

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

The City of Escondido received \$2,254,596 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. The City also was allocated \$2,394,882 in Community Development Block Grant CV dollars to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.

The purpose of these funds is to ensure low- and moderate-income households have resources for affordable housing, suitable living environments and to expand opportunities. The City administers and provides funding for public services, fair housing and capital improvement projects addressing homeless services, neighborhood revitalization, basic needs, health and human development, economic development and affordable housing.

This is the third year of a five-year Consolidated Plan from 2020 – 2024. In this past year, CDBG funding was used to make significant investments and improvements to infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, and public services. City staff made two amendments in Program 2022 (substantial and minor) to address urgent community need and fund a capital project. Funding went to complete Phase I of the Creek Trail Fencing project, pay for deposit of two new fire engines, expand outdoor dining options at the Park Avenue Senior Center and electrify CDBG-eligible neighborhoods with new LED lights. The City's Public Works Team removed 14,540 tags on private properties in eligible census blocks with a response time of less than 60 minutes to the support of CDBG funds.

The City also invested in critical public services helping 190 unduplicated individuals experiencing homelessness receive emergency shelter with 87 individuals increasing their income and 56 people transitioning into permanent housing, delivered 22,998 free meals to 62 Escondido residents with medical conditions like congestive heart failure, cancer, AIDS, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease, served 217 individuals with legal services such as referrals, advice or representative for fair housing issues, and helped 229 unduplicated seniors get connected to vital resources like food and housing at the Park Avenue Senior Center.

The HOME Program helped one person purchase their first home through a loan for \$25,000. The City signed an affordable housing agreement with Habitat for Humanity \$1,000,000 to build 10 affordable housing units for homeowners with less than 80% AMI. The project is currently under development and is expected to be completed in December 2023. All tenants have been screened and selected.

The City released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for homelessness prevention and utility assistance for low-income residents using \$1.66M in CDBG-CV in April 2023. The City received five competitive proposals and is pending an award. City staff hopes to return to the City Council for approval of the contract in fall 2023.

Below is a summary of CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV accomplishments in FY 2022-23 and the City's overall progress and achievements towards its five-year goals. It's important to point out that HOME accomplishments are not reported to HUD until they are finalized. Administrative costs for CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV are not captured in the chart.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Access to rec, ed and healthcare (inc mental health)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$377,600	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit *Projects are under development – COMPACT, Boys & Girls Club, Water Stations	Households Assisted	0	0	0%	700	0	0.00%
Access to rec, ed and healthcare (inc mentl health)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$56,943	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit *Senior Transportation & Palomar Family	Households Assisted	750	1,628	217%	240	128	53%
Affordable ownership opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,000,000	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Affordable ownership opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$50,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	5	2	40%	2	1	50%
Basic needs and case mgt to residents in shelter	Homeless	ESG: \$0 *Not funded	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	400	0	0.00%	0	0	0%

Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$490,495	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0%	40	0	0.00%
Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$0	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Engage/assess homeless indiv/families on street	Homeless	CDBG:\$213,956	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit *Homeless Day Center	Persons Assisted	0	0	0%	250	0	0.00%
Engage/assess homeless indiv/families on street	Homeless	CDBG/ESG: \$0	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0%

Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$98,063	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit *LED Lights	Persons Assisted	38,195	38,195	100%	38,195	38,195	100%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$340,838.24	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit *Creek Trail Fencing – Phase I	Households Assisted	10000	83,788	838%	167,575	83,788	50%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	200	500	250%	150	0	0.00%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$200,345	Businesses assisted/Graffiti – private property	Businesses Assisted	10,000	29,523	295%	20,091	14,540	72%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$115,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1000	1,684	168%	100	658	558% %
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$100,000	Other: Grants to Block and Project NEAT	Other	0	131	131%	100	131	131%

Increase public safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$526,316.81	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit/Fire Engines	Persons Assisted	81,440	0	0.00%	81440	0	0.00%
Keep HH at risk from becoming homeless	Non-Homeless Special Needs	ESG: \$0 *Not funded	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Keep HH at risk from becoming homeless	Non-Homeless Special Needs	ESG: \$0 *Not funded	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	80	216	270%	0	0	0%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0	0%	2500	0	0.00%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$88,610	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit *Senior Nutrition, MOW, and Mama's Kitchen	Households Assisted	1500	1,689	113%	963	851	88%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$0	Other	Other	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

Provide perm hsg to homeless households	Homeless	ESG: \$0 *Not funded	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Provide perm hsg to homeless households	Homeless	ESG: \$0 *Not funded	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Support homeless shelter and other services	Homeless	CDBG: \$70,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter *ARS and CCS	Persons Assisted	500	424	85%	320	304	95%
Temporarily house homeless residents	Homeless	ESG: \$0 *Not funded	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	600	122	0.00%	0	0	0%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The City focused its priorities on capital improvements, neighborhood revitalization and public safety. Housing & Neighborhood Services staff worked closely with City leadership to review its CDBG capital improvement and neighborhood revitalization projects and develop a plan to meet its timeliness test. The City reviewed previously approved projects that were inactive and reallocated funding activities that demonstrated project-readiness.

The City was not awarded any ESG funding in FY 2022-23, so they are no outcomes for this time period.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
White	1,377	1	0
Black or African American	128	0	0
Asian	72	0	0
American Indian or American Native	43	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	45	0	0
Total	1,665	0	0
Hispanic	560	0	0
Not Hispanic	1,105	1	0

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

*The City did not receive funding for ESG in Program Year 2022-23.

Narrative

The City's CDBG programs served 1,665 households in Escondido of whom 83% reported they were White, 8% stated they were Black, 4% stated they were Asian, 3% reported they were American Indian or American Native, and 3% said they were Native Hawaiian. Sixty-six percent of households identified as not Hispanic and 34% identified as Hispanic.

City staff compared this information to the City of Escondido's Census Data published in July 2022 and they noticed a higher rate of White only (58.2%) Black (2.1%), American Indian (1.3%) and Native Hawaiian (.4%) accessing CDBG-funding. The City reported having 52% of residents identify as Hispanic or Latino origin, but only 34% received services. Additional efforts will be made by City staff to ensure more outreach and education is being conducted by subrecipients to reflect the city's racial and ethnic profile.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	2,233,133.81	2,117,414.78
CDBG-CV	public – federal	1,883,946.13	16,084.50
HOME	public - federal	706,529	718,663.74
ESG	public - federal	0	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Eligible Areas	19%		
City of Escondido	81%		
Neighborhood Groups	0%		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City spent \$2,836,078.52 for CDBG and HOME Programs for FY 2022-202. The City staff used unspent HOME program income from 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 to drawdown funds for the Habitat for Humanity project and one first-time homebuyer loan.

The City spent \$16,084.50 CDBG-CV funds on administrative and senior nutrition. The City issued an RFP \$1,660,000 in CBDG-CV funds and it is pending award.

The City focused its funding resources in neighborhood groups, low- and moderate-income census blocks and throughout the city.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

HOME grantees must match 25 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. It has been the City of Escondido's practice to leverage federal housing funds with local, public and private funding sources.

The City of Escondido did not use any publicly owned land or property to address affordable housing needs in FY 2022-23. Housing staff is working with the City's Real Property Manager and City Planner to evaluate vacant properties for the potential development of affordable housing.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
1,018,333	\$91,079	718,663.74	0	\$390,748.26

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired						
Businesses Displaced						
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced						
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced						
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	320	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	500	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	820	0

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	40	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	2	1
Total	42	1

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

There are a few different types of projects at various stages of development. City staff anticipates releasing an RFP for 15 rehabilitation units and complete the Habitat for Humanity El Norte Project in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The City received HOME-ARP funds and recommended using this funding stream and additional sources to build 40 extremely low units. This item was approved conditionally and asked to return to City Council for further review.

One household was served in FY2022-23 in the first-time homebuyer program. Due to high interests and home prices, the interest for this program has diminished.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The need for affordable housing continues to be strong, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Community needs have been assessed and evaluated reflecting the current need and anticipated resources, have been established for the current 2020 Con Plan.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	982	0
Low-income	459	1
Moderate-income	71	0
Total	1,512	1

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Ninety-five percent households served in the CDBG Program were extremely low income 65% or low-income 30% households. Less than 5% of the total number of households served had an income of 81% or above.

One hundred percent or one household (comprised of 4 people) in the HOME Program was considered low-income.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)
Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reducing and ending homelessness is one of the City's top priorities. In FY 2022-23, the City of Escondido used CDBG and ESG-CV funds to assist persons experiencing homelessness. Through these various funding streams, the City of Escondido provided basic needs support, homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter and temporary non-congregate shelter and rapid re-housing programs.

Interfaith Community Services is the City's subrecipient for ESG-CV funds.

More work needs to be done in this space. The City receives dozens of calls each week from people at-risk or experiencing homelessness and request Point-in-Time data showed an 67% increase in the number of people unsheltered homelessness.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

More formal stakeholder meetings need to be conducted with the population. The City has previously consulted with experts on Homeless Experienced Advocacy and Leadership Network (HEAL) and Lived Experience Advisory (LEA) committee.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City funded two programs, the Alliance for Regional Solutions, and Center for Community Solutions to address emergency shelter needs for persons experiencing homelessness and fleeing domestic violence.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City applied for one-time capital grant funds of \$736,000 from the County of San Diego to help open a low-barrier family shelter in partnership with a local nonprofit. The family shelter will serve 10-16 households and have them exit into permanent housing and increase self-sufficiency.

In additional, the City provided \$16,000 for a care coordinator at the senior center, \$25,000 for a domestic violence emergency shelter, \$35,000 for free legal aid services to address fair housing concerns, \$45,000 for an emergency housing shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, \$56,110 for nutrition services to low-income seniors (housed and unhoused).

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 invested \$4M in an affordable housing development Valley Senior Village Project that offers permanent supportive housing for seniors 62+ who are experiencing homelessness with a serious mental illness. No Place Like Home dollars have been added to this project. The other 24 units serve seniors at 50% and 60% AMI.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The County of San Diego administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) to low-income Escondido residents in need of affordable housing. The City continues to support the County's efforts to serve Escondido residents with Housing Choice Vouchers. Currently, there are 875 Escondido residents receiving a Section 8 voucher which is a 11% decrease from the previous year. There are 3,850 Escondido residents on the waiting list of rental assistance which is a 21% increase from the previous year.

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

City staff will educate the community and City leadership about this increase. City staff listen to feedback on issues from all residents and provide program education on the City's first-time homebuyer program.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City of Escondido's 2020 Consolidated Plan identified several public policies that could have an adverse impact on the provision of affordable housing in Escondido. Potential barriers include land use controls, environmental protection, planning and development fees, public opposition to affordable housing, permit and processing procedures/times, lack of affordable housing funds, prevailing wage requirements, and building codes and enforcement. Escondido's obstacles to meeting underserved needs include the limited amount of federal, state and local resources available, and the high cost of housing in San Diego County specifically and California in general.

The City does have the ability to introduce actions to minimize the influence of some local governmental constraints on affordable housing through various policy documents like the Housing Element and Environmental Justice. The City has submitted its Housing Element to HCD, and will incorporate applicable housing policies and recommendations from the plan, including adoption of Zoning Code amendments and new policies. It is expected that the Element will specifically identify barriers to affordable housing that can be partially or wholly remedied by the city. The City will continue to monitor existing policies and ordinances to determine if they need to be modified, and sections of the Zoning Code will be reviewed and will continue to be overhauled.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Staff working with various departments to explore barriers and come up to solutions to address the affordable housing needs.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Escondido is committed to addressing lead-based paint hazards. Federal law requires lead-based paint disclosure and education prior to leasing, renting, selling or purchasing most pre-1978 housing. The City follows disclosure and warning requirements about lead-based paint, including incorporation of the Lead Safety Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) pamphlet, which is available to the public, and obtaining a signed acknowledgement receipt that confirms applicants are aware of the risks of disturbing lead-based paint when renovating a home. The City conducts required lead-based paint related activities for all HOME

funded activities under Title X of the 1992 Housing and Community Development Act, such as paint testing, risk assessment, hazard reduction, or abatement and clearance. No single-family residences were rehabilitated during FY 2022-23. No lead-based paint remediations were completed in FY 2022-23 and no residences were made “lead-free” during the fiscal year since no residences containing lead-based paint were rehabilitated. Staff will continue to attend meetings, seminars and training regarding lead-based paint hazard testing and reduction, when possible. Required testing and/or remediation is conducted for all HOME funded activities.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Escondido has a strategy to help impoverished families achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The current anti-poverty strategy utilizes non-educational and personal development tools as a means of reducing the number of persons with incomes below the poverty line. Funding for programs such as Senior Transportation, Senior Nutrition, Senior CARE and Meals on Wheels all help reduce the poverty level in senior households. Funding to the San Diego Children’s Museum helps fund educational workshops at the museum as well as mobile workshops for schools in the City’s low-income areas. In addition, the Neighbor to Neighbor program serves to support neighborhoods and families in low-income neighborhoods and empower them to address livability concerns in their neighborhoods.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Division has the primary responsibility of carrying out affordable housing and community development programs, administering and implementing requirements of the HOME, CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV programs. The City contracts with local nonprofit organizations to administer public services and fair housing activities, as well as administering some projects directly. Where applicable, contract agencies will be responsible for program administration.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Escondido has long been committed to fostering relationships with local community groups, including public and private agencies, to implement and coordinate the objectives and programs for producing and preserving affordable housing, meeting community development needs, and providing facilities and services.

The City facilitates a quarterly meeting with 15-20 different social service providers in North County. The purpose of this meeting is to strengthen community partnerships, provide

information on City-funded projects, initiatives and policies and solicit valuable input from providers on the needs in the community and new resources.

City staff participates in the Regional Task Force on Homelessness which includes over 126 agency partners and 330 unique programs to coordinate regional efforts and resources dedicated to addressing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency in the region.

City staff serves on the Steering Community for the Alliance for Regional Solutions, an affiliation of service providers addressing poverty and homelessness issues in Northern San Diego County.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdiction's analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

During FY 2022-23 the City of Escondido continued participation as part of the San Diego Regional Alliance for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (SDRAFFH), a collaboration of San Diego County cities. The City is an active member of the group. The SDRAFFH, formerly the Fair Housing Resource Board, disseminates information about fair housing rights and responsibilities and promotes fair housing choice in the region. The jurisdictions who are members of the SDRAFFH worked on and produced the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, based on HUD requirements. The report was completed just as the HUD Final Rule was changed, so it was not submitted to HUD. However, the State of California still requires submittal of an AFFH in conjunction with a Housing Element. The City will work to address any impediments to Fair Housing that are included in the upcoming completed Housing Element.

In FY 2022-23, the City continued to contract with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego as its fair housing services provider. They are contracted to provide comprehensive fair housing services to the residents of Escondido. The contracts include landlord/tenant counseling, information and assistance, mediation and education, and fair housing testing. The contract is administered by the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division.

During FY 2022-23 Legal Aid Society of San Diego reported the following accomplishments:

A toll free phone system was developed to receive fair housing complaints and Legal Aid screened 217 calls for fair housing or housing services from Escondido residents. Some of the themes emerged were disability housing discrimination, source of income, racial/age discrimination, gender/marital status and other housing concerns. The majority of calls were resolved with education, advice or referrals, but nearly two dozen calls remained open and are pending investigation.

Legal Aid held a staff training in March 2023 and two community workshops in both English and Spanish in April 2023. The agency hosted quarterly virtual webinars throughout the year and several Escondido residents and staff attended.

Legal Aid conducted ten tests virtually in Escondido. In person testing was halted due to the pandemic. The switch was made to telephone and email tests.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

City staff monitored external CDBG subrecipients in summer 2023. A checklist was used to ensure program compliance. Staff monitors for regularly compliance and the potential of fraud, waste, mismanagement and other opportunities for potential abuse. City staff met with internally with city departments to review program outcomes, timelines and financial invoices. Contract provisions allow for the funding suspension, termination and reimbursement request disallowances at any time during the program year based on performance deficiencies.

The City has incorporated the 2013 HOME Final Rule changes to its Policies and Procedures, participating those related to monitoring of programs and development projects related to the use of HOME allocation and program income.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The City published a 15-day notice in the Escondido Times Advocate and City's Housing & Neighborhood Services website from September 14 – September 29, 2023 to solicit public input on the draft FY 2022-23 CAPER.

Copies of the CAPER were printed and placed in binders at City Hall and posted on the Housing & Neighborhood Services Division's website for the public review and comment.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City will focus continue future funding resources within the CAPER to goals that have not been accomplished. Modifications have been made to the subrecipient progress notes. City staff will check-in with the subrecipients quarterly to expand outreach, improve program access and increase community participation in public meetings.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

Not applicable

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

The City of Escondido conducted desk monitoring of HOME funded residential projects in FY 2022-23.

Staff worked with a third-party consultant to evaluate its monitoring program and provide best practice recommendations to ensure compliance with housing codes and applicable regulations.

City staff will resume onsite monitoring in FY 2023-24.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

The City requires all HOME-funded developments to have an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. The City confirms each owner collects data regarding affirmative marketing and race and ethnicity. Fair Housing information must be included on-site and displayed in any advertisements. These requirements are written into the City's contracts and policies and procedures.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

The City received \$91,079 in program income for FY 2022-23. The total balance is \$390,748.26 which is available for use. The City will continue to expend its program income on the Habitat for Humanity project.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

The City helped various affordable housing properties in the City to extend deed restrictions, reduce the age-restrictions, and explore ways to increase funding for renovations.

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	1	1	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	600				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	128	0			
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0			

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	X				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	X				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	X				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	X				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	X				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four-year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The CDBG Creek Trail Fencing Project Phase I hired an apprentice that met the Section 3 requirements. City staff identified affordable housing properties close to the job site. Additional outreach was made for a targeted Section 3 worker and details about the job was posted at the local affordable housing resource within a certain radius of the job site.

The second project is Habitat for Humanity for their home construction. Habitat is working with the City’s third-party wage compliance staff to ensure compliance.

CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name Escondido
Organizational DUNS Number 078727211
UEI
EIN/TIN Number 956000708
Identify the Field Office LOS ANGELES
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance

ESG Contact Name

Prefix Ms
First Name Holly
Middle Name
Last Name Nelson
Suffix
Title Housing & Neighborhood Services Manager

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1 201 N. Broadway
Street Address 2
City Escondido

State CA
ZIP Code -
Phone Number 7608394518
Extension
Fax Number
Email Address hnelson@escondido.org

ESG Secondary Contact

Prefix
First Name
Last Name
Suffix
Title
Phone Number
Extension
Email Address

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date 07/01/2022
Program Year End Date 06/30/2023

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name
City
State
Zip Code
DUNS Number
UEI
Is subrecipient a victim services provider
Subrecipient Organization Type
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount

CR-65 - Persons Assisted

4. Persons Served

4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 18 – Shelter Information

4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Male	
Female	
Transgender	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 21 – Gender Information

6. Age—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Under 18	
18-24	
25 and over	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	0

Table 22 – Age Information

7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities – Not applicable

Number of Persons in Households

Subpopulation	Total	Total Persons Served – Prevention	Total Persons Served – RRH	Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters
Veterans				
Victims of Domestic Violence				
Elderly				
HIV/AIDS				
Chronically Homeless				
Persons with Disabilities:				
Severely Mentally Ill				
Chronic Substance Abuse				
Other Disability				
Total (unduplicated if possible)				

Table 23 – Special Population Served

CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

10. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units – Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units – Conversion	0
Total Number of bed - nights available	0
Total Number of bed - nights provided	0
Capacity Utilization	0

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

Not applicable

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures for Rental Assistance		52,959	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance		0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services		77,132	0
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program		0	0
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention		130,091	0

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures for Rental Assistance		0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance		0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services		0	0
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program		0	0
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing		0	0

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Essential Services		0	0
Operations		0	0
Renovation		0	0
Major Rehab		0	0
Conversion		0	0
Subtotal		0	0

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Street Outreach		0	0
HMIS		0	0
Administration		9,663	0

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Total ESG Funds Expended	2020	2021	2022
\$299,660.36	\$159,906.36	\$139,754	\$0

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

11f. Match Source

	2020	2021	2022
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds			
Other Federal Funds			
State Government			
Local Government			
Private Funds			
Other		\$9,662.70	0
Fees			
Program Income			
Total Match Amount		\$9,662.70	0

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

11g. Total

Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	2020	2021	2022
\$299,660.36	\$159,906.36	\$139,754	\$0

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities

