

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, strives to provide affordable and decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities especially for low- to moderate-income (LMI) households and special needs communities. The Town is designated as an entitlement community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), enabling it to be eligible for federal CDBG funds allocated through HUD's Community Planning Development program. These funds will help the Town address the community development objectives outlined by HUD, which include, but are not limited to: affirmatively furthering fair housing, affordable housing activities, public infrastructure & facilities improvements, and public services.

The PY 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) describes the eligible activities that will work towards accomplishing the goals established in the strategic plan. By addressing the identified priority needs, the Town will improve the quality of life of residents in Paradise.

Paradise is still recovering from the aftermath of the Camp Fire, on November 8, 2018, that displaced over 25,000 residents and destroyed 90% of its homes and businesses. The Town's priorities are focused on helping our residents return home, rebuild and improve our Town's infrastructure, and support our community with public services as it repopulates.

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 Town of Paradise has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in its plan and the community participation and stakeholder consultation process. Through these efforts, the Town has identified two priority needs and associated goals to address those needs. The priority needs and goals for this program year are as follows:

Priority Need: Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements

2A Provide Public Services for LMI & Special Needs

Priority Need: Economic Opportunity

4A Provide for Small Business Assistance

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 of Paradise, with other public, private and nonprofit community housing providers and non-housing service agencies, continue to make significant contributions toward rebuilding housing and public facilities and infrastructure. The need for affordable housing, public improvements and services is also documented by this Annual Plan and the most recent program year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The PY 2022 CAPER reports that the Town of Paradise completed a priority goal (1A Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure) through completion of the Sidewalk Infill project and made progress towards the priority goal of Affordable Housing Development and Preservation (3A Increase Affordable Housing Opportunity) by financing the acquisition of residential properties for Habitat for Humanity Self-Help Build Program.

During PY 2022-2023, the Town of Paradise focused on meeting timeliness, providing support services for low-to-moderate income households, purchasing real estate for affordable home ownership, and performing program administration. Despite high hopes that the Town of Paradise could support the implementation of a new HOME Infill Construction program for First Time Home Buyers, HCD has continued to keep all HOME programs for First-Time Home Buyers and related programs on hold since July of 2022 in order to update the recapture provision in their program guidelines and contracts.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Town of Paradise worked closely with local and regional partners to gather feedback for the Consolidated Plan. This included community stakeholders which were specific to Paradise and as well as Butte County, the Housing Authority of Butte County and the Butte County Continuum of Care. This helped to ensure participation efforts would be maximized and the community needs were accurately identified and recorded.

The Town's citizen participation process adheres to HUD's requirements set within the Town's Citizen Participation Plan. This plan ensures and encourages participation from all Town residents, especially

low- and moderate-income persons and the special needs community such as the elderly and those with any disability. Citizen participation efforts for the development of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan included a public comment period and a public hearing to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft plan. A stakeholder survey was also held to receive feedback from local organizations about the housing and community development needs in the Town.

The first of two public hearings was held in January. A draft of the Annual Plan was made available public review and comment in March, preceding a second public hearing in April.

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 comments were received.

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

All comments were welcome. No comments were received.

7. Summary

The PY 2024 AAP is the fifth program year of the Consolidated Plan. The draft plan was made available to the public through the public comment review period and a public hearing. Input from citizens of Paradise helped to determine the projects and activities for PY 2024.

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	PARADISE	Business & Housing Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Town of Paradise’s Business & Housing Services is the responsible entity for carrying out the administration of the housing and community development programs in Paradise. Town staff works with other Town departments, local nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and contractors to carry out the activities in the Annual Action Plan.

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

1. Introduction

This section identifies the organizations consulted in the development of the priority needs and goals of the Consolidated Plan. The organizations listed in the table below represent key stakeholder organizations which consist of nonprofits, government departments and agencies and planning organizations in Paradise and the region. Stakeholder organizations consulted through an online stakeholder survey. The results helped to identify the community's priority needs over the past five years and the basis of the Strategic Plan.

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))

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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 Butte County Continuum of Care (CoC) is the local CoC for the entire county, and includes the Town of Paradise. The CoC is responsible for coordinating with various local and county homeless service providers, as well as organize the annual Point-in-Time Count which is a survey of the homeless population in the county. The Town of Paradise benefits from the coordinated efforts of the Continuum of Care through referral of resources, connections to homeless prevention initiatives in the region and access to resources not found locally in the Town.

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

The Town of Paradise is not a recipient of HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The CoC coordinates the distribution of ESG funds along with other resources to provide street outreach services, supportive services, emergency and transitional housing and permanent-supportive housing to prevent homelessness in the region. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is the system

used for administering the ESG program. While the Town of Paradise does not specifically use or manage the HMIS system, the Town benefits from the CoC's HMIS administration across the county.

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	Town of Paradise
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town is the lead responsible agency in the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	BUTTE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Health Agency Other government - County Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town coordinated with Butte County with the housing and community development needs. The Town also coordinates with the County on emergency services information and fire evacuation plans.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the County of Butte
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town coordinated with the housing authority with the housing and community development needs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Butte County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	The Town coordinated with the Butte County Continuum of Care regarding homeless needs.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	California Public Utilities Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town consulted with the California Public Utilities Commission for highspeed internet provider and broadband data for the Market Analysis.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Hazard Mitigation; Services - Fire Safety
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town provides links to the Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council website and emergency evacuation plan.

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

All comments were welcome. There were no agency types not consulted during this process.

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	Butte Countywide Continuum of Care	The Strategic Plan is consistent with the goals and strategic plan of the Continuum of Care and the plan to end homelessness.
2021 Paradise Broadband Feasibility Study	Chico State Enterprises GIC	The Geographical Information Center (GIC), at Chico State Enterprises conducted a broadband feasibility study that helped determine broadband needs after the Camp Fire disaster destroyed most of the infrastructure.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The Town of Paradise works closely with local and regional government entities in the development and implementation of the Plan. This included Butte County, the Housing Authority of Butte County, Butte County Public Health and the Butte County Continuum of Care. With the cooperation of regional partners, it is possible to fill some of the service gaps in the community.

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’s citizen participation process adheres to HUD’s requirements set within the Town’s Citizen Participation Plan. This plan ensures and encourages participation from all Town residents, especially low- and moderate-income persons and the special needs community such as the elderly and those with any disability. Citizen participation efforts for the development of the AAP included a public comment period and two public hearings to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft plan.

For details of the citizen participation outreach efforts, please see the following table below.

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA. During the first public hearing, the goals and activities in the Annual Action Plan were discussed. The public was given an opportunity to make comments/suggestions on funding priorities during the hearing.	All comments will be accepted.		
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community		All comments will be accepted.		
3	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community		All comments will be accepted.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Town of Paradise’s CDBG allocation for program year 2023 was \$100,691. We are assuming the same allocation for PY 2024 for planning purposes.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder 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	100,691	0	0	100,691	100,691	The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is the annual allocation for PY 2024.

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

The Town of Paradise will utilize any and all funds available to leverage CDBG funds to make them go as far as possible. CDBG funds will be used to support the local Meals on Wheels program and Boys and Girls Club programs, each being supported by various local, state and/or federal funding source. The Town has a CalHOME grant to assist our residents to rebuild their homes after the Camp Fire.

The Town is awaiting an award of HOME funds by HCD to develop an Infill New Construction program; CDBG funds will be used to support this effort.

The Town has CDBG-DR funding for multi-family housing and public infrastructure projects. CDBG program funds will be used for economic development to support the CDBG-DR funded projects.

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

N/A

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	2A Provide Public Services for LMI & Special Needs	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$15,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 239 Persons Assisted
3	5A Planning and general administration	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$20,138	
4	4A Provide for Small Business Assistance	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development Opportunities	CDBG: \$65,000	Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	2A Provide Public Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Goal Description	The Town will provide vital support services for low- to moderate-income households and special needs groups in Paradise. Public services activities will fund programs run by non-profit organizations.
3	Goal Name	5A Planning and general administration
	Goal Description	Program administration of the CDBG program not to exceed 20% of allocation funds.
4	Goal Name	4A Provide for Small Business Assistance
	Goal Description	Facilitate Section 3 education, hiring, and reporting in order to bridge local LMI workers with local Section 3 projects.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In the table below are the proposed projects for the 2024 program year. The projects will address the highest priority needs per the in the Town per the most recent Consolidated Plan which are Economic Development Opportunities and Public Services for LMI and special needs groups. Administration of the CDBG program is capped at 20% of the CDBG 2023 funding allocation, as well as public services which has a grant cap of 15%. Details of the proposed projects are located in the following AP-38.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Public Services (2024)
2	Program Administration
3	Economic Development

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The projects address the highest priority needs in the Town.

Since the Camp Fire in 2018, there has been an influx of federal funding for disaster recovery projects and an increase in local employment opportunities. This Economic Development project attempts to facilitate the hiring of low-income residents (known as Section 3 and Targeted Section 3 workers), or contracting with small businesses majority owned by low-income people (Section 3 business).

Public services for LMI and special needs groups such as the elderly and persons with a disability are need to help improve the quality of life in Paradise. While public services is a high priority, there is a grant allocation cap for public services at 15%.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Services (2024)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2A Provide Public Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,103
	Description	15% of Annual Allocation to CDBG Community Partnership subrecipient grant for public services. Grant applications for Boys and Girls Club and Meals on Wheels were approved by the grant committee.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	105 families.
	Location Description	Town of Paradise
	Planned Activities	Meal deliveries to seniors from Chico Meals on Wheels. Staffing support for Boys and Girls Club Teen Center
2	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	5A Planning and general administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,138
	Description	Program administration not to exceed 20% of annual allocation.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities

Funding	CDBG: \$65,450
Description	Facilitation of Section 3 requirements.
Target Date	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	
Planned Activities	To be determined

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

The Town of Paradise does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements, but does restrict assistance to within Town of Paradise town limits. Individuals or households must meet income qualifications in order to receive direct assistance from activities and services in the CDBG program.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Town of does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. When the planned activities are intended to serve individuals or households directly, those individuals or households must meet income qualifications, as well as residency requirements, in order to receive assistance from the program. In these instances, Town staff and/or one of its partner agencies shall complete an in-take and eligibility status review of the applicant individual or household, before the project/activity is initiated.

When the Town has identified infrastructure and public facility improvement activities, planned activities will serve a community, neighborhood or “area”. These projects (or activities) are said to have an “area-wide” benefit. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible Census Block Group Tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations. HUD determines Low/Mod block groups tracts as those with 51% LMI population, however the Town of Paradise is an exception grantee with the LMI block group threshold lowered to 50.6%.

HUD CDBG Low/Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD), which have defined the eligible Low/Mod block group tracts within the jurisdiction can be found on the HUD Exchange website at:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/>

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Town on Paradise’s goals this year are for expansions of public services and economic development opportunities. Because of an influx of disaster recovery funding geared toward rebuilding affordable housing, home hardening and mitigation, and infrastructure projects, it's anticipated that economic development activities will relate, both directly and indirectly, to the creation of affordable housing. It's unknown how many households will be supported through this action during this small window of time for projects that take 5-10 years to put into service.

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

Table 9 - 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	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

55 out of 290 total units in 7 multi-family housing projects funded with CDBG-DR dollars that are expected to be in service by the end of 2024.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Town of Paradise receives support from the Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB). The mission of HACB is to assist LMI residents of Butte County to secure and maintain high quality affordable housing. HACB administers and/or manages many different housing programs such as public housing, Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. These program are available in Paradise and across the county.

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

Prior to the fire, the Town did not have any public housing within Town limits. One of the reasons for this was the lack of a sewer system. Installing a sewer system is part of our Long Term Recovery Plan, and with a sewer the Town will look at the options for public housing. HACB will open wait lists for public housing and Section 8 vouchers. For Section 8 vouchers, due to limited funding and increased demand, placement on the waitlist is done via lottery and capped at 2,500.

For public housing, HACB will be accepting applications for Public Housing waiting lists for three (3) bedroom units located in Biggs/Gridley, Chico, and Oroville. Applications can be obtained, mailed or dropped off at 2039 Forest Ave., Chico, CA 95928 or online by looking under Public Housing at the following: <http://www.butte-housing.com/applicants/applications/>

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

Public housing residents can participate in the HACB Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. The FSS program works with support agencies throughout Butte County to help families develop strengths, skills and experiences necessary to achieve economic independence. A guidebook is offered to help participants learn how the program can benefit residents. The FSS program links participants with the education, job training, counseling, and other services necessary for them to become employed and to earn self-sufficient wages so they no longer need to rely on governmental financial assistance. Families are assisted through this program with a dedicated FSS Coordinator, which also supports them with referrals to needed resources.

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

N/A. The PHA is not designated as troubled and is a “High Performer”.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The most recent Point-in-Time (PIT) Count survey was conducted at the Continuum of Care (CoC) level by the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CA-519 Chico/Paradise/Butte County CoC) taken on the night of January 26, 2022. Due to the variables made by the Camp Fire made a true count is very difficult within the Town. Data from the NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment suggests that a majority of persons experiencing homelessness continue to be unsheltered, in particular the chronically homeless and veterans. Homelessness, and the prevention of homelessness continues to be a priority for the Town of Paradise.

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

The Town of Paradise benefits from the homeless initiatives through the CoC. The Countywide CoC is a multi-agency planning body with the common goal of ending homelessness. This goal is accomplished by assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness to receive rapid, adaptive, quality services which lead to the long-term stability of permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Specifically, the CoC administers the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for homeless within the region. HMIS information is tracked to inform the CoC and its members of the homeless population details in the region and the CES helps members to identify needs and services that will assist persons and families experiencing homelessness with referrals and resources. Currently, data suggests that a majority of persons experiencing homelessness continue to be unsheltered, and in particular the chronically homeless and veterans. As such, the Town will focus on these identified homeless groups.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Town of Paradise relies on our neighboring communities for shelters such as the Torres Shelter in Chico for homeless individuals from Paradise. Youth 4 Change has a several shelters for homeless youth in the area including Chico and Oroville.

Those who are in need of emergency shelter can contact the Butte County Sheltering Hotline. The Sheltering Hotline is for Butte County residents who have evacuated due to their home being in an evacuation zone and need sheltering or for those who have been placed in non-congregate shelter (hotel voucher stays). There are 2 options to receive sheltering assistance from the county: The County's Sheltering Hotline is available 8am-5pm, 7 days per week. Call: 530-552-6150, and Email the County Sheltering program at northcomplexsheltering@buttecounty.net

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 of Paradise continues to work with neighboring jurisdictions and Butte County to find a solution for homelessness after the Camp Fire. For services that help the homeless transition to temporary or long-term housing, the Continuum of Care partners with many organizations and agencies that provide these services, both in Paradise and regionally. The Butte-Glenn 2-1-1 is a referral resource that connects persons experiencing to entities that can help assist them with their unique situations. The 2-1-1 service is also connected to many of the CoC members. The Housing Authority of Butte County helps low income households with Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. An important nonprofit transitional housing support resource in the area is the Jesus Center, which heads a collaborative of transitional housing partners. The Jesus Center recently moved into a new facility at 2255 Fair St. in Chico and the former location is currently being rebuilt as permanent housing for low-income individuals.

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.

As mentioned above, the Town of Paradise continues to work with neighboring jurisdictions and Butte County to find a solution for homelessness after the Camp Fire. For services that help the homeless, especially low-income individuals and families to avoid returning to homelessness, the Continuum of Care partners with many member organizations and agencies that provide various services in the area, both in Paradise and regionally. These organizations include, but are not limited to:

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services for persons affected by domestic violence. Catalyst provides a safe and confidential place for children and families, including drop-in services, counseling, legal services and more.

Elijah House Foundation: An addiction treatment that provides a variety of services including substance abuse and mental treatment, residential treatment services, alcohol and drug free housing and the Back to Work employment program.

The Jesus Center: A collaborative of transitional housing partners that work with persons experiencing

or are at-risk of homelessness.

The Housing Authority of Butte County: The PHA helps low income households with Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

Disability Action Center (DAC): DAC is a private, non-profit which helps to meet specific needs of people with disabilities living in Northern California. Dedicated staff provides free support to help community members with disabilities achieve and/or maintain their optimal level of self-reliance and independence. DAC provide support services such as information, housing assistance, and provider referrals.

Youth 4 Change: The organization has several locations throughout the area which help to prevent youth homelessness. Paradise youth may be referred to Youth 4 Change services.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

The primary negative effects on affordable housing and investment are not based on public policies made at the local level. The 2018 Camp fire continues to be the defining event in determining priorities and the availability of housing, and the Town is working to ensure that public policies encourage development of housing units as quickly and safely as possible. Historically, 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 other primary barrier to affordable housing in Paradise are funding policies made at the state and federal levels which prevent 100% of needed funding to be committed to any one project. Affordable housing projects in disaster affected communities that have lost services and amenities are still expected to compete for other government funding sources for the remainder of funding with projects in non-disaster affected communities. Median income in Butte County, like half of all counties in California, rose higher than twice the national average increase and reached an low-income limit increase ceiling created by HUD. As a result, Butte County low-income limits are artificially low at 72% AMI instead of 80% AMI, which means there are hundreds of area residents who earn far below the state median income but do not qualify for any housing assistance.

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 supports all individuals who are rebuilding housing of any type within this jurisdiction by adopting ministerial versus discretionary policies. With the construction of the sewer, development high density housing will no longer be limited by septic capacity.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section outlines other actions the Town will take to improve the quality of life for Paradise residents and address underserved needs in the community. CDBG funds enable the Town to address the priority needs in Paradise such as improvements to public facilities and infrastructure in LMI areas, the construction of affordable housing and homeownership opportunity for LMI households, opportunities for economic development and vital supportive services for LMI and special needs groups such as the elderly. Other actions identified in this section are additional resources the Town has to assist vulnerable residents and underserved needs in the community.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The activities identified in this plan will work to directly address the underserved needs of the LMI and special needs population. CDBG funded programs will work to expand on successful programs and the goal is to fill service gaps.

There are many needs for residents of the Town of Paradise after the Camp Fire, and many barriers to meeting those needs. The Town is working tirelessly to assist our residents as they rebuild homes and businesses. The Town of Paradise's Building Resiliency Center directly assist residents with rebuilding and with resources for housing and grant programs and hosts representatives administering State run housing grant programs.

The actions in this plan address the needs of LMI individuals two-fold; through increased employment opportunities in support of affordable housing construction.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Town will continue its First Time Home Buyer and Owner Occupied Rehabilitation programs to help homeowners rebuild after the Camp Fire. The Town will work with them on additional affordable housing opportunities in Paradise once a sewer is constructed. CDBG funds will be used to support a HOME-funded Infill New Construction program when award funds are released.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Since the Camp Fire burned 95% of the Town of Paradise, most homes with lead based paint have been destroyed. As new homes are built, they will not have lead based paint. Any home that survived that takes part in our Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program would be required to undergo lead-based paint testing. The Town will comply with federal regulations regarding lead testing, containment, and abatement. Paradise residents have access to Butte County Public Health services including the county Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP). To report a health emergency, the county public health department can be contacted at 530-552-4000 or phinfo@buttecounty.net. More information

about lead poison prevention can be found on the county website at:

<https://www.buttecounty.net/ph/Programs/MaternalChildHealth/ChildhoodLeadPoisoningPrevention>

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The activities in this plan work directly to reduce the number of poverty level families in Paradise. While CDBG funds are limited and the Town cannot possible address every poverty issue in Paradise, the Town will utilize CDBG funds where they have the most impact.

Public services supported through the CDBG Community Partnership grant for subrecipients include youth services. According to a 2015 study by the University of Michigan on the return on investment in services provided by Boys and Girls Clubs, "Every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$9.60 in current and future earnings and cost-savings to their communities. The greatest benefits are from Club members' improved grades and reduced alcohol use and their parents' earnings."

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Town will continually work to develop its institutional structure by working closely with other Town departments. Ongoing communication and planning with these Town departments and programs will help strengthen the institutional structure of the CDBG program.

The Town Institutional Structure is as follows: Five member Town Council - The Town Council holds public hearings on Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans and CAPER reports and approves submittal to HUD. Town Council also 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 Community Development Director. Staff prepares the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans and CAPER for each CDBG program year. The oversight of the CDBG program is provided by the five-member Town Council whom are elected officials voted in by the citizens of Paradise. All reports and plans are reviewed by Council before they are submitted to HUD.

The Paradise Community Village rental housing project united several organizations that are working cooperatively for the betterment of the community. The degree of commitment and cooperation needed to move this project forward establishes a new paradigm in institutional structure and brings community resources together in a whole new way.

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. Up to 15% of annual funding is set-aside for these organizations. Once

applications for grant funding are received and reviewed by staff, they go through a competitive review process and recommendations are decided by a funding committee and forwarded to the Town Council for final approval. Once funding decisions are made, organizations are required to sign a contract with the Town outlining the rules and regulations of public service funds. They are required to submit the required documents and reference material related to grant funding. After the contract is signed, the organizations submit quarterly and year end reports for staff review. Organizations are audited and staff performs site visits on a yearly basis. If organizations are not submitting reports on-time or are unable to follow through with program requirements, staff will monitor the organizations to make sure that HUD regulations are being met, or funding is withdrawn.

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

The Town will focus on collaboration between government agencies, local non-profits, community-needs organizations, and local businesses. The town will continue to work with stakeholder and other community service agencies, and organizations.

The Town will continue to work with CHIP and other private housing and service agencies on affordable housing like Paradise Community Village. Once the sewer is completed, the Town anticipates more opportunities for private/public partnership for affordable housing.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

This section describes the program specific requirements of the CDBG grant program.

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	0
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.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
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	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

