



2022-2023

Annual Action Plan

and

HOME- ARP Allocation Plan

for HUD Community Planning & Development Funding

City Council Public Hearing

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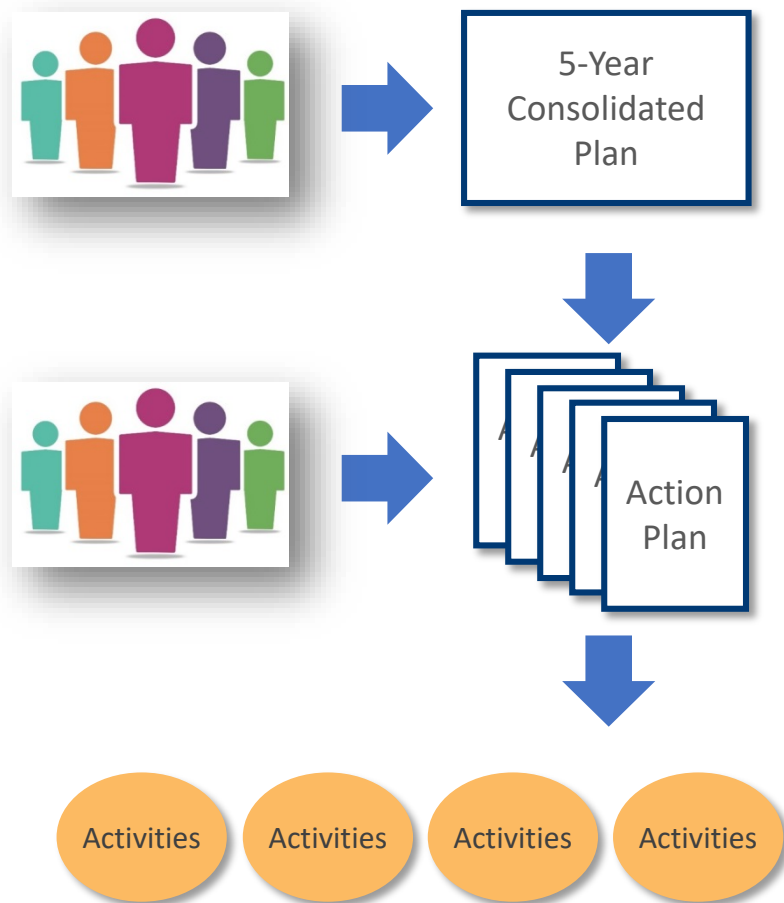
HUD Community Planning and Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD CPD) seeks to:

Develop viable communities for low and moderate income persons.

- Decent housing
- Suitable living environment
- Economic opportunities

HUD CPD Planning Process



Every 5 Years, the City prepares a Consolidated Plan in consultation with the public

Each Year, the City applies for funding through an Annual Action Plan, which describes how that year's funds will be used to meet the needs of the public and the priorities of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan

Activities (projects and programs) approved for funding in the Annual Action Plan are completed through agreements with community-based organizations and units of local government

5-Year Plan Priorities & Goals

Provide **assistance for the homeless** and those at risk of becoming homeless through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing first collaborations, and associated supportive services.

Improve access to **affordable housing** for low-income and special needs households by partnering with interested developers to increase development of low-income and affordable housing in high opportunity areas, and by promoting the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.

5-Year Plan Priorities & Goals

Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current **public infrastructure and facilities**, and by closing gaps in areas with aging, lower quality, or nonexistent public infrastructure and facilities.

Provide **services to low-income and special needs households** that develop human capital and improve quality of life.

5-Year Plan Priorities & Goals

Provide services to residents and housing providers to **advance fair housing**.

Plan and administer funding for community development, housing, and homelessness activities with **improved transparency, increased community involvement, and full compliance** with federal regulations.

Prior Year Activities

(July 2020 – June 2021)



Homelessness & Homelessness Prevention

More than 1,000 assisted with emergency shelter, supportive services, street outreach, rental assistance, or homelessness prevention by the City's sub-recipients.



Community Services

More than 800 low-income and special needs persons provided with services through programs operated by the City and its sub-recipients

Prior Year Activities

(July 2020 – June 2021)



Housing Rehabilitation

30 homes rehabilitated by the City or its subrecipients (for low- and moderate-income homeowners)



Affordable Housing Development

Multiple projects underway by developers receiving support through City programs, with 7 single-family homes and 40 multi-family housing units completed in 2021

Prior Year Activities

(July 2020 – June 2021)



Park Facility Improvements

4 facilities improved benefitting 60,915 nearby residents in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods



Street Improvements

3 street improvement projects completed benefitting 17,595 nearby residents in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods

For more information, view the Program Year 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) at www.fresno.gov/housing

Current Year Activities

(July 2021 – June 2022)

Goals for activities funded for the current program year include:

- Agreements with **affordable housing** developers to provide at least 26 new units
- **Housing rehabilitation** programs operated by the City, Habitat for Humanity, Fancher Creek, and Self-Help Enterprises to benefit 261 households
- Assistance for at least 748 **homeless and those at risk of homelessness** through programs operated by WestCare California Inc., Poverello House, and the Fresno Housing Authority.

Current Year Activities

(July 2021 – June 2022)

Goals for activities funded for the current program year include:

- **Community Services** for 2,915 low- and moderate-income persons operated by the PARCS Department, Boys & Girls Club, Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, Fresno EOC, and Stone Soup Fresno
- **Fair Housing Services** for City residents provided by Central California Legal Services and the Community Housing Council of Fresno
- **Street Improvements** for 5 neighborhoods by the City of Fresno Public Works Department
- **Micro-Enterprise Assistance** providing financial, technical, and general support to 36 owners and developers of micro-enterprises

For more information, view the Program Year 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan at www.fresno.gov/housing

HOME-American Recovery Act (ARP)

What is HOME-ARP?

- March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law
- Provided \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the impact of COVID-19
- Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to benefit people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations
- The City of Fresno is eligible for nearly \$12 million in HOME-ARP funds

HOME-ARP Plan Development

Consultation with agencies and service providers whose clientele include qualifying populations

- FMCOOC
- Disability Advisory Committee
- Fresno Housing Authority
- Homeless and domestic violence service providers
- Veterans' groups
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities

HOME-ARP Plan Development

Public participation

- Virtual workshops to determine needs and solicit input
- Public hearing

Assessment and gaps analysis to determine needs of

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

Who is Eligible?

Qualifying Populations

- People experiencing homelessness
- People at risk of homelessness
- People fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations
 - Families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness
 - Persons at greatest risk of housing instability
 - Veterans and families that include a veteran family member meeting the criteria for one of the populations described above

Who is Eligible?

Preferred Populations

- The City may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations to prioritize applicants for HOME-ARP projects or activities based on the City's needs and priorities
- If funds are used for TBRA, the City may establish a preference for individuals with special needs or persons with disabilities among the HOME-ARP qualifying populations
- The City may also provide a preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities within the qualifying populations only if the specific category is identified as having an unmet need and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons

How Can Funds Be Used?

- Development and support of affordable housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Provision of supportive services
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units

How Can Funds Be Used?

- 100% of funds used on TBRA, supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter must benefit **qualifying populations**
- Not less than 70% of the total number of rental units assisted with HOME-ARP funds must be restricted for occupancy by households that are **qualifying households**
- Not more than 30% of the total number of rental units assisted with HOME-ARP funds may be restricted to low-income households

How Can Funds Be Used?

- Rent limitations
 - Rent for **qualifying populations** cannot be more than 30% of the adjusted income of a household whose annual income is equal to or less than 50% of the median income in the area
 - Rent for low-income households is the lesser of fair market rent or 30% of the adjusted income of a household whose annual income is equal to 65% of the median income in the area

2022-2023 Anticipated Funding

Federal Program	Estimated 2022-2023 Funding
CDBG - Community Development Block Grant	\$7,184,218
HOME – Home Investment Partnerships	\$3,289,681
HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV	\$714,258
ESG – Emergency Solutions Grant	\$606,586
HOME-ARP – HOME American Recovery Plan Act	\$11,922,873

Final amounts to be made available will be determined following HUD announcement of 2022-2023 awards, and identification of any incremental project savings from prior program years.

Action Plan Schedule

Date / Time*	Description
January 6, 2022	Public Notice
January 19, 2022; 11:00 A.M.	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #1
January 20, 2022; 6:30 P.M.	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #2
January 24, 2022; 6:30 P.M.	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #3
January 25, 2022; 11:00 A.M.	Virtual Community Needs Workshop #4
January 27, 2022; 10:05 A.M.	City Council Community Needs Public Hearing
February 4, 2022	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Released Applications requested from City Departments, Offices, and Local Organizations for eligible
Week Ending February 11, 2022	NOFA Technical Assistance Webinars Visit www.fresno.gov or email HCDD@fresno.gov for more information
March 4, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.	NOFA Responses Due
March 18, 2022 – April 19, 2022	Draft Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period The 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan will be published at www.fresno.gov/housing for public comments, which will be accepted by email at HCDD@fresno.gov ; phone at 621-8300; fax at 457-1579; or TTY at 621-8721
April 28, 2022; 10:00 A.M.	City Council Annual Action Plan Public Hearing & Consideration Participation instructions posted at least 72 hours in advance at fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
May 15, 2022	2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Due to HUD
May 17, 2022	Affordable Housing Development and Substantial Rehabilitation NOFA Available on Planet Bids; due July 5, 2022

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit www.fresno.gov/housing for latest information

Public Hearing

All comments will be included and addressed in the City's final 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan or HOME-ARP Allocation Plan