

# **Town of Paradise**

## **Draft 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

### **Public Review Copy**

## 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.

During the 2019-20 Program Year, the Town of Paradise continued to focus on our housing programs. In November 2018, the Town of Paradise was nearly destroyed by the Camp Fire, the most destructive fire in California history which burned 90% of the structures in Town. Due to the response and recovery actions necessary for the Town, our CDBG activities continued to be on hold for most of the 2019-20 program year as very few homes survived the fire so direct financial assistance to homebuyers was limited and debris removal/tree removal/general property clean-up was happening for most homeowner housing rehabilitation sites.

### **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
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	25	25	100.00%			
Housing Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	100	108	108.00%	100	108	108.00%
Housing Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	1				

Housing Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0				
Public Services	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
Public Services	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	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.**

Since the Camp Fire, the Town of Paradise used CDBG funding in the 2019-20 Program year to address the highest priority need - Housing Assistance.

## 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
White	87
Black or African American	0
Asian	1
American Indian or American Native	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>
Hispanic	14
Not Hispanic	94

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

### Narrative

The racial and ethnic breakdown of families assisted mirrors the demographics of Paradise as a whole, pre-fire.

## 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	407,276	131,664
Other	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
Paradise	100	100	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

### Narrative

100% of the funding allocated is or will be used within the Town of Paradise. Due to the lack of demographic data on our residents, CDBG funds assist only income-eligible households.

## **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.**

While there are no true "matching funds" required for the Town's CDBG programs, the housing programs do require contribute toward homeownership or reconstruction (when benefits are available to do so). Furthermore, homebuyers are required to have an institutional first mortgage in addition to CDBG's downpayment assistance.

## 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	100	71
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>108</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	100	108
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>109</b>

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The goal was a good indicator of the number of households that applied for housing assistance.

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

For the 2019/20 Action Plan, the realities of recovery and supporting residents as they rebuild and find affordable housing will be our main priority.

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



## **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 the 2017 Point-In-Time survey, 61 homeless individuals were residing in Paradise out of a total population of over 26,000. In the 2019 Point-In-Time survey, only 14 homeless individuals were identified. After our disaster and to-date, 607 households applied for a temporary use permits (RV permits on personal property). Although not considered unsheltered, 337 households still remain without a plan for permanent housing. The Town continues extensive outreach to these households offering information on financial assistance programs and assistance through the rebuild process.

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

The focus of emergency shelter and transitional housing needs continues through Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care, with most shelters and services spread throughout the County.

**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 Town has coordinated closely with the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care to provide services and resources to individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless.

**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**

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

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

The Town does not operate any public housing within the Town of Paradise.

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

The Town does not operate any public housing within the Town of Paradise.

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

NA

## **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 biggest barrier to affordable housing is the lack of a sewer in the Town of Paradise. There are many areas in Paradise that would be suitable for multi-family housing but are unable to be developed as such due to septic constraints. This has limited the development of low-income housing for decades. Currently, the Town of Paradise is completing an environmental study and implementation plan for a sewer along our main thoroughfares, including access for many of the properties that would be suitable for multi-family developments. After the Camp Fire, new sources of funding are now available to the Town of Paradise and we are persuing them to construct a sewer to help as we recover.

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

CDBG funding is primarily spent on affordable, safe housing and public services through our subrecipient program.

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

The Town of Paradise Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program requires housing constructed prior to 1978 to undergo lead paint testing if the project consists of items that will disturb paint.

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

The Town of Paradise works with homeowners and subrecipients to reduce the number of poverty-level families. Its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program provides safe housing, and its subrecipient program allows equal access to services at little or not cost for poverty-level families.

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

The Town Institutional Structure is as follows:

A five member Town Council holds public hearings on Consolidated Plan, Annual Plans and CAPER reports and approves funding for Public Service Agencies

The Town of Paradise, Business and Housing Services staff provides the main administrative and project management duties over the CDBG program. The BHS Staff is under the management of the Town Manager. Staff prepares the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance

Evaluation Reports (CAPER) for each CDBG program year. The oversight of the CDBG program is provided by the Town Manager. All reports and plans are reviewed by Council before submitted to HUD.

The Town works closely with non-profit organizations in the area that provide specific programs to the citizens of Paradise. These organizations provide services to very low-, low- and moderate-income residents, including the frail and elderly, mentally disabled, physically disabled, homeless, and at-risk youth. These organizations submit funding requests to the Town to qualify for money that comes out of the Community Needs Category. As required by HUD, 15% of annual funding is set-aside for these organizations.

The Town is also focused on collaboration between government agencies; community needs organizations, and local businesses. Community stakeholder meetings give Butte County service organizations an opportunity to submit input regarding the populations these organizations serve, their current and future needs, challenges and successes. The following are some of the organizations we are involved with: Family Resource Center, Youth for Change, Project Vision, Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry, STRIVE, Peg Taylor Center for Adult Day Health Care, Legal Services of Northern California, Community Housing Improvement Program and Community Housing Credit Counseling Center, Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley, Passages, CCSP Torres Community Shelter, Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence, Salvation Army-Paradise Center, Paradise Meals on Wheels, and the Work Training Center.

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

The Town of Paradise welcomes a public/private partnerships with housing and social service agencies. The Town is working with CHIP to rebuild Paradise Community Village and Habitat for Humanity to build self-help housing that replaces or adds much-needed low-income units. The Town is also interested in talking with any low-income, private developers or social service agencies who might be interested providing can offer our Town the housing and services that benefit the population.

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

Availability of affordable housing units either for rent or sale is the most-mentioned impediment. The Town is now in the early stages of developing a sewer system that will allow for greater density. In addition, funds from CalHome and CDBG-DR will help low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters.

## **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 Town follows the procedures adopted in the Code of Federal Regulations, created by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Community Planning and Development that pertain to Community Development programs are contained within Part 570 for CDBG entitlement communities. The Town manages the day-to-day operations of their CDBG program to ensure funds are used in keeping with program requirements. Administrative and financial monitoring, program monitoring and project monitoring are all performed to ensure production, accountability, compliance and performance. The performance of subrecipients are also monitored by the Town to ensure compliance.

## **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.**

Citizen participation is an integral component to the CDBG program for the Town of Paradise. Two public hearings are held for public comment and questions on the draft report. A public notice is published in the local newspaper, the Paradise Post, 15 days prior to the public hearings. The draft document is available on the Town website, at Town Hall and the Building Resiliency Center. These locations are known to be accessible to persons with disabilities, persons of low/moderate income, as well as to citizens at large who may be interested in participating through public commentary.

## **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.**

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