

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Town of Paradise, through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, has developed a strategy that focuses on cultivating Paradise as a viable community by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons.

This year, the Town will continue to support low and moderate income homeowners who need repairs to their home, and low income first-time homebuyers who are seeking down payment assistance to purchase a home. Loans for small, low income businesses will be offered this year as well. The Town will continue funding public services through our subrecipient funding process and allocate funds for the program's planning and administrative activities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The objectives for the 2016-17 program year are as follows:

1. Housing Assistance - Continue First Time Home Buyer Loans and Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Loans
2. Code Enforcement - Continue proactive code enforcement activities in deteriorating and deteriorated areas
3. Business Assistance - Renew program offering low income business owners loans to start or improve their business (code corrections, facade improvements, septic etc).
4. Public Services - Continue offering grants to non-profit community groups to provide services to the community. Previously funded programs include: Services for battered women and children, emergency overnight shelter to prevent homelessness, work training programs for at risk youth, college preparation for at risk youth, services for low income families, scholarships for low income youth to participate in sports.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The Town's past experience with CDBG funds has shown a great need in our community for affordable housing and services for low income residents. As a result, the Town continues to provide low income first time home buyers with assistance. The Town also continues to provide help to low income homeowners who need assistance with repairs and code corrections. Our past experience with subrecipients has also shown that there is a great need in our community for services for battered women, children, the elderly and low income families. The funding we grant to subrecipients is focused on providing for these needs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

A public notice was published in the Paradise Post on December 26, 2015 outlining the noticing requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan and Annual Plan. The public notice announced the two public hearings that allowed citizens the opportunity to comment and make suggestions on the development of the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan.

- **1st Public Hearing:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This public hearing was used to solicit suggestions and/or comments from the public regarding the 2016-2017 Annual Plan funding priorities.
- **2nd Public Hearing:** Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California. The Draft Consolidated Plan and Draft Annual Action plan was available for review by the Council and the public. This public hearing initiated a 30-day public comment period.
- **30-Day Public Comment Period:** February 9th-March 8th, 2016. The Draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was available for public review at the following locations, Paradise Public Library, Senior Center, Family Resource Center, Paradise Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall and could be downloaded via the Town's website.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California. The Council reviewed the final draft of the 2016-2017 Annual Plan. Council adopted the drafts and approved submission of the documents to HUD.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No public comments were received for the 2016-2017 plan.

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

NA

7. Summary

The Town posted the public hearing notice in the Paradise Post and made it available on the Town's website. Community Service organizations were given information about the Annual Plan process and were encouraged to discuss these projects with individuals who visit their organizations. The draft plan was made available for review at the above mentioned locations, all of which are accessible to persons with disabilities.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Town of Paradise

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

1. Introduction

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

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The town’s involvement with the Butte County Continuum of Care (CoC), which compiles an annual survey of the homeless population in Paradise, has provided the town with actual data regarding homelessness in the Town. The survey report which was provided to the town only counted the actual surveys filled out by homeless persons.

The Town provides assistance to non-profit organizations, which provide services to the homeless population. Through CDBG funding, the Town assists these organizations to find solutions and additional funding that can support this population. The town is working on a rental assistance program to assist individuals who are unable to rent on their own.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

NA

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Butte County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The Town held two public hearings to solicit public comment on goals for the 2016-17 plan. Town staff also met with community groups to discuss the Town's goals and needs of the community.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held during a formally noticed Council Meeting on two separate dates. Attendance was moderate.	There were no public comments received.	NA	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Notice published in the Paradise Post Newspaper with public participation process and dates for comments.	No comments were received.	NA	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Based on last year's allocation, we expect to receive approximately \$175,000. Approximately \$95,000 from the 2015-16 year will be carried over to the 2016-17 year, These funds are budgeted for Housing Assistance and Code Enforcement.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	172,295	0	95,000	267,295	0	
Other	public - federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

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

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2015	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$26,250	
2	Code Enforcement	2015	2020	Code Enforcement				
3	Housing Assistance	2015	2020	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$73,750	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	The Town of Paradise will continue to offer grants to community groups to offer public services to the community. Examples of previously awarded programs include services for victims of domestic violence, emergency overnight shelter to prevent homelessness, services for senior citizens, a community garden located at an elementary school, services for low income children and families.
2	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	The Town of Paradise will continue it's Code Enforcement Program in conjunction with the Rehabilitation Program for low income homeowners.
3	Goal Name	Housing Assistance
	Goal Description	The Town of Paradise will continue to offer assistance to low income individuals and families through two housing programs: First Time Home Buyer Assistance and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

It is estimated we will assist 20 families in the 2016-17 year.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

#	Project Name

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Paradise	100

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Town of Paradise worked with local non-profits to complete the first stage of the Paradise Community Village housing development. This development which was completed in 2013 provides 36 affordable housing rental units.

Along with the affordable rental housing component, the Paradise Community Village project is a shared vision of a developed multi-use educational, recreational and community facility for the Ridge communities that meet the individual and collective mission and needs of the project’s partners. Agencies involved in the planning and construction of this project include: Boys & Girls Club of the North Valley, Ridge Family Resource Center, Town of Paradise, Paradise Recreation and Park District, Paradise Unified School District, Paradise Charter Middle School, Paradise Ridge Youth Soccer Club.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	4
Non-Homeless	20
Special-Needs	0
Total	24

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	10

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

Although the Town has approximately 27,000 residents, it is by no means an urban center in the North state, and with the lack of efficient public transportation, Paradise has not become a destination for homeless individuals such as other communities in our area- as seen in Chico and Oroville. The lack of social services and shelters, coupled with the fact that these services have been available in neighboring cities has lessened both the homeless population and urgency to address these needs in Paradise.

The Butte County Housing Authority is working with the Butte Continuum of Care, which is a conglomeration of public agencies and local nonprofits, who work together to hold an annual census of homelessness in Butte County. This survey was completed on January 30, 2013. The data is a point in time survey which makes it very hard to assess the actual homeless count, since it is only a one-day juncture and may not capture the whole picture or actual homelessness in Paradise. These parameters of the survey were kept in mind as the Town decided among priority needs in this category.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

2013 Homeless Survey (Completed by Continuum of Care staff and volunteers)

The 2013 survey data was compiled, and the following information, provides us with an overview of homelessness in Paradise. Over 1,553 surveys were given out in Butte County, 89 or 6% were completed in Paradise. The survey results show that 29% of respondents from Paradise were adults, 38% were adults in families and 29% were children. The report did state that approximately 10% of homeless youth are or have been part of the foster care system. The high number of homeless youth that came out of the survey could be justified because Paradise has a very high number of foster care youth and youth in group homes. HUD does not current define foster youth as ‘chronically homeless.’

Table – 9 Homeless Demographics

Source: Butte County Homeless Continuum of Care, 2013

The report cited that 9 or 18% of the homeless individuals in Paradise fell under HUD's definition of 'chronically homeless.' 19% of the respondents in Paradise stated that employment/financial reasons were the common reason why they were currently homeless and 25% stated that family problems were the reason why they were homeless (Butte County Homeless Continuum of Care, 2013).

The racial breakdown for homelessness in Paradise shows that 67% of the homeless population is white, 31% are multi-racial, 1% unknown, and no respondents were Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or Asian. After reviewing this data, it is determined that there is not a high incidence of minority individuals who are homeless in Paradise (Butte County Homeless Continuum of Care, 2013).

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Town will continue to work with local non-profits and the homeless shelter in Chico (Torres Shelter) to make sure that the chronically homeless population in Paradise will be able to seek out services from these agencies and to also make sure that agencies are able to service this population. The Torres shelter accepts individuals from around the area, and Paradise homeless individuals are encouraged to seek shelter there if needed. Sojourner House on the Ridge (SHOR) operates a nomadic shelter in Paradise with churches providing rotating shelter for homeless in the winter. There is no central location other than an intake center, and individuals are then transported to the rotating shelter for the night. There are non-profits in town that provide hot meals to residents of Paradise and they also help with emergency shelters if needed.

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 town currently works with the local Continuum of Care program to prevent chronic homelessness within our jurisdiction. The Family Resource Center also provides services to homeless individuals and youth in foster and group homes. These programs focus on transitioning individuals from homelessness to permanent housing and independent living. The FRC also has partnered with Butte County to provide rental apartments for young adults who grew up in foster care and youth homes. This program provides young adults with assistance and guidance to becoming self sufficient and able to find a job, go to school and live on their own. The town will continue funding organizations that provide case management and credit counseling services to the homeless population to encourage and teach them how to be successful in their jobs and living situation.

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

Discussion

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Town encourages the development of affordable housing by initiating the following goals. The goals are used as incentives to assist with options of affordable housing construction. These bonuses and incentives are intended to contribute to the economic feasibility of affordable housing in developments proposed within the town.

- Softened the zoning requirements associated with secondary housing units to encourage development.
- The Paradise Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17.44 includes provisions about affordable housing incentives and residential density bonuses (Paradise Housing Element, 2014).

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The Town of has an adopted Fair Housing Impediments Analysis that provides an overview of the public policies which are in place to serve as barriers to affordable housing.

One of the barriers to affordable housing is the Town of Paradise's lack of a municipal wastewater treatment facility. Typical septic tanks and leach lines are adequate for single family development but this is not a viable alternative for new housing developments which are at higher densities. Typically, affordable housing units are built in clusters and would require a more advanced wastewater treatment system, which typically is very expensive and may lead to costs being passed on to the developer or whomever is financing the project.

The Town is currently exploring options for a sewer to service the more developed areas of Town.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Total Program Income

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities

Discussion

