

# Staff Funding Recommendation

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for HUD Community Planning & Development Programs

## Anticipated Resources

**Table 1 – CDBG Sources and Uses**

Sources – CDBG	Amount	Uses – CDBG	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$6,897,161	Public Infrastructure	37%	\$3,043,594.22
Prior Year Funds	\$1,350,596.03	Affordable Housing	33%	\$2,757,870.61
		Public Services	12%	\$991,860
		Micro-Enterprise Assistance	>1%	\$40,000
		Fair Housing	>1%	\$35,000
		Administration & Compliance	16%	\$1,379,432.20
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$8,247,757.03</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$8,247,757.03</i>

**Table 2 – HOME Sources and Uses**

Sources – HOME	Amount	Uses – HOME	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$3,578,083	Affordable Housing	75%	\$2,683,562
		CHDO Housing Development	15%	\$536,713
		Administration & Compliance	10%	\$357,808
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$3,578,083</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$3,578,083</i>

**Table 3 – ESG Sources and Uses**

Sources – ESG	Amount	Uses – ESG	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$601,082	Rapid Rehousing	56%	\$338,723
		Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach	33.5%	\$201,362
		Homelessness Prevention	3%	\$15,916
		HMIS	0%	\$0
		Administration & Compliance	7.5%	\$45,081
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$601,082</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$601,082</i>

**Table 4 – HOPWA Sources and Uses**

Sources – HOPWA	Amount	Uses – HOPWA	%	Amount
Annual Entitlement	\$990,192	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV	97%	\$960,487
		Administration & Compliance	3%	\$29,705
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$990,192</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$990,192</i>

## Project Funding Summary

**Table 5 - Project Funding Summary**

PRIORITY AREA	PROJECT	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
Homeless & Homelessness Prevention	Emergency Solutions Grant			\$601,082 <sup>1</sup>	
Homeless & Homelessness Prevention	Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV				\$960,487
Affordable Housing	Housing Rehabilitation (Non-Profit)	\$700,000			
Affordable Housing	Housing Rehabilitation (City Provided)	\$700,000			
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Development	\$1,357,870.61	\$2,683,562		
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Development – CHDO		\$536,713		
Public Infrastructure & Facilities	Neighborhood Street Improvements	\$2,043,594.22			
Public Infrastructure & Facilities	Facility Improvements	\$1,000,000			
Community Services	PARCS After School Programs	\$316,000			
Community Services	PARCS Senior Enrichment Programs	\$480,711			
Community Services	Non-Profit Public Services	\$195,149			
Community Services	Microenterprise Assistance	\$40,000			
Fair Housing	Fair Housing Education, Outreach, and Referral	\$35,000			
Administration & Compliance	Program Administration	\$1,379,432.20	\$357,808	See note	\$29,705
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$8,247,757.03</b>	<b>\$3,578,083</b>	<b>\$601,082</b>	<b>\$990,192</b>

<sup>1</sup> Administration funds of \$45,081 are included in the ESG project total.

## NOFA Applications & Staff Funding Recommendations

**Table 6 - Public Infrastructure**

Applicant	Program Title	People Assisted	NOFA Score	NOFA Rank	Amount Requested	Staff Funding Recommendation	Funding Source
City of Fresno Public Works	Rialto-Marks-Holland-Valentine Neighborhood Street Improvements <sup>1</sup>	6,153	56.3	1	\$1,258,100	\$1,258,100	CDBG
City of Fresno Public Works	Knight Ave Street Improvements <sup>2</sup>	2,795	50.8	2	\$785,494.22	\$785,494.22	
<b>Funds Requested/Recommended:</b>					<b>\$2,043,594.22</b>	<b>\$2,043,594.22</b>	
<b>Funds Available:</b>					<b>\$2,043,594.22</b>		
<b>Amount Undersubscribed</b>					<b>\$0</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Located in Council District 1

<sup>2</sup> Located in Council District 3

**Table 7 - Community Services<sup>1</sup>**

Applicant	Program Title	People Assisted	NOFA Score	NOFA Rank	Amount Requested	Staff Funding Recommendation	Funding Source
City of Fresno PARCS	Senior Program	500	63.7	1	\$480,000	\$480,711	CDBG
City of Fresno PARCS	Youth Program	400	58	2	\$315,000	\$316,000	
Central Valley Justice Coalition	Youth Advocacy and Mentorship Program for Preventing Human Trafficking	120	86.7	1	\$89,670	\$89,441	
Marjaree Mason Center	Critical Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence	35	86.3	2	\$102,641	\$105,708	
Live Again Fresno	Change the Narrative	250-300	68.7	3	\$175,000	\$0	
Gracebound	Medical and Mental Health Services	1,000	47	4	\$122,000	\$0	
Gracebound	Youth Program	600	45.7	5	\$47,000	\$0	
Gracebound	Senior Program	300	39	6	\$40,000	\$0	
Chinatown Fresno Foundation	Chinatown: Open for Business <sup>2</sup>	30	81	1	\$63,622	\$40,000	
<b>Funds Requested/Recommended:</b>					<b>\$1,434,933.80</b>	<b>\$1,031,860</b>	
<b>Funds Available:</b>					<b>\$1,031,860</b>		
<b>Amount Oversubscribed:</b>					<b>\$403,073</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Community Services funding capped at 15% per 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1).

<sup>2</sup> Microenterprise assistance is not subject to the Community Service cap of 15% per 24 CFR 570.201(o)(2).

**Table 8 - Fair Housing**

Applicant	Program Title	People Assisted	NOFA Score	NOFA Rank	Amount Requested	Staff Funding Recommendation	Funding Source
Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministry (FIRM)	Immigrant and Refugee Inclusion in Fair Housing	4,500	67.7	1	\$35,000	\$35,000	CDBG
<b>Funds Requested/Recommended:</b>					<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	
<b>Funds Available:</b>					<b>\$85,000<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Amount Undersubscribed</b>					<b>(\$50,000)<sup>2</sup></b>		

**Table 9 - Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation**

Applicant	Program Title	People Assisted	NOFA Score	NOFA Rank	Amount Requested	Staff Funding Recommendation	Funding Source
Self-Help Enterprises	Housing Rehab	15	84.8	1	\$700,000	\$700,000	CDBG
Habitat for Humanity	Housing Rehabilitation/Repair Program	13	81.4	2	\$373,090	\$0	
<b>Funds Requested/Recommended:</b>					<b>\$1,073,090</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	
<b>Funds Available:</b>					<b>\$700,000</b>		
<b>Amount Oversubscribed</b>					<b>\$373,090</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Total funds available comprised of \$50,000 in Administrative funds, and \$35,000 in Community Services funds.

<sup>2</sup> Fifteen thousand dollars of undersubscribed funds allocated to Administrative funds, and \$35,000 of undersubscribed funds allocated to Community Services.

**Table 10 - Homeless and Homelessness Services**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Program Title</b>	<b>People Assisted</b>	<b>NOFA Score</b>	<b>NOFA Rank</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Staff Funding Recommendation</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
WestCare California	The Living Room	500	92.3	1	\$849,665	\$960,487	HOPWA
Poverello House	Homeless Outreach Progressive Engagement (HOPE) Team	800	98	1	\$203,206	\$201,362	ESG
Marjaree Mason Center	Emergency Shelter Program	300	95.6	2	\$203,206	\$0	
WestCare California	Project UNITE	39	93.2	1	\$248,958	\$218,666	
Poverello House	Rapid Rehousing Program	14	83.4	2	\$135,972.50	\$135,973	
<b>Funds Requested/Recommended:</b>					<b>\$1,751,829.50</b>	<b>\$1,516,488</b>	
<b>Funds Available:</b>					<b>\$1,516,488</b>		
<b>Amount Oversubscribed:</b>					<b>\$235,341.50</b>		

## Application Project Descriptions

Application Program Title	Application Program Description
<b>Infrastructure &amp; Facilities</b>	
<p>Department of Public Works – Knight Ave. Street Improvements</p>	<p>The Knight Avenue Street Improvements project will construct new complete sidewalks where there are currently no existing sidewalks, and install a new wide street pavement section, along Knight Avenue between Grove and Jensen Avenues. The project also includes new street lighting per City standard and landscaped planter curb returns. The project will make this section of Knight Avenue and the surrounding residential neighborhood safer and more accessible.</p>
<p>Department of Public Works – Rialto-Marks-Holland-Valentine Neighborhood Street Improvements</p>	<p>The Rialto-Marks-Holland-Valentine Neighborhood Street Improvements project will accomplish complete street surface reconstruction including sidewalks, curb and gutter, and remove ADA barriers to access in a residential neighborhood. The project will reconstruct streets along West Holland Avenue between Valentine and Marks Avenues, up to Norwich and Indianapolis Avenues within CDBG limits. These street improvements are expected to improve the safety, accessibility, and quality of life for residents of this neighborhood.</p>
<b>Owner-Occupied Home Repair</b>	
<p>Habitat for Humanity – Housing Rehabilitation/Repair Program</p>	<p>Habitat for Humanity Greater Fresno Area (HFHGFA) requests funding to provide owner-occupied home repairs to eligible City of Fresno homeowners to continue to stabilize the existing housing element.</p>
<p>Self-Help Enterprises – Housing Rehab</p>	<p>Execute emergency, minor, and substantial housing rehabilitation to remedy property maintenance, age, health, and safety, and/or housing code issues of existing single-family residential units for low-income owner-occupied households. Self-Help Enterprises staff will collaborate with homeowners and contractors to improve key building features including roofing, windows, and flooring, and property systems such as basic plumbing, electrical, cooling and/or security. The home repair and rehabilitation services are available to income eligible homeowners of single-family residences located within City limits of Fresno.</p>
<b>Micro-Enterprise Assistance</b>	

Application Program Title	Application Program Description
Chinatown Fresno Foundation – Open for Business	This two-part program will improve business acumen of existing businesses while drawing start-up entrepreneurs to the neighborhood. Existing businesses will benefit from expanded services of the Chinatown Empowerment Center (which includes the Make Time Business School) and its new Manager. New micro-enterprises will learn how to start and grow their businesses in Chinatown.
<b>Non-Profit Public Services</b>	
Central Valley Youth Justice Coalition – Youth Advocacy and Mentorship Program for Preventing Human Trafficking	Through a combination of 1-on-1 mentorship, education, and group programs, the Justice Coalition's Advocacy and Mentorship Program aims to connect with youth who have greater risk factors for human trafficking and exploitation in order to provide support before they become victims. We are certified providers of three different curriculums, in addition to having created our own tools, training, and resources based on our twelve years of experience fighting trafficking in the Central Valley. Our advocates can equip young people with the tools they need to recognize traffickers and identify resources that keep themselves and their community safe.
Gracebound – Medical and Mental Health Services	A location to allow people to shower, launder clothes, obtain groceries, toiletries, clothing, feminine hygiene products, referrals to supportive services, counseling, and dental services, transportation services to attend medical housing, and aid appointments, addiction recovery support group, etc.
Gracebound – Seniors Program	Services for 60 and over including recreational and support group activities such as bingo, cards, domino, a variety of board games, movie nights, grief seminars/presentations, health seminars, reading club, knitting club, arts and crafts activities gentle exercises, etc.
Gracebound – Youth Program	Services for young people between 4 to 19 that include recreational activities such as movie nights, board games, table tennis, basketball, local trips; life skills such as applying for jobs, educational courses, IDs, driving, first aid and health seminars, self-defense sessions with licenses organizations, substance abuse awareness, etc.
Live Again Fresno – Change the Narrative	Live Again Fresno will work with various age groups it serves to provide age specific and appropriate activities. For example, all the program participants will participate in Social Emotional Learning (SEL), recreational services, cultural arts, educational programs, and other participant led activities. For the older population 13+ programming will be geared toward mental health wellness, resume writing, life skills, money management, and critical thinking skills training.



Application Program Title	Application Program Description
<p>Marjaree Mason Center – Critical Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence</p>	<p>Marjaree Mason Center is requesting City of Fresno CDBG funds to support critical service for survivors of domestic violence by providing stabilization services for individuals and families who are residing in the agency’s confidential Emergency Safe House. Funds through this program will be used to provide safe shelter and comprehensive supportive services to adults and children who are considered low/moderate-income and fleeing from domestic violence while they work toward becoming self-sufficient. In the past, MMC’s emergency safe house set aside rooms for clients enrolled in longer-term transitional housing programs, however, due to increases in local domestic violence rates, MMC is now utilizing all rooms in the Safe House for short-term emergency clients only. On average clients stay in the Safe House for approximately 32 days before transitioning out of emergency shelter and into other long-term housing programs.</p>
<b>PARCS Public Services</b>	
<p>PARCS Department – Youth Recreation Program</p>	<p>The Youth Recreation Program provides high quality after school programming, camps and enrichment activities for youth aged 17 and under at ten City of Fresno community centers and neighborhood parks. The program was formerly known as the After School Program.</p>
<p>PARCS Department – Senior Recreation Program</p>	<p>The Senior Recreation Program provides recreational activities at senior centers in the City of Fresno for seniors ages 60+. Examples of activities include: arts and crafts, educational and skill building workshops, nutrition education, gardening, special events and excursions. The purpose of the program is to provide connection, improve quality of life and strengthen community resiliency.</p>
<b>Fair Housing</b>	
<p>Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministry (FIRM)</p>	<p>Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministry (FIRM) will provide Public Fair Housing Education and Outreach through workshops, ethnic media, sharing informational resources city-wide and targeted canvassing in areas where low-income Southeast Asian, Spanish, and Arabic-speaking communities congregate (RECAPs). Outreach materials will be distributed in five different languages in order to increase awareness about fair housing rights and resources that often are not made accessible to diverse, low-income communities.</p>
<b>Emergency Shelter &amp; Street Outreach</b>	
<p>Marjaree Mason Center – Emergency Shelter Program</p>	<p>Marjaree Mason Center is requesting ESG funding to support emergency shelter and support services for adults and their children experiencing domestic violence and homeless or at risk of homelessness due to abuse. Funds through this program will be used to support costs associated with Marjaree Mason Center’s Emergency Shelter Program which provides 24/7 crisis response, emergency shelter, basic necessities (e.g. food, clothing, blankets, hygiene items, diapers, etc.), case management, victim advocacy, mental health services and coordinated entry system services that assist clients while they work toward obtaining longer-term safe housing and increase stability.</p>

Application Program Title	Application Program Description
Poverello House – Homeless Outreach Progressive Engagement (HOPE) Team	The HOPE Team provides street outreach to people experiencing homelessness that live in the City of Fresno. The purpose of the team is the link people experiencing homelessness to navigation services and shelter. The HOPE Team will also provide limited navigation services
<b>Rapid Rehousing</b>	
Poverello House – Rapid Rehousing Program	The proposed program is to provide direct case management and rental support for those experiencing homelessness in the City of Fresno for up to one year. This program will support security deposits, pay for costs associated with PG&E arrears and direct rental support. Case managers will work with program participants during this timeframe to develop a plan to sustain housing beyond the rapid rehousing program support.
WestCare California – Project UNITE	WestCare California, Inc. is seeking funding to continue providing rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services through Project Unite. During the grant period, Project Unite will provide: 1) 21 individuals with homelessness prevention services; 2) 18 individuals with rapid rehousing assistance; and 3) 13 households will receive case management services. The program will engage homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families with extremely low-incomes (less than 30% area median income), including Veterans who are not eligible for housing assistance through SSVF or HUD-VASH.
<b>Homelessness Prevention</b>	
WestCare California – Project UNITE	WestCare California, Inc. is seeking funding to continue providing rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services through Project Unite. During the grant period, Project Unite will provide: 1) 21 individuals with homelessness prevention services; 2) 18 individuals with rapid rehousing assistance; and 3) 13 households will receive case management services. The program will engage homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families with extremely low-incomes (less than 30% area median income), including Veterans who are not eligible for housing assistance through SSVF or HUD-VASH.
<b>Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV</b>	
WestCare California – The Living Room	WestCare California, Inc. is the lead agency partnering with Fresno Housing Authority to continue providing housing assistance and related supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Fresno County. Specific services provided include Short Term Rental and Mortgage Assistance (STRMU), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), transitional housing, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, supportive services, and housing information. The primary goals of the proposed program are to help participants achieve both permanent housing and health stability.