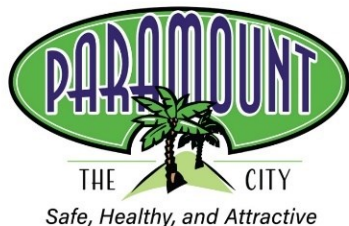


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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

On May 3, 2022, the Paramount City Council adopted the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, which described the City's housing and community development needs, strategies, and activities to address those needs over a five-year period using entitlement grant funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2023-2024 Action Plan is the second of five annual plans implementing the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals via the investment of annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds from HUD. The Action Plan identifies available resources, annual goals, projects and activities for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

The City receives CDBG and HOME funds from HUD on a formula basis each year, and in turn, awards grants and loans to nonprofit, for-profit or public organizations for programs and projects in furtherance of this Plan. The CDBG and HOME programs generally provide for a wide range of eligible activities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income Paramount residents, as discussed below

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 created the CDBG Program. The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. The CDBG regulations require that each activity meet one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons; or
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency (usually the result of a natural disaster).

Each year, the City certifies with the submission of its Annual Action Plan that it has given maximum feasible priority to activities, which meet the first and second objectives above. Additionally, the City certifies that no less than 70 percent of the CDBG funds received, over a three-year certification period, will be designed to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created the HOME program to expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. Often used in partnership with local nonprofit housing development organizations, the HOME program can support a wide range of affordable

housing activities, including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating rental and ownership housing or providing direct rental assistance to low- and moderate-income people.

2023-2024 Program Year

For the 2023-2024 program year, the City will receive \$761,014 of CDBG and \$303,074 of HOME funds from HUD. The 2023-2024 Action Plan allocates \$1,064,088 of CDBG and HOME funds in addition to \$13,675 of HOME program income funds for a grand total of \$1,077,763 funds to the following program activities to be implemented from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

2023-2024 CDBG PROGRAM

Alley Improvements East Phase	\$250,000
CDBG Home Improvement Program	\$244,660
Senior Enrichment Program	\$114,152
Fair Housing Services	\$16,000
CDBG Program Administration	\$136,202
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CDBG TOTAL:	\$761,014

2023-2024 HOME PROGRAM

Home Improvement Program	\$240,981
Community Housing Development Organization	\$45,461
HOME Program Administration	\$30,307
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HOME TOTAL:	\$316,749

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The priority needs and goals identified in the Plan are based on analysis of information including the results of the City’s Resident and Stakeholder Surveys and the housing and community development data elements required by HUD in the online Consolidated Plan system (eCon Planning Suite). Data supplied by HUD includes the 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates and the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) covering the same time. Other sources of information used to identify needs and establish priorities were obtained through consultation with local nonprofit agencies and cited publicly available data.

In consideration of community input and available data, the four priority needs listed below are established as part of this Plan:

- Improve neighborhoods, address inaccessible public facilities and infrastructure
- Promote economic opportunity
- Preserve the supply of affordable housing
- Provide service to low-income residents, those with special needs, and the homeless

Consistent with HUD’s national goals for the CDBG and HOME programs to provide decent housing opportunities, maintain a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, the priority needs listed above will be addressed over the next five years through the implementation of activities aligned with the following measurable goals included in the Strategic Plan section of this Plan:

Table 1 - Strategic Plan Summary

	Goal Name	Category	Need(s) Addressed	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Neighborhood services	Non-Housing Community Development	Improve neighborhoods, address inaccessible public facilities and infrastructure	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/ Moderate Income Housing: 34,000 people assisted
2	Economic opportunity	Non-Housing Community Development	Promote economic opportunity	50 businesses assisted :
3	Affordable housing preservation, development, and access	Affordable Housing	Preserve the supply of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents	40 households 1,000 people assisted
4	Public services	Non-Housing Community Development	Provide services to low-income residents, those with special needs, and the homeless	1,250 people assisted

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City is currently implementing the project and activities included in the 2022-2023 Action Plan. As of this writing, all projects and activities are underway.

The investment of HUD resources during the 2017-2021 program years was a catalyst for positive change in the community. Together with other federal, state and local investments, HUD resources allowed the City and its partners to:

- Preserve and improve the existing housing stock;
- Provide fair housing services;
- Provide quality supportive services to low- and moderate-income, special needs, and homeless and at risk of homelessness residents;
- Contribute to the well-being of individuals, families, and neighborhoods by maintaining clean, well operating, up to code public infrastructure and facilities; and
- Provide economic opportunity.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 provide the citizen participation and consultation requirements for the development of the Consolidated Plan. Chief among those requirements is the need to consult with the Continuum of Care (CoC) to address homelessness, Public Housing Authorities (PHA), business leaders, civic leaders, and public or private agencies that address housing, health, social service, victim services, employment, or education needs of low-income individuals and families, homeless individuals and families, youth, and/or other persons with special needs. Information supplied by these community stakeholders, together with the data supplied by HUD resulted in a well-informed planning document that reflects the housing, community and economic development needs and priorities for the City of Paramount over the next five years.

From October 2021 through May 2022, the City held a community meeting, public hearing, and conducted surveys to afford citizens and local and regional organizations representing low- and moderate-income residents the maximum feasible opportunity to provide input on the housing and community development needs of the City. The resident and stakeholder surveys solicited input from residents and employees working in Paramount. The questionnaire addressed the level of need for various types of improvements that could potentially be addressed with CDBG and HOME resources. The community meeting, hearing, and resident survey were publicly noticed.

5. Summary of public comments

In the development of the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City solicited applications from fair housing service providers and City Departments to identify projects. The draft 2023-2024 Action Plan was available for public review and comment from April 7, 2023 to May 9, 2023. The City Council convened a public hearing on May 9, 2023, to receive public comments concerning the 2023-2024 Action Plan. Comments received during the public review period and at the Public Hearing are provided in “Appendix A” of this document.

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

All comments and views received by the City in the development of the Action Plan were accepted and taken into consideration in the development of the Action Plan.

7. Summary

The 2023-2024 Action Plan addresses all four (4) Strategic Plan Goals from the 2022-2023 Consolidated Plan by allocating a total of \$761,014 in CDBG funds and \$303,074 of HOME funds in addition to \$13,675 of HOME program income funds for a grand total of \$1,077,763 funds towards eligible activities that are to be implemented from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Activities submitted as part of the Action Plan for City Council approval shall conform with one of the Strategic Plan goals in order to receive consideration for CDBG or HOME funds.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	City of Paramount	Planning Department

Table 2 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Planning Department of the City of Paramount is the lead agency responsible for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs. The City contracted with MDG Associates, Inc. to prepare the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, AI and the Annual Action Plans.

In the development of this Consolidated Plan, the City and MDG Associates, Inc. developed and implemented a comprehensive citizen participation and consultation process and conducted a needs assessment and market analysis to identify levels of relative need regarding affordable housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development. This information was gathered through consultation with public officials and local agencies, public outreach and community meetings, review of demographic and economic data, and housing market analysis.

In the implementation of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and each of the five Annual Action Plans, Planning Department staff and consultants shall be responsible for all grants planning, management and monitoring duties necessary to comply with HUD regulations and City policy.

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

1. Introduction

As part of the preparation of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, the City consulted with agencies, groups, and organizations involved in the development of affordable housing, creation of job opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, and/or provision of services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons. To facilitate this consultation, the City solicited feedback through the following methods:

- Stakeholder surveys (web-based and paper-surveys)
- Individual stakeholder consultations
- Community meetings
- Public hearings
- Receipt of written comments

To gather the greatest breadth and depth of information, the City consulted with a wide variety of agencies, groups and organizations concerning the housing, community and economic development needs of the community. Each of the agencies, groups or organizations consulted is represented below. The input received from these consultation partners helped establish and inform the objectives and goals described in the Strategic Plan. Specific comments received from these organizations are included as Appendix A.

In the development of the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City provided each agency with an opportunity to comment on the draft Action Plan during the public review and comment period.

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 recognizes the importance of careful coordination and alignment among various service providers to maximize the effectiveness of the CDBG and HOME programs. As a result, during the development of this Consolidated Plan, the City consulted closely with organizations that provide assisted housing, health services and other community-focused programs. Outreach efforts included surveys including specific questions associated with coordination, invitations to community meetings and follow-up in-person interviews where appropriate.

The City further recognizes the importance of continued coordination and alignment during the preparation of the 2023-2024 Action Plan with these organizations and agencies. The City will strengthen relationships and alignment among these organizations in the implementation of projects using CDBG and HOME funds.

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 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the lead agency of the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Los Angeles County, guides the development of homeless strategies and the implementation of programs to end homelessness throughout the region. The CoC is comprised of a network of public, private, faith-based, for-profit, and nonprofit service providers who utilize several federal, state, and local resources in providing services for homeless persons. The County and its cities, including the City of Paramount, also provide resources for services that assist the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. The nonprofit and faith-based community plays a key role in the current CoC system. Hundreds of agencies throughout the County provide programs ranging from feeding the homeless on the street to creating permanent supportive housing opportunities. These services are available to homeless families with children as well as single men and women. The nonprofit and faith-based community also serves special needs populations, such as victims of domestic violence, veterans, persons with disabilities, and unaccompanied youth.

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

The City is not a direct recipient of ESG funding. However, it is a participating jurisdiction in the COC and works closely with the homeless system to create funding policies and procedures for ESG.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Paramount Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Long Beach Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	The Children's Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Portofino Village
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	The Enclave
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Somerset Village
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments.

		Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Gold Key Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Paramount – Tepic Sister City, inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Paramount Jr. Athletic Association (PJAA)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	WestCoast Rebels Youth Football
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Los Cerritos YMCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments.

		Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Children's Dental Health Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	California Aquatic Therapy & Wellness Center, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Pathways Volunteer Hospice
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Little House, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Family Guidance Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Mental Health Agency/Facility
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	L.A. County Department of Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Los Angeles County Development Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Paramount Library
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Funded Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Sheriff's Youth Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Paramount School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	State of California Department of Housing and Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	State Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Elk's Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Rotary Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Women's Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Lions Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Gateway Cities Council of Government
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Project Sister

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Paramount Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	CA Department of Technology
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Broadband Advocates
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
36	Agency/Group/Organization	Spectrum
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Broadband ISP
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	LA County Office of Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Emergency Management Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	HUD Local Field Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Federal Government

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	US Representative Maxine Waters
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Federal Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
40	Agency/Group/Organization	FEMA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Managing Flood Prone Areas and Emergency Management Agency; Federal Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
41	Agency/Group/Organization	LA County Dept of Children & Family Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Foster Care Agency/Facility

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
42	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Bellflower
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
43	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lakewood
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
44	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Compton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy

		Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
45	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lynwood
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
46	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Downey
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents,

	outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
47	Agency/Group/Organization	City of South Gate
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
48	Agency/Group/Organization	Second District Consolidated Oversight Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Land Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
49	Agency/Group/Organization	Cal Water Service
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Water District/Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
50	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Promise of South Bay
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated

	outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
51	Agency/Group/Organization	El Nido Family Centers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
52	Agency/Group/Organization	Volunteers of America LA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Homeless Veterans
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
53	Agency/Group/Organization	Kids in Need of Defense
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Unaccompanied Youth
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs – Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
54	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Los Angeles – Commission of HIV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
55	Agency/Group/Organization	Lakewood Park Manor
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Assisted Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To obtain a comprehensive assessment of the needs and priorities within the community, the Consolidated Plan process included consultation with City residents, service providers, and selected departments. Engagement was conducted through surveys and community meetings.
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Table 3 - Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The City attempts to maintain a current and comprehensive list of agencies, organizations and other stakeholders and invited representatives from each entity to participate in the planning process at multiple points in the planning process. If an agency did not attend meetings or participate in surveys, it was done so by the agency's choice.

If an agency or organization was not consulted and would like to be included in the City's list of stakeholders, the agency or organization may contact the Paramount Planning Department at planning@paramountcity.com or (562) 220-2036.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	The Homelessness Prevention goal within the Strategic Plan is consistent with the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
Housing Element	City of Paramount	The Affordable Housing goals within the Strategic Plan are consistent with the Adopted and Certified 2014-2021 Housing Element.
2022 Assessment of Fair Housing	City of Paramount	The goals of the Assessment of Fair Housing are integrated into the Consolidated Plan.

Table 4 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

To enhance coordination among the CoC, public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies, the City invited each of these entities to provide input on the needs of the community in the development of this Consolidated Plan. The City monitors CoC policy making to ensure that local efforts correspond to changes in the regional approach to addressing the needs of homeless and low-income people. Further, the Community Services Department works with recipients of the City's community grant program to ensure a coordinated effort among service agencies in the region who address the needs of Paramount residents, including but not limited to chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, unaccompanied youth, and persons who were recently homeless but now live-in permanent housing. To promote economic opportunities for low-income

residents, the City's **Planning** Department implements the Commercial Rehabilitation Program to work with local business owners to enhance the appearance of their business to promote commerce that leads to jobs and other economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents. To the greatest extent feasible, the City also disseminates information on job opportunities through appropriate channels when implementing housing construction, housing rehabilitation or other public construction contracts assisted with \$100,000 or more of CDBG or HOME funds, consistent with the objectives of Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

The City established and followed a process for the development of this Consolidated Plan and the Assessment of Fair Housing that included broad participation from the community. These activities were coordinated and implemented by the Planning Department with assistance from the Community Services Department and other groups. The City sought input from its residents by circulating a survey to residents inquiring about fair housing choice and community needs. The survey was available online and in hardcopy format in English and in Spanish. The City received a total of 315 responses from its Resident Survey and 8 from its Stakeholder Survey. The survey results and the English and Spanish survey forms are included in Appendix B. of the Consolidated Plan.

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, residents and stakeholders were able to participate in the development of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan through surveys, community meetings, and public hearings. Two publicly noticed meetings were held in the fall of 2021, and one was held in the spring of 2022. The first two publicly noticed meeting were convened on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 10 am and 6 pm to obtain the views of the community on the City's housing and community development needs. Four written public comments were received during this hearing. On Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6 pm the third publicly noticed meeting was conducted before the City Council to obtain the views of the community concerning the draft 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. A summary of any comments received is included in Appendix B, including any comments not accepted and the reasons why (as applicable).

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, all public notices for community meetings, public hearings, and the availability of the resident survey were published in the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, a media of general circulation in the City. Additionally, the City used social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to advertise the opportunities to participate. At each step in the process, the City was careful to ensure that low- and moderate-income residents, members of minority groups, agencies involved in the provision of services to these populations, and others who are directly impacted by the programs and activities supported by the Consolidated Plan programs had the opportunity to be actively involved.

During the preparation of the 2022-2026 Action Plan, the City made the draft Action Plan available for public review and comment from April 7, 2023 to May 9, 2024. Residents were invited to review the draft

Plan and to attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments concerning the projects and activities in the Action Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community English Speaking Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish	Newspaper ad published October 15, 2021, in the <i>Long Beach Press-Telegram</i> announcing two Community Meetings and the Resident Survey to receive input on the preparation of the City's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and the 2022-2023 Action Plan.	No comments were received	NA	NA
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	Publicly noticed meeting on October 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Mariposa Building, 8550 Jefferson Street, Paramount, CA.	Residents in attendance received a presentation on the Consolidated Plan and discussed housing and community development needs with City Staff. Four written comments were received about affordable housing and community engagement.	All comments were accepted.	NA
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Resident Survey was available online and in paper format from October 29, 2021, to January 14, 2022. The City advised residents and stakeholders of the availability of the survey via email to stakeholders, posting on the City website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.	The purpose of the survey was to allow all residents the opportunity to provide their assessment of the level of need in Paramount for a variety of housing, community, and economic development activities. In total, 315 residents completed the survey. A summary of all survey responses is provided in Appendix B.	All survey response were accepted.	https://for.ms.office.com/r/YA6KQKdGMD

4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community English Speaking Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish	Newspaper ad published April 1, 2022, in the <i>Long Beach Press- Telegram</i> announcing two Community Meetings and the Resident Survey to receive input on the preparation of the City's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and the 2022-2023 Action Plan.	No comments were received	NA	NA
5	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/broad community	Publicly notice hearing on May 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm, in Council Chambers at 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA.	Those in attendance receive a summary of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and AI. No comments were received.	NA	NA
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community English Speaking Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish	Newspaper ad published April 7, 2023, in the <i>Long Beach Press- Telegram</i> to receive input on the preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Action Plan.	TBD	NA	NA
7	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/broad community	Public Hearing on May 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm, in Council Chambers at 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA.	TBD	NA	NA

Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

For the 2023-2024 program year, the City will receive \$761,014 of CDBG funds and \$303,074 of HOME funds from HUD in addition to \$13,675 of HOME program income funds for a grand total of \$1,077,763 funds to be allocated to new projects as part of this Action Plan.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan	Narrative Description
		Annual Allocation:	Program Income:	Prior Year Resources:	Total:		
CDBG	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$761,014			\$761,014	\$2,283,042	Based on 2023 FY allocation from HUD.
HOME	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$303,074	\$13,675		\$316,749	\$909,222	Based on 2023 FY allocation from HUD.
General Fund	Economic Opportunity	\$			\$	\$	Subject to the City Budget and Council approval

Table 6 - 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

City of Paramount is expected to receive HOME funding which can be leveraged with CDBG funding if used for affordable housing. The City will leverage HOME funding if future projects are presented during the next five years. The HOME program requires a 25 percent match based on fund expenditure, unless a jurisdiction meets the thresholds to have the match requirements reduced; those threshold conditions are: 1) Fiscal distress; 2) Severe fiscal distress, and 3) Presidentially declared major disasters covered under the Stafford Act. The City of Paramount has been identified by HUD as a fiscally distressed jurisdiction and has been granted a 100 percent match reduction for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and expects this designation in 2022-2023 as well.

Depending on the financing structure of a given activity, it may be advantageous for the City to use CDBG funds to leverage appropriate state, local and private resources, including but not limited to those listed below.

Federal Resources

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- HUD Veterans Affairs supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202)
- Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Youthbuild
- Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program

State Resources

- State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- State Permanent Local Housing Allocation
- Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN)
- CalHome Program
- Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
- Homekey
- Housing Related Parks Grant
- CalHFA Single and Multi-Family Program
- Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Funding

Local Resources

- Los Angeles County CoC
- Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA)
- Southern California Home Financing Authority (SCHFA)
- City of Paramount General Fund

Private Resources

- Federal Home Loan Bank, Affordable Housing Program
- Community Reinvestment Act Programs
- United Way Funding
- Private Contributions

Matching Requirements

HOME

HUD requires HOME recipients (PJ's) to match 25 percent of their HOME annual allocation. In accordance with 24 CFR 92.222, PJ's satisfying the distress criteria established by the HOME Program regulations are provided a match reduction. The match reductions are granted due to fiscal distress, severe fiscal distress, and Presidential disaster declarations. For those PJs with both fiscal distress and Presidential disaster match reductions, the PJ may take the higher match reduction for the current fiscal year.

When a local jurisdiction meets one of the distress criteria, it is determined to be in fiscal distress and receives a 50 percent reduction of match. If a local jurisdiction satisfies both of the distress criteria, it is determined to be in severe fiscal distress and receives a 100 percent reduction of match. The City of Paramount has received a 100% match reduction from HUD, and therefore, anticipates matching 0 percent of HOME Funds using non-federal funds.

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

Land or property necessary to address the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan would need to be acquired using HUD grant funds or other resources.

Discussion

Assuming continued level funding of the CDBG and HOME programs, the City expects to spend approximately \$5.3 million of CDBG and HOME funds on projects that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities during the period of the five-year Consolidated Plan between July 2022 and June 2026.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Goal Name	Time Period	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Goal 1 Neighborhood services, facilities, and infrastructure	2023 – 2024	Non-housing community development	Citywide	Improve neighborhoods, facilities, and infrastructure	CDBG: \$250,000	Public Facility of Infrastructure other than Low / Moderate-Income Housing Benefit: 6,855 people
Description: Improve neighborhoods, address inaccessible public facilities and infrastructure through public facilities and infrastructure improvement activities that remove material or architectural barriers to access.						
Goal 2 Economic opportunity programs	2023 – 2024	Non-housing community development	Citywide	Promote economic opportunity	General Fund/OTHER	Other: 1 PEP Scholarship 1 ASES Afterschool Program
Description: Promote economic and job opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents through programs that support businesses and job opportunities such as educational outcomes and generational poverty.						
Goal 3 Affordable housing preservation, development and access	2023 – 2024	Affordable housing	Citywide	Preserve the supply of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents	CDBG: \$260,660 HOME: \$240,981 HOME CHDO Set-Aside: \$45,461	8 households assisted 200 people assisted
Description: Implement the Home Improvement Program to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners with critical home repairs and general property improvements. Identify and engage a nonprofit housing development partner that qualifies as a CHDO to leverage the City's set-aside funds and other local affordable housing resources. Affirmatively further fair housing choice through the provision of fair housing education, counseling, anti-discrimination, and landlord-tenant mediation services. This includes fair housing services.						

Goal Name	Time Period	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Goal 4 Public services	2023 - 2024	Public services, Homeless	Citywide	Provide services to low-income residents, those with special needs, and the homeless	CDBG: \$114,152	250 people assisted
Description: Implement the Senior Enrichment Program to provide services to low- and moderate-income senior residents.						
Goal 5 Administration	2023 – 2024	All	Citywide	All	CDBG: \$136,202 HOME: \$30,307	N/A
Description: Provide for the timely and compliant administration of the CDBG and HOME programs in accordance with HUD policy and federal regulations. HUD requires the City to represent Administration funds as a “goal” within the Strategic Plan so that the sources of funds (refer to Section SP-35) are fully allocated to goals.						

Table 7 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Neighborhood Services
	Goal Description	Improve neighborhoods, address inaccessible public facilities and infrastructure through public facilities and infrastructure improvement activities that remove material or architectural barriers to accessibility.
2	Goal Name	Economic Opportunity Programs
	Goal Description	<p>Promote economic and job opportunities for local low- and moderate-income residents through programs that support business and job opportunities to address educational outcomes and address generational poverty, the City and its partners will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue supporting and raising money each year for the Paramount Education Partnership (PEP), which has provided over \$500,000 of scholarships to Paramount students for college. Continue implementing the ASES after school program that is available in each elementary and middle school in the City each year.

3	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Preservation, Development and Access
	Goal Description	Implement the Home Improvement Program to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners with critical home repairs and general property improvements. Identify and engage a nonprofit housing development partner that qualifies as a HOME Community Housing Development Organization to leverage CHDO reserve and other local affordable housing resources for newly-created affordable housing. Affirmatively further fair housing choice through the provision of fair housing education, counseling, anti-discrimination, and landlord-tenant mediation services. This includes fair housing services.
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide public services for low- and moderate-income senior residents including but not limited to essential services, health, and recreation using CDBG funds.
5	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Provide for the timely and compliant administration of the CDBG and HOME programs in accordance with HUD policy and federal regulations. HUD requires the City to represent Administration funds as a “goal” within the Strategic Plan so that the sources of funds (refer to Section SP-35) are fully allocated to goals.

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 of Paramount will assist approximately 8 low-income homeowners with home repairs through the CDBG & HOME funded Home Improvement Program.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

To address the high priority needs identified in the Strategic Plan, the City of Paramount will invest CDBG and HOME funds in projects that will provide neighborhood services, preserve existing affordable housing, provide fair housing services, and improve City infrastructure. While economic opportunity will be provided with General Funds and/or ARPA funds outside of the auspices of the Action Plan and HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), the accomplishments of those projects will be reported cumulatively in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) at the conclusion of the program year. Together, these projects will address the needs of low- and moderate-income Paramount residents.

Projects

2023-2024 Projects	
1.	Neighborhood Services
2.	Affordable Housing Preservation and Access
3.	Public Services
4..	Program Administration

Table 8 - Project Information

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

Based on the Strategic Plan, the City allocating 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG and HOME investments for program year 2023-2024 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people. The primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income people include lack of funding from federal, state, and other local sources.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Neighborhood Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Services
	Needs Addressed	Improve neighborhoods, facilities & infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	Improve neighborhoods, facilities & infrastructure through infrastructure improvement activities that remove material or architectural barriers to accessibility.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 6,855 people will benefit from Alley Improvement activity.
	Location Description	Residential Low Moderate Areas
	Planned Activities	Alley Improvement East Phase (6,855 people) \$250,000
2	Project Name	Affordable Housing Preservation and Access
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Preservation, Development and Access
	Needs Addressed	Preserve the supply of housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income residents
	Funding	HOME: \$286,442 CDBG: \$260,660
	Description	Implement the Home Improvement Program to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners with critical home repairs and general property improvements. Identify and engage a nonprofit housing development partner that qualifies as a HOME Community Housing Development Organization to leverage CHDO reserve and other local affordable housing resources for newly created affordable housing. Fulfill the HUD regulatory mandate to affirmatively further fair housing choice through the provision of fair housing education, counseling, anti-discrimination, and landlord-tenant mediation services.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 8 households will benefit from the Home Improvement Program Approximately 200 people will benefit from Fair Housing Services

	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Home Improvement Program (8 household housing units) \$244,660 CDBG & \$240,981 HOME Fair Housing Foundation: Fair Housing Svcs (200 people) \$16,000 CDBG CHDO Reserve \$45,461 HOME
3	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide services low-income, special needs, homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$114,152
	Description	Provide public services for low- and moderate-income senior residents including but not limited to essential services, health, and recreation using CDBG funds.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 seniors will benefit from the Senior Enrichment Program including Exercise Classes, Walking Club, Zumba Classes, Dancing Session, & the Sewing Club.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Paramount Senior Enrichment Program – (250 People)
4	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	All
	Needs Addressed	All
	Funding	CDBG: \$136,202 HOME: \$ 30,307
	Description	Provide for the timely and compliant administration of the CDBG and HOME programs in accordance with HUD policy and federal regulations. HUD requires the City to represent Administration funds as a “goal” within the Strategic Plan so that the sources of funds (refer to Section SP-35) are fully allocated to goals
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	Not Applicable
	Planned Activities	CDBG Program Administration \$136,202 HOME Program Administration \$30,307

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

In accordance with the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan all CDBG and HOME funds will be directed toward activities benefitting low- and moderate-income residents.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Table 9 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In accord with the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan, CDBG and HOME funds will not be directed to specific geographic areas within the City. Rather, resources will be available to address the needs of all low- and moderate-income residents and residents with special needs without regard to their location within the City, which is comprised of approximately 4.8 square miles. The City is primarily low-and moderate-income with nearly all Census Tract Block Groups qualifying with more than 51 percent low- and moderate-income residents.

Discussion

Based on the Strategic Plan, the City is allocating 100 percent of its CDBG funds (excluding Administration) and HOME funds (excluding Administration) for program year 2023-2024 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people, without regard to their physical location within the City of Paramount.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The 2022-2026 Strategic Plan provides the framework for investing CDBG and HOME funds in the City of Paramount. Housing programs are a high priority need and will be addressed by activities performed under the affordable housing preservation, development, and access goal.

Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing

Paramount residents have a significant need for high quality and affordable housing. An estimated 70 percent of Paramount's 14,340 households carry housing costs in excess of 30 percent of their income. The situation is most tenuous for the 2,565 renter households with incomes below 50 percent of AMI, which are paying over 50 percent of their income for housing. and are considered the most at risk of becoming homeless.

Preserve the Supply of Affordable Housing

As the City's housing stock ages, a growing percentage of housing units may need rehabilitation to allow them to remain safe and habitable. The situation is of particular concern for low- and moderate-income home owners who are generally not in a financial position to properly maintain their homes.

Paramount's housing stock is aging and residents with low and/ or fixed incomes may not be financially positioned to make necessary repairs. Approximately 66 percent of Paramount's 14,340 units of housing stock was constructed before 1980, and almost 47 percent (6,670 units) of those units were occupied by low- and moderate-income households.

Preservation of the physical and functional integrity of existing housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income households is a cost-effective way to invest limited resources to retain existing housing units that are already affordable to low- and moderate-income households in the community. Addressing substandard housing conditions through housing preservation activities provide that all economic segments of the community have the means to ensure that their property meets local standards and that all Paramount residents have the opportunity to live in decent housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	8
Special-Needs	0
Total	8

Table 10 - 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
Rehabilitation of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	8

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

Discussion

The Strategic Plan identifies a high priority need to preserve the supply of affordable housing. During the 2023-2024 program year, the City of Paramount will invest HOME funds in an effort to preserve eight (8) owner-occupied housing units.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing and other assisted housing programs are part of the efforts by Los Angeles County to address the affordable housing needs of extremely low- and very low-income families in Paramount. The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) oversees HUD public housing programs for participating jurisdictions, including Paramount.

LACDA administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), which provides rental assistance to 62 incorporated cities and towns and all of the unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. LACDA provides affordable housing for low-income families, seniors, and disabled persons.

The mission of LACDA is “provide safe, decent and sanitary housing conditions within a suitable living environment for very low-income and low-income families and to manage resources efficiently. The LACDA is to promote personal, economic, and social upward mobility to provide families the opportunity to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing.”

According to the 2020 HUD Picture report there are no public housing developments in Paramount. All public housing is administered via housing choice vouchers of which there are 463 in Paramount. LACDA monitors all units to ensure they are in adequate condition.

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

The most pressing need is the high demand for affordable housing throughout Los Angeles County. This is documented by the long waitlist, which consists of 60,000 families.

Beyond the need for affordable housing, LACDA seeks to address the needs of residents to gain access to service programs such as: job training and placement and self-sufficiency.

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

LACDA actively encourages residents to be involved in the organization through resident councils and active participation in housing authority decisions via surveys and other forms of engagement. LACDA also maintains quarterly newsletters for Section 8 tenants, public housing residents, and Section 8 property owners.

LACDA encourages residents to explore homeownership opportunities. LACDA administers Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program for public conventional housing and Housing Choice Voucher program residents. The FSS program provides critical tools and supportive services to foster a resident’s transition from financial and housing assistance to economic and housing self-sufficiency, most importantly homeownership.

To support this effort, LACDA utilizes marketing materials to outreach and further promote the program's requirements and benefits to all public housing residents. For families that are eligible to participate, a Contract of Participation (COP) is prepared to govern the terms and conditions of their participation and an Individual Training Service Plan (ITSP) is created that outlines the following: supportive services to be provided, activities to be completed by the participant, and agreed upon completion dates for the services and activities. The COP is valid for five years and may be extended to allow the family to meet their ITSP goals.

Once the COP is established and the family experiences an increase in tenant rent because of earned income, an escrow account in their name is established and increased earned income is deposited into this account. Escrow accounts are disbursed to the family once the family has graduated successfully from the program. Families are encouraged to utilize these funds toward educational and homeownership endeavors.

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

N/A, LACDA is designated as a High Performing Public Housing Agency.

Discussion

LACDA is well-positioned to continue providing Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in the City of Paramount and throughout Los Angeles County.

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

Introduction

Preventing and ending homelessness is a HUD priority addressed regionally through coordination of strategies carried out locally by government agencies, community-based organizations, and faith-based groups. Consistent with this approach, the City supports the efforts of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Continuum of Care (CoC) and its member organizations that address homelessness throughout the County. The City will use General Funds, CDBG-CV, and HOME ARP funds to support local service providers with programs that provide homeless services and to expand the supply of affordable housing and to prevent homelessness for low- and moderate-income residents.

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 Paramount supports the efforts of the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), County Continuum of Care (CoC), and its member organizations. In alignment with this strategy (link to 51 strategies approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/strategies/>) the City has set a goal of providing public services to at risk of homelessness, homeless, and special needs residents during fiscal year 2023-2024. The City will continue to distribute General Funds, CDBG-CV, and HOME ARP funds to local nonprofit organizations serving these populations. The grants are administered by the City's Community Services Department. The City of Paramount does not receive ESG funding.

2022 PIT Count Results

The 2022 PIT Count reported that 69,144 people are homeless in Los Angeles County on any given night. Overall, 2022 PIT Count illustrates a 4.1 percent increase in homelessness when compared to the 2020 PIT Count. The City of Paramount is part of Service Planning Area (SPA) 6 – South Los Angeles. The 2022 PIT Count reported that 180 people are homeless on any given night in Paramount and that 14,598 people are homeless on any given night in SPA 6. According to this data, Paramount accounts for 1.2 percent of the homeless population in SPA 6.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Paramount supports the efforts of the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), County Continuum of Care (CoC), and its member organizations to provide a spectrum of services and housing to help the homeless and those at risk of homelessness gain stability. In 2017 the City adopted a number of zoning ordinances to facilitate development of housing, shared housing, emergency and transitional shelter, and single-room occupancy housing. Furthermore, the City's one-year goal of affordable housing preservation, development, and access addresses the underlying issue of inadequate supply of affordable housing and anticipates assisting four households. The City does not receive ESG funds.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City's one-year goal of affordable housing preservation, development, and access addresses the underlying issue of inadequate supply of affordable housing and anticipates as 8 households. Furthermore, between 2017 and 2021 the City adopted a number of zoning ordinances to facilitate development of housing, shared housing, emergency and transitional shelter and single-room occupancy housing. The City does not receive ESG funds.

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 strategies discussed above will help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. The City's General Fund, CDBG-CV, and HOME ARP funds will support public services to extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income residents. CDBG and HOME funds will support the maintenance of affordable housing throughout the City and ease pressure on the local housing market to the extent possible.

Discussion

The City of Paramount is committed to using the tool at its disposal to work to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness. The City does not receive ESG funds. Between 2017 and 2021 the City adopted a number of zoning ordinances to facilitate development of housing, shared housing, emergency and transitional shelter and single room occupancy housing. The City plans to commit General and HOME funds to services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness and to preserve affordable housing. Additionally, the City is committed to working with a CHDO to leverage Affordable Housing Fund resources for the creation of additional affordable housing where infill opportunities exist.

AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

A barrier to affordable housing is a public policy or nongovernmental condition that constrains the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing. Barriers can include land use controls, property taxes, state prevailing wage requirements, environmental protection, cost of land, and monetary resources. Barriers to affordable housing are distinguished from impediments to fair housing choice in the sense that barriers are lawful and impediments to fair housing choice are usually unlawful.

Based on information gathered during community meetings, the 2022 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), Consolidated Plan Resident Survey, the 2021-2029 Housing Element and market analysis, the primary barriers to affordable housing in Paramount are

- housing affordability,
- the lack of monetary resources necessary to develop and sustain affordable housing,
- concentrations of racial and ethnic minorities,
- access to opportunities and exposure to adverse community factors, and
- housing issues.

These barriers are interconnected. Demand for affordable housing exceeds the supply, insufficient resources are available to increase the supply of affordable housing resulting in renter households carrying a housing cost burden in excess of 30 percent of AMI and/ or living in areas with low access to opportunities and high exposure to adverse community factors. In the last five years, the elimination of local Redevelopment Agencies by the State of California resulted in the loss of a crucial resource for the development and preservation of affordable housing. While there are mechanisms whereby certain affordable housing assets tied to the former Redevelopment Agencies may be utilized today, these resources are finite and scarce.

According to Paramount's 2022 AI, when compared to the region, which is defined by HUD as the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area, Paramount residents of all protected class groups are more likely to be exposed to poverty, less likely to live in environmentally healthy neighborhoods, less likely to live near employment centers, and less likely to live in neighborhoods with high labor force participation and educational attainment. Most Paramount residents, 95 percent, identify ethnically as Hispanic. Compared to the region Paramount has approximately double the percentage of Hispanic, Mexican-born, and Spanish with Limited English Proficiency residents.

Hispanic residents in Paramount have relatively better access to opportunities and lower exposure to adverse community factors than non-Hispanic Black/ African American, White, and Asian/ Pacific Islander residents. Despite majority minority status, Hispanic households and Black/ African American households are more likely to experience one or more housing problem than other groups and a lower rate of homeownership than non-Hispanic Whites and Asian/ Pacific Islander households.

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

To address housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources for affordable housing, this Strategic Plan calls for the investment of a significant portion of CDBG and HOME funds for the development of new and preservation of existing affordable rental housing units over the next five years. Although the City no longer has access to Redevelopment Housing Set-Aside funds, it will continue to leverage CDBG and HOME funds to attract private and other available public resources.

To promote fair housing, the following goals have been established for the City of Paramount.

Goal	Program Marketing
Description	Paramount shall ensure that all HUD-funded programs are marketed in high poverty areas within their jurisdiction in manners that will be accessible to residents to ensure that low-income residents and high poverty neighborhoods have best access to all program activities. Marketing shall be conducted in accordance with the City's Language Access Plan.
Goal	Promote Fair Housing Education for Tenants and Homebuyers
Description	Paramount shall fund and promote fair housing training for tenants, homebuyers and potential homebuyers to ensure that residents are fully informed of their rights as it relates to housing.
Goal	Promote Fair Housing Education for Landlords and Realtors
Description	Paramount shall fund and promote fair housing training for landlords and realtors to ensure that they understand the fair housing requirements and rights of tenants and homebuyers.
Goal	Maintain Fair Housing Resources on Website
Description	In collaboration with the fair housing provider for Paramount, maintain a page on the City's website that provides access to fair housing resources and documents. Further, collaborate with the fair housing provider to promote trainings and other fair housing related events.
Goal	Maintain Housing and Community Development Resources List
Description	Establish and maintain a list of all housing and community development resources that is updated annually. This list may include services such as grant or loan programs for reasonable modifications and access to programs such as Meals on Wheels.

Discussion

To address housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources for affordable housing, the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan calls for the investment of a significant portion of CDBG and HOME funds for the preservation of 50 affordable owner-occupied housing units. Although the City no longer has access to Redevelopment Housing Set-Aside funds, CDBG, HOME and other local resources will be leveraged to attract private and other available public resources for affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City of Paramount's planned investment of CDBG and HOME funds through the 2022-2023 Action Plan will address obstacles to fostering development of and maintaining existing affordable housing; evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards; reducing the number of families living in at or below the poverty line; developing institutional structure; and enhanced coordination among collaborative agencies and organizations. Additionally, this section will identify obstacles to meeting underserved populations needs and propose action to overcome those obstacles.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income people include lack of funding from federal, state and other local sources, the high cost of housing that is not affordable to low-income people. To address these obstacles, at least in part, the City is investing CDBG and HOME funds through the 2023-2024 Action Plan in projects that will support the preservation of owner-occupied housing units that are affordable to low- and moderate-income families. To address underserved needs, the City is allocating 100 percent of its CDBG (excluding Administration) and HOME (excluding Administration) funds for program year 2023-2024 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In the implementation of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG and HOME funds to preserve and maintain affordable housing by operating the Home Improvement Program which provides grants and loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners of single-family detached properties, **and mobile/manufactured homes** in the City of Paramount. It will also work to identify a CHDO to partner with to leverage other federal, state, and local funds.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) emphasizes prevention of childhood lead poisoning through housing-based approaches. To reduce lead-based paint hazards, the City of Paramount Home Improvement Program will conduct lead-based paint testing and risk assessments for each property assisted that was built prior to January 1, 1978 and will incorporate safe work practices or abatement into the scope of work as required to reduce lead-based paint hazards in accordance with 24 CFR Part 35.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The implementation of CDBG and HOME activities meeting the goals established in the Consolidated Plan-Strategic Plan and this Action Plan will help to reduce the number of poverty-level families by:

- Supporting activities to improve neighborhoods, facilities, and infrastructure;
- Supporting activities to promote economic opportunity;
- Supporting activities to preserve the supply of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents; and
- Supporting activities to provide services to low-income residents, those with special needs, and the homeless.

In addition to these local efforts, mainstream state and federal resources also contribute to reducing the number of individuals and families in poverty. Federal programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Head Start provide a pathway out of poverty for families who are ready to pursue employment and educational opportunities. Additionally in California, the primary programs that assist families in poverty are CalWORKS, CalFresh (formerly food stamps) and Medi-Cal. Together these programs provide individuals and families with employment assistance, subsidy for food, medical care, childcare and cash payments to meet basic needs such as housing, nutrition, and transportation. Other services are available to assist persons suffering from substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The institutional delivery system in Paramount is high-functioning and collaborative—particularly the relationship between local government and the nonprofit sector comprised of a network of capable non-profit organizations that are delivering a full range of services to residents. Strong City departments anchor the administration of HUD grant programs and the housing, community and economic development activities that are implemented by the City.

In order to support and enhance this existing institutional structure, the City of Paramount will collaborate with nonprofit agencies to ensure that the needs of low- and moderate-income residents are met as envisioned within the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan.

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

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, the City will continue consulting with and inviting the participation of a wide variety of agencies and organizations involved in the delivery of housing and supportive services to low- and moderate-income residents in Paramount—particularly the low-and moderate- income areas.

Discussion:

In the implementation of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG and HOME resources to address obstacles to meet underserved needs, preserve affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

In the implementation of programs and activities under the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Paramount will follow all HUD regulations concerning the use of program income, forms of investment, overall low- and moderate-income benefit for the CDBG program and recapture requirements for the HOME program.

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	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan – 2022, 2023, 2024	90.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City will not use any other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The HOME regulations (24 CFR 92.254) require the City of Paramount to place certain restrictions on HOME-assisted ownership housing in order to help preserve affordable housing throughout the City. If ownership of a property is transferred during the relevant affordability period, or the low-income owner no longer occupies the unit as a principal residence, the City must implement either resale or recapture provisions to preserve affordable housing units.

Affordability Preservation - The City imposes resale restrictions upon homes purchased with HOME First Time Homebuyer Assistance funds.

Mechanisms of Enforcement - The method of affordability preservation will be clearly stated in the written Participation Agreement with the homebuyer. In addition, covenants running with the land will be recorded and used as the mechanism to impose and enforce the affordability preservation requirements.

Period of Affordability - The HOME regulations require that assisted properties remain affordable for a minimum specified period of time, dependent on the level of HOME funds invested. The required minimum affordability periods under the HOME program are summarized below:

HOME – Minimum Affordability Periods

Less than \$15,000	5 years
\$15,000 - \$40,000	10 years
\$40,000 or more	15 years

Resale Provisions (Development Subsidy Project)

If the participant elects to sell the HOME assisted property prior to the expiration of the affordability period, the assisted unit must be made available for subsequent purchase only to another homebuyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as its principal residence. The City will review the qualifications of the purchaser to determine eligibility and affordability.

The affordable determinations for the property will be based on the following:

The sales price must be affordable to a household with income at or below an amount equal to 90% of the current income limits for 80% of area median income for Los Angeles County.

An affordable housing cost for the acquiring household shall be based on the lower of:

Total monthly housing costs that do not exceed 30% of monthly income, or

For households at or below 80% of area median income, the product of 30 percent times 60 percent of the area median income adjusted for family size appropriate for the unit.

The participant will be allowed to receive their acquisition investment and any capital improvements. The price at resale will provide the original HOME-assisted owner a fair return on their investment. Dependent on the net proceeds for the sale, and notwithstanding the foregoing, the seller shall be entitled to receive a minimum return on their investment (down-payment and City approved capital improvements) that is at least equal to the net change in the area median income for Los Angeles County as measured from the date of their acquisition to the date of sale.

In the event of a proposed resale transaction where the only qualified low-income homebuyer(s) affordable housing cost yields a sales price that is insufficient to provide a fair return to the original HOME-assisted homebuyer, the City may use additional HOME funds pursuant to [24 CFR 92.254\(a\)\(9\)](#) or other available affordable housing resources to assist the only qualified low-income homebuyer(s) in purchasing the housing at an affordable housing cost.

Foreclosures

The affordability preservation restrictions may terminate upon occurrence of any of the following events:

- Foreclosure
- Transfer in lieu of foreclosure; or
- Assignment of an FHA insured mortgage to HUD

The City may use purchase options, rights of first refusal or other preemptive rights to purchase the housing before foreclosure to preserve affordability. The affordability restrictions shall be revived according to the original terms if, during the original affordability period, the owner of record before the event of termination cures the default and retains ownership interest in the housing.

In the event of foreclosure of the first mortgage, the homeowner agrees that the net proceeds of a foreclosure sale (after payment of the prior mortgage) shall be paid to the City of Paramount, as payment for the amount loaned under the Loan agreement and its share in any available equity. The City shall exercise good faith efforts to salvage the project and preserve it for affordable housing.

A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See [24 CFR 92.254\(a\)\(4\)](#) are as follows:

See above.

Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City does not intend to use HOME funds under the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Discussion:

In the implementation of programs and activities under the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Paramount will follow all HUD regulations concerning the use of CDBG and HOME funds.



TO BE INCLUDED FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

APPENDIX A

Citizen Participation



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APPENDIX B

Grantee Unique Appendices



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APPENDIX C

SF-424, SF-424D, & Certifications