



# Cathedral City

## **FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)**

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## CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans that provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. The City evaluates and reports on accomplishments and progress toward its Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER is an evaluation of the City of Cathedral City's (City) of its use of CDBG funds allocated to subrecipients (local agencies) to carry out one or more of the its National Objectives: 1) Benefits to low and moderate-income persons; 2) Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums or blight; and 3) Meeting a particular urgent need because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The CAPER also includes monetary information describing the amount of CDBG funding invested in activities and projects, descriptions of households assisted through the use of CDBG funds, actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing, and other community-based information correlating to the status of grant funded projects administered by the City that impact local housing and community development needs.

The City prepared its FY 2019-2020 CAPER as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which summarizes the City's allocated and reimbursable funding. The CAPER also describes and documents the Program's annual accomplishments from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020.

In FY 2019-2020, the City's Entitlement Award of **\$607,329** was apportioned for community programs and services benefitting low- and moderate-income residents. On June 12, 2019, the City Council approved the City's Action Plan (M.O. 2019-63) which described the programs, services, and projects the City proposed to undertake. The Program included activities that furthered fair housing choice, promoted health and wellness for the senior community, and provided homeless services for individuals and families, as well as, increased economic development and accessibility through public improvements.

**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)**

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Construct or upgrade public facilities and infrast	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1500	2730	182.00%	3515	3515	100.00%
Expand Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	100	0	0.00%			
Improve the Downtown and Dream Home Area	AFH Goal	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	200	800	400.00%			
Increase levels of integration	Non-Homeless Special Needs AFH Goal	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	250	800	320.00%			

Reduce the number of fair housing complaints based	Non-Homeless Special Needs AFH Goal	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	800	800	100.00%	800	800	100.00%
Reduce the number of fair housing complaints based	Non-Homeless Special Needs AFH Goal	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	300	0	0.00%			
Support special needs programs and services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1500	1994	132.93%	600	1147	191.17%
Support special needs programs and services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	500	483	96.60%	200	483	241.50%
Support special needs programs and services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	483		200	483	241.50%
Support special needs programs and services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	483		200	483	241.50%
Support special needs programs and services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	106		110	106	96.36%

**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 primary goals of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program are to rehabilitate public infrastructure, further fair housing and increase levels of integration, provide needed public services, and expand economic opportunities throughout the City. CDBG funding is distributed Citywide for programs and services benefitting low-and moderate-income residents. For public improvements, projects are determined based on the HUD CPD LMISD data for Cathedral City. The HUD LMISD GIS Map provides statistical information for each Census Tract and Block Group to determine if the proposed area(s) are low and moderate-income. These Census Tracts are carefully evaluated for project feasibility.

Further Fair Housing Choice:

For FY 2019-2020, the City of Cathedral City utilized CDBG funding for fair housing services to further fair housing choice. Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) continues to be a supporting agency that offers fair housing mediation and counseling services to residents of the City. Throughout the program year, IFHMB provided landlord tenant mediation services and anti-discrimination services to many residents. IFHMB also provided mobility counseling services by providing public workshops focused on home financing and related assistance to help families obtain homeownership in better, more affluent areas of the community prior to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Homeless Services:

One of the challenges for Riverside County and many of the cities in the Coachella Valley is the homeless epidemic. In order to reduce the number of homelessness in Cathedral City, the City contracted with the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) to conduct outreach and provide emergency services such as overnight shelter and rehabilitation to homeless individuals and families. The success of CVRM's efforts were partially attributed to the help and partnership with the Cathedral City Police Department and Code Compliance Staff.

Programs and Services for Seniors:

The City also allocated CDBG Program funding to local non-profit agencies that provide programs and services that benefit low-and moderate-income residents. For this previous year, funding was programmed for senior services that promote healthier and active lifestyles. Approximately, 582 unduplicated residents participated in the Senior Center's programs and service, resulting in a more healthier and active senior community. These numbers declined in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Public Improvements:

In FY 2019, the City also allocated CDBG funding for the South Panorama Street Improvement, Phase 1 Project. The scope of the Project is to reconstruct the pavement on three residential blocks. Specifically, the Project removed and reconstruced three inches of asphalt on Avenida La Paloma, Avenida La Gaviota, Whispering Palms Trail, and a section of Baristo Road located between Ramon Road and Baristo Road in Census Tract 449.26 in Block Group 1. With the addition of a small section of Baristo Road, the City supplemented this Project with the General Fund for its completion. The reconstruction of these residential roads were completed in March 2020.

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## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

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	CDBG
White	815
Black or African American	35
Asian	14
American Indian or American Native	13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>881</b>
Hispanic	117
Not Hispanic	764

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

### Narrative

According to a recent American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, Cathedral City's demographic make-up for racial and ethnicity is as such: 76.9% of the population is White; of this 76.9% percent, 59.4% is Hispanic or Latino; 3.3% is Black or African American; 4.8% is Asian; 0.7% is American Indian or Alaskan Native; and, 0.1% is Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. The remaining 14.8% of the City's population is two or more races and/or some other race.

The results of the 2020 Census may produce new projections and results. The Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) resulted in strict guidelines that prevented public gatherings and recommended social distancing that may have affected people's participation in the 2020 Census survey and capturing a more defined picture of Cathedral City's actual demographics. The City is hoping that the majority of the community fully participated by submitting their Census information online.

The City is made up of five (5) electoral districts, each with an elected representative. Each district has an equal distribution and mixture of demographics. The City's demographic distribution is spread throughout different areas of the community. The low- and moderate income areas of the City are also not concentrated or located in a specific location of the City; funding is equitably spread throughout the jurisdiction. As a result, low- and moderate-income individuals and families, regardless of their race and ethnicity, are equally served and assisted through CDBG programs and services. Other programs and services, not CDBG funded, are also made available to the community. The only qualifying requirement is that these individuals and families are verified as low- and moderate-income residents.

## 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	608,135	616,028

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

### Narrative

The City is comprised of a total of twenty (20) Census Tracts; eight (8) of which have concentrated levels of very low, low, and moderate income residents. These eight (8) areas qualify for CDBG funding and assistance as defined by the national objective of eliminating slums and blighted areas.

It is the City's goal to complete a public improvement or public facility project in each of these Census Tracts. As each Annual Action Plan is prepared, the City will propose public improvements in a Census Tract that has not received CDBG funding; thus, promoting equal distribution of program funding.

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Census Tract 044907			
Census Tract 010600			
Census Tract 044702			
Census Tract 044906	65	65	South Panorama Improvements, Phase 1
Census Tract 044915			
Census Tract 044916			
Census Tract 044923			
Census Tract 044924			
Census Tract 045000			
Citywide	35	35	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

## **Narrative**

### Geographic Distribution of Funds:

A Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Action Plan was prepared to reprogram unallocated/unused funds from previous years to supplement the completion of the South Panorama Neighborhood Improvements, Phase 1 Project. Approximately \$68,562.85 was approved and reprogrammed to this Project. The approved Substantial Amendment would reflect an increase in the amount originally allocated in this fiscal year. In FY 2019-2020, the City allocated funding at the required programmatic levels (i.e. Administration = <20% and Public Services = <15%). As a result, the City ended the program using less than originally planned. This unused/unallocated funding may be used to supplement future public improvements.

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## 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.**

The CDBG Entitlement Program does not require matching funds. However, the City does use CDBG funds to leverage other funding mechanisms to complete public improvements and expand its programs and services. For instance, the City will continue to leverage CDBG funding in combination with matured assessment district funding, other Federal grant funding, gas tax, Measure A, and assistance from CVAG to complete some of the public improvements and meet its strategic goals. The City may also use CDBG funding in combination with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA)/SB-1 Program funding to increase the scope of improvements in low- and moderate-income areas.

One of the primary objectives for the City is to improve the public infrastructure in such low- and moderate-income areas. As part of these efforts, the City also plans to develop more open-space areas into parks and recreational areas in income qualified Census Tracts. The improvement of these areas and development of parks create a community benefit; not only for the income qualified communities but also attract and allow other residents to utilize these facilities. According to an article published by the American Planning Association (APA), residents living in low- and moderate income communities who participate in outdoor recreational activities tend to reduce the stressors that impact these communities. The same article further notes that the development of such recreational facilities lead to healthier communities and a reduction of crime. The City recognizes and agrees with these facts and proactively seeks funding to promote these outcomes.

Consequently, the City submitted an application with a proposal for Proposition 68 grant funding to secure funding for the development of a neighborhood park located in a 7.5 acre City-owned property in Census Tract 447.02; contiguously located west of the Whitewater River Channel. Unfortunately, the City received notification that it was not among the awarded agencies. However, the City will revise and resubmit another grant proposal for this same park for Round 4 funding. If awarded funding, the proposed planned park will be developed primarily using State Park Funding and leveraging CDBG Funding [if needed] to complete the construction.

## 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	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 5 – 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	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City of Cathedral City does not have an affordable housing program. However, the City recently partnered with the County of Riverside (County) to oversee and distribute affordable housing fund in Cathedral City as part of the County's Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program. Approximately eighty percent (80%) of the funds will be used to develop affordable housing tracts; while twenty percent (20%) will be used to provide down payment assistance for affordable housing. The County will be the lead agency and meet all the reporting requirements on behalf of the City.

Because the City does not have an affordable housing program, the City refers potential benefitees to the County for assistance through their housing authority. The City also connects such benefitees with the County's Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is made up of various non-profit and public organizations that provide the necessary resources for combatting

homelessness and, thus, has connections to regional agencies that offer affordable housing programs and services. The CoC's mission is to one day end homelessness by quickly responding to each homeless issue through a regional concerted approach.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

The Housing Authority of the Riverside County also owns and manages rental units within its jurisdiction. These units are occupied by families participating in the Affordable Public Housing Program. Families participating in this program pay rent according to their incomes. Approximately 30% of their adjusted gross income is applied toward rents and utilities. This program allows families to select from only the limited available units. The low rents charged by the Housing Authority are subsidized by HUD. Once a family moves from the location they can no longer receive assistance.

The Section 8 rental voucher program, known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program, provides rental assistance to help very low-income families afford decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing. These programs are administered by local public housing agencies (PHAs) authorized under State law to operate housing programs within an area or jurisdiction. The PHA accepts the application for rental assistance, selects the applicant for admission, and issues the selected family a rental voucher confirming the family's eligibility for assistance. The family must then find and lease a dwelling unit suitable to the family's needs and desires in the private rental market. The PHA pays the owner a portion of the rent (a housing assistance payment (HAP)) on behalf of the family.

**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	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 7 – Number of Households Served**

**Narrative Information**

As stated, the City does not offer affordable housing programs and services. Affordable housing services are provided by the Housing Authority of Riverside County. The City has always partnered with the County of Riverside for such programs and services to meet the needs of the community. In the event the County cannot provide the specific assistance needed, the City will refer individuals and families to the Continuum of Care (CoC).

For emergency situations where individuals and families are on the verge of homelessness, the City will coordinate such situations with the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) for

overnight shelter. CVRM may provide such services [and other resources] with their collaboration of the Continuum of Care (CoC). In FY 2019-2020, CVRM was a CDBG subrecipient of the City to provide such services through the CVRM Emergency Services Program. The City contracted CVRM to carry out homeless outreach efforts which may link individuals and families to affordable housing programs.

Furthermore, partnering with local agencies and non-profit organizations to meet the need of the community is an ongoing objective for the City, as well as, addressing worst case needs. For instance, for all public improvement projects, income qualified or not, the City made it a priority to retrofit and reconstruct any new public ramps and driveway approaches to comply with ADA standards allow better mobility for persons with disabilities. These improvements include making changes to existing public parking spaces to accommodate persons with disabilities.

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## **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:**

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

In FY 2019-2020, the City entered into a contract with the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) as a subrecipient to administer their Emergency Services Program to reduce the number of homelessness in the City. CVRM's Emergency Services Program offers resources and shelter services to homeless individuals and families through prevention outreach services.

In addition to allocating resources to CVRM for the reduction of homelessness, the Cathedral City Police Department has full-time "Homeless Liaison Officers" positions assigned to managing the City's homeless population and ongoing issues. The Homeless Liaison Officers gather case management information and monitors mobility and relocation of homeless encampment sites. These efforts involve reaching out to homeless individuals and assessing their individual needs to provide the necessary assistance. These Homeless Officers also provides the support to homeless individuals that seek help by connecting them to local programs and services specific to their situations. One of CVRM's contractual obligations in the agreement is to coordinate and collaborate with the Cathedral City Police Department for all homeless related issues.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The County of Riverside and CalWorks receive Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG). ESG funding provides additional financial assistance for emergency shelter needs throughout the County. The County of Riverside's Continuum of Care (CoC) partners and collaborates with non-profit organizations, social service providers and local agencies to meet priority needs for homeless programs. Many of these agencies receive federal and state funding to assist their efforts and provide the necessary programs and services need to offer emergency shelter and transitional housing.

CVRM also provides emergency shelter and other related services to homeless individuals and families seeking refuge. CVRM is currently working on potentially occupying the Elks Lodge in Cathedral City located west of East Palm Canyon Drive approaching Palm Springs. CVRM is using the Elks Lodge as a satellite facility to maintain capacity and meet social distancing recommendation to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a dual purpose, this facility also acts as a local cooling center for anyone to escape the Valley heat and stay cool.

**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 of Cathedral City does not currently have a specific program dedicated to assisting individuals and families that are on the verge of becoming homeless. The City relies and connects such individuals to the programs and service provided by the County of Riverside.

**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 does not currently offer programs dedicated to assisting individuals and families transition into permanent housing and independent living. The City relies and connects such individuals to the programs and service provided by the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC offers such services with their partnership and membership of the local non-profit agencies that participate in its Board subcommittees.

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

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

Because the City does not have a public housing program, the City will continue to partner with the County of Riverside to offer such programs. The Riverside County Housing Authority administers affordable housing and public housing programs. The County also has a Section 8 voucher program offered to residents in local cities and unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Residents are able to reside in units (apartments or homes) that are program eligible and live within the county where they wish. The selected unit must meet living standards, appropriate number of bedrooms for the household, and have reasonable rents limits. The Housing Authority suspended the ability for new participants with the exception of elderly persons 75 years and older, families of military personnel, and those with situations that are in immediate need of assistance.

In addition, the County's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program assists Section 8 residents move toward economic independence from all sources of government assistance. The Homeownership Program assists eligible Section 8 participants that are also part of the FSS. The County continues outreach efforts to extend the program to residents. The goal of this program is to integrate and facilitate the transition of residents from public housing to self-sufficiency. Community service and self-sufficiency requirements are intended to assist public housing participants with improving their socio-economic situation towards upward mobility.

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

Each year, the City allocates and contracts funding for fair housing services to the Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB). IFHMB is non-profit corporation that serves the San Bernardino County and parts of Riverside and Imperial Counties. IFHMB resolve issues related to housing discrimination, homeownership sustainability, rental complaints, and court disputes through provisions of resource recommendation, education and mediation.

One of the City's goals described in its Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) is to offer mobility counseling to educate and assist residents with opportunities to relocate and/or purchase homes in areas that may offer opportunities to better their current situation and get out of low- and moderate-income status. During the previous year, IFHMB hosted several workshops and presentation to discuss mobility counseling and first-time home buyer opportunities to Cathedral City residents. The goals of the workshops is to increase participation through the City's partnership with the County of Riverside and their public housing clientele.

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

Cathedral City has always partnered with and has assisted local agencies with available resources and information. The City will continue to extend its assistance to troubled public housing authorities; especially, if Cathedral City residents stand to benefit from this assistance.

## **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)**

Public Policy by the jurisdiction, and by the surrounding jurisdictions influence the amount of housing developed, its type, form, location, and ultimate price. Land use controls, site improvement requirements, building codes, fees and other local programs intended to improve the overall quality of housing may have the unintended consequence of serving as a barrier to affordable housing and residential investment.

The State of California requires the City of Cathedral City, through its Housing Element, to provide an analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints (public policy) upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels and for persons with disabilities, including land use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site improvements, fees and other exactions required of developers, and local processing and permit procedures. State law requires that the Housing Element be updated every four to eight years. The Housing Element, upon each update, is reviewed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for consistency with state law. Based on the review of the jurisdiction's most recent Housing Element, the City does not have any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment.

The City's Housing Element to the General Plan does require that the City have a certain amount of affordable housing for various income level residents. The City does provide density bonuses that waive some development requirements for a certain percentage of affordable housing in their development projects. One of the barriers to affordable housing is that the cost-benefit analysis for the development does not allow for an immediate return on their investment for such affordable housing projects. Another barrier for a developer is subsidizing construction costs and securing funding from financial institutions for affordable housing projects.

The City will continue to work and collaborate with interested developers to provide more affordable housing in Cathedral City. However, impediments to affordable housing are promulgated by Federal and State policies that the City is required to follow, which, in turn, create barriers to not just affordable housing but other development projects as well.

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

This subpopulation includes the elderly, large families, single parent, and persons with HIV/AIDS, mental and physical disabilities. Securing decent and affordable housing for these groups along with lack of state and federal financial assistance makes providing services extremely difficult. For those that are employed, the wage difference still makes finding decent housing out of reach. Households that do own their homes have difficulties maintaining them because of housing costs and relatively low wages.

The City of Cathedral City recognizes the need to rehabilitate the existing housing stock. The elderly populations along with lower income households are not able to maintain their homes because of their limited income. Although the City has not administered a housing rehabilitation program since the dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency, Staff is diligently seeking funding opportunities and partnering with the County of Riverside to foster and maintain affordable housing and provide such services to qualified residents.

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

The City does not directly provide program funding for the reduction of lead-based paint hazards in older homes. The City relies on the County of Riverside to offer the following programs on its behalf to reduce lead-based paint hazards:

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program: Riverside County Office of Industrial Hygiene administers this program. The program is intended to evaluate and control lead hazards in low income housing units through inspection and testing samples. This office also provides treatment for those affected by lead based paint in the home. These activities are primarily for homes that were constructed prior to 1979 and will assist families with temporary relocation of families living in homes with lead-based paint. OIH provides community outreach programs to educate County residents on the risks of lead poisoning to create awareness about the harmful effects and health risk regarding lead-based paint hazards.

Lead Hazard Inspections for County Programs: Use of lead-based paint was common and available until the 1970's. Lead based paint was banned in 1978 and has been a goal of Riverside County to eliminate all hazards since the ban of the paint took place. A majority of these programs to assist families with the actual abatement of lead-based paint has disappeared do to the economic downturn. Home owners are responsible for the abatement of lead hazards, but the County continues to provide educational assistance and medical care. The HOME Investment Partnership Program assists First Time Homebuyers with the cost of lead-based paint removal if the home does have lead paint.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: the Office of Industrial Hygiene also administers the CLPPP to test and identify children who are at risk of lead poisoning based on the age of the housing stock in the area and other potential factors.

Lead Hazard Control Program: California State Law states that through Senate Bill 460, grants authority to local health departments to require the enforcement and prosecution of persons who refuse to abate lead hazards in housing occupied by low income families with children. This program is funded under the Senate Bill which further allowed changes to State health and housing laws making the creation of lead hazards a crime.

Fair Housing Council Lead-based Awareness Hazard Program: the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County administers a lead-based paint prevention program throughout the County. Their services include education, outreach, information, training and referrals.

Lead Hazard Control Outreach: OIH has a Memorandum of Understanding with the following agencies: Riverside County Economic Development Agency, Housing Authority of Riverside County, Desert Alliance for Community Empowerment; Cities of Riverside, Banning and Hemet, and the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The OIH sub-grants outreach services to the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice and Fair Housing Council of Riverside County. These partners assist in the dissemination of information and promote lead-based hazard programs to their clients.

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

One of the City's goals identified in the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) is to increase integration to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income residents. Geographically, the low-mod areas are spread evenly throughout the City. There are no concentration areas of poverty within the City. This makes it easier for the City to host workshops and disseminate information to the community regarding opportunistic programs and services that may benefit poverty-level families.

Additionally, the City's public facilities such as the senior center, library, and Boys and Girls Club offer a variety of information and resources that can assist such families.

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

The City of Cathedral City's institutional structure for administering services and programs from City departments are as follows:

The **Engineering Department** has the lead responsibility in administering and implementing the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and all documents in accordance with federal regulations. In administering the CDBG Program, the City contracted sub-recipients for senior, homeless and fair housing programs. The sub recipients were required to have an executed agreement for the services and amount of funding provided prior to issuance of payments.

The **Finance Department** is responsible for financial management and maintenance of a general ledger; production of financial reports; administration of all debt financing; collection and posting of revenues; payment and accounting of obligations; purchasing of goods and services; payroll; and preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). In the CDBG Program, the Finance Department is responsible for requesting and approving the CDBG drawdown in the HUD IDIS.

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

The Housing Authority of Riverside County provides residents throughout the County with rental assistance to those that are eligible based on income. The Authority administers the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. They also own and operate the affordable housing projects throughout the County and collaborate with local jurisdictions with rehabilitating and upgrading

multi-family housing units.

The County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) is comprised of representatives from public, private, and nonprofit agencies including homeless and formerly homeless individuals that are committed to assisting in facilitating the continuum of care planning process throughout the County. This coalition assesses the need for affordable housing and homeless services countywide in order to provide a seamless delivery of services to those in need.

Department of Public and Social Services (DPSS) administers programs under the anti-poverty umbrella for the County of Riverside. The main goal for residents is to move them towards self-sufficiency and moving poor families from poverty. DPSS assists residents on many levels including child care, education, employment training, health and human services, homeless and housing.

Nonprofit Organizations play a vital role in the community by assisting the City implement the goals and objectives stated in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City partnered with five (5) local organizations that received funding to support the community through their programs and services. These organizations include Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board, the Cathedral City Senior Center, Angel View, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), and the Transgender Health & Wellness Center. Subrecipient agreements were executed to ensure that these organizations provided the resources needed in the community.

Private participants may include lending institutions such as banks. Private lending sources provide low cost loans for affordable housing and rehabilitation projects. Developers are the primary providers of the available housing stock and are encouraged to participate in low income housing to be able to provide more housing choices for residents.

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

In 2018, the City partnered with the Desert Healthcare District on the idea of establishing a Place-Based Initiative in the Dream Homes Area. After several meeting with the residents of the Dream Homes Community, residents were inspired and agreed to move forward with these efforts. As a result of this partnership, five champions of the Dream Homes community stepped up to get formally trained to conduct a community health needs assessment in their neighborhood. These members of the community worked with the Desert Healthcare District, Loma Linda University, El Sol Neighborhood Center, and the City to put in motion such initiative. These members were certified as Community Healthcare Works (CHW) or *Promotores* qualified to conduct their community needs assessment.

Since then, the CHW's have gathered an abundant of crucial information about their own community that will be compiled and be made available for receiving much needed programs and services to combat some of the findings in the Needs Assessment. This information will

also be critical for the City in its search for other grant funding opportunities; specifically, for obtaining resources to develop a neighborhood park in this community. Furthermore, the CHW's have also partnered with the City and its programs to have concentrated neighborhood clean-up events to eliminate trash, junk, and hoarding. To date, their efforts, in combination with the aforementioned support agencies, have been successful and are gradually changing the culture and aesthetics in the neighborhood.

Another AFH Goal is to "reduce the number of fair housing complaints based on disability". The City annually contracts Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) as a Subrecipient to gather such information and resolve much of these complaints. Many of these complaints are from private property owners such as apartment complexes and rental homes that need to be retrofitted for disabled residents. IFHMB also hosts several workshops for both landlords and tenants to educate and provide relevant information and their fair housing rights.

The City has also conducted a city-wide assessment of its facilities to determine which facilities need to be retrofitted to meet current ADA Standards. The City has made continuous strides toward making such improvements, not only internally, but throughout its development process. The City has also modified and updated its design standards and requirements to adhere to the new ADA Standards. The combination of these efforts will help reduce the number of complaints specific to accessibility for people with disabilities.

## **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**

The City's Policy and Procedures Manual establishes the framework guiding the operation of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Manual provides an approach for making decisions, ensuring the program is operated in a fair and consistent manner, as well as providing all program participants with an understanding of how the City manages its CDBG Program. The Manual provides information for achieving minority business and comprehensive planning requirements. This Manual is also a reference tool for training and guiding City Staff through the CDBG processes that include compliance, monitoring, and internal controls for approvals.

In addition, CDBG Staff conducts onsite monitoring of its subrecipients per their annual contract. The onsite monitoring is conducted to ensure subrecipients are maintaining the records needed to support their awarded funding and ensure any discrepancies are caught and corrected; specifically, by the first quarter of the program year.

### **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.**

In 2016, the Cathedral City City Council adopted revisions made to its CDBG Community Participation Plan (CPP) to coincide with the community participation for the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The Community Participation Plan (CPP) includes specific language and instructions for the availability and citizen participation in the City's Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), Consolidated Plan (Con Plan), Annual Action Plans (AAP), Substantial and Administrative Amendments, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER). The CPP provides the amount of time given to the community for each document and compliance to the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for such plans and reports. The City's CPP was approved by City Council and has been submitted to HUD.

In 2020, the City's CPP was revised again to include language pertaining to the Coronavirus pandemic and the applicable waivers. More specifically, the revised CPP includes guidance on fast-tracking the approval of all Annual Action Plans moving forward subject to a pandemic. A copy of the revised CPP was submitted to HUD for their records along with its corresponding City Council action (M.O 2020-100).

**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 continues to adhere to the goals described in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). The goals in the Con Plan are strategically and geographically distributed throughout the City benefitting low- and moderate-income residents. The City partners with local and regional agencies to provide a variety of programs and services to meet its Con Plan goals. Any changes to the City's CDBG program objectives will be made in an emergency situation or if a partnering agency no longer provides adequate services. Such changes may be described in the City’s Annual Action Plan (AAP) or through a Substantial Amendment where any changes in priorities are recommended to the City Council for approval.

Based on experience, the City is embracing technology to gather community information and reach its intended target population for the CDBG Program. In the upcoming years, the City will begin utilizing online tools and surveys to gather the necessary input to prepare its Action Plan and annual reports.

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

No

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

N/A