funds will be invested over the 2024/2025 fiscal year (FY). These programs represent affordable housing and community development investments in decent, safe, and affordable housing, suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

The Annual Action Plan defines one-year activities for FY 2024/2025 in relationship to the five-year goals and objectives of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. To receive these federal funds, the City of Mesa is required to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for HUD approval. The Consolidated Plan contains a strategic plan for addressing affordable housing, community development, supportive housing, and homeless needs within the City of Mesa, and a specific one-year action plan for the use of these HUD Resources. The Consolidated Plan contains priorities, goals, performance outcome objectives, and implementation strategies for each of the Plan's elements. The Annual Action Plan is a one-year plan that describes the activities that will be conducted to address the needs described in the Consolidated Plan.

The FY 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan is the fifth year of the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan and details specific activities to be carried out in order to meet the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan's priorities and goals. According to HUD, the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for housing and community development actions. It offers entitlement communities the opportunity to shape these housing and community development programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies.

As the lead agency for the Annual Action Plan, the City of Mesa hereby follows HUD's guidelines for citizen and community involvement. Furthermore, it is responsible for overseeing citizen participation requirements that accompany the Annual Action Plan.

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 goal of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons with low and moderate income. Funds support a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods and providing improved community facilities and services. These goals are further explained as follows: providing decent housing to assist homeless persons in obtaining appropriate housing and assisting those at risk of homelessness; extending the life of existing affordable housing through emergency repair and, preserving the affordable housing stock; Increasing availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income persons without discrimination; and increasing the supply of supportive housing; Providing a suitable living environment, improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality facilities and services; and reducing the isolation of income groups within an area through integration of low-income housing opportunities; available for low- and moderate-income persons; promoting long term economic and social viability; and empowering low-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

The City of Mesa receives HOME funds to implement local housing strategies designed to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low and very low-income residents in the community. HOME funds may be used for a variety of housing activities, according to local housing needs. Eligible uses of funds include tenant-based rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, down payment assistance to homebuyers, and new construction of housing. HOME funding may also be used for site acquisition, site improvements, demolition, relocation, and other necessary and reasonable activities related to the development of affordable housing.

The city strives to accomplish these goals by maximizing and effectively utilizing all available funding resources to conduct housing and community development activities. These goals are to increase and maintain affordable housing stock and promote self-sufficiency may include providing funding for the development of new and/or rehabilitated rental units affordable to households at or below 60% AMI; funding construction of new affordable ownership units for sale to low- and moderate-income buyers; considering other opportunities such as Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) that provide rental subsidies and security and utility deposits to low-income households to make existing units affordable.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program provides funding to non-profit service providers to: engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness living on the street through navigation services; improve the number and quality of emergency shelters ; help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters; Rapidly re-house individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

3. Evaluation of past performance

In FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 the city received a substantial amount of new funding from HUD through the Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to respond to, prevent, and mitigate impact of COVID-19. The amount received for each grant is as follows: ESG-CV \$5,182,232; CDBG-CV \$6,046,017; HOME ARPA \$5,605,694. As of December 31, 2023, we have expended all ESG-CV funds, totaling \$5,182,232. CDBG-CV funding was awarded in November of 2022, and HOME ARPA funding was awarded in May of 2023.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The city utilizes an application process to solicit proposals annually from non-profit agencies and city departments for use of its annual allocation of federal and local funds. The application process opened on September 13, 2023. Agencies presented during a public hearing to the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) on December 5 and 6, 2023. The funding recommendations were presented during a public hearing to the Community and Cultural Development Committee (CCD) meeting on February 22, 2024. Staff met one-on-one with Council Members in February 2024. Funding recommendations were presented to the City Council at the Study Session on March 7, 2024. Formal approval of the FY 2024/2025 funding recommendations and Annual Action Plan is scheduled for the City Council meeting on April 15, 2024. The 30-day public comment period commenced on Thursday, March 7, 2024, and will end on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

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.

The 30-day public comment period commenced on Thursday, March 7, 2024, and ended on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

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

No comments were received during the public comment period.

7. Summary

This Annual Action Plan addresses the priorities and needs identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. These priorities are the community's affordable housing, addressing homelessness and community development with a comprehensive and coordinated strategy for implementation of programs.

The city will utilize CDBG, HOME, ESG, Human Services and ABC program funds to leverage other public and private investments to address the city's priority goals.

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

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

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

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
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| CDBG Administrator | MESA | Housing and Community Development |
| HOPWA Administrator | MESA | Housing and Community Development |
| HOME Administrator | MESA | Housing and Community Development |
| ESG Administrator | MESA | Housing and Community Development |
| HOPWA-C Administrator | MESA | Housing and Community Development |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Mesa Housing and Community Development Division is the responsible agency for the preparation and implementation of the FY2024/2025 Annual Action Plan, which will be the fifth fiscal year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Mesa consulted with citizens, municipal officials, non-profit agencies, public housing agencies, private developers, governmental agencies, and the Continuum of Care in preparing this plan. The city held a funding orientation, one training session, three public meetings, two Housing & Community Development Advisory Board meetings, the Community and Cultural Development (CCD) Committee meeting, one-on-one meetings with City Council members, and a City Council Study Session to facilitate the development of the Plan. These meetings are summarized in the Citizen Participation Section of this Plan.

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

The city is committed to addressing the needs of homeless residents concerning both physical and mental/behavioral health needs. City staff and elected officials participate in a regional Continuum of Care (COC) in collaboration with the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, and all jurisdictions within the county. Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) facilitates the process for the Continuum of Care with a recognition that the provision of human services has an impact across counties. The participating jurisdictions work together to provide human services to the homeless community and identify and address gaps in service. The City continues to implement Mesa's Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness (Strategic Plan).

The City of Mesa Strategic Plan serves as the overarching guiding principles and key strategies/actions related to homelessness in Mesa. The city continues to implement the Strategic Plan in collaboration with Mesa's nonprofit partners, faith-based agencies, schools, and healthcare institutions, as well as regional partner cities, county and state departments, and federal agencies, such as the Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Additionally, the Strategic Plan outlines foundational background information and data related to the causes of homelessness and the state of homelessness in Mesa. Both the data and best practices will help Mesa work to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Mesa, as well as to balance this response by keeping our community safe, with a targeted focus on city parks, libraries, and other public spaces.

Current and recent initiatives include:

- Coordination and collaboration with behavioral health service providers to complete a report on utilization of funding to benefit residents with serious mental illness;
- Collaboration with local non-profits concerning the Regional Coordinated Assessment System which sets regional guiding principles related to client-focused assessment;
- Continuation of the Homeless Navigator program, which is a street outreach collaborative
- Completion of the annual "point-in-time" count in collaboration with MAG of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless residents, with a special detailing of the length of homelessness, and other Mesa-specific metrics;
- Allocation of COVID-19 funding, through the Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, to prepare for, prevent, and mitigate COVID-19, thorough assisting the most vulnerable in the community; and
- Allocation of ARPA American Rescue Act Funding to provide sheltering and support services to address homelessness.

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 continues its efforts towards coordination and collaboration across systems of care to serve the most at-risk residents including people experiencing homelessness, those at risk of becoming homeless, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. The city recognizes that improved service coordination will help eliminate the duplication of efforts, improve communication regarding the most current news and information, and spearhead community-wide solutions to basic needs.

The city participates in various workgroups for the Continuum of Care, including the Coordinated Entry Workgroup, Continuum of Care Planning Committee, Local Jurisdiction Committee, Data Committee, and ESG Committee. The city provided staff assistance for the evaluation of applications for FY 2024/25. The city understands the need and value of working together with Continuum of Care. The ways the city has contributed have been in working on the workgroups to find ways to better align processes and to provide input on gaps in services and policy decisions that impact Mesa.

The city has created the Office of Homeless Solutions for our community response to address homelessness and enhance the Off the Streets emergency shelter, including the recent purchase of a property for the long-term stability of that program. Off the Streets services chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth and seniors. Mesa also provides the Homeless Resource Line to connect people to local navigators and resources to help prevent homelessness or assist in connecting to resources to exit homelessness.

The city is making efforts to identify the number of homeless residents, their specific needs, and a listing of the social and human services designed to meet these needs. In January 2024 the City conducted the annual point-in-time (PIT) count to identify both sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. This data will allow the city to more effectively determine the types and quantities of needed services based on an actual population count.

The city has made progress in implementing the HUD mandate and national best practice of establishing a Regional Coordinated Entry System linking individuals and families to the most appropriate housing intervention. To date, over 25 homeless service providers have been on-boarded to the Regional Coordinated Entry System. Community stakeholders are working together toward system implementation. The stakeholders have adopted guiding principles and a common assessment tool that will allow a shared understanding of needs by service providers. Under the plan, individuals and families will be referred to services based on the outcomes of a common assessment of needs, a mutual and comprehensive understanding of each program's requirements, the target population served by each program, and the number of available beds and services.

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 Mesa has an annual application process for ESG funding that is open to all non-profit, social services, and human services agencies. Agencies applying for funding must participate in a mandatory pre-contract award orientation.

Eligible program components include:

- 1) Street outreach to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services, and provide case management.
- 2) Emergency Shelter to increase the quantity and quality of temporary shelters provided to homeless people such as renovations, operations, or services for shelter residents (i.e., employment and job training, education, childcare, and transportation);
- 3) Homeless Prevention to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or living in a public or private place not meant for humans through housing relocation and stabilization services consisting of rental and utility assistance, and other housing related service costs;
- 4) Rapid Rehousing to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services consisting of rental and utility assistance, and other housing related service costs; and

5) HMIS component to fund subrecipients participation in the Maricopa County Continuum of Care HMIS data collection and analysis of data for individuals and families who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness. Consists of purchase of licenses, software, hardware, or other equipment or personnel related expenditures, such as salary or training expenses.

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

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Mesa – Housing & Community Development |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Fair Housing Local Government |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homeless Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategies Lead-based Paint Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Outreach efforts included participation with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) along with the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Workgroup, Planning, and ESG Committees, as well as with local shelter providers such as A New Leaf. Consultation regarding community needs as well as department feedback on process improvements and expansion of services. |
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| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | A New Leaf |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless 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? | A New Leaf participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | Ability360 |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Persons with Disabilities Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Ability360 participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Aid to Adoption of Special Kids |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education Child Welfare Agency |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Children Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Aid to Adoption of Special Kids participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | Arizona Burn Foundation |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Health Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Arizona Burn Foundation participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | Arizona Career Pathways |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education Services-Employment Non-profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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? | Arizona Career Pathways participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | Aster Aging |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Elderly Persons Services – Health Services - Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Aster Aging participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley |
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| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 9 | Agency/Group/Organization | CARE, Inc. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services - Health Services-Education Health Agency Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | CARE, Inc. participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 10 | Agency/Group/Organization | Catholic Charities |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Catholic Charities participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 11 | Agency/Group/Organization | CeCe's Hope Center |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | CeCe's Hope Center participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 12 | Agency/Group/Organization | Central Arizona Shelter Services |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless 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? | Central Arizona Shelter Services participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 13 | Agency/Group/Organization | Child Crisis Arizona |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Children Homelessness Strategies 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? | Child Crisis Arizona participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 14 | Agency/Group/Organization | College Bound AZ |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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? | College Bound AZ participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 15 | Agency/Group/Organization | Community Bridges |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homelessness Strategies Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Community Bridges participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 16 | Agency/Group/Organization | Community Legal Services |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Community Legal Services participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 17 | Agency/Group/Organization | Copa Health |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Homeless Services - Health Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Copa Health participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 18 | Agency/Group/Organization | Cox Printing |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Business |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Cox Printing participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 19 | Agency/Group/Organization | Family Promise |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategie Anti-poverty Strategy |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Family Promise participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 20 | Agency/Group/Organization | Foster Arizona |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Children 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? | Foster Arizona participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 21 | Agency/Group/Organization | Higher Octave Healing Organization |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Business |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Higher Octave Healing Organization participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |

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| 22 | Agency/Group/Organization | House of Hope of AZRS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homelessness Strategies Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |
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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | House of Hope of AZRS participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 23 | Agency/Group/Organization | House of Refuge |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Non-Profit Organization |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategies 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? | House of Refuge participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 24 | Agency/Group/Organization | ICAN |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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? | ICAN participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 25 | Agency/Group/Organization | Justice Center – Senior Housing |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Justice Center – Senior Housing participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 26 | Agency/Group/Organization | Kim Joyce & Associates |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education Business |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Kim Joyce & Associates participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 27 | Agency/Group/Organization | Lehi Montessori |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Lehi Montessori participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 28 | Agency/Group/Organization | Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homelessness Strategies 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? | Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 29 | Agency/Group/Organization | Matthews Crossing Food Bank |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-homeless Other Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Matthews Crossing Food Bank participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 30 | Agency/Group/Organization | Mesa United Way |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Veterans Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategies Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Mesa United Way participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 31 | Agency/Group/Organization | Oakwood Creative Care |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Elderly Persons Services - Health Services-Education Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Non-Homeless Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Oakwood Creative Care participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 32 | Agency/Group/Organization | Paz de Cristo |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategies Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Paz de Cristo participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 33 | Agency/Group/Organization | Save the Family |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategies 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? | Save the Family participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 34 | Agency/Group/Organization | The Brandon House |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | For-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The Brandon House participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |

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| 35 | Agency/Group/Organization | The Salvation Army |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Veterans Services-Education Services-Employment Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategies Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The Salvation Army participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 36 | Agency/Group/Organization | United Food Bank |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – homeless Other Non-Profit Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Services – Homeless Services – Non-Homeless 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? | United Food Bank participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 37 | Agency/Group/Organization | Unity Salsa |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Business |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Unity Salsa participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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| 38 | Agency/Group/Organization | Urum Church |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Non-Profit |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Other |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Urum Church participated in the City of Mesa's annual funding process for requesting FY 2024/2025 funding. |
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting.

Efforts were made to consult as broadly as possible with community stakeholders. No specific agency types were excluded from participation.

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? |
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| Continuum of Care | Maricopa Association of Governments | The City of Mesa and non-profit providers partner in the coordination of services and shelters for the homeless in conjunction with the Continuum of Care priorities. |
| Mesa's Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness | City of Mesa, City Manager's Office | The City of Mesa aligned its priorities in addressing housing for all incomes with the strategies identified in the Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness. |
| PHA Annual Administrative Plan for the Housing Cho | City of Mesa, Public Housing Authority | The City of Mesa's Public Housing Agency (PHA) focuses its efforts on providing affordable rental housing opportunities throughout the city and access for participants to learn new skills and to move toward self-sufficiency |

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
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| Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice | City of Mesa, Housing and Community Development | The City of Mesa seeks to reduce impediments to fair housing choice for its residents by aligning its Fair Housing efforts with recommendations made in the 2020 Analysis of Impediments. |

Table 2 – 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

| 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 | September 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.; Funding Kick Off - Introduction to the Annual Funding Process, funding calendar, HCDAB presentations; 38 non-profit agencies and 9 city staff in attendance. This meeting was in person. | Comments/questions related to the application process, funding sources, and requirements | All comments were accepted | |
| 2 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | September 20, 2023, 8:00 a.m.; Technical Assistance Training/ Zoom Grants | Comments/questions related to Zoom Grants and the application submittal process | All comments were accepted. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|
| 3 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | November 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m.; Housing and Community Development Advisory Board Meeting, discussed funding process and Council Priorities for FY 2024/2025. | Comments/questions related to the application process, funding sources and requirements, and Zoom Grants | All comments were accepted. | |
| 4 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | December 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m.; FY 2024/2025 Agency Presentations to the HCDAB; HCDAB Advisory Board, 16 non-profit agencies, and 7 city staff in attendance. | Comments/questions about non-profit agency's presentations and funding application. | All comments were accepted. | |

| 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) |
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| 5 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | December 6, 2023, 4:00 p.m.; FY 2024/2025 Agency Presentations to the HCDAB; HCDAB 11-member Advisory Board, 39 non-profit agencies, and 6 city staff in attendance. | Comments/questions about non-profit agency's presentations and funding application. | All comments were accepted. | |
| 6 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | Community and Cultural Development Committee (CCD), February 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.; Presentation of FY 2024/2025 Funding Recommendations; 3-member CCD Committee, 7 city staff, and 0 non-profit agencies in attendance. | Comments related to programs and projects being proposed by the City and agencies applying for federal funds, CCD recommended City Council consideration of funding recommendations | N/A | |

| 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) |
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| 7 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | March 7, 2024, 7:30 a.m. City Council Study Session; City Council heard a presentation for the FY 2024/2025 Funding Recommendations. | Comments related to programs and projects being proposed by the City and agencies applying for federal funds, and approval of the funding recommendations; | N/A | |
| 8 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | April 15, 2024, 5:45 p.m.; City Council votes on Approval of FY 2024/2025 Funding Recommendations. | Any comments received will be recorded here. | N/A | |

Table 3 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following amounts are anticipated to be received for FY 2024/2025 and for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. These resources will be updated

annually to reflect final funding allocations from HUD, Program Income received, and any prior year's unprogrammed funds.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 4,050,391 | 126,030 | 177,799 | 4,354,220 | \$0 | Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds may be used for a variety of activities that meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents and communities. Eligible activities are public services, economic development, capital improvements (such as infrastructure, facilities), housing, and program administration. Each activity must meet both a HUD National Objective and Eligible Activity. |

| 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: \$ | | |
| HOME | public - federal | Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA | 1,691,632 | 6,735 | 5,022,408 | 6,720,775 | \$0 | The HOME Program stands as the foremost federal block grant initiative for affordable housing. Funding is provided to State and local governments for affordable housing activities, including rental and homebuyer housing development, homebuyer down payment assistance, homeowner rehabilitation assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, and program administration. |

| 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: \$ | | |
| ESG | public - federal | Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing | 367,881 | 0 | 27,590 | 395,471 | 0 | The Emergency Solutions Grant Program addresses the needs of persons experiencing homelessness, and persons in emergency or transitional shelters, and assists people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. Eligible activities include Emergency Shelter, Homeless Navigation Services, Homeless Prevention, Transitional Housing, and program administration. |

Table 4 - 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 federal funding listed above supports activities outlined in this Plan. The city has historically received these funds on an annual basis and expects to continue to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for the period covered by this Plan. The city encourages for-profit and non-profit agencies to leverage additional funding sources to sustain their programs, activities, and projects. The allocations they receive from the city are used to leverage private and corporate donations

and contributions to their agencies as well as other federal funds from other municipalities and federal agencies. The city provides a 50% match for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) grant allocation with general funds and A Better Community (ABC) donations. ABC is the city's utility billing donation program and contributions are generated from Mesa residents and businesses. The remaining 50% match contribution comes from the agency receiving the ESG funds. The city's HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) match is met through city contributions such as land, infrastructure, and fees, as well as contributions from the State and non-profit agencies. The city provides general fund dollars for Human Services funding which is allocated to non-profit agencies to provide critical programs and services to the community, including crisis services, homeless assistance, food and basic needs, and education and mentoring.

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

The City of Mesa does not intend to address the needs identified in this plan with publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction.

Discussion

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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 | Increase or Maintain Affordable Housing Stock | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing | City of Mesa | Access to affordable housing options | CDBG: \$2,460,553 HOME: Rental Development: \$3,000,000 | Emergency Repair/Replacement assistance to homeowners: 90 households (housing units) New affordable rental units: 75 Persons assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
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| 2 | Fund Homelessness Strategies | 2020 | 2024 | Homeless | City of Mesa | Homelessness Strategies | CDBG: \$639,511 HOME TBRA: \$400,000 ESG: \$334,740 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 798 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance: 200 persons assisted Rapid Rehousing: 8 Households assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 71 Persons Assisted |
| 3 | Public Facility Improvements | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | City of Mesa | Necessary Public Facility Improvements | CDBG: \$350,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 32,525 Persons Assisted |

Table 5 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Increase or Maintain Affordable Housing Stock |
| | Goal Description | Provide Emergency home repairs to 90 Low and moderate-income residents HOME: Rental Development: Affordable housing units – 75 persons |
| 2 | Goal Name | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Goal Description | CDBG: Public Service activities for Homeless persons - 798 persons HOME: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)/Deposit Assistance - 200 households (City of Mesa) ESG: Rapid Rehousing - 8 households; Homeless Person Overnight Shelter - 71 persons Provide funds to support homeless shelter facilities (emergency and transitional) that encourage the development of more beds for single females and single males, as well as serving both homeless individuals and homeless families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support homelessness prevention activities, street outreach efforts, and rapid re-housing programs. • Maintain data on utilization of homelessness resources and services using HMIS. • Support efforts to integrate the management of ESG funds with the Continuum of Care. • Strengthen the capacity of homelessness service providers and advocacy organizations. • Provide funds to support permanent housing for homeless individuals and families exiting transitional facilities. Undertake public services projects and programs to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support for special needs facilities, permanent housing, and support services for non-homeless individuals and families with special needs. • Undertake public services projects and programs to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. • Provide job skills training opportunities to better prepare the city's workforce for employment. • Provide early education services for low-income residents. |
| 3 | Goal Name | Public Facility Improvements |
| | Goal Description | Public Facility Improvements: 32,525 persons Invest in public facility and infrastructure improvements for the benefit of lot to moderate income households or area benefit in the city. |

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects and activities to be funded using federal HUD funds during FY 2024/2025 are provided below. Resources include CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.

Projects

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | A New Leaf – Housing Support Services |
| 2 | A New Leaf – Mesa Family Shelter Services |
| 3 | Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) - Case Management for Homeless Mesa Individuals |
| 4 | Central Arizona Shelter Services – Flexible Housing Assistance for Mesa Individuals Facing Homelessness |
| 5 | Child Crisis – Early Education Services for Low-Income Mesa Families |
| 6 | Family Promise – Mesa Family Shelter Program |
| 7 | Homeward Bound – Shelter and Family Services |
| 8 | Save the Family – Mesa Homeless Families Navigation and Case Management |
| 9 | City of Mesa – Emergency Rehabilitation Program |
| 10 | City of Mesa - Aripine Park Playground Installation |
| 11 | City of Mesa – HOME TBRA Deposit Program |
| 12 | A New Leaf – La Mesita Phase IV HOME Construction Project |
| 13 | Emergency Solutions Grant Program |
| 14 | CDBG Program Administration |
| 15 | HOME Program Administration |

Table 6 - Project Information

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

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AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

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| 1 | Project Name | A New Leaf - Housing Support Services |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$75,000 |
| | Description | Provide funds to support emergency homeless shelter facility for individuals and families. National Objective: LMC Matrix Code: 03T Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 185 homeless individuals |
| | Location Description | Desert Leaf and La Mesita Shelter |
| 2 | Planned Activities | Homeless individuals will receive personal development coaching, assistance obtaining benefits and other basic needs, and workforce development. |
| | Project Name | A New Leaf - Mesa Families Shelter Services |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$149,892 |
| | Description | Emergency shelter services and bed nights for homeless individuals. LMC Matrix Code:03T Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e.) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 35 homeless individuals. |

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| | Location Description | La Mesita and Autumn House |
| | Planned Activities | Overnight shelter for homeless families. Services include personal development coaching to obtain benefits and other basic needs, support services, and workforce development. |
| 3 | Project Name | Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) - Case Management for Homeless Mesa Individuals |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$100,381 |
| | Description | Homeless shelter bed nights for single adult females and males. LMC Matrix Code: 03T Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e.) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 195 single adult homeless males and females. |
| | Location Description | 230 S. 12th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85007 |
| | Planned Activities | Bed nights and support services for homeless single adult males and females. Services include creating a case management and housing plan and referrals for appropriate services. |
| 4 | Project Name | Central Arizona Shelter Services Flexible Housing Assistance for Mesa Individuals Facing Homelessness |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | Shelter services for homeless persons. LMC Matrix Code: 03T Citation: 24 CFR 570.201(e.) |

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| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 60 homeless persons. |
| | Location Description | 230 S. 12th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85007 |
| | Planned Activities | One-time financial assistance to Homeless or At-Risk residents and supportive services. Serve individuals/family members directly with flexible financial assistance funding. Clients will receive services and follow-up meetings based upon their level of case management needs. Mesa families will become permanently housed or maintain their existing housing. |
| 5 | Project Name | Child Crisis Arizona – Early Education Services for Low-Income Mesa Families |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Vital Community Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$80,000 |
| | Description | LMC Matrix Code:05D Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 80 children |
| | Location Description | 817 N Country Club Drive, Mesa AZ 85201 |
| 6 | Planned Activities | Provide quality early education to children from low-income households. |
| | Project Name | Family Promise – Mesa Family Shelter Program |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |

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| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$79,076 |
| | Description | Homeless shelter bed nights. LMC Matrix Code:03T Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 108 homeless individuals and families. |
| | Location Description | Various locations at partnering congregations. 807 N. Stapley Mesa, AZ 85203 |
| | Planned Activities | Provide shelter bed nights for homeless families, including safe shelter, food, basic needs, clothing, childcare, transportation, case management, employment referrals, and housing assistance. |
| 7 | Project Name | Homeward Bound – Shelter and Family Services |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$69,312 |
| | Description | Homeless navigation services. LMC Matrix Code:03T Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 90 homeless individuals and families. |
| | Location Description | 2302 W Colter Street, Phoenix, AZ 85015 |

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| | Planned Activities | Case management and family services. |
| 8 | Project Name | Save the Family Foundation of Arizona – Mesa Homeless Families Case Management & Navigation Services |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Fund Homelessness Strategies |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness Strategies |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$60,850 |
| | Description | Homeless shelter bed nights. LMC Matrix Code:03T Citation: 24 CFR 570. 201(e) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 45 homeless persons in 15 households |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 9 | Project Name | City of Mesa Emergency Rehabilitation Program |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Increase or Maintain Affordable Housing Stock |
| | Needs Addressed | Access to affordable housing options |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$2,460,553 |
| | Description | Provide assistance to low-to moderate-income homeowners in Mesa by repairing/replacing systems affecting the immediate livability of the home. LMH Matrix Code: 14A Citation: 24 CFR 570. 202(a)(1) |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 90 low-moderate income homeowners in Mesa will receive assistance through the Emergency Rehabilitation Program. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Repair/replacement of major housing systems |
| 10 | Project Name | City of Mesa - Aripine Park Playground Installation |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facility Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Necessary Public Facility Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$350,000 |
| | Description | Installation of ADA accessible playground equipment and shade structure. LMA Matrix Code: 03E Citation: 24 CFR 570.201 (c). Project was funded with FY 2023/2024 CDBG funds. Due to delays with completing the Environmental Review, funds were reallocated to another project through a substantial amendment to the FY 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan. Allocating FY 2024/2025 CDBG funding for the project. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Area benefit activity - 35,525 households. |
| | Location Description | Aripine Park 915 S. Horne Mesa, AZ 85204 |
| | Planned Activities | Installation of ADA accessible playground equipment and shade structure. |
| 11 | Project Name | City of Mesa - HOME TBRA Deposit Program |

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| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Increase or Maintain Affordable Housing Stock |
| | Needs Addressed | Access to affordable housing options |
| | Funding | HOME: \$400,000 |
| | Description | Utility and rental deposit assistance. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 200 Mesa residents will receive utility and rental deposit assistance. |
| | Location Description | City wide. |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 12 | Project Name | A New Leaf – La Mesita Phase IV Construction Project |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Increase or Maintain Affordable Housing Stock |
| | Needs Addressed | Access to affordable housing options |
| | Funding | \$3,000,000 |
| | Description | New affordable seniors housing |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Construction of one building which will provide 54 units of affordable housing to serve 75 very low-to-moderate income seniors. |
| | Location Description | 2254 W Main Street, Mesa AZ 85201 |

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| | Planned Activities | This project will entail construction of one building which will provide 54 units of affordable housing to serve very low to moderate income seniors. The proposed project will consist of 48 studios and 6 one-bedroom units, with a preference for senior veterans (the "Project"). A New Leaf will work with the City of Mesa to obtain Project-Based Vouchers for 30% of the units. All units will be eligible for tenant-based vouchers. |
| 13 | Project Name | Emergency Solutions Grant Program |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | Homeless Strategies, Vital Community Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness, Community Service |
| | Funding | ESG: \$361,881 |
| | Description | City of Mesa - ESG Program Administration - \$27,141. A New Leaf - Shelter Services - East Valley Men's Center Shelter Services - \$150,000. Save the Family Foundation of Arizona - Rapid Rehousing - Rapid Rehousing Program - \$117,611. Central Arizona Shelter (CASS) - Shelter Services - \$67,129. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | A New Leaf - Shelter Services - East Valley Men's Center Shelter Services - 46 homeless adult men. Save the Family Foundation of Arizona - Rapid Rehousing - Rapid Rehousing Program - 8 households. Central Arizona Shelter Services – Shelter Services – Case Management for 25 households. |
| | Location Description | A New Leaf - East Valley Men's Center 2345 N. Country Club Dr. Mesa, AZ 85201 Save the Family Foundation 125 E. University Dr. Mesa, AZ 85201 Central Arizona Shelter Services 1050 W. Mountain View Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85021 |

| | | |
|-----------|--|---|
| | Planned Activities | Homeless shelter services and rapid rehousing programs. |
| 14 | Project Name | City of Mesa - CDBG Program Administration |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |
| | Goals Supported | |
| | Needs Addressed | |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$810,078 |
| | Description | Matrix Code: 21A Citation: 24 CFR 570.206 Planning and Administration for the CDBG Program. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | City of Mesa Housing and Community Development 200 S. Center St., Bldg. 1 Mesa, AZ 85210 |
| | Planned Activities | Planning and administration of the CDBG Program. Administrative expenses for the implementation, administration, and monitoring of the CDBG program. Expenses included, but are not limited to, salaries, employer related expenses, travel, training, supplies, and other department overhead. |
| 15 | Project Name | HOME Program Administration |
| | Target Area | City of Mesa |

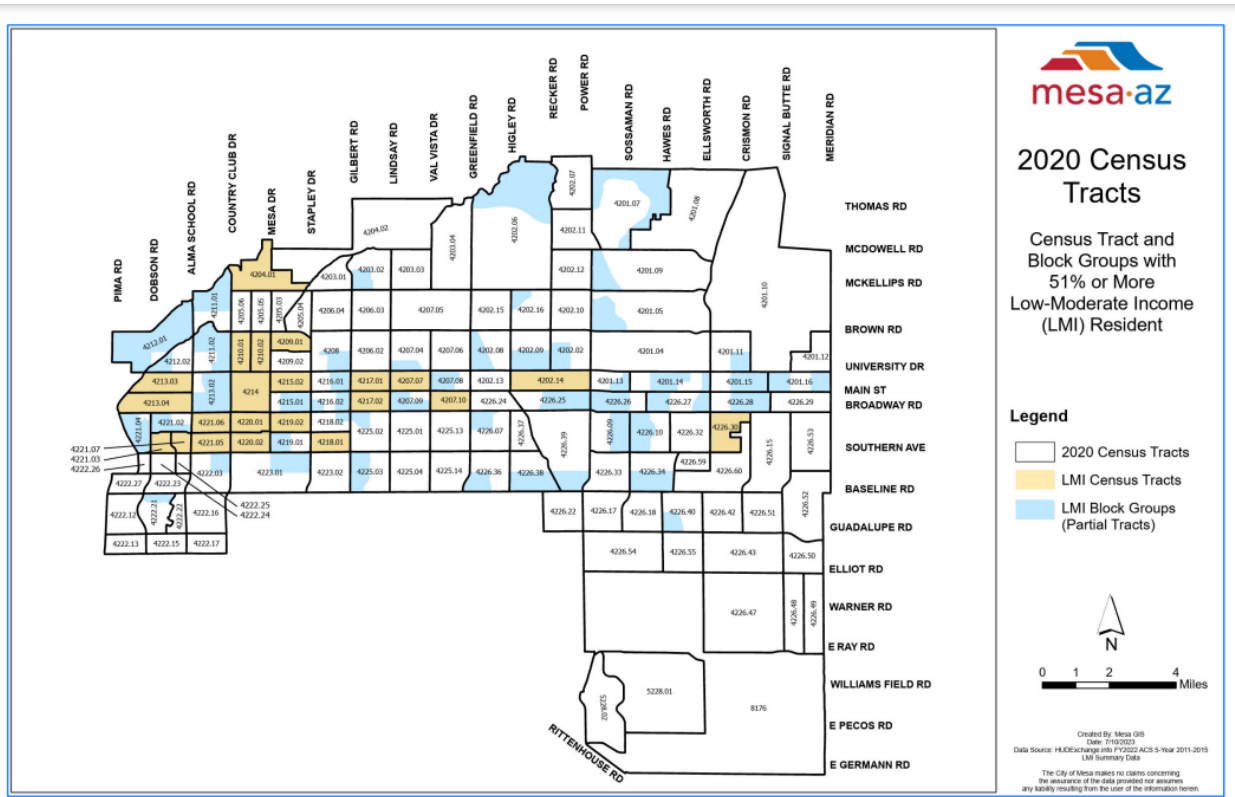
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| | Goals Supported | Increase or Maintain Affordable Housing Stock |
| | Needs Addressed | Access to affordable housing options |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$169,163 |
| | Description | Program Administration for the HOME Program. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | City of Mesa Housing and Community Development 200 S. Center, Bldg. 1 Mesa, AZ 85210 |
| | Planned Activities | Planning and Program Administration for the HOME Program. Administrative expenses for the implementation, administration, and monitoring of the HOME program. Expenses included, but are not limited to, salaries, employer related expenses, travel, training, supplies, and other department overhead. |

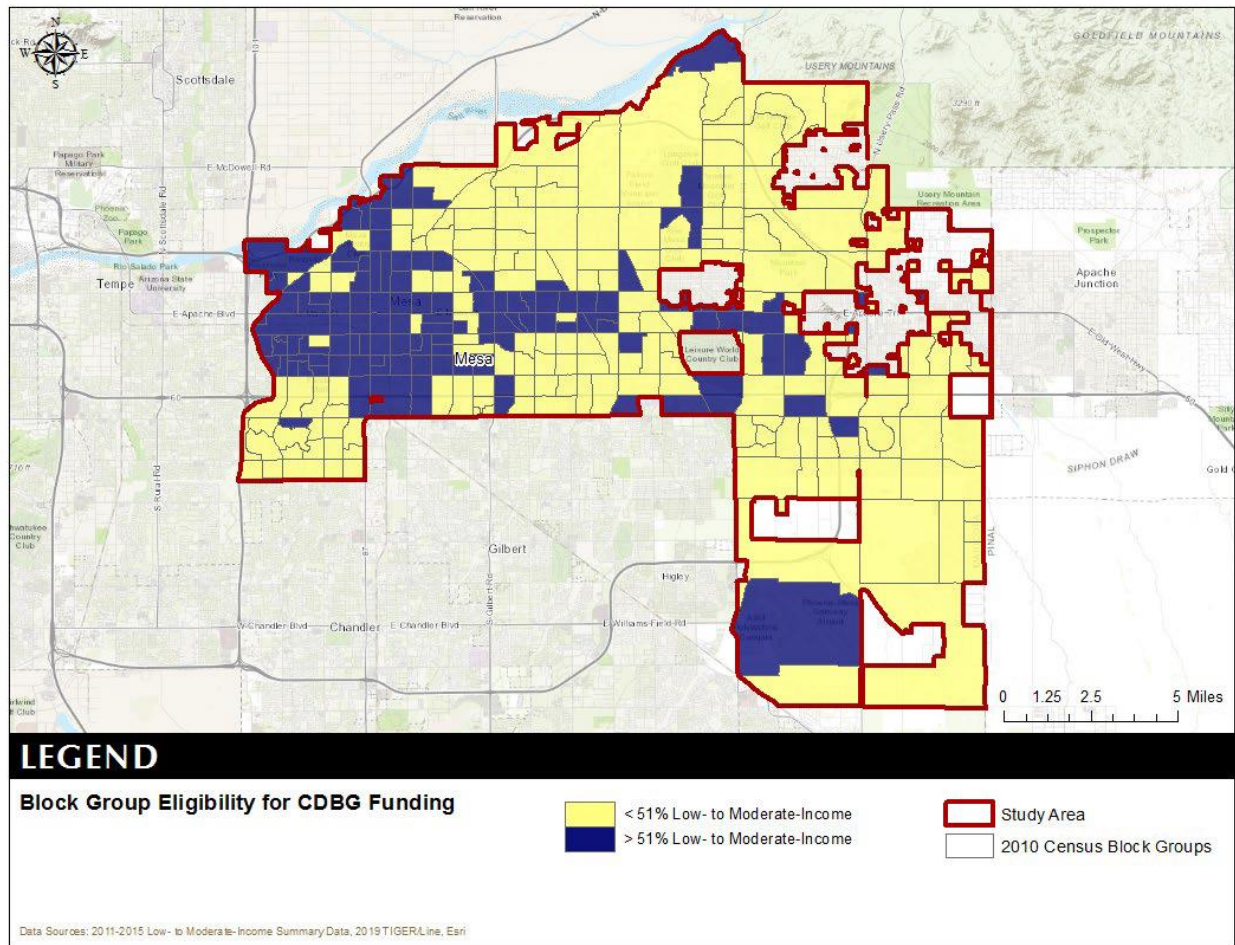
AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The target area for the City's CDBG investments is outlined in blue on the map appearing in the Five-

year Consolidated Plan and below:





This CDBG target area includes an area generally referred to as the Main Street Corridor, which was referenced frequently by stakeholders as having a large share of the city’s older commercial structures, substandard housing stock, residential and commercial code violations, and a concentration of social service agencies, low-income housing, and accessible public transportation options. Programs and Services are also delivered to the community Citywide in CDBG eligible areas. Activities will include enhanced public services, housing rehabilitation, TBRA. Efforts will be in place to ensure that as these activities are undertaken throughout the City, they will result in better integration of transit facilities into the community and increased access to areas of opportunity.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|--------------|---------------------|
| City of Mesa | 100 |

Table 7 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Resources will be committed pursuant to input received from citizens, stakeholders and non-profit service providers during the development of 2020-2024 5-Year Consolidated Plan and 2024/2025 Annual Action

Plan, as well and consideration of Mesa City Council priorities. As stated in the Consolidated Plan, significant issues were identified during the planning process which included the uneven distribution of community resources and the opportunity to leverage substantial investment in expanded neighborhoods in the community. Homelessness continues to be an increasing concern in Mesa. A Homeless Strategy was recently completed by the City Manager's Office, in collaboration with City Departments, non-profit service providers, and regional partners. Public services are allocated throughout the city based on an individual's income eligibility. Housing Rehabilitation services are provided city-wide based on client's eligibility of income and homeownership. City or public facility improvements, and public infrastructure improvements are examples of CDBG-funded activities that are targeted in low-moderate income census tracts.

Discussion

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Mesa will utilize its CDBG and HOME funds to rehabilitate and to support the construction of new affordable housing units. The one-year goals for affordable housing in the city for FY 2024/2025 are as follows:

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|---|-----|
| Homeless | 75 |
| Non-Homeless | 290 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 365 |

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
|---|-----|
| Rental Assistance | 200 |
| The Production of New Units | 75 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 90 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 365 |

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

Discussion

The City of Mesa and non-profit partners will undertake the following affordable housing activities: Construction of 54 new affordable housing units for 75 chronically homeless individuals; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Rental and Utility deposits for low-and moderate-income renters – 200 people; Emergency Rehabilitation Program for low and moderate-income homeowners – 90 households.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Mesa Housing Authority is the lead agency overseeing the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the City of Mesa. The Housing Authority is part of the City's Community Services Department, which administers a variety of programs designed to assist Mesa's low-and/or moderate-income individuals and families. The City of Mesa does not directly own or operate any public housing units within its corporate limits but provides HCV to help address affordable housing needs. The city has several housing programs available including rental assistance through the HCV and TBRA Programs , as well as homeowner emergency repair program. The city's rental assistance programs include: the Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV); Project Based Vouchers; HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program; Family Unification Program (FUP), Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), Shelter Plus Care program, and rental and utility and security deposit assistance under the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

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

Although the City of Mesa does not own or operate public housing, the Mesa Housing Authority (HA) will continue to seek additional funding to address housing needs and will apply to HUD for additional housing vouchers when available. Lack of funding in comparison to the need for affordable housing is a barrier in addressing public housing needs and has created lengthy waiting lists and long waiting periods. The HA will continue to provide housing assistance and social service needs to residents and will maintain efforts to implement more and expand existing programs as funding allows.

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

The City's Family Self Sufficiency program encourages participants in the HCV programs to work toward improving their quality of life through counseling and guidance, to become less reliant on federal assistance, and eventually to move toward the path to homeownership.

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

The City of Mesa Housing Authority is a High-Performing agency.

Discussion

Continued low-income housing rental assistance is a great need in the City of Mesa. With the increasing housing costs and rents, the PHA will continue its efforts to increase landlord participation and streamline processes.

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

Introduction

The City of Mesa is a participant in the Maricopa County Continuum of Care Committee (COC) on Homelessness and the Homeless Planning Sub-committee. This is a regional initiative staffed by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). As part of the Continuum of Care, Maricopa County completes a regular “Point-in-Time Survey” (PIT) each January to determine the number of homeless individuals and families in the County. The PIT count was conducted on January 23, 2024, the count data will be available in April of 2024. In 2023, approximately 375 unsheltered homeless individuals were surveyed.

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 City of Mesa awards funding for local shelters, transitional housing, rapid rehousing programs, and tenant-based rental assistance to provide a safe place for citizens in need. The City of Mesa’s homeless providers are established agencies and are dedicated to addressing homelessness. Although the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to increase, the city has seen remarkable improvements in the homeless system and implementing best practices. The city has continued to provide funding for Homeless Outreach Navigators to assist unhoused individuals and families in finding shelter and other critical services.

Mesa’s Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness will continue to be implemented in collaboration with Mesa’s nonprofit partners, faith-based agencies, schools, and healthcare institutions, as well as regional partner cities, county and state departments, and federal agencies, such as the Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Mesa Housing Path offers various access points throughout the community to get the most vulnerable Mesa-based individuals off the streets and in contact with the resources and support needed for safe housing, stability, and life skills to achieve sustainable success.

Mesa’s vision for addressing homelessness is based on these Guiding Principles:

1. Public Safety is our priority. We lead with services to address public health and safety needs and improve quality of life for all in Mesa. We seek enforcement when crimes occur and seek a balance for use of public spaces so that all community members feel welcome and safe.
2. Wise investment of local and federal funding. Mesa receives more than \$5M each year in federal funding. We focus these resources on Mesa-based organizations and direct service to Mesa-based individuals to achieve meaningful, focused results.

3. Strong non-profit collaborations. We collaborate with Mesa's community organizations and work to support successful programs for wrap-around services tailored to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
4. Regional share of the cost/impacts. Mesa is a leader in discussions and solutions to seek a regionwide approach, in order for all cities to share the costs and local impact.
5. Measure and communicate results.

Both data and best practices will help Mesa work to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Mesa, as well as to balance this response by keeping our community safe, with targeted focus on city parks, libraries, and other public spaces.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Continuum of Care (CoC) reaches out to homeless persons, especially unsheltered persons, through community partners that provide services to the homeless community such as soup kitchens, day programs, drop-in centers, and hospitals as well as through street outreach. In addition, information is collected annually using the Point In Time Survey. The Point In Time Surveys are one-on-one interviews conducted with people experiencing homelessness. The city also funds street outreach and navigation programs to better serve the unhoused individuals. When homeless veterans are identified, efforts are made to get them assistance through the VA.

The CoC has a long-term goal of increasing the number of homeless individuals and families moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. To achieve this objective, the CoC meets regularly with providers to monitor and review their progress. The CoC also works toward strengthening relationships with affordable housing providers (such as housing authorities) to assist consumer transitions into permanent housing. Effective services and support while in transitional housing are critical to the effective move into permanent housing.

The City of Mesa continues to provide funding for emergency shelters for homeless unaccompanied children and youth, individuals, and families, as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing. The City continues to administer Off the Streets which provides immediate, emergency sheltering to get people off of the streets and with a variety of wrap around services tailored to individuals' particular needs. The Off the Streets program is a temporary housing program with strong support services offered by the City of Mesa and our contracted service provider. The program serves Mesa's most vulnerable including seniors, Veterans, families with young children, unaccompanied youth and single women. In 2023, a motel was purchased to create stability and long-term use of the Off the Streets program. With the Off the Streets emergency sheltering, Mesa filled a gap in services by provides emergency beds along with intensive help to connect them to the right services and housing. 70% of participants in the program successfully exit to the next positive step on their housing plan. Without the Off the Streets program many unsheltered people cycle in and out of hospital emergency rooms and inpatient beds, mental health programs and institutions, and jails and prisons. The United States Interagency Council on

Homelessness estimates this cycle costs between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per person/year. The 'Off the Streets' program is estimated to cost approximately \$5,000-10,000 per person to transition someone to a path of recovery.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Mesa continues to support MAG's Regional Plan to End Homelessness by:

1. Collaborating with other municipalities through the Maricopa Association of Governments and League of Arizona Cities and Towns to maintain current funding for the Continuum of Care and to support efforts to develop new funding potential; Continued participation in the Homeless Street Count; Supporting non-profit organizations that provide affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families; and Serving on ESG Committee, Local Jurisdiction Committee, Data Committee, COC Planning Committee and Coordinated Entry Oversight Workgroup.

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

The City of Mesa continues to support MAG's Regional Plan to End Homelessness by:

1. Providing CDBG funds for programs that help maintain Mesa's housing stock and enable low-income individuals to stay in their homes through the Homeowner Rehabilitation program.
2. Contributing/cooperating with the City of Chandler, the Town of Gilbert, City of Scottsdale, and the City of Tempe to assist in the operational cost of a New Leaf's East Valley Men's Center, La Mesita Family Shelter, and Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter, and the Child Crisis Arizona Emergency Children Shelter located in Mesa.
3. Examining alternative housing projects which could include a more viable use of group homes for housing of previously homeless, supportive housing projects termed "Housing First" rather than shelter services as the first option, and shelter alternatives that allow mental health or substance abuse issues to

be addressed while in supportive housing.

4. Advocating to secure funding for homeless programs and participates in policy development through the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness.

5. Serving on the ESG Committee, the COC Planning Committee, and the Coordinated Entry Oversight Workgroup.

6. Providing continued funding for street outreach and navigation services for the homeless.

7. Continuing to work with the City of Mesa Housing Authority to transition residents to more permanent housing.

Discussion

The Continuum of Care has outlined its discharge policy for assisting persons aging out of foster care, and being released from health care facilities, mental health facilities, and correction facilities.

Introduction:

The City of Mesa recognizes the pressing challenge posed by the insufficient availability of safe and affordable housing units. This issue extends beyond Mesa, affecting both incorporated and unincorporated areas within the County. Among the prominent obstacles to affordable housing is the scarcity of developable land, which escalates land costs and subsequently inflates housing development expenses. In addition, various policies and practices within Mesa hinder the city's capacity to address affordable housing needs, as outlined in the city's Analysis to Impediments and the current Consolidated Plan.

The relentless surge in market rents and home purchase prices further exacerbates the predicament for low-income families seeking housing. In a housing market constrained by supply, affordable housing developments often become targets for higher-income buyers and renters, consequently driving up final sale or rental prices beyond initial projections. Public subsidies frequently prove indispensable in ensuring the availability of affordable homes for low- and moderate-income households.

Addressing these challenges demands a comprehensive and collaborative approach, involving strategic interventions, policy reforms, and targeted investments aimed at expanding the supply of affordable housing while safeguarding the interests of vulnerable populations. By acknowledging the multifaceted nature of the problem and mobilizing resources effectively, the City of Mesa endeavors to foster a more inclusive and equitable housing landscape for its residents.

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

Several circumstances may exist that prevent the market from providing affordable housing. Therefore, the following list cannot be considered complete but does provide an outline for some of the potential barriers to providing affordable housing in the City of Mesa.

- Some property owners are unwilling or unable to maintain and improve housing conditions to levels determined to be safe, decent, or sanitary. A portion of these property owners are located out of state and hard to notify about repairs that need to be made.
- Elderly low-income residents are physically and financially unable to afford to make necessary repairs or improvements to their homes and lack financial capacity to pay for a contractor to complete repairs.
- Low-income households that are larger in number have limited access to affordable housing options that have three or more bedrooms to accommodate families with three or more children.
- Low-income households have difficulty finding available rental units in Mesa.

- Over 14% of housing units in Mesa are categorized as mobile homes, per 2008-2012 ACS data. Mobile home unit's value depreciates at a faster rate, removing equity of the home from the homeowner. Manufactured housing units are also increasing in size and are overcrowding lots established for older and smaller manufactured units.
- Limited capacity and resources of nonprofit service providers and housing developers constrain their abilities to meet affordable housing needs.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

When determining the funding priorities for the FY 2024/2025 Annual Action Plan, the City of Mesa utilized the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan as the guide to eliminate the obstacles to the identified underserved needs. To reduce the City's obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved populations in the community and help improve service delivery, Mesa's Housing & Community Development Division will assist with facilitating agency-wide collaborations in coordinating the work of social service organizations, eliminating duplication of efforts, spearheading community-wide solutions to local needs, and disseminating information, news, and data that will assist all participant organizations a part of this collaborative.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Mesa is increasing the affordability of properties currently occupied by low-income households by providing a rehabilitation program to ensure long-term, sustainable housing by using more durable materials and building in energy efficiencies into the homes. The City of Mesa will also continue to seek collaborative partnerships with developers, non-profits, and private institutions to construct new opportunities for affordable housing or acquire vacant properties to make available as affordable housing through the HOME Program.

Outreach efforts include ongoing participation with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) with the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Workgroup, Planning, and ESG Committees to coordinate Rapid Rehousing and Shelter efforts, as well as pooling financial resources to house homeless clients in a timelier manner. The City of Mesa also works with the following local shelter providers and homeless assistance providers through federal and locally funded contracts:

- A New Leaf
- Arizona Brainfood
- Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS)
- Child Crisis Arizona
- Family Promise
- Homeward Bound
- House of Refuge
- Maggie's Place
- Oakwood Creative Care
- Paz de Cristo
- Save the Family
- United Food Bank

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The city has the following programs to assist those in need of affordable housing:

- Project Based Vouchers - 88
- Mainstream Vouchers - 137
- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) - 1361
- Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers - 28
- Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) - 191 vouchers
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) - 105
- Housing Rehab Program – (CDBG) - 90

The City of Mesa will continue to invest grant funds into affordable housing projects that provide rental and homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate- income households. By offering Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (rental assistance) to homeless families, veterans, disabled persons, and youth exiting the foster care system, Mesa will continue investing in the improvement of rental accessibility for very low-income households (below 50% AMI) and veterans battling potential homelessness.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The reduction of Lead-Based Paint (LBP) hazards in the city's housing stock is an annual objective in Mesa. As a part of its CDBG-funded Housing Rehabilitation Program, the City of Mesa aids homeowners in making repairs and addressing code violations and safety issues. One of the first procedures of the rehabilitation program is to have certified Lead-Based Paint (LBP) inspectors and risk assessors perform pre-construction inspections which may include assessments and reports of findings on all properties built before 1978 to test for lead. When any units test positive for lead, certified contractors are hired for remediation or abatement of the lead. Occupants are not allowed back into the unit until the property has been completely remediated. The city will also continue to educate all recipients of HOME, NSP, and CDBG funds on the hazards and dangers of lead-based paint. The City of Mesa distributes the pamphlet "Protect Your Family from Lead-Based Paint in Your Home" to all program recipients. This pamphlet informs homeowners how to prevent lead from becoming a health concern in the home. Asbestos and Radon testing are performed on single-family homes built before 1985 whose anticipated scope may exceed the allowable diminis levels as established by the EPA.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

In addition to offering rental assistance to low-income households, the City of Mesa also plans to reduce the number of poverty-level residents by continuing to participate with the Maricopa Continuum of Care, in which elected officials and City staff will ensure the availability of services and programs offered, such as homeless navigation services to increase funding for shelters. Funding was also allocated for programs that provide services for those with special needs. The list of 2024/2025 projects and programs to be funded by the Human Services/ABC Program was also presented to the City Council for approval.

Mesa's City Council has recommended funding anti-poverty programs that target prevention, crisis services, transitional services, and long-term support for homeless individuals.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The city will continue to participate in the regional Continuum of Care including workgroups and sitting on the Continuum of Care Board, working collaboratively with the East Valley City Managers, and assisting with For Our City – Mesa. In addition, the city will continue to develop public/private partnerships to address housing, finance, and community development efforts to address the gaps and provide recommendations in addressing these gaps.

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

The City of Mesa will continue to work with For Our City to coordinate resources for Mesa's most vulnerable residents. For Our City is a network of faith-based organizations, nonprofits, service organizations, businesses, and the City of Mesa working together in unity and compassion to help the residents of Mesa. Using the For Our City network, Mesa can connect nonprofits, volunteers, and vulnerable individuals to serve the most effectively.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following chart provides details on program-specific requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Mesa does not use forms of investment not described in §92.205(b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City will implement the HOME resale or recapture options based on each home activity subsidy, or longer as determined by the City. The City will require sub-recipients, CHDOs, and other entities to utilize the resale/recapture provisions outlined in the Annual Action Plan. Under the Resale provision, the City will ensure, if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability, that housing is made available for a subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as its principal residence. The Resale requirement will also ensure that the price at resale provides the original owner a fair return on investment (including the homeowner's investment and any capital improvement) and ensure that the housing will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers. Under the Resale provision, "fair return on investment" shall be defined as a monetary gain or loss, dependent on market conditions, due to the sale of the property.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:
4. For all projects where HOME funding was provided to the developer but not directly to the homebuyer, the Resale Provisions will be used. Units developed or acquired with HOME funds must remain affordable to income qualified households for varying lengths of time depending upon the amount of HOME funds invested per unit. The affordability period is enforced through a Restrictive Covenant signed by the homebuyer at closing and is recorded in the Maricopa County Assessor's Office. The Restrictive Covenant details the length of the affordability period and the specific resale requirements that must be satisfied should the owner wish to sell the property prior to the expiration of the affordability period. All units are secured by a lien on the property coinciding with the HOME Period of Affordability and a Promissory Note.
5. The City will use the following chart in determining the Period of Affordability for the Resale Provisions of units acquired or constructed with HOME funds.

| Total HOME Investment | Period of Affordability* |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|-----------------------|--------------------------|

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Under \$15,000 | 5 |
| Between \$15,000 & \$40,000 | 10 |
| Over \$40,000 | 15 |

- Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Mesa does not utilize HOME funds to refinance existing debt.

- If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
- If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
- If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

During this Action Plan period, the City's ESG subrecipients will continue to evaluate client eligibility and household needs in accordance with the centralized assessment requirements of the Maricopa County Continuum of Care, which include the following:

- The program participant must meet the criteria under paragraph (1) the "at risk of homelessness" definition or who meet the criteria in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of the homeless definition in 576.2 for homeless prevention assistance.
 - Households must meet the following circumstances:
 - (1) Household does not have appropriate subsequent housing options; and
 - (2) Household lacks the financial resources.
- If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The City of Mesa will continue to coordinate with Maricopa COC to streamline a centralized or coordinated assessment system in accordance with HUD requirements. The implementation of the coordinated system

will include emergency and essential services providers, and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and housing providers who currently utilize the homeless management information system (HMIS).

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

The City of Mesa will continue to allocate ESG funds through a competitive annual grant application process, as directed by the City's Housing and Community Development Advisory Board, with preliminary approval by the Community and Cultural Development Committee (sub-committee of City Councilmembers), and final approval by the City Council.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Mesa meets the homeless participation requirement found in 24 CFR 576.405(a) through the Maricopa County Continuum of Care. Several organizations representing the homeless were contacted for input during the planning process and the public meeting was advertised. Homeless participation will continue to be secured through consultation with the non-profit agencies and Maricopa Association of Governments.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City of Mesa will utilize the following evaluation standards for ESG activities:

Case Management Services:

Shelter Services

85% previously homeless men at EVMC will increase their level of self-sufficiency.

55% of the men will secure stable housing.

85% of the men will demonstrate an improvement in assessment scores.

100% of homeless households at CASS will have received case management and identified barriers to overcome their homelessness.

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100% of rapid re-housing households will have moved into rental housing with a lease.

75% of households will successfully maintain their housing when rental subsidies cease.

Coordination of Services:

- Improved Care coordination between housing partners and mainstream resources Tenant Based Rental Support Under Rapid Re-Housing.
- At least 46 men will be provided with shelter services at East Valley Men's Center.
- At Least 25 households will be assisted with shelter services at Central Arizona Shelter Services.
- At least 8 households assisted with stable housing with rental support & Stabilization Services Under Rapid Re-Housing by Save the Family.

The composition and procedures for monitoring ESG activities are reviewed and modified annually as necessary as new program guidelines are published by HUD.