

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of League City is an Entitlement Jurisdiction (EJ) receiving an annual non-competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). League City's Program Year 2021 begins on October 1, 2021 and ends on September 30, 2022. The City of League City will receive \$476,699 after HUD's award revision for PY 2021, a \$26,381 increase over PY 2020. While the grant is non-competitive, the EJ must produce an Annual Action Plan (AAP) each year to receive the funds from HUD. The AAP describes the City's planned investments for the coming program year, including proposed projects and activities, and links the activities to the current 5-Year Consolidated Plan. League City's PY 2021 will be the fifth year of the PY 2017-Py 2021 Consolidated Plan.

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.

During PY 2021, the City of League City intends to:

1. Allocate the 15% to two public service agencies for three projects, providing assistance to low-income city residents:
 - a. Communities in Schools – Bay Area to provide \$38,000 to partially fund counselors in two middle schools, one high school, and one elementary school for the provision of a variety of academic, social, and emotional support services to 75 at risk students and their parents. The counseling is aimed at reducing drop-outs and dysfunctional behaviors as well as addressing the families' needs, including referrals to other social services and housing assistance. Each year, approximately 10% of the students assisted are homeless.
 - b. Interfaith Caring Ministries to provide emergency funds to those in need of food, emergency rental assistance and emergency utility assistance. The City will provide \$3,918 in CDBG funds for the food pantry to assist approximately 500 individuals in 200 households. In addition, the City will provide \$29,580 for emergency rent and/or utility assistance to 20 households assisting 50 residents.
2. Augment local funds for improvements to Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area, through the improvements to drainage along N. Wisconsin Avenue within the CDBG

Target Area known a Main St/Park Ave. This will be a 2-year phase of a multi-year project that will alleviate flooding in the residential portion of the Main St/Park Ave CDBG Target Area north of Main Street;

3. Planning and administration/management of the CDBG program.

Map of N. Wisconsin Ave Drainage Project within CDBG Block Group



3. Evaluation of past performance

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

During PY 2020, the City funded one infrastructure project, three agencies for four public service activities, and CDBG administration. The 3rd Street reconstruction project includes design/engineering and construction. The design/engineering phase is 90% complete and the construction phase will begin by the end of the program year, and will be carried out through most of PY 2021 with the PY 2020 funds that have been allocated.

Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) expended their \$24,000 allocation for emergency rent/utility assistance by the end of December, 2020, serving 22 unduplicated households housing 58 persons. In addition, the agency received \$259,907 in CDBG-CV funds for additional emergency rent/utility assistance for 79 households with 231 residents impacted by COVID-19. Those funds were expended by the end of December, 2020 also. Initially, the City allowed ICM to take advantage of the CARES Act waiver and provide assistance for up to 6 consecutive months. An additional \$200,000 from Round 3 of the CARES Act funding has been awarded to Interfaith Caring Ministries and it is anticipated that it will be expended by the end of calendar year 2021. Through May, 2021, ICM has served 14 unduplicated households with 31 residents using Round 3 CDBG-CV funds.

Interfaith Caring Ministries received \$5,664 in CDBG funds for operating their food pantry. The funds were for a portion of the manager's salary for hands-on service to League City residents, and for food. Through May, 2021 ICM has expended \$2,306.23 (40.72%) and served 234 unduplicated households with 654 household members. The agency will be able to expend all funds by the end of the program year due to an increase of need through the summer months when children are not receiving free meals at school.

Communities in Schools – Bay Area (CIS-BA) received \$30,000 to provide counseling to at-risk youth in two intermediate schools and one high school. Through May 2021, CIS-BA has expended all of its funds serving 94 youth for a total of 1,424 service hours, exceeding their estimated beneficiary count. At the beginning of PY 2020, CIS-BA hired a new staff member to handle the program reporting for CDBG and the process has improved greatly.

Clear Creek ISD (CCISD) received funding for the first time to support a therapist in an elementary school to treat children with emotional distresses. CCISD hired the contract therapist in January who served 11 students with 60 hours of therapy. CCISD expended \$4,500 of its \$7,882 contract and opted to not continue with the CDBG-funded aspect of the program and also rescinded its PY 2021 application for funding.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Throughout the year, the City has continued to consult with planners, engineers, stakeholders, and residents on the Main Street Improvement Plan, which includes the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area. CDBG funds are an integral part of the overall improvement plan for this low- to moderate-income neighborhood. Any public and professional participation in the decision-

making process of the complete plan is tied closely with the public participation and consultation of the CDBG infrastructure programming. Additionally, the City works closely with its public service recipients and reaches out to all other public service agencies to determine the changing social service needs and amenities in the community. The City encourages eligible agencies to apply for public service funding through CDBG. With the new Grants Administrator, the team is able to identify other grants that might be a possible match for a partnership between the City and one or more community-based service providers. Clear Creek ISD will be a new subrecipient in PY 2020 using its funding to assist in the expansion of the duties of a contract licensed clinician to provide direct therapeutic services to the students in the district's elementary schools. Communities in Schools provides support services in the intermediate and high schools and the CCISD clinician provides support services to elementary school children.

For the PY 2021 planning process, the City hosted two public hearings. The first, held on March 4, 2021 provided an explanation of the CDBG program and invited questions and comments from attendees. At the end of the public hearing, the City hosted a pre-application workshop for agencies interested in applying for PY 2021 funding. Throughout the year, particularly during the application process, the City staff is available to meet with all interested parties, be they individuals, agencies, businesses, or elected officials. The potential applicants are encouraged to meet with the CDBG team to discuss their programs, share the agency and community needs, and receive input into the best approaches for requesting funding.

The second public hearing was held on June 22, 2021 launching the 30-day public comment period. This included a review of the Annual Action Plan draft, soliciting input from the attendees. COVID-19 has thrust League City and all governmental agencies into the world of virtual meeting. The first public hearing was a hybrid, both in-person and through Zoom. With the high percent of residents having been vaccinated and the State's increased relaxing of the safety precautions, the second public hearing was conducted only in person. Information was provided on how to submit comments and questions, even in the case of the first meeting, if viewed after the fact. The notice for the second public hearing also provided notice of the 30-day public comment period. Both public hearings, the 30-day public comment period and the public service application were published in the Galveston Daily News, the local general circulation newspaper, at City Hall, and on the City's website and Facebook page in English and Spanish. The public hearing notices, as well as the City Council agenda for approving the Action Plan were posted at least 72 hours before the meeting.

On XXXXX, 2021, the City Council approved the Annual Action Plan and the agenda item was posted more than 72 hours in advance at City Hall and on the City's website. Attendees had time at the start of the meeting to voice their opinions and concerns. The meetings are streamed live

with the ability to accept on-line public comments, and are replayed on the municipal access channel daily at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

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.

To be completed before submission

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

7. Summary

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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 |
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| City of League City, Texas | Kris Carpenter | Planning & Department |
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Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The CDBG program is housed in the Planning and Development Department under the leadership of the Planning Manager. The Planning Manager reports to the Planning Director who reports to the City Manager. To ensure cost effective and excellent management of the program, the City contracts with a CDBG specialist to handle most of the day-to-day responsibilities and to develop plans, environmental reviews, and CAPERs.

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

1. Introduction

League City consults with a number of local and regional agencies throughout the year and works to coordinate with all agencies serving the community. During the development of the PY 2017-PY 2021 Consolidated Plan the City consulted and coordinated with the regional and state agencies as well as local social service agencies in the community. Each year, the City has and will continue to coordinate with Federal and State agencies and the Houston Galveston Area Council for activities and funding related to transportation, environmental issues and hazard mitigation, particularly Hurricane Harvey disaster relief and COVID-19 hazard mitigation activities. Because aspects of the CDBG program management are in the Planning and Development Department, the department uses public forums for general planning activities to determine changing needs and perceptions of the stakeholders and community for all City functions, including the CDBG program. Much of the information gathered at the planning-related public forums and stakeholder consultations are incorporated into the Consolidated Planning Process.

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))

There is no public housing agency that serves League City. There are two Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties in League City – Bay Colony Apartments with 250 units and Village on Hobbs Road with 80 units. Village on Hobbs Road targets the elderly but Bay Colony Apartments does not target any population group. Both developments accept Housing Choice Vouchers, however with no public housing agency in League City, the only near-by HCV providers are Texas City Housing Authority, Pasadena Housing Authority and Harris County Housing Authority. They have the discretion of limiting voucher holders to properties within their jurisdictions. The City coordinates with Southeast Texas Housing (SETH), which has provided housing rehabilitation services on a limited basis to needy League City homeowners. There are few health and mental health agencies in League City. Gulf Coast Center, serving Galveston and Brazoria Counties, has a satellite office in League City that provides intellectual and development disability services. Devereux, a national behavioral healthcare provider, has a facility in League City and the City is working to establish a relationship with them to access relevant local information about mental health issues and services in the area. League City is fast becoming a medical hub for northern

Galveston County with the development of UTMB- League City campus clinic and hospital. Other medical facilities are following suit. As the medical complex develops the City has been coordinating and collaborating activities and information to the extent possible. Bay Area Turning Point provides emergency shelter and crisis intervention to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault and periodically requests/receives CDBG funds from League City. The City's Police Department coordinates with Bay Area Turning Point in a number of protective and educational efforts, including safe transport from a dangerous situation to Bay Area Turning Point's shelter. Family Promise provides emergency shelter to families through an association of 17 host churches which house the program participants on a weekly basis.

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.

League City is located in Galveston County which is part of the Balance of State CoC process. The Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition serves Galveston County and conducts the annual Point In Time (PIT) homeless enumeration. The PIT Count covers Galveston County but most of the efforts are within the City of Galveston and Texas City and the survey results have not provided by location in the past. The 2021 PIT Count did enumerate League City separately and found 10 homeless individuals sheltered through Family Promise, including 4 adults and 6 children. None were chronically homeless, veterans, or unaccompanied youth. Clear Creek ISD (CCISD), which includes League City, Webster and surrounding unincorporated areas, provides counts of homeless students and throughout the 2020-2021 school year 835 children and youth were classified as homeless. It should be noted that CCISD extends beyond League City's city limits and the school district was not able to provide accurate information only on League City students. Most recent years have seen 1,000 homeless students, but the CCISD attributes the lower number to difficulty in tracking due to virtual learning as a result of COVID. Communities in Schools – Bay Area, which received funding in PY 2020 for three schools, served 30 unduplicated League City homeless students. The City of League City, through the Police Department, does assist Bay Area Turning Point as it addresses homelessness among victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, identifying and transporting the victims to the Bay Area Turning Point facilities. Each time that Bay Area Turning Point has applied for CDBG funds, the City has provided funding.

Bay Area Turning Point (BATP) provides information, crisis intervention and shelter to an average of 300 League City victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault each year. The Resource & Crisis Center of Galveston County is located in League City to promote safety and well-being for victims of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Family Promise of Clear Creek, a collaborative

of area churches, provides overnight lodging and meals for up to 3 months to on average 25 homeless families each year at the 17 host churches.

Additionally, the City funds Communities in Schools which provides counseling and support services to low-income children and their families, including unaccompanied youth and homeless families. Approximately 30% of the CDBG-funded students in PY 2020 were homeless, and a growing number are being precariously housed due to COVID-19 and potentially becoming homeless when rent deferments and rental assistance end. Communities in Schools will step in to provide referrals to the families and services to the children. Interfaith Caring Ministries receives League City CDBG funding for emergency rent/utility assistance and their food pantry. The City allocated 95% of its PY 2020 CDBG-CV Round 1 funds and 53% of its Round 3 CDBG-CV funds to ICM for rent/utility assistance for those affected by COVID-19. They also provide prescription assistance for low-income, particularly elderly, residents to cease having to choose between prescription medications and housing.

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 City does not receive ESG funds and relies on the Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition to coordinate and consult with the Texas Homeless Network that leads the Balance of State program. The nearest Participating Jurisdictions that receive ESG funding are the City of Houston, Harris County, City of Galveston, and Brazoria County. Because League City is an Entitlement Jurisdiction, the portions of the city inside Harris County are ineligible for County HOME or ESG assistance. The Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition conducts the Point In Time count but has not delineated specific locations outside of the City of Galveston. The City is available to assist with the Point In Time count within the city limits if needed and requested. Recently, the Texas Homeless Network has increased its interaction and consultation with Entitlement Jurisdictions within the Balance of State program. As a result, the PIT count for 2021 now has League City numbers tallied separately to assist both the City and THN in better enumerating and assessing League City homeless.

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

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | SOUTHEAST TEXAS HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Needs for owner occupied housing rehab and the potential for more support by SETH |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Public Housing Authority |
| | 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? | Direct interview to determine if any Housing Choice Voucher holders access League City rentals or have attempted to access unsuccessfully. |
| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Transportation Disaster Recovery |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The City coordinates with HGAC on a regular basis in many areas, particularly in the area of transportation, with the City's work in the Main St/Park Ave area; and, in disaster recovery as a result of FEMA and CDBG-DR plans for recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Anticipated outcomes for information and coordination were met. |

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| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | INTERFAITH CARING MINISTRIES |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services – Housing Services – food and prescription assistance |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Food, Rent/Utility and prescription needs for LMI |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency receives CDBG funding and coordinates/collaborates with the city on an on-going basis. The agency provides rent/utility assistance, food assistance, and prescription assistance to residents. The consultation included ways in which both the agency and the City can better serve the very low- and extremely low-income residents. The anticipated outcome was met. |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Families with children Public service needs of children |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The agency has provided information on the number and needs of homeless children attending League City middle and high schools as well as the general needs of LMI youth and their families. Anticipated outcomes were met. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization | CLEAR CREEK ISD |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | School District |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Families with children Public service needs of children, particularly mental health needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | During the application process, the CCISD provided information to the City on the needs of at-risk children, particularly elementary school children who don't have access to Communities in Schools, and especially in the wake of COVID-19 |
| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | BAY AREA TURNING POINT |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Domestic Violence Homeless |

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| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | During the application process, Bay Area Turning Point provided information on the current conditions and needs of victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and the growing urgency due to COVID-19's stay at home order |
| 9 | Agency/Group/Organization | Clear Creek Family Promise |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Homeless shelter/services |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The City's consultant had multiple conversations with the Executive Director about the program, ways the agency could provide counseling assistance to Interfaith Caring Ministry emergency rental assistance clients and ways CCFP could position its clients to fold into the ICM program to either prevent homelessness or to get back on their feet. CCFP has also provided data on the clients and the participating churches. |
| 10 | Agency/Group/Organization | TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - State |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | CDBG-eligible Disaster Recovery needs and activities |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The City has been in direct communication with GLO regarding the City's overall needs and CDBG-eligible needs to recover from Hurricane Harvey. GLO has been providing information and guidance regarding disaster recovery and hazard mitigation. Anticipated outcome for information was met. Anticipated outcome for funding has not yet been realized – pending approval of City's plans. |

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

Annually, the City consults with those agencies which are serving the low- to moderate-income populations city-wide and those stakeholders in the Main Street/Park Avenue CDBG Target Area. Most of the agencies serving special needs populations and the homeless in the region are located in Houston, Galveston or Pasadena and do not serve or track League City clientele specifically. There are very limited resources in League City, other than Interfaith Caring Ministries, for the very low-income and those precariously housed; Clear Creek Family Promise providing emergency shelter to homeless families who are not determined to be chronically homeless; Gulf Coast Center providing a number of programs for the low-income and special needs populations; and Communities in Schools providing counseling to at-risk youth. Likewise, most of the area-wide advocacy groups for protected classes serve a much broader geographic region and did not have offices in League City nor information specific to League City. What little information they can provide is in the 2017-2021 Fair Housing Plan.

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? |
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| 2020-2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy | Gulf Coast Economic Development District | The goal of economic development and enhancing job readiness overlaps with the 2020-2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy |
| Fair Housing Equity Assessment | Houston-Galveston Area Council | The goals of increasing affordable housing and ensuring fair housing overlap with the Fair Housing Equity Assessment |
| HGAC Pedestrian-Bicyclist Counting and Demand Study | Texas A&M Transportation Institute | Trail demand particularly around League Park in the primary CDBG Target Area |
| Galveston County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan | Galveston County Office of Emergency Management | The goals and strategies outlined in this plan help to frame the hazard mitigation and prevention goals of the City and the CDBG Strategic Plan |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Because League City is a rapidly growing city between Houston, Pasadena and Texas City which have older housing and greater pockets of poverty and need, there is not a clientele base for housing and social service agencies to feasibly locate in the city. Public and private funding is concentrated on services in the larger and older communities of Houston, Baytown, Pasadena, Texas City, and Galveston. The size of the City's CDBG grant, coupled with the 15% limit on public service funding, keeps strong housing and public service programs from locating and securing HUD funding in League City. Likewise, of the few public service agencies that are located in the city, even fewer have the capacity or desire to manage federal funds.

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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

League City encouraged public participation through public meetings and public hearings for the CDBG program and the non-CDBG-funded activities in the primary CDBG Target Area – the Main Street/Park Avenue area. The development of the overall improvement plan was centered around a number of public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and consultations with professional planning and engineering consultants. Within the scope of the Main Street improvement plan is the CDBG infrastructure and facility focus. Specific to CDBG funding in the area, the City conducted extensive activities in 2017 during the development of the PY 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. For the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan, the City hosted two public hearings, both advertised in the general circulation newspaper in English and Spanish, on the City's website, and at the City Hall bulletin board at least 72 hours before the hearings. The first public hearing, which also included a pre-application workshop for interested public service agencies, was a hybrid meeting of in-person and virtual. The second public hearing, conducted after the relaxation of COVID restrictions, was in-person. Both were held at a time when working and non-working residents could attend and in a central location, with ample parking, adequate accessibility, and immediately adjacent to the City's primary Target Area. Additionally, the 30-day public comment period was advertised in a like manner. The City Council agendas are posted online and at City Hall at least 72 hours before the meeting. The agenda item for the approval of the Annual Action Plan was included in the agenda items, giving interested parties the opportunity to attend the meeting and voice their concerns or opinions prior to the vote. The City is striving to include more CDBG information and solicit more resident participation through its municipal access channel.

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 | |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | 2 attended | No comments were made | No comments were made, therefore not applicable | |
| 2 | Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | 2 attended | No comments were made | No comments were made, therefore not applicable | |
| 3 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community Spanish | 2 ads – one for first hearing, 1 for second hearing and public comment period | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | www.leaguecity.com www.galvnews.com |
| 4 | Internet Outreach | Non-targeted/broad community Spanish | 2 ads – one for first hearing, 1 for second hearing and public comment period & draft AAP posted | No comments were made | No comments were made, therefore not applicable | www.leaguecity.com |
| 5 | Other/City Council Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | All interested parties attending meeting given opportunity to speak on the AAP prior to council adopting it | No comments were made | No comments were made, therefore not applicable | |
| 6 | Public Comment Period | Non-targeted/broad community | 30-day public comment period | No comments were made | No comments were made, therefore not applicable | www.leaguecity.com |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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 | Admin & Planning Public Services Public Improvements | \$476,699 | \$0 | \$35,000 | \$511,699 | \$0 | Last year of 5-year Con Plan |

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

There is no matching fund requirement for the CDBG program. However, the City utilizes local funding to cover the majority of the costs for infrastructure and facility projects in the CDBG Target Areas. PY 2021 CDBG funding will be used to cover \$309,861 drainage project along N. Wisconsin Avenue, with an estimated \$35,000 of PY 2020 carry over funds to be added to the project. This will be a 2-year project and additional funds from PY 2022 will be used next year to complete phase 2 of the project. The City's general funds will cover at least 50% of the cost over the two years. General funds are used for staff costs in the Finance, Public Works, and Planning Departments for managing the CDBG activities. Communities in Schools uses CDBG funds to leverage approximately \$3.50 in other funds for every CDBG dollar for CDBG-eligible clients. Interfaith Caring Ministries provides approximately \$4 for every \$1 in CDBG funds for its CDBG-eligible food pantry clients. Interfaith Caring Ministries utilizes other grants to provide emergency rent and utility assistance to approximately twice as many CDBG-eligible clients as CDBG-funding permits.

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

Other than lateral rights of way along N. Wisconsin Avenue where the drainage improvements will be installed, no publicly owned land or property will be used to address the needs identified in the plan. City offices will be used to administer the program, but no CDBG funding is requested.

Discussion

League City will expend its regulatory limit of 15% for three public services – youth services, food assistance, emergency rent/utility assistance; the regulatory limit of 20% for program administration; and the remainder for a part of a two-year a drainage improvement project along N. Wisconsin Ave. in the Main St/Park Ave CDBG Target Area. This first year will consist of design and engineering with the beginning of actual construction. The pre-COVID estimated cost for the project was \$722,000, but with the rise in labor and material costs, the final bids will likely be much higher. The project will be completed in Year 2 with City's CIP and CDBG funding.

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 | Drainage Improvements | 2017 | 2021 | Non-Housing Community Development | Main St/Park Ave | Infrastructure Improvements | \$344,861 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,795 Persons Assisted |
| 2 | Youth Service | 2017 | 2021 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Youth Services | \$38,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75 Persons Assisted |
| 3 | Subsistence Payments | 2017 | 2021 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Subsistence Payments | \$29,580 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40 Persons Assisted |
| 4 | Food Banks | 2017 | 2021 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Food Banks | \$3,918 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Drainage improvements |
| | Goal Description | The City will use CDBG funds to leverage general CIP funds for mitigating flooding in a portion of the Main St/Park Ave CDBG Target Area by improving the drainage along N. Wisconsin Avenue. |
| 2 | Goal Name | Youth Service |
| | Goal Description | The City will fund Communities in Schools Bay Area to provide counselors in four schools who will assist at risk children and youth and their families. This program addresses risky behaviors, drop-out risks, and social service needs. |
| 3 | Goal Name | Subsistence Payments |
| | Goal Description | The City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries to provide emergency rent and/or utility payments for up to 3 consecutive months to families at risk of eviction or unsafe living conditions due to lack of water or power. |
| 4 | Goal Name | Food Pantry |
| | Goal Description | The City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries to manage the food pantry that provides food to low-income families in need. |

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)

The City will not be providing affordable housing and does not receive HOME funds.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

For PY 2021, the City will fund four projects addressing four goals: drainage improvements, youth services, subsistence assistance and food pantry assistance. All public service applications were accepted and will be funded for a total of the 15% maximum allowed. In addition, program administration will be funded the 20% allowed of the total allocation.

Projects

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | N. Wisconsin Drainage Design & Engineering |
| 2 | N. Wisconsin Drainage Construction |
| 3 | Communities in Schools |
| 4 | ICM Rent/Utility Assistance |
| 5 | ICM Food Pantry |

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City is allocating public service funds to two of the three public service agencies that applied for CDBG funding. Traditionally, the City has allocated funds for every eligible public service project for which agencies apply, however one application was from a current subrecipient who has not yet submitted an accurate reimbursement request for services that began 4 months ago. Three projects within two agencies will be funded. These have a high priority need and the need has grown significantly each year since the Consolidated Plan was released. The activities are Communities in Schools counseling services to at risk youth, with an elementary school being added due to the increased need to begin services at an earlier age; Interfaith Caring Ministries emergency rent/utility assistance for those not eligible for CDBG-CV funds because their lack of income is not COVID-related; and Interfaith Caring Ministries Food Pantry to provide food to low-income residents, particularly special populations and large families, many of whom have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

The City focuses its area-based activities in the Main St/Park Ave Target Area because: 1) it is the oldest area of the city with the greatest need; 2) it has the second highest percent of low- to moderate-income households in the city; and, 3) it is located in the Main Street Improvement Area where much of the non-federal capital improvements are focused. Using CDBG to leverage

general funds, the impact of improvements in the area can be maximized.

The improvements in drainage along N. Wisconsin Avenue is the first phase of a multi-phase project that will reduce flooding in this predominately residential area of the Main St/Park Ave Target Area north of Main Street. N. Wisconsin runs north-south from Main Street to open space and a tributary of Clear Creek. Drainage along east/west streets will flow into the improvements along Wisconsin, thus being instrumental in improving flood prevention throughout the area.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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| 1 | Project Name | Wisconsin Ave Drainage Design & Engineering |
| | Target Area | Main St/Park Ave |
| | Goals Supported | Drainage Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Flood mitigation |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$120,000 |
| | Description | Conduct the design and engineering, through a contracted firm, for the installation of drainage improvements along the N. Wisconsin right of way through a residential area prone to flooding. Install drainage improvements along the N. Wisconsin right of way through a residential area prone to flooding. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 1,795 people, 43.18% of the households are low- to moderate-income. League City's LMA exception is 37.73%. |
| | Location Description | Census Tract 721300, Block Group 3. Main St./Park Ave Target Area north of Main St, between N. Wisconsin Ave and Alabama Ave. |
| 2 | Planned Activities | Fund the design and engineering of a 2-phase infrastructure improvement program that will result in improvements to the storm drainage along N. Wisconsin Ave. within the Main St/Park Ave Target Area. |
| | Project Name | Wisconsin Ave Drainage Improvements |
| | Target Area | Main St/Park Ave |

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| | Goals Supported | Drainage Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Flood mitigation |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$224,861 |
| | Description | Construct drainage improvements along the N. Wisconsin right of way through a residential area prone to flooding using PY 2021 funds and \$35,000 pf PY 2020 carryover funds. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 1,795 people, 43.18% of the households are low- to moderate-income. League City's LMA exception is 37.73%. |
| | Location Description | Census Tract 721300, Block Group 3. Main St./Park Ave Target Area north of Main St, between N. Wisconsin Ave and Alabama Ave. |
| | Planned Activities | Following the design and engineering for the project, CDBG funds will augment the actual construction of drainage improvements along the N. Wisconsin Ave. right of way and into a tributary of Clear Creek. This will be a 2-phase project utilizing 2 years of CDBG funding to augment local dollars. |
| 3 | Project Name | Communities in Schools |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Youth Service |
| | Needs Addressed | Youth Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$38,000 |
| | Description | Provide funding for partial salaries for 4 counselors, 1 in each of 4 schools to provide counseling to 75 at risk youth and their families. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | An estimated 75 unduplicated youth in 60 families will benefit |
| | Location Description | City-wide services. The activities will take place in 4 schools at the following locations: 4380 Village Way (Clear Falls High School); 2451 E. Main (Clear Creek Intermediate) & 2305 E. Main (Clear Creek High School); 520 E. Walker (League City Elementary) |
| | Planned Activities | Provide partial funding for counselors in four League City schools to counsel with at risk youth and children and their families to reduce drop-out rates, improve school performance and link them to other resources they may need |
| 4 | Project Name | ICM Rent/Utility Assistance |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Subsistence Payments |
| | Needs Addressed | Subsistence Payments |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$29,580 |
| | Description | Provide funding for up to 3 consecutive months of rent and/or utility assistance to households at risk of eviction or losing their water or power and who may or may not have been impacted by COVID-19 |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 20 families or households, including 40 persons who are low- to moderate-income. |
| | Location Description | City-wide services with client intake/approval and fund disbursement at Interfaith Caring Ministries, located at 151 Park Ave. |
| | Planned Activities | The City will provide funds to Interfaith Caring Ministries to pay rent and/or utilities on a one-time emergency basis for up to 3 consecutive months to households at risk of eviction or loss of power or water. |

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| 5 | Project Name | ICM Food Pantry |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | Food Pantry |
| | Needs Addressed | Food Bank |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$3,918 |
| | Description | The City will provide funds to support part of the salary of the manager who provides direct services to the program participants and for the food itself |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 500 persons in 200 families or households will benefit. These will include families and individuals, especially the elderly and disabled. |
| | Location Description | City wide services from the food pantry located at 149 Park Ave and via delivery to home-bound elderly |
| | Planned Activities | The City will fund part of the salary of Interfaith Caring Ministry's food pantry manager, who is the person directly serving the clientele. In addition, the funds will support the actual food provided. |
| 6 | Project Name | Program Administration |
| | Target Area | N/A |
| | Goals Supported | Administration |
| | Needs Addressed | Program Management |
| | Funding | \$95,340 |
| | Description | Provide Program Administration for CDBG |
| | Target Date | 09/30/2022 |

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| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Not Applicable |
| Location Description | City wide services located at 500 W Walker, League City TX |
| Planned Activities | Manage the CDBG program through planning and administration of activities. |

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 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Main St/Park Ave | 65% |

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

League City has determined that the area within the City that has the greatest need and greatest potential for revitalization is the Main St/Park Avenue area. This area is predominately residential, with one of the highest percentages of low- to moderate-income households and has the greatest need for public improvements. With the City concentrating considerable general fund/Capital Improvement Program funds in the area, the CDBG allocation can supplement local dollars to make the greatest impact for the CDBG Target Area. Flooding is a major issue in the Main St/Park Ave Target Area and this project will be a positive investment in mitigating flooding in the residential areas along the north/south corridor of N. Wisconsin Avenue.

Discussion

Since initially receiving CDBG funds, the City has determined that concentrating over several years on the eligible Target Area with the greatest needs, it can maximize the impact of funding for the residents. The City began in Shellside and provided water and wastewater lines and connections to the eligible homes. Once that multi-year project was completed, the City has been concentrating its CDBG resources on the Main St/Park Ave Target Area, improving the streets, parking, parks, sidewalks and drainage. Interfaith Caring Ministries is located in the area, as is the Communities in Schools administrative offices and League City Elementary, in which Community in Schools has a counselor and will receive funding in PY 2021.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

League City does not receive HOME or ESG funding, making assisting with providing affordable housing financially unfeasible. However, by providing assistance for emergency rent and utility assistance, the CDBG program will help 20 households (40 persons) avoid homelessness.

| 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

At this time the City has no capacity to use CDBG funds to provide general rental assistance under ESG or HOME definitions and rules, produce new housing units, acquire units, or rehabilitate existing units. The City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries for emergency rent/utility assistance which is classified as a subsistence assistance – public service – not a housing activity as it is a short-term assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There is no Public Housing Authority in League City. As a result, there is nothing that the City can do to address public housing issues. The Galveston Housing Authority is 27 miles from League City, and the Texas City Housing Authority is the other Public Housing Authority in Galveston County and is 17 miles from League City. Both operate public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers. Harris County, of which a small portion is within League City's city limits, provides Housing Choice Vouchers. To date, no program participants in any of the three housing authorities have accessed housing in or near League City.

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

There is no public housing in League City. Harris County does have Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and a small corner of League City is in Harris County. However, that corner, though it does have rental properties, no voucher holders have sought to lease League City dwellings through Harris County Public Housing Authority.

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

Without a public housing authority, there are no plans that can be made or implemented to address then needs to public housing.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

There is no public housing authority serving League City.

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

Introduction

The area encompassed by the Gulf Coast Coalition for the Homeless includes League City, and in the 2021 Point in Time (PIT), for the first time, League City was enumerated separately and 10 sheltered homeless were counted. Based on the data and knowledge of the city, it is assumed that they were residents of Family Promise at the time of the count. Bay Area Turning Point (BATP) provides information, crisis intervention and shelter to an average of 300 League City victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault each year, though the services are not located in League City. The Resource & Crisis Center of Galveston County is located in League City to promote safety and well-being for victims of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Family Promise of Clear Creek, a collaborative of area churches, provides overnight lodging and meals to on average 25 homeless families each year at the 17 host churches. Bridge Over Troubled Waters, though in Pasadena, does serve League City residents who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. There are no shelters or services in the area to serve singles, unaccompanied youth, or those who are not victims of domestic or sexual violence. Family Promise is a program for homeless families. There are no other shelters or service providers in League City. BATP opted to not apply for funds for in recent years due to the limited dollars available through CDBG for such a high-cost program. No other agencies serving League City's homeless individuals or families have requested local CDBG funds. The City's Police Department continues to work closely with BATP through other funding to protect victims and potential victims, provide transportation to the shelter, and educate the public on domestic violence and sexual assault issues and the resources available for those who become homeless as a result of a violent situation.

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

League City's one-year goals include increasing collaboration with Family Promise and facilitating collaboration between Family Promise and Interfaith Caring Ministries to help prevent homelessness and relapses into homelessness through counseling by Family Promise and emergency rent/utility assistance by Interfaith Caring Ministries for those referred by

Family Promise who are in immediate danger of eviction.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Though the Coalition for the Homeless of Galveston County indicates that nearly twice as many males are homeless than females and that only 38 households are families (37 with children), Bay Area Turning Point and Resource & Crisis Center of Galveston County provide services and shelter only for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, while Family Promise only serves families. As a result, there is a need for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing for single males and females who have not victims of violence and assault. Family Promise cannot accommodate all of the applicant families because of limited resources and/or criminal history of the applicants.

Due to the small number of homeless individuals and families in League City, there are not the resources or economies of scale to allow homeless shelters in or in close proximity to the city.

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

None of the programs in and around League City serve chronically homeless and unaccompanied youth. There are no rapid rehousing programs in the League City area. Non-chronically homeless who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, including families, are able to access shelter and services to aid in moving them to independent housing. Family Promise provides shelter and services to help move families who are experiencing a short single episode of homelessness due to a health or economic crisis. The goal is to rapidly move them back to housing and self-sufficiency.

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.

The City funds Interfaith Caring Ministry utilizes CDBG funding to provide emergency rent and/or

utility assistance to households who are facing eviction or service termination. Due to the limited available funding, ICM had opted to provide only one month of assistance per year to its clientele, but revised that to allow for up to 3 months of assistance for dire situations as per 24 CRF 570.207(b)(4). The regulatory waivers due to COVID-19 has allowed ICM to provide up to 6 consecutive months of assistance for those who can show proof that they were negatively impacted by COVID-19. Family Promise is investigating the potential of providing housing and financial counseling to precariously housed families to prevent homelessness. Currently, talks are being carried out between Family Promise and ICM to determine the feasibility of ICM referring clients to Family Promise for such counseling.

Discussion

The homeless services and shelters serving League City are only for those who are victims of domestic (family) violence or sexual assault or are families who are homeless for a short time due to a crisis such as a health issue, sudden unemployment, or displacement. Those who do not fit either criteria have no access to local services or shelter and must go to Houston, Pasadena, Galveston, or Texas City for assistance.

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

Introduction:

All low- to moderate-income households face impediments in accessing affordable housing and housing in choice locations, particularly in fast-growing suburban cities with fewer low- to moderate-income households. This is especially true for elderly and disabled individuals and large families. The limited stock of the housing within a price range affordable to the low- to moderate-income is, for the most part, older housing that has not been retrofitted for ADA compliance and accessibility to the physically disabled and/or may not meet Housing Quality Standards as set forth by HUD. The League City rental market, while relatively new, is lacking sufficient units with more than three bedrooms for large families, and is not affordable to most lower-income households. Many middle-income residents are living in units well below their affordability limits, pushing the lower-income residents to higher-cost housing that is out of their affordability level. To exacerbate the problem, League City does not have a Public Housing Authority, nor does Galveston County.

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 City will not be using CDBG funds directly to ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing by constructing new affordable units. There is a shortage of funding to address the housing needs in the community, particularly the barriers to affordable housing. The City does review and, when appropriate, give its approval to the development of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties and other properties for low-income residents. Additionally, because the greatest percent of low-income residents fall into one or more of the Fair Housing Act protected classes, the City does provide a level of assistance by maintaining a Fair Housing Officer, funded through CDBG Administration funds. Generally, the City's policies do not hamper the development of affordable housing and it does review and indicate to the state its approval for all viable LIHTC applications. At this time 4 properties have been approved by the state and 2 are operational. The Main Street Redevelopment Plan includes the possibility of mixed-use development and the improvements being made with CDBG and other funds will encourage developers to include mixed income housing in the area. Unfortunately, League City has no Federally-designated Opportunity Zones as the percent of poverty-level households is small.

Housing affordability is a two-pronged issue – housing cost and household income. One way the City's public policies are addressing the barriers to affordable housing is through economic

development activities that help nurture local small businesses and bring new larger businesses to town to improve the job market and incomes of those who currently cannot afford the housing stock in the area. Currently, there are four tax increment financing zones in League City which support commercial development and bring new job opportunities to the city.

One of the City's greatest concern as a result of COVID-19 is the fact that landlords and mortgage companies deferred payments, not waived them. As a result, once the moratorium on evictions and foreclosures ends, households will be faced with bills of six months or more of past rents or mortgage payments. The deferred payments have postponed evictions, not prevented them.

Discussion:

Housing affordability is determined by housing cost and household income. Both are elements of private enterprise, especially without a public housing authority in League City or access to ESG or HOME funds. How this changes with the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act is still uncertain, but there is a possibility that state and local funds from the Act would be able to assist in ensuring greater housing affordability. The City does not put undue restrictions on developers that would price their properties out of affordability. The City does have an active economic development team that promotes new businesses and gives tax incentives to developers and businesses who choose to expand or location in League City. By fostering economic growth and job opportunities, the City is assisting in raising income levels so that more housing becomes affordable.

The long-term impact of rent and mortgage deferments because of COVID-19 has not fully been determined at this time.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City is using its CDBG funding to provide assistance to three public service programs within two agencies and to provide leverage and match to the City's Capital Improvement Plan project for improving drainage in north side of Main St/Park Ave Target Area where flooding has been persistent.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City coordinated the creation of the Main Street Redevelopment area with the Main St/Park Ave CDBG focus area in order to blend a number of funding sources to create sufficient leverage to redevelop this area of the city which has the highest concentration of low- to moderate-income households and aging housing, infrastructure and facilities. The 5-year plan has been to improve the roads, sidewalks, lighting, signalization, parks, historic area, commercial areas and housing with CDBG, general, and CIP funds. During PY 2018, the City began the major reconstruction and enhancement of Park Avenue using CIP and CDBG funds. During PY 2019, the City began a major redevelopment and enhancement of League Park and used CDBG funds for the expansion of parking access for the park and surrounding residential and commercial areas located on streets too narrow for safe on-street parking. During PY 2020, the City began the repaving/reconstruction of 3rd Street in the Main St/Park Ave CDBG focus area to enhance east/west mobility. For PY 2021, the City will initiate a project to improve the drainage along N. Wisconsin, a north/south corridor through the area.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to reach out to Southeast Texas Housing Finance (SETH) for assistance in the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes. The City and its homeowners are receiving significant financial assistance from Hurricane Harvey that struck in 2017. As is typical, the older areas and older homes received the greatest damage from Hurricane Harvey and subsequent unnamed storms. The City is currently determining the use of disaster recovery and hazard mitigation funds to improve the CDBG-eligible areas, including the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area.

Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) uses League City CDBG funds to provide emergency rent and utility assistance to those facing eviction or service termination. The City allocated 90% of its CDBG-CV Round 1 funding and 53% of CDBG-CV Round 3 funding to the agency for addressing the need for rent and utility assistance as a result of COVID-19. Other CDBG funds will be utilized by ICM for low- to moderate-income households whose rents and utilities are in arrears due to

their on-going income struggles, not related to COVID-19.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

At any time that the City conducts or supports the rehabilitation of housing built before 1978, it ensures that the structure is tested for Lead Based Paint (LBP) and that any remediation necessary is carried out. Periodically, the City provides information to Clear Creek ISD, Interfaith Caring Ministries, and Communities In Schools-Bay Area about lead poisoning, and testing to inform parents of dangers of lead in paint, toys, cookware, clothes of workers working around lead.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

League City's Economic Development Department will continue to facilitate the growth of a diverse and sustainable economic base, recruiting businesses that can increase the employment opportunities for all workers, including those who are currently at or below the poverty level. Various ranking systems have ranked League City as the 2nd fastest growing city in America, in the top 10 safest large cities by value, and the 7th best small city for families. The downtown revitalization and redevelopment efforts are encouraging small businesses to open and provide job opportunities for unskilled and skilled labor as it becomes more of a tourist attraction with retail and entertainment venues. Throughout League City, the City provides grants, loans, tax abatements, freeport property tax exemption, public improvement districts, municipal management districts, and industrial revenue bonds to promote economic development projects. The City can reduce the number of poverty-level families only through encouraging and supporting job growth through commercial and industrial developments.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

City staff and the CDBG consultant attend all pertinent webinars and on-line trainings and attend as many in-person trainings as possible. The administration budget for CDBG includes funding for membership in NCDA and for conferences and trainings to enhance staff capacity. The City also provides one-on-one training and assistance to its subgrantees and any interested public service or housing entity that serves or desires to serve League City low- to moderate-income residents.

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

At this time there are no public or private housing agencies serving League City. There is no Public

Housing Authority in League City. The City has a good relationship with Bay Area Turning Point and, though BATP opted not to apply for PY 2020 funding, the City will continue to coordinate with them where possible. The City coordinates, to the extent possible, with SETH, a non-profit housing agency that has provided the rehabilitation of veteran-owned housing in League City. The City will work to coordinate with ICM and Family Promise to assist the two agencies in collaboration and coordination of services. The City will continue to coordinate with the current subrecipients in addressing the social service needs of the community. The activities in the Main Street/Park Avenue area will enhance the coordination and communication between City staff in all departments, the school district, Interfaith Caring Ministries, and Communities in Schools-Bay Area, that are located in the Target Area. The activities in the Target Area will also enhance coordination between the CDBG staff and the various commissions and committees such as the City's Historic Commission and the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership.

Discussion:

Given the few social service agencies and the lack of housing agencies in League City, and given the small CDBG allocation each year, the main housing activity that the City can undertake is to reach out to SETH for assistance in rehabilitating owner-occupied homes and/or installing accessibility improvements. In addition, the City will continue to expand its coordination with social service agencies that serve League City residents.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

League City does not have program income, a Section 108 loan, surplus funds from urban renewal, nor any grant funds returned to the line of credit. All CDBG funds, other than the 20% allocated to program administration will be used to benefit low- to moderate-income persons through public service activities and the improvement of drainage in a flood-prone CDBG Target Area.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.

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| 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 | |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 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. | 80% |

Discussion:

The City does not conduct any CDBG activities that result in program income and does not receive Section 108 loan guarantee funds. The urgent need activities are a result of Hurricane Harvey and COVID-19 will continue to be funded through State disaster recovery and CDBG-CV funds. All public service allocations benefit low- to moderate-income persons. All non-administrative funds will be used for public services and infrastructure improvements that directly benefit low- to moderate-income residents. The public service activities serve only low- to moderate-income persons. All CDBG non-public service and non-administration funds are expended within the Main St/Park Ave CDBG area, which houses the majority of the low- to moderate-income residents in the City and all of the low- to moderate-income in the area will benefit.