City of El Centro
Community Development Block Grant Program

2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan

of the

2019-2023 Consolidated Plan
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all state and local governments prepare an Annual Action Plan that brings needs and resources together to achieve statutory goals, thereby, addressing decent housing, creating a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for all person, particularly low and moderate income residents. This requirement includes the City's federal planning application, and reporting requirements for receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan describes all available resources for housing programs. This Annual Plan highlights all of the available resources to the City of El Centro for use in carrying out housing, public service and other community development activities.

For the program year 2020-2021, El Centro is receiving $566,707 in CDBG funds. Of the funds received, the City intends to allocate fourteen percent (14%) or $79,907 for public services activities, fifty-two percent (52%) or $295,179 for housing and public facilities projects, fourteen percent (14%) or $78,280 for Code Enforcement in blighted areas, and twenty percent (20%) or $113,341 for administration.

It is also anticipated that the city will receive an additional $30,000 in Program Income and intends to allocate twenty percent (20%) of the 2020/2021 receipts for Program Administration and the balance will be applied to public facilities projects. Additionally, fifteen percent (15%) of the Program Income receipted in 2019-2020 has been programmed toward Public Services.

The Annual Action Plan is intended to provide a method to receive input from many different sources. In effect, this document was developed through the combined efforts of
City staff, City Council, and through the Citizen Participation process of local non-profit organizations and residents of El Centro.

The staff responsible for overseeing the development of El Centro's 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan is the Community Services Department.

2. **Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

The City has extensive housing and community development needs. The CDBG program alone is not adequate to address the myriad of needs in the community. Recognizing the national objectives of the CDBG program and specific program regulations, the City intends to use CDBG funds to offer programs, services, and projects that create a decent and suitable living environment to benefit low and moderate income households and those with special needs.

Through the citizen participation process, the City established six priority needs. To address these needs, the City utilized information obtained from the community, stakeholders and past program history to establish objectives / goals to guide the program toward addressing the priority needs.

**Priority: Provide Decent and Affordable Housing**

Objectives / Goals:

- Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Affordable Rental and Homeownership Opportunities
- Increase affordable homeownership opportunities.
- Code Enforcement
- Lead Based Paint Reduction
- Asbestos Testing and Removal
- Energy Efficiency

**Priority: Support Continuum of Care System for the Homeless**

Objectives / Goals:

- Continuum of Care
- Public Services for Homeless
- Increase Accessibility to Support Agencies
Chronic Homeless Support Services

Priority: **Promote Equal Housing Opportunity**

Objectives / Goals:

- Promote Fair Housing
- Comply with Fair Housing Planning Requirements

Priority: **Provide Community Facilities and Infrastructure**

Objective / Goal:

- Community, Parks, and Recreation Facilities
- Improved and New Infrastructure
- Sidewalk Improvement Program
- ADA Improvements

Priority: **Provide Community and Supportive Services**

Objective / Goal:

- Fire / Safety Equipment
- Domestic Violence Support Services
- Homeless Women, Children, and Families
- Public Services for Homeless
- Chronic Homeless Support Services
- Crime and Fire Awareness Prevention
- Activities for Youth and At-Risk Youth
- Support Services for Seniors
- Support Services for the LGBT Community

Priority: **Encourage Economic Development Opportunities**

Objective / Goal:

- Expand the Economic Base
- Employment Opportunities
3. Evaluation of past performance

Over the past 16 years, the City of El Centro has made remarkable progress in achieving many of the goals and objectives included in the City's Five Year Consolidated plans. Unfortunately, due to the continued reduction in allocation of CDBG funds to the City, the number of people assisted with CDBG funds has been significantly reduced. Since 2004, the City has seen an estimated 35% reduction in its allocation and it is anticipated that further reductions will be done in the future. The City has also strived to focus the majority of its public infrastructure and facility needs within neighborhoods with the highest concentration of low- to moderate-income persons.

The City is not the only organization that has been negatively impacted by a reduction in revenue sources. Many, if not all, of the nonprofit agencies the City partners with to deliver supportive services have experienced significant reductions in their program budgets over the past five years.

Given the amount of CDBG funds expected to be available during this Annual Action Plan period, the City will focus its efforts on providing assistance to organizations, in most cases, that are well established, have demonstrated the ability to administer their CDBG funds in a timely manner, and have a good delivery system in place to provide services to clients, that meet an identified target group where significant needs exist, or a qualifying target group that requires assistance. All programs and project proposals submitted during the City's Request for Proposal period were evaluated to determine if it is feasible to fund, CDBG funds will directly benefit the client (City has limited the use of CDBG funds for salaries to no more than 20% to nonprofit agencies), program is being leveraged with other sources of funding, and past year's performance with CDBG funds.

The City recognizes how important it is to continue providing services to the elderly, homeless, those at-risk of becoming homeless, youth, persons with disabilities, affordable housing activities, and public improvements and facilities that benefit low-to moderate-income persons.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City recognizes that the successful implementation of a plan occurs when there is broad support for the strategies in the plan. This is evidenced by the involvement of local public officials, business, faith-based organizations, and other community based organizations. The citizen participation and consultation process was created with the intent of obtaining input from stakeholders who are critical to identifying the needs in our community.
A Citizen Participation Plan is an integral component for the receipt of federal funds which in the City of El Centro's case is under the CDBG program. Such plan establishes the process City staff follows to solicit the necessary public input to create the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The City's Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the City's policies and procedures for public involvement in El Centro's Consolidated Planning Process. The Economic Development Division of the Community Services Department, acting as the lead agency for the Consolidated Plan, is responsible for the citizen participation process and for making available the Consolidated Plan and other CDBG related documents, such as this Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), and any Substantial Amendments to the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan.

The essential elements of the citizen participation and consultation process is to encourage public input via community meetings, public hearings, providing full access of CDBG documents, community input at different community events, and the City's website. Below is a summary of the citizen participation process the City completed to prepare this Annual Action Plan.

- Information posted on City's website at www.cityofelcentro.org.
- Solicitation of input from members of the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council.
- Published first notice of public meeting and solicitation of public input on November 20, 2019, in Adelante (Spanish newspaper).
- Published first notice of public meetings and solicitation of public input on November 20, 2019, in Imperial Valley Press (English newspaper).
- First community meeting held at the El Centro Adult Center on November 20, 2019.
- Published second notice of public meeting and solicitation of public input on November 26, 2019, in El Sol del Valle (Spanish newspaper).
- Published second notice of public meeting and solicitation of public input on November 26, 2019, in Imperial Valley Press (English newspaper).
- Second community meeting held at City of El Centro Council Chambers on December 9, 2019.
- Action item to City Council on February 4, 2020, regarding the allocation of CDBG Entitlement funds.
- Published first notice of public hearing and solicitation of public input on March 16, 2018, in El Sol del Valle (Spanish newspaper).
- Published notice of public hearing and solicitation of public input on March 20, 2020, in Imperial Valley Press (English newspaper).
- Public hearing was held at El Centro Council Chambers on April 7, 2020, to approve the "Draft" Annual Action Plan. The meeting was live-streamed to accommodate
anyone not wishing to attend in person due to COVID-19 concerns. There was an opportunity for questions to be submitted in real-time during the live-stream broadcast.

5. **Summary of public comments**

As part of the Annual Action Plan development, a public hearing was held on April 7, 2020, to solicit input on the City's proposed uses of CDBG funds and to finalize its funding allocations. The public hearing was held at the City Council Chambers, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California. A 30-day public review period of the Annual Action Plan was held from April 8, 2020 through May 7, 2020.

As part of the Citizen Participation process, the City of El Centro usually makes copies of the draft Action Plan available for public review at the Community Center, Library, City Hall, and Economic Development. However, for this year, the city had to alter the normal process due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 17, 2020, the City Council ordered the closure of the Community Center and Library in response to concerns about public safety. At the time of the publishing of the advertisement for the Public Hearing, two alternate sites were identified. Subsequently on March 20, 2020, the City Council directed the closure of all city offices to the public thereby making all sites where the plan was to made available, inaccessible to the public.

To ensure that the document was made available for public review, the city posted the Plan in its entirety on its website at www.cityofelcentro.org. Additionally, a second newspaper ad was published in both the local English and Spanish newspapers advising that the plan was available online and offering a mailed copy to anyone that requested one. The city opted to offer a mailed copy of the Plan in the event that there were citizens desiring to review the document that may not have internet access.
6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were received.

7. Summary

The City of El Centro encourages community participation in the development of the Annual Action Plan. The City’s Citizen Participation Plan emphasizes the involvement of low to moderate income persons, particularly where housing and community development funds are spent. The Citizen Participation process includes a public review period of 30 days to obtain citizen input on the projects or strategies proposed. Public input is very significant during the development of the Annual Action Plan as it enables the City to determine the type of programs and activities to fund in order to continue meeting the needs of the community. During the public review period, no comments were received.
The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

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*Table 1 – Responsible Agencies*

Narrative

In 2004, the City of El Centro became an entitlement grantee to receive CDBG funds directly from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City does not receive any funds directly from HUD for the HOPWA and HOME programs.

The City of El Centro is the lead agency and entity responsible for the administration of all aspects of the CDBG Program. The specific City Department responsible for the administration, operation, and monitoring of the CDBG Program is the City’s Community Services Department within the Economic Development Division. This Division is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the program. The Division administers and coordinates housing programs which identifies various programs to expand and preserve affordable housing. In addition, staff develops and updates the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER). The Division also coordinates with HUD, nonprofit groups, private organizations, and other City Departments to develop programs funded by the CDBG program.

Other involved agencies are those nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to our targeted income groups as well as the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care on Homelessness providing services to the homeless under the Continuum of Care system.
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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of El Centro followed its Citizen's Participation Plan to notify and encourage the public, other local government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council (also known as the “IVCCC”), etc. to participate in the City’s development of the Consolidated Plan as required by 24 CRF 91.100. The City of El Centro is an active member of the IVCCC (which includes various County departments, many nonprofit organizations, local housing authorities, as well as other agencies) which works directly with the homeless population. The IVCCC meets on a monthly basis; hence, it allows the City to communicate with other nonprofit organizations and County departments providing supportive services on a regular basis. These services are not only for individuals who are homeless but individuals that require other types of assistance that may not be homeless (i.e., persons with disabilities, at-risk of becoming homeless, domestic abuse, battered women, senior assistance, etc.).

During the process of preparing the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, the City of El Centro followed the same citizen participation process as outlined above for the Consolidated 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(l))

The City of El Centro, as previously mentioned, is part of the IVCCC. The IVCCC meets once a month to discuss service delivery and assistance to be provided to homeless persons. Members of the IVCCC include public agencies, housing authorities, community based organizations, faith based organizations, and private citizens representing the interest of the homeless population. The IVCCC on a yearly basis also coordinates an event in the Imperial Valley known as “Project Homeless Connect” whose sole purpose is to outreach to homeless individuals in the county. Several agencies, including the City of El Centro, participate in this yearly event. At the event, homeless persons receive food, information about social services and supportive programs, personal grooming, such as haircuts and warm showers, and many other case management services.

The IVCCC serves as the forum to coordinate with its members many of the goals and objectives under the Continuum of Care system. The IVCCC has established the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to gather data on specific issues that the homeless
and the homeless providers face on a day-to-day basis. Through this coordination the City will be able to address homeless needs in the community and the region as a whole.

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 IVCCC was consulted to provide information on homelessness and resources available. Several agencies that provide housing and supportive services in the City of El Centro for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless include Womanhaven, Catholic Charities (House of Hope) and Salvation Army.

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 of El Centro does not receive ESG funding. However, since the City is part of the Continuum of Care system through the IVCCC, it participates in the ESG process when local organizations are applying for ESG funds. Through the IVCCC a review committee is formed so it may review data and rank organizations that are applying for or receiving ESG funds based on the new Tier System. Once ranking has been completed, the rankings are submitted to HUD for review and notices are sent to the respective organization for appeal and review of ranking. It has been determined that Catholic Charities will be the HMIS lead agency in Imperial County. As the lead agency, Catholic Charities will be responsible for providing technical support to train organizations in the HMIS system. The IVCCC in coordinated efforts with the County of Imperial launched the HMIS system on April 2, 2015. The County funded its operation for the first year. Thereafter, request for funds to operate and maintain the HMIS system on a yearly basis will be done through local non-profit agencies directly working with the homeless population and public jurisdictions, such as cities.

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.
The City launched a collaborative effort to consult with City elected officials, City departments, community stakeholders, and beneficiaries of entitlement programs to inform and develop the priorities and strategies contained with this action plan. Below is a comprehensive list of participants.

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

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<td>EL CENTRO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</td>
<td>City Department Grantee Department</td>
<td>All section of plan</td>
<td>Developed, reviewed, and prepared data within the plan. Provided information on Economic Development strategies.</td>
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<td>EL CENTRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT</td>
<td>City Department Grantee Department</td>
<td>Housing Need Assessment Housing, Building, Planning, and Code Enforcement</td>
<td>Provided information relative to all Housing, Building, Planning, and Code Enforcement needs and activities.</td>
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<td>EL CENTRO PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT</td>
<td>City Department Grantee Department</td>
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<td>Provided information and data related public housing, section 504 needs assessment, and housing choice vouchers.</td>
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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The anticipated resources to be available to assist with the implementation of the second year of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan which starts on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021, are described below.

However, prior to identifying the resources available to complete activities in program year 2020/2021, it is important to highlight the amount of funding available in CDBG funds and the type of activities the City will be completing with these funds. The City will have approximately $566,707 of CDBG Entitlement funds to complete the following activities. Three housing programs which consist of the following:

- Lead Based Paint Abatement Program
- Asbestos Testing/Abatement Program
- Housing Rehabilitation Program

Public services will also be provided in the areas of fair housing, senior services, homeless shelters, homeless assistance, and at-risk youth. These services will be provided by local nonprofit agencies through subrecipient agreements between the City of Centro and nonprofit agency.

The City plans to continue funding its Code Enforcement program, which consists of conducting inspections for code violations and enforcement of state and/or local codes. Finally, the City will use CDBG funds to perform upgrades to existing playground at Swarthout Park.
## Anticipated Resources

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<td>CDBG</td>
<td>Public - Federal</td>
<td>Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services</td>
<td>$566,707</td>
<td>With the CDBG allocation, the city will complete Housing Activities, Public Services, Code Enforcement, Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements, and Planning &amp; Administrative Activities</td>
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<td>Public - State</td>
<td>Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services Other</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>The City receives Program Income from State CDBG generated loans. With the CDBG PI, the city will complete housing activities, Public Services, Code Enforcement, Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements, and Planning &amp; Administrative Activities</td>
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<td>Annual Allocation: $</td>
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Table 3 - 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 only federal funds the City receives as a direct allocation from the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula programs is CDBG funds. The City does not receive ESG, HOPWA, Section 8, or any other type of federal funds.

If there is an area where the City has been very effective, is in the leveraging of funds. Over the years the City has managed to leverage CDBG funds with other state, local, and private donations. For instance, rather than using CDBG funds to offer a housing rehabilitation loan program the City applies for HOME funds through the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development to fund this program. The City also applies for HOME funds, especially now that redevelopment funds are no longer available, for the preservation or construction of new affordable housing projects.

City staff will actively work with interested developers to identify sources of funding for the construction of new affordable multi-family housing. The types of funding it will pursue will be tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds, State of California Multi-Family Housing Program, and tax credits. The City has effectively partnered and plans to continue partnering with affordable housing developers and lenders to create new affordable housing units in the city. The City will continue supporting the efforts of the Imperial Valley Housing Authority to obtain state and federal funds for the construction of affordable housing for lower income households.

In terms of economic development activities, the City seeks other sources of funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, USDA Rural Development, and from the Local Entity Program which is a local funding source available for economic development projects from the Imperial Irrigation District.

For transportation related projects, the City applies for funds under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the State of California Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and State of California Proposition 1B.

Another local funding source available in our community is the Rule 310 Mitigation Program which is administered by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District. Any application submitted to this program has to be leveraged with other funding sources. This local funding source has been used in the past to pave parking lots for City parks. For the most part, funding is available on a yearly basis.
The City leverages many programs with its General Fund and Development Impact Fees. For example, the City’s code enforcement program is leveraged with the City’s General Fund. Many of the recreational activities or facilities in which CDBG funds have been used are leveraged with local funds or state funding sources.

City staff is currently working with a grant locating service in order to identify new funding opportunities for the City that could enhance existing community services and/or address community needs. Staff is committed to leveraging funds at all levels whether it is at the federal, state, or local level. City staff will continue partnering with the County of Imperial and local non-profit agencies to continue providing supportive services to the special needs population. Many of the community events the City offers are partially funded with private donations from local businesses, financial institutions, service clubs, and other community-based organizations.

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

The majority of the publically owned land or property the City of El Centro owns has public facilities the City uses to conduct business or to provide recreational opportunities.

There are 19 properties that are owned by the now dissolved redevelopment agency. Of the 19 properties, eight are for government use, four are for commercial and industrial use, and seven are residential lots which can be used to provide affordable housing to low income households. The Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP), which is required to be submitted to the State of California Department of Finance (DOF) by successor agencies, has been reviewed and approved by DOF. The City of El Centro Successor Agency is evaluating the disposition of these properties.

**Discussion**

During the time period of the Five Year Consolidated Plan (2019-2023) City staff intends to seek resources that contribute to the goals of providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons and special populations. The City will make every effort to align its collective resources towards meeting its goals and objectives within this Strategic Plan.
## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

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<td>Lead Based Paint Reduction</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>2023</td>
<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Provide Decent and Affordable Housing</td>
<td>CDBG: $5,000</td>
<td>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation: 1 Household Housing Unit</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Asbestos Testing and Removal</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>2023</td>
<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Provide Decent and Affordable Housing</td>
<td>CDBG: $10,000</td>
<td>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation: 1 Household Housing Unit</td>
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<td>Housing Rehabilitation Program</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>2023</td>
<td>Affordable Housing</td>
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<td>Provide Decent and Affordable Housing</td>
<td>CDBG: $150,000</td>
<td>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation: 2 Household Housing Unit</td>
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<td>Blight and Substandard Housing Elimination</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>CDBG Target Area</td>
<td>Provide Decent and Affordable Housing</td>
<td>CDBG: $78,280</td>
<td>Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 150 Household Housing Unit</td>
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<td>Coordinate public and private efforts to reduce lead based paint hazards and protect young children</td>
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<td>Asbestos Testing and Removal</td>
<td>Coordinate public and private efforts to eliminate asbestos hazards in housing.</td>
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<td>Housing Rehabilitation Program</td>
<td>Preserve existing housing stock by offering a housing rehabilitation program.</td>
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<td>Blight and Substandard Housing Elimination</td>
<td>Eliminate blighted conditions and substandard housing</td>
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<td>Promote Fair Housing</td>
<td>Promote fair housing services provided by the City’s fair housing services provider.</td>
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<td>Asbestos Testing and Removal</td>
<td>Coordinate public and private efforts to eliminate asbestos hazards in housing.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Energy Efficiency</td>
<td>Afford opportunities for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of the home with solar improvements.</td>
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<td>Continuum of Care</td>
<td>Continue to participate in the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Committee to assess needs and coordinate efforts to address needs</td>
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<td>Public Services for Homeless</td>
<td>Improve public services for the homeless population and support the efforts of a Continuum of Care System on a region wide basis.</td>
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<td>Activities for Youth and At-Risk Youth</td>
<td>Provide community and support services for youth and at risk youth services and activities.</td>
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<td>Continue City Code Enforcement efforts to eliminate blighted conditions and substandard housing.</td>
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<td>Community, Parks, and Recreation Facilities</td>
<td>Provide for new and improve existing community, parks, and recreation facilities.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>ADA Improvements</td>
<td>Upgrade existing community facilities and/or infrastructure to ensure ADA compliance</td>
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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Priority needs established in the FY 2019 - FY 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which form the basis for establishing objectives and outcomes in the FY 2019-20 Action Plan are as follows:

- Provide decent and affordable housing;
- Support the continuum of care system for the homeless;
- Provide community facilities and infrastructure;
- Provide community and supportive services;
- Encourage economic development opportunities.

The major obstacle to addressing the underserved needs is the lack of adequate funding, especially for affordable housing activities. With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in California and reduced State and Federal funding levels, the City's ability to address the extensive needs in the community is seriously compromised.
Projects

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Table 5 – Project Information

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

As part of the Citizen Participation Process used for the preparation of the Annual Action Plan, a public hearing was held to receive public input on the priorities for the annual CDBG allocation. The City Council established priorities of Housing, Fair Housing, Public Services, Code Enforcement, and Sidewalk Improvements.
## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

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<td>Funding</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>Funds will be used to provide for reduction or elimination of lead-based paint hazards on rehabilitation properties built prior to 1978 in the City of El Centro.</td>
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<td>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</td>
<td>The City anticipates assisting one income-eligible family.</td>
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<td>Based on local construction market costs and the historical level of needed rehabilitation, or reconstruction, of local homes the city anticipates assisting two income-eligible families.</td>
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<td>Funds will be used to provide fair housing services primarily in areas containing a high proportion of low and moderate-income households in the City of El Centro.</td>
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<td>The City anticipates assisting 500 persons.</td>
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<td>This activity will provide meals to home-bound seniors in order to enable them to remain independent in their own residence.</td>
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<td>The City anticipates assisting 60 income-eligible seniors with this activity.</td>
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### Blight and Substandard Housing Elimination

**Goals Supported:**
- Blight and Substandard Housing Elimination

**Needs Addressed:**
- Provide Decent and Affordable Housing

**Funding:**
- CDBG: $78,280

**Description:**
The purpose of the program is to conduct inspection for code violations and enforcement of state and/or local codes in deteriorated properties located in El Centro. This program will cover salaries and related expenses of code enforcement inspectors and legal proceedings.

**Target Date:** 6/30/2021

**Location Description:**
- 1275 Main Street, El Centro, CA

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### Swarthout Playground Improvement Project

**Project Name:** Swarthout Playground Improvement Project

**Target Area:** CDBG Target Area

**Goals Supported:**
- Community, Parks, and Recreation Facilities
- ADA Improvements

**Needs Addressed:**
- Provide Community Facilities and Infrastructure

**Funding:**
- CDBG: $130,179
- State CDBG Program Income: $19,500

**Description:**
For this activity, the city anticipates completing ADA and safety renovations on an existing playground and basketball court.

**Target Date:** 6/30/2021

**Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities:**
The estimate of families who will benefit from the activity is based on census data for the surrounding area of this neighborhood park. Current census data shows that 1,598 persons will benefit.
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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 majority of the City of El Centro qualifies as a low and moderate income area. Therefore, given the extensive needs in the community, the City has not targeted any specific neighborhood for investment of CDBG funds. Instead, projects are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, on the basis of emergency needs, cost-effectiveness, feasibility, and availability of other funding to address the needs or leverage federal funds.

Geographic Distribution

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Table 6 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

When projects are undertaken to improve an area based on geography, they are limited to the City’s CDBG Target Area which includes areas where over 50 percent of the residents are low- and moderate- income.

Activities based on the Target Area for the 2020-21 year are Code Enforcement and the Swarthout Playground Improvements Project.
Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City plans to utilize CDBG funds to support its authorized housing activities including housing rehabilitation. Two households will be assisted through the Housing Rehabilitation Program with CDBG funding. This will include evaluation for lead based paint and asbestos along with remediation, if necessary. The City will also be utilizing HELP Program Income funds to provide a First Time Homebuyer Down-payment Assistance Program. It is anticipated that the City will assist two families with own-payment assistance.

In 2019, the City was successful in securing a HOME Investment Partnership grant in the amount of $5,100,000 from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the development of affordable housing. Of the amount received, $5,000,000 will be lent to an affordable housing developer to leverage with California Tax Credit Allocation funding as well as tax-exempt bond funding for the construction of the El Dorado Apartment complex. The City has also committed $134,000 of HOME Program Income Funds. The complex will have 24 housing units and will target families earning up to 60% of the area median income for Imperial County.

Additionally, the Successor Agency to the City of El Centro Redevelopment Agency has committed $500,000 in funding toward the development of the Countryside II Apartments. The developer of this project was successful in securing HOME funding in the amount of $5,000,000 and is securing additional funding to leverage for the project including tax-exempt bond funding. The complex will have 56 housing units and will target seniors aged 55 and older which are at 30% to 60% of the Area Median Income for Imperial County.
### One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported

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Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type
AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of El Centro does not operate its own public housing authority. Therefore, residents of El Centro seek public housing and housing choice vouchers through the Imperial Valley Housing Authority (IVHA).

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

The needs of public housing are addressed by the Imperial Valley Housing Authority.

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

The Imperial Valley Housing Authority established "The Family-Self Sufficiency Program (FSS) to assist Section 8 residents and Public Housing (PH) families to gain economic independence from all governmental assistance. There are currently 71 participating families. To date, 171 FSS participants have achieved economic self-sufficiency and no longer require any form of rental and welfare assistance. Of the 171 FSS graduates, 88 families (55 Section 8 families and 33 PH families) have purchased homes upon completion of the FSS Program.

To assist first-time homebuyers, the Imperial Valley Housing Authority (IVHA) has established the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program (HP). The HP assists eligible participants in the Section 8 program that are also a part of the FSS Program. Outreach efforts are also extended to the residents of the Public Housing Program. In order to maximize the use of resources available to home seekers, the IVHA and Community Valley Bank apply for the Workforce Initiative Subsidy for Homeownership (WISH) and Individual Development and Empowerment Account (IDEA) offered by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLBSF). This program assists income qualified first time home buyers by providing a 3:1 match on homebuyer contribution up to $15,000 for down payment and closing costs. IV Housing Authority also works in collaboration with other First Time Home Buyer Programs such as USDA, and the Imperial County Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP-3). Currently, 9 participants are enrolled in the Homeownership Program. A total of 28 families have purchased homes with the Section 8 Homeownership Program. The Section 8 Homeownership Program allows a family to utilize their Section 8 voucher to assist with monthly homeownership expenses.
The Housing Authority actively promotes homeownership among all program participants. This promotion begins at the family's briefings and orientation upon inception of housing assistance. The Homeownership Coordinator works closely with each family to identify barriers they may have in becoming homebuyers and sets up an individual service plan with each adult family member that identifies the barriers, the steps each adult family member needs to take to eliminate the barrier, and the time frame in which to do so.

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

Not applicable to the City of El Centro.
AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Homeless and homeless prevention services are identified as a high priority need in the FY 2019 - FY 2024 Consolidated Plan. The City anticipates expending approximately 14% of its public service cap (up to fifteen percent [15%] of the CDBG annual allocation) on homeless and homeless prevention services.

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 City of El Centro participates in the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council (IVCCC), comprised of five cities and the County of Imperial, non-profit service providers, and stakeholders. The IVCCC oversees the various programs to address issues regarding homelessness in the region. The IVCCC also oversees the collection of regional homeless data, identifies gaps in services, and leads strategic planning for future creation of permanent housing for the homeless. The City will continue to work with the IVCCC as staffing and resources allow to support services and apply for funding to address (and end) homelessness in our region.

In addition, the City uses its CDBG funds to complement the IVCCC strategy. For FY 2020-2021, the City plans to allocate funding in the amount of $12,500 for Catholic Charities (House of Hope). This program serves the homeless population either through direct case management services, shelter beds, the provision of motel vouchers, referrals to other agencies or other direct assistance.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City plans to allocate $12,500 for Catholic Charities (House of Hope) to address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

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

As mentioned previously, El Centro participates in the IVCCC in its efforts in ending chronic homelessness. The IVCCC coordinates services from other agencies for the homeless. Chronically homeless persons require rehabilitation services, employment training and placement, health services, and case management to move from homelessness to transitional housing, and then to supportive/permanent housing. The IVCCC offers a full range of services and facilities. The City supports the IVCCC's strategy in providing supportive services that would improve their employment skills.

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 and five incorporated cities of Imperial County have made a long-term commitment to defeating chronic homelessness. The City of El Centro will continue being part of the IVCCC which is the main vehicle to address homelessness in Imperial County.

Discussion

The City of El Centro does not receive HOPWA funds.
AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City of El Centro minimizes the financial impact in its efforts to protect public health and safety by taking actions to reduce costs or provide off-setting financial incentives to assist in the production of safe, high quality, affordable housing.

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.

On April 7, 2015, the City Council of the City of El Centro adopted Ordinance No. 15-04, a City Ordinance providing for the deferral of payment of development impact fees. This ordinance in essence provides for the temporary deferral of the impact fees to the earlier of final inspection or Certificate of Occupancy, or one year from the date the deferral is approved by the City Manager. Even though this ordinance does not waive development impact fees, it is of benefit to residential projects because developers do not have to finance the payment of these fees up front.

To ensure the development of affordable housing, the City will make efforts to ensure that developmental review processes are efficient, fees reasonable, and that the development industry is involved in the formulation of policies regarding review processes and fees.

Actions to ensure future housing affordability include the approval of density bonuses and enhanced permit processing procedures.

Additionally, the City will continue to utilize available resources to assist in increasing the availability of affordable housing through such means as:

- Fast track permitting processes, where and when possible
- Maximize limited resources to increase affordable housing units
- Continue to ensure that General Plan and Zoning Plan allow for all types of development and a broad range of densities
- Implement programs and services that provide financial assistance to maintain
affordable housing
- Address discriminatory barriers through awareness and education workshops
- Undertake projects to address physical barriers where and when possible
- Develop and implement programs that address identified barriers to fair and affordable housing
AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Priority Needs established in the 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which form the basis for establishing objectives and outcomes in the FY 2020-2021 One-Year Annual Action Plan, are as follows:

- Provide decent affordable housing
- Support the continuum of care system for the homeless
- Promote equal housing opportunity
- Provide community facilities and infrastructure
- Provide community and supportive services
- Encourage economic development opportunities

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The retention of the affordable housing stock is an important element in providing housing that meets the needs of existing and future residents. The rehabilitation of deteriorating and substandard housing occupied by extremely low, low, and moderate income property owners is a priority as it represents a large portion of the population sustaining housing cost burdens and substandard conditions. The City has allocated $165,000 of funding to rehabilitate the properties of low/moderate income-eligible homeowners during the 2020-2021 program year.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The majority of the actions identified as part of this Action Plan are specifically aimed at increasing and maintaining the City's existing affordable housing stock. Activities such as new construction, conservation of at-risk units, and preservation of existing units are all striving to increase the affordable housing stock.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead-based paint in residential units poses severe health and behavioral threats to children. The State of California established a comprehensive program to identify children at risk of lead poisoning in 1991. That year the State established a program requiring that all children up to the age of six be screened for lead poisoning.
The Imperial County Public Health Department has a contract with the State of California Department of Health Services (DHA) to provide public health follow-up in accordance with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 1991. This Act established a comprehensive secondary prevention program requiring evaluation, screening and medically necessary follow-up services. The Act defined “appropriate case management” as consisting of health care referral, environmental assessments and educational activities performed by the appropriate person, professional, or entity. These guidelines require follow-up on children who meet the case definition, one-venous blood lead level ≥20 mcg/dl or two blood lead levels ≥15 mcg/dl. Imperial County provides these services through the local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

The City addresses lead based paint hazards on a case-by-case basis through the following steps:

Step 1: As newer homes are built under stricter environmental guidelines and the sale and rental of older homes are regulated to protect potential buyers and renters, while lead-based paint hazard is still a potential problem, it has allowed for better protection to children and adults. This minimizes lead based paint hazards in new homes.

Step 2: The City will work with residents and the Imperial County Public Health Department to address the issue of lead-based paint hazards through testing and abatement efforts on a case-by-case basis.

Step 3: The City will conduct outreach and education through the City’s Community Services and Community Development Departments. These departments will ensure that regulations related to enforcement of lead-based paint are carried out on City projects and on private projects, when possible, through rehabilitation of older units. Distribution of educational brochures as well as inspections will be undertaken given specific situations.

**Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The majority of the strategies incorporated in the City's Annual Action Plan are intended to target the housing and economic needs of the community, particularly for lower income households. This includes those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness, as well as those with special needs; therefore, the City's Plan is aimed at reducing, to the extent possible, the number of poverty level families and individuals taking into consideration the many factors which the City has no control (e.g. reduction in funding...
resources, severe economic recessions, increasing costs in medical care, company downsizing, company closures, etc.).

The effects of the City's efforts will result in the direct preservation and provision of housing. This is particularly true for those activities which preserve and produce housing units intended for lower income families and individuals, together with the coordinated programs undertaken with other public agencies, service providers and private industry. These efforts will incrementally assist in the reduction of the number of poverty level families through the provisions of housing and community services.

In an effort to reduce the number of households in poverty, El Centro will continue to support the use of existing County job training and social service programs to enhance employment marketability, household income, and housing options. In addition, the City participates in various county-sponsored programs by providing City Hall as a work site, providing temporary positions, with supervision, training and performance evaluations to indicate their degree of success.

**Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City continues to partner with a number of non-profit agencies and other city departments in order to provide for the affordable housing and community development needs of its residents. As part of its grant administration, the City provides technical assistance to its Subrecipients and monitors their performance in both meeting the client's needs and capacity to comply with regulatory requirements. This process of monitoring helps the City enhance and increase the overall service delivery to low and moderate income residents.

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

The City maintains a contact list of interested potential applicants. Letters or notices announcing the availability of funds are mailed to these interested agencies at least annually, in addition to notices published in the local newspaper and the posting of notices at the City's library, the City's Facebook page and on the City website. Applications for public services and public facility projects are accepted after notification for a minimum of a 30-day availability period as stated above. In addition, staff attends several local and regional meetings, which include service providers, neighboring agencies and elected officials to keep abreast of issues impacting the quality of life for El Centro's low-income residents. The City maintains a web presence and is pro-active in providing technical
assistance throughout the year to assist interested citizens and agencies in understanding and applying for El Centro's CDBG funds.

In addition, the City is developing enhancements and strengthening its coordination and consultation processes with other agencies, including State and local public agencies, the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council and others to ensure that needed services and funding for homeless and other services are directed to the El Centro residents specifically. Staff has and will continue to consult closely with members of the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council to develop efficiencies in data sharing and strategic planning which will ultimately achieve the goals and objectives of the City's Annual Action Plan.
Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following discusses the other program-specific requirements.

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.

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 30,000
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: 30,000

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%
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
(2015.5 C.C.P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Imperial

I am a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk* of the printer of the newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the City of El Centro, County Imperial and which newspaper has been judged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Imperial, State of California, under the date of October 9, 1951, Case Number 26775; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on following dates, to-wit:

20:

in the year 2020

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

[Signature]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Imperial

I, the undersigned, am a resident of the said County of Imperial, State of California, and I am over the age of eighteen years. I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I was a witness to the above-stated publication, and that a true copy of the same is signed on the following page.

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50 years ago

The first Future Homemakers of America Club of Calexico High School was founded last fall. It has now become a chapter of the California HFA.

The founding members of this chapter, Sylvia Alva, Norma Melendez, Patricia Lopez, Paul Loebach, Hilda Vasquez, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Olga Arreola, Ana Figueroa, Maria Callejas, Diana Otomo, Yaneth Brunson and Francis Figueroa, have “learned” and “served” as the two main goals of the club.

To carry on their tradition of practice, the club decided to raise funds for our soldiers who are now fighting in Vietnam as their first service project.

The baking was through the local Mothers of Military Clubs. By spending much of their lunch and after-school hours, the 14 active members, under the constant advice of their homemaker teacher Mrs. Helen Tang, baked more than 100 dozen cookies for the soldiers.

Last Tuesday, Corporals Rodolfo Coxemulio, Freddie Parra and Joe Parra and Pvt. George Montoya came to Calexico High School and, representing the forces, accepted the gift from the club.

40 years ago

The Imperial Lions Club Wednesday night received a certificate of appreciation from the city for its involvement in community affairs.

Mayor Michael Kelley, in one of his last official acts as mayor, appeared at the meeting to present the certificate on behalf of the city.

Levi A. Taylor, a resident of Loma for 28 years, took the certificate.

Kelley cited the club’s work in eye conservation, work with the city’s youth programs and other beneficial community activities.

Ted Givett, deputy district governor, metropolitan region, of the San Diego Mission Lions Club, initiated two new members into the club, Bill Burton and Tom Shresta.

Acting president Jim White announced that the Imperial Club had raised $301 for the Imperial Valley Blind Center, which would be turned over to the El Centro Host Lions Club.

The money was raised at a recent free throws basketball shootout between members of the two clubs, with proceeds going to the blind center.

30 years ago

Researchers have recently uncovered a lethal deformity in a small percentage of fish larvae and eggs taken from the Salton Sea, but scientists do not yet know what caused the abnormality.

“There is no way of knowing what it is from,” said Tom Nield, a state department of Fish and Game biologist in Blythe. “It is something that needs to be researched in the wild in these species of fish.”

The abnormality was discovered by scientists from Imperial Valley College, working on a study commissioned by Fish and Game to determine how gradual increases in Salton Sea salinity affect eggs and larvae in three species of fish, according to Glenn Black, fisheries management supervisor for Southern California.

“They are looking at the effects of salinity on the eggs and larvae to determine what is the highest salinity they can tolerate so we can survive and grow,” Black said of the work conducted by Margaret Matsuo, who managed the study.

While Matsuo found that high levels of salinity appear to cause some abnormalities in laboratory fish eggs, salinity does not appear to be the cause of the “lethal deformity” discovered in 4 percent to 11 percent of more than 10,000 eggs and larvae taken from the sea.

Corvin, crouser and sargo eggs were used in the studies.

Matsuo could not be reached for comment.

Nield said that while some researchers believe pesticides or toxic chemicals are responsible, samples from the eggs do not seem to indicate they have been exposed to chemicals.

20 years ago

A demolition effort at the Simplot plant site on Dandridge Road in El Centro Sunday morning failed to topple the 100-foot concrete silo that has been on the site since the 1940s.

Detonations occurred, presumably at 7:15 a.m. as planned but did not deliver enough impact to topple the silo, which is constructed of steel beams and reinforced concrete.

After waiting the required 15 minutes after detonation, explosives specialists inspected the structure and discovered none of the steel beams had been properly deformed in the initial blast and cut out to the remaining charges placed in the concrete.

“Vias was very disappointing,” said Rich Phillips, a spokesman for Simplot.

Phillips said Simplot laid the option to go into the structure after the blast and physically cut the beams and re-wire the explosive but company officials thought that option would put employee safety at risk.

El Centro police and California Highway Patrol officers blocked traffic in the area of El Centro and on Interstate 8 to the east. City Fire and Public Works departments were on hand.

“We were very worried about onlookers,” Phillips said. “We had a few people there setting up their cameras and we had to clear them away from the site. It’s a huge concrete silo.”

Phillips said the company will develop a new demolition plan and is proposing a 24-hour security system to ensure no one goes near the structure.
RESOLUTION NO. 20-32


WHEREAS, the City of El Centro, California ("the City") expects to receive $532,718 of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") entitlement grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2020-2021 for which the City has designated projects in the one-year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City also expects to receive $30,000 in CDBG-State generated program income for which it has designated projects in that Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has met the requirements set forth at 24 CFR 91 for a noticed public hearing held by the City Council on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the projects included in the one year Action Plan for FY 2020-2021 consistent with the City of El Centro’s 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing is true, correct, and hereby adopted.

2. That the City Council has reviewed and hereby approves the One-Year Action Plan (2020-2021), subject to the conclusion of the 30-day public review period.

3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to act on the City’s behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.

4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into and sign the application, agreements and any amendments thereto with HUD for purposes of this grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 7th day of April 2020.

CITY OF EL CENTRO

[Signature]

Elain Silva, Mayor
ATTEST:

By Norma Wyles, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

By Elizabeth L. Martyn, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO

I, Norma Wyles, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-32 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California held on the 7th day of April 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Garcia, Jackson, Silva, Viegas-Walker, Oliva
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

By Norma Wyles, City Clerk
STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL )
CITY OF EL CENTRO )

I, Norma Wyles, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 20-32, which was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro held on April 7, 2020, by the following vote:

YES: Garcia, Jackson, Silva, Viegas-Walker, Oliva
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

(SEAL)

Norma Wyles, CMC
CITY CLERK

City Clerk
1275 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243  (760) 337-4515  Fax (760) 337-4564
Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

1. Type of Submission:
   - Preapplication
   - Application
   - Changed/Corrected Application

2. Type of Application:
   - New
   - Continuation
   - Revision

3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:
   B-20-MC-060596

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:
5b. Federal Award Identifier:

6. Date Received by State:
7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

a. Legal Name: City of El Centro

b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):
   95-6000704

c. Organizational DUNS:
   0733546800000

d. Address:
   - Street: 1275 Main Street
   - City: El Centro
   - County/Parish: Imperial
   - State: CA: California
   - Province: 
   - Country: USA: UNITED STATES
   - Zip / Postal Code: 92243-2816

e. Organizational Unit:
   - Department Name: Community Services Department
   - Division Name: Economic Development

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Piedra
Suffix:

Title: City Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 760-337-4540
Fax Number: 760-352-4867
* Email: mpiedra@cityofelcentro.org
Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
   C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:
   U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
   14-218
   CFDA Title:
   HCDA - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

   * Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:
   
   Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
   
   * 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
   Public Facility, Housing, Public Services, and Program Administration

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:
   * a. Applicant 51
   * b. Program/Project 51

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:
   * a. Start Date: 07/01/2020
   * b. End Date: 06/30/2021

18. Estimated Funding ($):
   * a. Federal
   * b. Applicant
   * c. State
   * d. Local
   * e. Other
   * f. Program Income
   * g. TOTAL

   566,707.00
   34,059.00
   600,766.00

19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?
   [ ] a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
   [ ] b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
   [ ] c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)
   [ ] Yes
   [x] No
   If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

[ ] ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Ms.  * First Name: Marcela
Middle Name: 
* Last Name: Piedra
Suffix: 

* Title: City Manager

* Telephone Number: 760-337-4543  Fax Number: 760-352-4867

* Email: mpiedra@cityofcentro.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [Signature]
* Date Signed: 06/03/2020
Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community Certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan – It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources available;

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year 2020 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.
Excessive Force – It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.

________________________________________  ____________
Signature / Authorized Official                   Date

______________________
City Manager
Title
CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing – The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan – It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirement of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying – To the best of the jurisdiction’s knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction – The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan – The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature / Authorized Official

Date