

AP-05 Executive Summary

1. Introduction

This document is the second of five annual action plans under the Municipality of Anchorage (Municipality) Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for 2018-2022 (Con Plan). The Municipality is a participating jurisdiction and is eligible to receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for three federal entitlement programs that focus on the housing and community development needs of low and moderate- income persons. These programs are: 1) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), 2) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and 3) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Municipality is required to submit a Consolidated Plan that covers a five-year period that outlines the intended distribution of these HUD dollars. To meet this requirement, the Municipality submitted the 2018-2022 Con Plan for the local HUD office to review. In addition to the submission of a five-year plan, the Municipality is required to submit an annual action plan that reflects funding for specific activities and projects that meet Con Plan goals for each year thereafter.

The 2019 Action Plan projected allocations for the Municipality include the following federal programs: CDBG \$1,720,154; HOME \$377,364; and ESG \$146,461 for a total of \$2,243,979. The HOME allocation was \$663,207 but was reduced \$285,843 for repayment of Karluk Manor. The 2019 Action Plan also includes budgeting \$115,000 HOME Program Income. The 2019 Action Plan details the distribution of HUD funding as guided by the Municipal Mayor and Assembly and three public comment hearings. It is not anticipated for the Municipality to receive the 2019 funding from HUD in time to fund and begin the proposed projects in 2019.

The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #1 revisions are highlighted in this green. It includes reprogramming:

\$41,534 from Public Services – TBD to Public Services – Operations Support – CSS
\$12,615.36 from 2019 Action Plan TBD Capital Project to Alaska Literacy Project
\$100,000 from 2019 Action Plan TBD Capital Project to Brother Francis – Security Fence-MOA

The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2 revisions are highlighted in this blue. The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2 will fund \$56,589 of 2019 HOME CHDO Housing Program funds and \$18,868 of 2019 HOME CHDO Operating Expense Assistance to Habitat for Humanity Anchorage.

The Amendment will fund \$85,768 of 2019 HOME Project funds to Cook Inlet Housing Authority for their South Anchorage Senior Housing (SASH) project.

The Amendment will also add \$550,000 of HTF funds to the 2019 Action Plan. Applications for the HTF funds will be made available through a competitive process after the Substantial Amendment is approved by HUD.

Amend the Municipality of Anchorage Citizen Participation Plan to add the following: “When the Municipality is concerned about significant public health risks that may result from holding in-person public hearings, the Municipality may undertake a virtual public hearing (alone, or in concert with an in-person hearing) and allow questions in real time, with answers coming directly from the Municipality to all “attendees”. As with an in-person hearing, the Municipality will provide accessibility for persons with disabilities and Limited English Proficiency to participate.”

The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #3 revisions are highlighted in this yellow. The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #3 will reallocate \$85,849.64 of previously unallocated 2019 CDBG funds. The amendment will also add CDBG-CV1: \$1,070,086 and ESG-CV1: of \$521,193 and ESG CV2 of \$3,774,024 for a total of ESG CV in the amount of \$4,295,217. The proposed projects are:

1. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Covenant House to fund shelter operations and essential services for homeless youth and transition age youth staying in emergency shelter.
2. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Abused Women’s Aid In Crisis (AWAIC) to fund shelter operations and essential services for victims of domestic violence and their children staying in emergency shelter.
3. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Catholic Social Services to fund shelter operations and essential services for homeless women and children staying in emergency shelter at Clare House.
4. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Salvation Army to fund shelter operations and essential services for homeless families staying in emergency shelter at McKinnell House.
5. \$296,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Catholic Social Services to provide housing and relocation and stabilization services to homeless individuals and families as part of their Rapid Re-Housing program.
6. \$260,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to the Municipality of Anchorage Homeless Prevention program to provide short- and/or medium-term rental assistance and/or housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families at risk of homelessness.
7. \$2,783,696 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the Municipality.
8. \$126,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to provide homeless outreach service to connect homeless individuals and at-risk individuals to homeless services. Homeless outreach will focus on unsheltered homeless and homeless individuals and families not currently associated with appropriate homeless services.

The Homeless Prevention and Response System (HPRS) Gap Analysis identified outreach as a priority intervention for preventing or reducing new inflow into homelessness. The Assembly recently allocated \$180,000 for provided homeless outreach services. AHD will monitor the service demand and effectiveness of this program. If it is determined that additional homeless outreach is required, AHD may request reallocating some ESG-CV funding currently designated for shelter operations (see #7 above) to homeless outreach.

9. \$429,521 in ESG-CV funds to be utilized by AHD to administer the ESG-CV funding described in items 1 thru 7 above. The CARES Act allows up to 10% of ESG-CV funds to be used for administrative costs.

10. \$856,069 in CDBG-CV funds and \$85,849.64 of 2019 CDBG fund to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to respond to the growing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing public service to move homeless individuals and families out of shelter and into permanent housing, to reduce the number of homeless individuals in congregate shelter, and to increase physical distance between individuals in congregate shelter. Funded public service will include support for shelter operations, case management, and system navigation support. We also anticipate awarding up to \$743,328 in 2020 CDBG funds for the COVID-19 response.

11. \$214,107 in CDBG-CV funds to be utilized by AHD for planning and administration of the CDBG-CV funds described in item 10 above. HUD allows up to 25% of CDBG funds to be used for planning and program administration (24 CFR 570.200(g))

The Citizen Participation Plan is amended to add: The ESG-CV funds require no consultation and citizen participation; however, the Municipality will publish how the allocation has or will be used on the appropriate Municipal web page. The Municipality will publish the ESC-CV allocations on the Anchorage Health Department, Community and Safety Development web page before funds are awarded. The CDBG required public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days and the public hearing may be virtual.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

HUD requires grantees to incorporate a standardized performance measurement system. The system is designed to enable HUD to aggregate results of its programs and report to congress and the public on a more outcome-oriented system (March 7, 2006 Notice in Federal Register).

Each activity in the 2019 Action Plan corresponds to one of the following two objectives:

- Suitable Living Environment
- Decent Affordable Housing

In addition, each activity in the 2019 Action Plan corresponds to one of the following three outcome categories:

- Availability/Accessibility
- Affordability
- Sustainability: Promoting Livable or Viable Communities

The AP-35 Projects section of the 2019 Action Plan, details respective objectives and outcomes for each of the activities proposed.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The yearly reduction of HUD funding allocated to the Municipality makes the process of setting goals a challenge. Because of the cuts to the FY2012, FY2013, FY2014 and FY2015 budgets for CDBG and HOME programs, the goals laid out in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan have been adjusted to reflect the decreased available funding.

The Municipality actively participated in the writing of the Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (Homeless Plan) dated October 14, 2015. The Homeless Plan was written by the Anchorage Assembly Homeless Committee in partnership from the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission and Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH).

In 2018, the Municipality and its partners released Anchored Home: 2018-2021, an update of the 2015 Anchorage Community Plan to End Homelessness. A draft of the plan was released for comment in August. Outreach included public forums, community councils, social service providers, homeless persons, business and industry groups, and nonprofit organizations, engaging more than 700 people in the review process. Community input was an essential part of this process and helped influence the plan. In fact, as a result of this public dialogue, the plan evolved to include a fourth pillar, Prevention and Diversion, which will be led by Michele Brown, President and CEO of United Way of Anchorage. The three other pillars of the plan include Housing and Support Systems, which will be led by Jasmine Khan, Executive Director of the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness; Public Health and Safety, which will be led by Nancy Burke, Housing and Homelessness Coordinator from the Municipality of Anchorage; and Advocacy and Funding, which will be led by Dr. Richard Mandsager, Sr. Fellow with the Rasmuson Foundation.

Along with the launch of Anchored Home, a new leadership team has been appointed to help address the persistent issue of homelessness in the Municipality. The Anchorage Homelessness Leadership Council (HLC), co-chaired by Senior Vice President and Chief Executive for Providence Alaska Region Bruce Lamoureux and Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, brings together Anchorage business, government, health and faith leaders as the latest step in an effort with emerging, promising solutions, for the first time. The primary responsibilities of the HLC will include monitoring and supporting the implementation progress of Anchored Home: 2018-2021; maintaining and guiding strategic vision; mobilizing and aligning resources; building public will and awareness; and advancing public policy around homelessness.

Anchored Home is meant to be a document that will change and evolve to meet the needs of the community over time. The team in charge of implementation of the plan will meet with the Homelessness Leadership Council, as well as the general public, to share progress and hear feedback throughout the year.

Link to plan: <https://anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home/>

Link to mayor's page on homelessness: <https://bit.ly/housingandhomelessness>

Link to Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness: <https://anchoragehomeless.org/>

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission passed a resolution (Appendix G) in support and endorsement of the goals of the 2018-2021 Anchored Home Plan on April 3, 2019.

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) completed February 2015 identified six impediments to fair housing in the Municipality. All of the six impediments are addressed in the Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

This 2019 Action Plan represents the second year of implementation of the objectives set forth in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. The Municipality submitted the 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for the programs covered by the first year of the current Consolidated Plan on March 27, 2019.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation and Consultation Process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Pursuant to federal regulations (24 CFR 91.115), the Municipality developed and adopted a Citizen Participation Plan which is included as Appendix A. The key annual activities designed to encourage citizen participation are to hold at least three public hearings during the program year and offer public comment periods for the draft version of the 2019 Action Plan for various groups such as non-profit organizations and the general public.

A display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News, a newspaper with statewide distribution, on August 23, 2018 to announce the beginning of the 2019 Action Plan process, public hearing, and the comment period.

A discussion with the opportunity for public comment to gather ideas for the 2019 Action Plan was held at the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission meeting on September 5, 2018 in the Anchorage Health Department Conference Room #423, 825 L Street, Anchorage, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

A second display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on May 23, 2019 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan for review, 30-day public comment period and the June 12, 2019 public hearing. The public hearing was held from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street, 4th Floor, Room 423.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from May 23, 2019 to 4:00 PM June 24, 2019. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>.

A summary of public comments are included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan. The final public hearing will be held before the Anchorage Municipal Assembly on July 23, 2019.

To help the Municipality broaden public participation in the development of the draft 2019 Action Plan was posted on the Municipality's Anchorage Health Department website, emailed to over 350 on the citizens participation list maintained by the Anchorage Health Department, emailed to the 40 community councils, emailed to the news media, emailed to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness membership list, and emailed to partner agencies that participated in drafting the plan.

A third display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on September 17, 2019 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan SA#1 for review, 30-day public comment period and the Oct. 2, 2019 public hearing. The public hearing was held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street, 4th Floor, Room 423.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from September 17, 2019 to 10:00 AM October 18, 2019. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>.

A summary of public comments are included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#1.

A fourth display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on March 30, 2020 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan SA#2 for review, 30-day public comment period and the April 15, 2020 public hearing. The virtual public hearing was held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from March 30, 2020 to 10:00 AM May 1, 2020. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>.

A summary of public comments are included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#2.

A fifth display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on August 11, 2020 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan SA#3 for review, 5-day public comment period and the August 14, 2020 public hearing. The virtual public hearing was held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from August 11, 2020 to 10:00 AM August 18, 2020. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan SA#3 were available at the

Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CSD2019ActionPlan>

A summary of public comments is included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#3.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

September 5, 2018 Public Hearing and Public Comment Period.

SJ Klein, Fairview Community Council – Mr. Klein opposes any use of 2019 Action Plan funds that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. He believes an appropriate use of 2019 Action plan funds would be to increase public safety in North Fairview and East Downtown. Mr. Klein said they would like to see funding for any program that would increase police and EMS in the area included in the 2019 Action Plan. Lastly, he would like to see a portion of Action Plan funds spent by the city to find ways to reduce barriers to the construction of private, market-rate housing.

Elizabeth Milliken, Acting Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. e-mailed comments. – Ms. Milliken provided information about the Mobile Home Repair Program funded by the Municipality with CDBG and that RurAL CAP and strongly supports continued funding for the Mobile Home Repair Program for 2019 and beyond.

June 12, 2019 Public Hearing and Public Comment Period.

No Comments were received at the Public Hearing.

Public Comments received on the Draft 2019 Action Plan by e-mail from the Planning Department's Long-Range Planning Division. – The Division requested revisions to AP 10.1, AP-55, and AP-75.

Jay Stange, Board Secretary and Treasurer, Friends of Fish Creek - e-mailed requesting the CDBG TBD funding of \$167,886 be considered for purchase and remediation of a 3.67-acre undeveloped and contaminated lot at 3901 Hayes Street.

Elizabeth Milliken, Director, Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. - e-mailed comments in support of the Mobile Home Repair Program and requested that the funding be increased to \$800,000.

Ms. Milliken would also like the Municipality to fund approximately \$1,000,000 in HOME/CDBG funds to purchase two 6-plex buildings located at 801 and 803 13th Avenue.

She would like:

- Continued prioritization of homeless and supportive housing services through Public Service funding including the support of case management at Sitka Place

- Continued support of the Mobile Intervention Team through CDBG and ESG funding to enable a coordinated entry access point and to assist in coordination with APD camp abatement

April 15, 2020 Public Hearing

Public Comment Period March 30, 2020 to 10:00 AM May 1, 2020

Jeff Judd, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, - E-mail comments- CIHA appreciates the MOA's effort to deploy the Federal pass through funds in support of much need, quality community development and affordable housing programs. They especially appreciate the support of the HOME funding proposed for CIHA's 50-unit South Anchorage Senior Housing development. CIHA also supports the availability of the \$550,000 in NHTF dollars into the Anchorage community.

August 14, 2020 Public Hearing

Public Comment Period August 11, 2020 to 10:00 AM August 18, 2020

Lisa Aquino, MHS, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Social, - E-mail comments- Lisa made comments on the need for funding.

Suzi Pearson, Executive Officer, Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC), - E-mail comments- Lisa made comments on the need for funding.

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

Public Comments received on the Draft 2019 Action Plan by e-mail from:

SJ Klein, Fairview Community Council – Mr. Klein opposes any use of 2019 Action Plan funds that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. He believes an appropriate use of 2019 Action plan funds would be to increase public safety in North Fairview and East Downtown. Mr. Klein said they would like to see funding for any program that would increase police and EMS in the area included in the 2019 Action Plan. Lastly, he would like to see a portion of Action Plan funds spent by the city to find ways to reduce barriers to the construction of private, market-rate housing.

As requested, no 2019 Action Plan funds were allocated that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. There is a lack of funding available to provide for the other activities that Mr. Klein wished to see funded in 2019.

Planning Department's Long-Range Planning Division. – The Division requested paragraph 2 in bold in AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing to be rewritten. That paragraph is from a form provided by HUD.

Jay Stange, Board Secretary and Treasurer, Friends of Fish Creek - e-mailed requesting the CDBG TBD funding of \$167,886 be considered for purchase and remediation of a 3.67-acre undeveloped and contaminated lot at 3901 Hayes Street. Programming the CDBG TBD funding of \$167,886 will have to be done with a substantial amendment to the 2019 Action

Plan. The Municipality will consider this project along with others when the Action Plan is amended. The Municipality will need additional information on the project.

Elizabeth Milliken, Director, Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. - e-mailed comments in support of the Mobile Home Repair Program and requested that the funding be increased to \$800,000. There is not enough available CDBG funding in the 2019 Action Plan to fund the program an additional \$400,000.

Ms. Milliken would also like the Municipality to fund approximately \$1,000,000 in HOME/CDBG funds to purchase two 6-plex buildings located at 801 and 803 13th Avenue. There is not enough available funding in the 2019 Action Plan to fund the program, but partial funding may be available with a substantial amendment. The Municipality will need additional information on the project.

7. Summary

As evidenced by the Con Plan, there are many needs in the Municipality. The Municipality has identified projects to fund in the 2019 Action Plan to help end homelessness through priorities established by Mayor Berkowitz and activities identified in the Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The 2019 Action Plan reflects the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HTF funding for projects that are intended to serve low-income and the homeless residents living in the Municipality. Specifically, funding is directed towards maintaining and developing affordable housing and homeless prevention.

3. Project Information

Table AP-35.1. - 2019 Projects

	Projected Sources	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HTF	Total
	2019 Allocation	\$1,720,154	\$377,364	\$146,461	\$550,000	\$2,793,979
	Covid	\$1,070,086	\$0	\$4,295,217	\$0	\$5,365,303
	Program Income	\$0	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$115,000
	Total Sources	\$2,790,240	\$492,364	\$4,441,678	\$550,000	\$8,274,282
#	Project Name	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HTF	Total
	Administrative					
1A	CDBG Administrative	\$344,030				\$344,030
1B	CDBG-CV Administrative	\$214,017				\$214,017
2	HOME Administrative		\$49,236			\$49,236
15	ESG Administrative			\$10,984		\$10,984
16	HTF Administrative				\$55,000	\$55,000
	CDBG					
3	Mobile Home Repair Program - Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP)	\$400,000				\$400,000
4A	Rental Housing Development – CIHA - Duke’s Place	\$424,215				\$424,215
4B	Alaska Literacy Program	\$12,615.36				\$12,615.36
5A	CDBG Project - TBD	\$56,270.64				\$56,270.64
5B	Brother Francis – Security Fence	\$100,000				\$100,000
6	Activity Delivery Cost	\$125,000				\$125,000
7A	Public Services – TBD	\$29,579				\$29,579
7B	Public Services – Operations Support - CSS	\$41,534				\$41,534
8	Public Services - Case Mgt. Sitka Place - RurAL CAP	\$71,560				\$71,560
9	Public Services – Homeless Prevention - ALSC	\$72,255				\$72,255
10	Public Services – Homeless Outreach - RurAL CAP	\$43,095				\$43,095
	CDBG-CV					
17	Projects- TBD	\$856,069				\$856,069
	HOME					
11	Rental Housing Development – CIHA - SASH project		\$85,768			\$85,768
12	CHDO Housing Program –HFHA		\$56,589			\$56,589
13	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - NeighborWorks Alaska		\$281,903			\$281,903
14	CHDO Operating Expense Assistance - HFHA		\$18,868			\$18,868
15	Emergency Solutions Grant					

15	Homeless Prevention – MOA			\$73,588		\$73,588
15	Rapid Re-housing - CSS			\$61,889		\$61,889
	ESG-CV			\$4,295,217		\$4,295,217
	HTF					
16	Rental Housing Development TBD				\$495,000	\$495,000
Total Uses		\$2,790,240	\$492,364	\$4,441,678	\$550,000	\$8,274,282

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

The allocation priorities for the 2019 Action Plan were derived from the needs recognized in the 2018-2022 Con Plan. The three main obstacles to addressing underserved needs include: lack of funding; lack of available land for construction of affordable housing; and, high cost of land and building materials.

Objectives specifically related to homelessness include: expand the supply of rental housing for special needs populations, with an emphasis on the homeless, as outlined in the affordable housing strategy section; educate the public about the issue of homelessness; engage in homeless prevention activities and homeless services; support case management services in order to assist people in obtaining or retaining permanent housing; assist in the development of a coordinated intake and discharge system in Anchorage; housing affordability through rental assistance; support existing shelter services; and the expansion of permanent housing services. The Municipality will continue to develop partnerships with other agencies to leverage additional funding for programs to develop low-income rental housing and address underserved needs.

AP-38 Project Summary Information

1. CDBG Administration, Planning, and Grant Management

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	CHDO Rental Housing Development Homeowner Rehabilitation Mobile Home Rehabilitation Affordable Housing Homeless Facilities Public Services Public Facilities and Improvements
Needs Addressed	Homeless Populations Low-Income & Housing Populations Public Facilities Public Services
Funding	CDBG \$344,030, Source: Grant CDBG-CV \$214,017, Source: Grant
Description	<p>Grant management, planning, and technical assistance to carry out CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME, HTF and selected other activities. Several planning, technical assistance and grant management activities have been identified for 2019 and include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. General management of the CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME, and HTF projects and programs, including the drafting of Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, executing procurement processes including RFP procedures and drafting written agreements B. Monitoring subrecipient agreements, recordkeeping and budgets, and assuring all federal and local guidelines are met, including eligibility under HUD national objectives, Davis Bacon Labor Standards, environmental reviews, fair housing and affirmative marketing C. Environmental reviews for projects initiated and funded by HUD (other than CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME, ESG, and HTF projects) D. Assist in the development of planning strategies and community development planning efforts with other housing and service agencies

	<p>E. Program evaluations</p> <p>F. Direct Anchorage Health Department operational costs and indirect costs as determined by the Intra-Governmental Chargeback System</p> <p>FY 2019, CDBG Administration, Planning, and Grant Management costs are allocated at 20% of the CDBG Entitlement allocation plus 20% of any Program Income funds received.</p> <p>HUD allows up to 25% of CDBG-CV funds to be used for planning and program administration (24 CFR 570.200(g))</p>
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
Location Description	Administration for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HTF is at 825 L Street, Anchorage, Alaska.
Planned Activities	24 CFR 570.205 & 206 - Eligible planning and program administrative costs. 24 CFR 570.200(g))

2. HOME Administration, Planning, and Grant Management

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Rental Housing Development Homeowner Development Program Tenant Based Rental Assistance
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	HOME \$49,236, Sources: \$37,736 Grant and \$11,500 Program Income

Description	<p>Up to 10% of all new HOME funds, including Program Income may be used for administration, planning, and grant management. These funds will be used for general management of HOME projects and programs including the drafting of the Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, executing procurement processes including Application/RFGP procedures and drafting written agreements, and general office expenses. Funds will also support the monitoring subrecipient agreements, recordkeeping and budgets, and assuring all federal and local guidelines are met, including eligibility under HUD national objectives, Davis Bacon Labor Standards, environmental reviews, fair housing and affirmative marketing.</p> <p>FY 2019, HOME Administration, Planning, and Grant Management costs are allocated at 10% of the HOME Entitlement formula allocation plus 10% of any Program Income funds received.</p>
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
Location Description	Administration for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HTF is at 825 L Street, Anchorage, Alaska.
Planned Activities	24 CFR 92.207 - Eligible administrative and planning costs.

3. Mobile Home Repair Program - Rural Alaska Community Action Program

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated Mobile Home Rehabilitation Program (MHRP)
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	CDBG \$400,000, Source: Grant

Description	The MHRP is administered by Rural Alaska Community Action Program and assists low-income families who own and occupy a mobile home in need of minor repairs. This assistance is in the form of a one-time grant of up to \$20,000. Funds are primarily used for EPDM roof covering, heating system replacement, hot water tank replacement, and mobile home leveling and skirting. Mobile homes comprise an important element of the affordable housing stock in the Municipality. The Municipality developed the MHRP to focus on repairs of aging mobile homes in order to preserve a portion of this affordable housing stock.
Target Date	12/31/2020 (second-year funding with three option periods remaining)
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	RurAL CAP estimates it will complete 20 units. The target population is owner-occupied mobile-home owner with low/moderate incomes less than 80% Area Median Income.
Location Description	Municipality of Anchorage - City wide (Girdwood to Eklutna).
Planned Activities	24 CFR 570.202 (a)(1) - Privately owned buildings and improvements for residential purposes; improvements to a single-family residential property which is also used as a place of business, which are required in order to operate the business, need not be considered to be rehabilitation of a commercial or industrial building, if the improvements also provide general benefit to the residential occupants of the building.

4. Rental Housing Development – CDBG - Duke’s Place - CIHA

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Rental Housing Development
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations

Funding	<p>\$598,634 2018 CDBG \$25,621 2016 CDBG SA#5 & SA#6 \$5,494 2017 CDBG SA#3 & SA#4 \$15,210 Program Income \$424,215 Proposed 2019 CDBG Total: \$1,069,174</p> <p>2016 Action Plan - SA#5 & SA#6 reprogram \$25,621 from Child Dev. Center to CIHA to Duke's Place that was listed in the 2018 and 2019 Action Plans.</p> <p>2017 Action Plan – SA#3 & SA#4 reprogram \$5,494 from Elizabeth Place to Duke's Downtown Housing.</p>
Description	<p>Acquisition/Rehabilitation of 630 W. 8th Avenue. The Duke's Downtown Housing project will consist of 27 units of low-income rental housing units.</p> <p>The original 2018 award was comprised of \$598,634 in CDBG entitlement funds and \$15,210 in CDBG program income, for a total 2018 award of \$613,844. Of that, CIHA was reimbursed \$591,500 for acquisition costs, with a 5% retainer amounting to \$22,344 being held until project closeout.</p> <p>Amendment 1 contains \$455,330, made up of CDBG funds swept up in the Substantial Amendments to the 2016 and 2017 Action Plans, \$25,621 and \$5,494 respectively: plus \$424,215 of 2019 CDBG entitlement funds. CIHA will be reimbursed \$424,215 for acquisition costs, with \$31,115 withheld as the 5% retainer.</p> <p>The total award (acquisition price) for Duke's Downtown Housing came to \$1,069,174.</p>
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	21 households at 60% Area Median Income, 6 households at 50% Area Median Income
Location Description	630 W. 8 th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Planned Activities	24 CFR 570.202 (b)(1) - Assistance to private individuals and entities, including profit making and nonprofit organizations, to acquire for the purpose of rehabilitation, and to rehabilitate properties, for use or re-sale for residential purposes.
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4B. Alaska Literacy Program (ALP) - Rehabilitation

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Facilities for low/moderate-income housing benefit
Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
Funding	<p>2016 CDBG: \$213,376 + \$59,454.60= \$272,830.60</p> <p>Reprogram \$59,454.60 to Alaska Literacy Project funded in 2016.</p> <p>2016 AP SA#6 \$9,089.31 from RurAL CAP-MHRP</p> <p>2016 AP SA#6 \$10,922.50 from United Non-Profit LLC</p> <p>2017 AP SA#6 \$26,827.43 from RurAL CAP-MHRP</p> <p>2019 Action Plan \$12,615.36 from TBD Capital Project</p>
Description	Installation of a vertical lift, construction of an arctic entry and replacement of carpet. ALP provides reading, writing and English language instruction to adults with low literacy skills and limited English proficiency.
Target Date	12/31/2018
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 Low/Moderate-Income Persons
Location Description	1345 Rudakof Circle, Suite 104, Anchorage, AK 99508
Planned Activities	570.201 (c) Public Facilities and Improvements

5A. CDBG Project TBD - TBD

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	TBD

Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	CDBG \$55,270.64, Source: Grant
Description	TBD
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
Location Description	Municipality of Anchorage - City wide (Girdwood to Eklutna).
Planned Activities	TBD

5B. Brother Francis Shelter – Security Fence - Municipality

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Facilities for extremely low to very low-income housing benefit
Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Homeless Populations
Funding	CDBG \$100,000, Source: Grant
Description	Install Security Fence in front of property. Administered by the Municipality.
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 Persons who are homeless

Location Description	1021 E 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501
Planned Activities	570.201 (c) Public Facilities and Improvements or Area benefit based on nature and location of activity

6. Activity Delivery Costs

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Rental Housing Development Affordable Housing Mobile Home Repair Program Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Homeowner Rehabilitation
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	CDBG \$125,000, Source: Grant
Description	Activity Delivery Costs for the Municipality
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The goal is to provide Activity Delivery Costs on active and/or previous on-going projects.
Location Description	Municipality of Anchorage

Planned Activities	<p>24 CFR 570.202 (a)(1) - CDBG funds may be used to finance the rehabilitation of privately owned buildings and improvements for residential purposes; improvements to a single-family residential property which is also used as a place of business, which are required in order to operate the business, need not be considered to be rehabilitation of a commercial or industrial building, if the improvements also provide general benefit to the residential occupants of the building.</p> <p>Rental Development. 24 CFR 92.205 (a)(1) - HOME funds may be used by a PJ to provide incentives to develop and support affordable rental housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities, including real property acquisition, site improvement. The housing must be permanent or transitional housing. The specific eligible costs are set forth in sections 92.206 through 92.209. 24 CFR 570.202 (b)(1) - Assistance to private individuals and entities, including profit making and nonprofit organizations, to acquire for the purpose of rehabilitation, and to rehabilitate properties, for use or re-sale for residential purposes.</p>
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7A. CDBG Public Services – TBD

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG \$29,579, Source: Grant
Description	TBD
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
Location Description	TBD

Planned Activities	570.201(e) – Public Services.
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7B. CDBG Public Services – Operations Support - Catholic Social Services (CSS)

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG \$41,534, Source: Grant
Description	<p>The CSS Brother Francis Shelter (BFS) is an emergency shelter for homeless men and women in Anchorage. Shelter services include access to showers, a hot meal, medical care, and case management. CDBG funds will support the CSS BFS new Information and Referral Navigator position. The Navigator will assist individuals in crisis by assessing and prioritizing their immediate needs, advocating for services for those in need, and work with community resources and partners.</p> <p>Operations Support - CSS - \$165,030 was reprogrammed with substantial amendments in December 2019. \$51,496 of 2017 funds and \$72,000 of 2018 funds were reprogrammed from the Downtown Hope Center. \$41,534 of 2019 funds were reprogrammed from Public Services Not Awarded.</p>
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	BFS shelters approximately 240 individuals each night, for a total of more than 86,0000 shelter nights per year. They serve over 2000 different individuals per year. The Navigator expects to work with at least 30% of BFS clients, or 600 individuals per year.
Location Description	1021 E 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501
Planned Activities	570.201(e) – Public Services.

8. CDBG Public Services – Rural Alaska Community Action Program - Case Management Sitka Place

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG \$71,560, Source: Grant
Description	Rural Alaska Community Action Program provides case management and supportive services to homeless individuals with disabilities living in permanent supportive housing at Sitka Place.
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Sitka Place will house at least 50 individuals who are chronic homeless and with disabilities and extremely low- to very low-income.
Location Description	Safe Harbor - Sitka Place
Planned Activities	570.201(e) – Public Services.

9. CDBG Public Services – Alaska Legal Services Corporation

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG \$72,255, Source: Grant

Description	Alaska Legal Services Corporation provides direct assistance to at-risk of homelessness individuals and families. The legal assistance is aimed at immediately increasing an at-risk individual and family's safety and stability by keeping or securing housing, obtaining orders of protection and assisting with income maintenance issues such as securing child support and public benefits.
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 low/moderate-income individuals and families
Location Description	1016 W. Sixth Ave., Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Planned Activities	570.201(e) – Public Services.

10. CDBG Public Services – Rural Alaska Community Action Program – Homeless Outreach

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG \$43,095, Source: Grant
Description	RurAL CAP will provide a bridge between homeless services in the community to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness have access to needed resources and are connecting with housing. The target population will be homeless individuals and individuals who are in crisis, who are experiencing severe needs. Priority will be given to individuals with incomes at 50% of the Area Median Income, who have a history of hospitalization and/or law enforcement contacts, are top users of the Anchorage Safety Center, and with a high vulnerability rating and who

	often have a substance abuse diagnoses. This population will often have co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance use disorders), as diagnosed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V).
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 individuals who are chronic homeless and with disabilities
Location Description	Scattered sites in Anchorage
Planned Activities	570.201(e) – Public Services.

11. HOME Housing Program - Cook Inlet Housing Authority – SASH

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Housing Program
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	2019 SA#2 – HOME - \$85,768, Sources: Grant 2020 HOME \$120,000, Sources: Grant Total: \$205,768
Description	Rental Housing Development – South Anchorage Senior Housing (SASH) project. Construction of 50 new units. There will be 25 units that are restricted to household below 50% of the AMI with rents not exceeding the 50% AMI LIHTC restricted unit rent. Three will be HOME units.
Target Date	12/31/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 households below 50% AMI
Location Description	13600 Old Seward Highway, Anchorage, AK 99515
Planned Activities	Rental Development. 24 CFR 92.205 (a)(1) - HOME funds may be used by a PJ to provide incentives to develop and support affordable rental housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities, including real property acquisition, site improvement. The housing must be permanent or transitional housing. The specific eligible costs are set forth in sections 92.206 through 92.209.

11B. Rental Housing Development – HOME – Karluk Manor Repayment

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Rental Housing Development
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	HOME \$285,843, Sources: Grant
Description	Repayment of HOME funds to HUD for Karluk Manor to address finding of non-compliance.
Target Date	12/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
Location Description	Anchorage, AK 99501
Planned Activities	NA

12. HOME CHDO Housing Program - Habitat for Humanity Anchorage

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Affordable Homeownership
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	2018 SA#3 - HOME CHDO - \$109,960 2019 SA#2 - HOME CHDO - \$56,589 2020 HOME CHDO - \$108,527 2020 HOME - \$104,553 2020 HOME Program Income - \$121,140 Total: \$500,769
Description	Develop and support affordable homeownership affordability through the acquisition (including assistance to homebuyers), new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation. Downpayment Assistance.
Target Date	12/31/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 low/moderate incomes housing units
Location Description	City Wide, Anchorage, AK
Planned Activities	Acquisition. 24 CFR 92.205(a)(1) and (2) - HOME funds may be used by a participating jurisdiction to provide incentives to develop and support affordable rental housing and homeownership affordability through the acquisition (including assistance to homebuyers), new construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of nonluxury housing with suitable amenities, including real property acquisition, site improvements, conversion, demolition, and other expenses, including financing costs, relocation expenses of any displaced persons, families, businesses, or organizations; to provide tenant-based rental assistance, including security deposits; to provide payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs; and to provide for the payment of operating expenses of community housing development organizations.

13. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - NeighborWorks Alaska

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	HOME \$281,903, Sources: \$178,403 Grant and \$103,500 Program Income
Description	NeighborWorks Alaska will administer Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to low-income individuals and families living in scattered sites located in the Municipality. Chronic homeless and low-income households' simultaneously experiencing homelessness with a physical or mental disability, substance abuse, or chronic health condition. The targeted population comprises that segment of the Anchorage homeless population that currently accounts for the highest per capita expenditure rate for police callouts, emergency room and hospitalization, and Anchorage Safety Center/Safety Patrol encounters.
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 low-income households at or below 50% Area Median Income
Location Description	Scattered sites located in the Municipality
Planned Activities	92.205(a)(1) Eligible activities.

14. CHDO Operating Assistance – Habitat for Humanity Anchorage

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Community Housing Development Organization Operating
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	HOME \$18,868, Source: Grant
Description	Housing development costs for administration and overhead of the CHDO agency.
Target Date	12/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Households with low/moderate-income
Location Description	Main office of Habitat for Humanity Anchorage
Planned Activities	92.208 Eligible CHDO Operating Expense and Capacity Building Costs

15. ESG Anchorage – Municipality of Anchorage and Catholic Social Services

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
Needs Addressed	Homeless Populations
Funding	2019 ESG \$146,461, Source: Grant Municipality of Anchorage - Homeless Prevention \$73,588 Catholic Social Services - Rapid Re-housing \$61,889 Administration \$10,984
Description	Homeless Prevention activities and Rapid Re-housing for rent and utility assistance
Target Date	12/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	35 persons assisted with Rapid Re-housing with extremely low-income 40 persons assisted with Homelessness Prevention with extremely low-income
Location Description	Administration for ESG is at 825 L Street, Anchorage, Alaska.
Planned Activities	578.53 Supportive Services

16. 2019 HTF Anchorage – Rental Housing Development TBD

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	Rental Housing Development
Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	2019 HTF Administrative - \$55,000 2019 HTF Acquisition, New Construction, Rehabilitation and Operating Cost Assistance - \$495,000 Total: \$550,000
Description	The MOA plans to use the HTF for the acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation and operating cost assistance of rental housing. The MOA plans to reserve 10% of the HTF allocation funding for administrative, planning, and compliance purposes. Up to 30% of the State allocation can be used for operating cost assistance. Operating cost assistance will only be used on rental housing projects for the HTF assisted units that do not receive project-based assistance. The MOA’s 2019 HTF Allocation Plan is part of the 2019 Action Plan and must be approved by HUD.
Target Date	7/26/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Benefit 5 extremely low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below the poverty line, whichever is greater
Location Description	Administration for HTF is at 825 L Street, Anchorage, Alaska
Planned Activities	24 CFR Part 93.200 Eligible activities, 93.201 Eligible project costs, 93.202 Eligible administrative and planning costs

17. CDBG-CV Project TBD - TBD

Target Area	Anchorage
Goals Supported	TBD

Needs Addressed	Low-Income & Housing Populations
Funding	CDBG—CV \$856,069, Source: Grant
Description	TBD - \$856,069 in CDBG-CV funds and \$85,849.64 of 2019 CDBG fund to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to respond to the growing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing public service to move homeless individuals and families out of shelter and into permanent housing, to reduce the number of homeless individuals in congregate shelter, and to increase physical distance between individuals in congregate shelter. Funded public service will include support for shelter operations, case management, and system navigation support. The Municipality is also anticipate awarding up to \$743,328 in 2020 CDBG funds for the COVID-19 response.
Target Date	12/31/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
Location Description	Municipality of Anchorage - City wide (Girdwood to Eklutna).
Planned Activities	TBD

Appendix A - Municipality of Anchorage (Municipality) Citizen Participation Plan

The Municipality must develop and follow a Citizen Participation Plan to receive federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and National Housing Trust Fund Grant (HTF) programs. The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) covers the five-year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan), the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) as part of the Con Plan, each subsequent Annual Action Plan (AP), each year's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and any amendments to the Plans.

1. Purpose

This Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the policies and procedures for citizen participation in Anchorage's Con Plan process. The Municipality is responsible for the citizen participation process.

This Citizen Participation Plan encourages citizens to participate in the Con Plan process from the beginning. It outlines the procedures for community approval of the Con Plan, for addressing concerns and complaints, and for making amendments to the plan after approval.

2. Opportunities

The Municipality urges citizens to voice their concerns and share their ideas concerning CDBG, HOME, ESG and HTF program funds. It welcomes comments and suggestions regarding the CPP, Con Plan, AFH, APs, and CAPERs.

To encourage citizen participation, the Municipality will undertake the following activities each year.

- Hold at least four public hearings at different times during the program year;
- Offer public comment periods for the draft versions of the Con Plan, AFH, APs, and CAPERs;
- Consult with various groups to review needs, strategies, actions, projects, and performance;
- As soon as practical after HUD makes AFH-related data available to the Municipality, the Municipality will make such information and any other supplemental information the Municipality plans to incorporate into the AFH available to the public, public agencies, and other interested parties (24 CFR 91.105(b)(1)(i));
- Distribute notice of availability of copies of the draft Con Plan, AFH, APs, and CAPERs to the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (Continuum of Care), Federation of Community Councils, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, other public and private

agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social and fair housing services, Municipal residents, and other groups as appropriate and upon request; and

- Provide the public with notice of citizen participation opportunities through email distribution lists kept for this purpose, and announcement of public hearing dates through newspaper publication a minimum of one week before date of public hearing. Related information will be posted on the Municipal website.

3. Public Hearings and Meetings

The Municipality will hold at least two public hearings per year to obtain public comments on needs, strategies, actions, projects, and performance. If a need exists and resources permit, the Municipality will include other public meetings in addition to the hearings. The Municipality will hold public hearings and provide opportunities for public comment. To encourage the participation of public housing residents, the Municipality will try to hold one public meeting in a public housing community or in a place convenient to one or more public housing communities.

The Municipality will hold hearings covered by this Citizen Participation Plan at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for persons with disabilities (24 CFR 91.105(f)). The Municipal Assembly may hold additional public hearings to approve plans and substantial amendments, appropriate grants, and allocate and award grant funds.

When the Municipality is concerned about significant public health risks that may result from holding in-person public hearings, the Municipality may undertake a virtual public hearing (alone, or in concert with an in-person hearing) and allow questions in real time, with answers coming directly from the Municipality to all “attendees”. As with an in-person hearing, the Municipality will provide accessibility for persons with disabilities and Limited English Proficiency to participate.

The ESG-CV funds require no consultation and citizen participation; however, the Municipality will publish how the allocation has or will be used on the appropriate Municipal web page. The Municipality will publish the ESG-CV allocations on the Anchorage Health Department, Community and Safety Development web page before funds are awarded. The CDBG-CV required public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days and the public hearing may be virtual.

Public Hearing #1—Proposed Needs, Strategies, and Projects

The Municipality will hold the first public hearing each year to obtain citizens’ views and to respond to proposals and questions. It will be held before the 30-day public comment period begins for the Con Plan, AFH and an AP (24 CFR 91.105(e)(iii)). The public hearing will contain a discussion of the following items:

- The amount of assistance the Municipality expects to receive in the coming program year for the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HTF programs, including Program Income.

- The range of activities that the Municipality may undertake, including the estimated amount that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
- Address the proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing consistent with AFH.
- The priority needs in the Con Plan.
- The five-year strategies in the Con Plan designed to address those needs.
- A discussion of the programs and activities necessary in the upcoming program year to carry out those strategies.

Public Hearing #2—Annual Action Plan or 5-Year Con Plan

The Municipality will hold the second public hearing each year to obtain citizens’ views and comments on the draft AP or five-year Con Plan. This public hearing will be held during the 30 day public comment period.

Public Hearing #3— Annual Action Plan or 5-Year Con Plan

The third public hearing of each year will be conducted at the Municipal Assembly during the official approval of the AP or five-year Con Plan; this meeting occurs after the 30-day comment period on the draft has ended.

Public Hearing #4— Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The Municipality will hold the fourth public hearing no later than one week before the CAPER is due to HUD.

4. Public Comment Period

To provide Anchorage’s residents with maximum feasible input into the Con Plan, AFH, APs and CAPERs, the Municipality provides the following public comment periods:

- Citizens may comment on the draft Con Plan, AFH, APs and substantial amendments for 30 days from the publication date.
- Citizens may comment on draft CAPERs for 15 days from the publication date.

To make comments on these documents, citizens may send written comments to the address under “Contact Information”; send an email to email address under “Contact Information”; or attend the public meetings and hearings described above. The participation of all citizens is encouraged and reasonable accommodation will be made for those persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications and non-English speaking persons.

The Municipality will include a summary of citizen comments regarding each document and a summary of any comments not accepted (and the reasons why particular comments were not accepted). Public comments are any oral or written testimony provided at any public hearings, or any written testimony provided during the citizen comment period.

5. Consultation Activities

The Municipality will consult with other groups as appropriate, including but not limited to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (the Continuum of Care), Federation of Community Councils, community councils, and social service agencies. For the AFH, the Municipality will consult with other public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, homeless persons, organizations that represent protected class members and organizations that enforce fair housing laws (24 CFR 91.100(a)(1). Additionally, the Municipality will consult with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation regarding public housing agency needs, comprehensive grant program activities, neighborhood improvement programs, and resident programs and services (24 CFR 91.100(c)(1).

These groups may provide comments on the draft Con Plan, AFH and APs, including needs and proposed strategies, actions, projects, and substantial amendments.

6. Distribution of Draft Documents

The Municipality will make the Con Plan, AFH, APs and CAPER available in both print and electronic versions as requested. Draft plans and reports will be posted on the Municipality website. The Municipality will also make these documents available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons upon request.

7. Notification of Public Participation Opportunities

The Municipality will provide citizens with reasonable opportunities for comment on the Con Plan, AFH, APs and CAPERs. The Municipality will place a public notice concerning the availability of these documents in one newspaper of general circulation. Citizens may send a request to Community Safety and Development to be added to the email distribution list.

The Municipality may also provide notice in a variety of additional ways that include the following:

- Notice may also be sent out by email;
- Electronic notification via facsimile;
- Direct mailing;
- Posting of notices on bulletin boards, public counters, and flyers in public agencies and community facilities; and
- Posting on the Municipality's website.

8. Amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans

Con Plan regulations (24 CFR 91.505) indicate that the Anchorage Housing and Community Development Plan (including the Con Plan, AFH and APs) may be changed in two ways after it is adopted by the Municipality and approved by HUD. The process used depends upon whether the change will be a non-substantive, or a substantial amendment.

The Municipality must amend its approved Con Plan, AFH or APs before it may make any of the following changes.

- A change in the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distributing funds.
- The addition of a new activity, using CDBG, HOME, ESG and HTF funds (including Program Income), not previously described in an AP.
- A change in the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity previously approved in an AP.
- The material change(s) in circumstances in Anchorage that affects the information on which the AFH is based, to the extent that the analysis, the fair housing contributing factors, or the priorities and goals of the AFH no longer reflect actual circumstances (24 CFR 91.105(c)(ii)) and (24 CFR 5.164).

The Municipality will make the amendment public and will notify HUD about the amendment. The Municipality will ensure that all amendments are contained in the CAPER submitted to HUD after the end of the program year. The Municipality reserves the right to make non-substantive changes to the Con Plan, AFH or an AP without opening a public comment period.

Non-Substantial Amendments

A non-substantial amendment includes any changes to an AFH or AP not considered a substantial amendment.

Substantial Amendments

Con Plan, AFH and AP regulations consider certain amendments to be substantial amendments that require a public comment period and additional citizen participation. A substantial amendment would be triggered by any of the following activities.

- Changes in the use of CDBG funds from one HUD, CDBG eligible activity to another (24 CFR 91.05(c)(1)). Budget increases or decreases, by themselves, do not constitute a substantial amendment.
- Any new project not previously included in the Con Plan or an AP.
- A change in project location if the project moves outside of previously identified geographical boundaries or results in a different service area.
- The target population benefiting from an activity or project changes from the previously identified target population.
- An increase or reduction in the amount budgeted for a project or activity by more than 50% of the original budget or by more than \$100,000, whichever is greater.
- The material change(s) in circumstances in Anchorage that affects the information on which the AFH is based, to the extent that the analysis, the fair housing contributing factors, or the priorities and goals of the AFH no longer reflect actual circumstances (24 CFR 91.105(c)(ii)) and (24 CFR 5.164).

Public Participation and Approval Process for Substantial Amendments

If the Municipality should need to make a substantial amendment to its approved Con Plan, AFH or AP, it will follow the public participation and approval process below, which is substantially like that for an AP.

Notification of Substantial Amendment

The Municipality will notify the community of any proposed substantial amendment that is available for comment. Notification will be provided, at a minimum, by placing a public notice in one newspaper of general circulation and by distributing the notice to interested parties through Community Safety and Development's email distribution list. Interested parties may be added to the email distribution list by sending an email request to Community Safety and Development.

Public Comment Period of Substantial Amendment

The public will be invited to comment on the proposed substantial amendment for a minimum of 30 days. During the public comment period, the Municipality will hold at least one public hearing to allow the public to make comments in person. Comments will also be accepted in writing during the public comment period.

Consultations

Depending on the nature of the amendment, the public participation process may also include consultation with other organizations.

Comments Considered

The Municipality will consider any comments received in writing or at the public hearing. It will make any appropriate changes to the amendment in response to the comments and consultation(s) and attach a summary of these comments along with a summary of the Municipality's response to them, to the substantial amendment.

Final Approval

The substantial amendment will be submitted to the Municipal Assembly for approval.

9. Obtaining Citizen Comments

The Municipality will summarize oral comments from public hearings and any written comments it receives concerning the Con Plan, AFH, APs or CAPER. The Municipality will consider all comments received during the public comment period, make any appropriate changes to the subject document in response to the comments, and attach a summary of the comments, along with a summary of the Municipality's response to them, to the document. Members of the public may obtain copies of the full version of written or public hearing comments by contacting Community Safety and Development.

10. Outreach to Persons with Disabilities and Non-English-Speaking People

To provide full access to programs under the Con Plan, AFH, APs or CAPERs for non-English speaking persons (24 CFR 91.105(a)(4)), the Municipality may undertake the following actions:

- Communicate with organizations serving various ethnic groups to insure adequate involvement with this community;
- Disseminate program materials and public hearing notices to nonprofit organizations serving the Municipality's culturally diverse population;
- Publish notices of public hearings, information availability, and citizen meetings for the proposed Con Plan and any substantial amendments in non-English publications available within the Anchorage community; and
- Provide interpreters (if available) at public hearings when the Municipality expects a significant number of non-English speaking residents to attend, or upon request.

To provide full access to programs under the Con Plan, AFH, APs or CAPERs for persons with disabilities, the Municipality will undertake one or more of the following actions:

- Select only sites for public hearings that are accessible for persons with physical disabilities;
- Provide a verbal summary or recorded summary of the Con Plan to persons with visual impairments;
- Provide sign-language interpreters or written translation at public hearings when the Municipality expects a significant number of people with hearing loss to attend, or upon request; and
- Conduct outreach to community organizations that represent persons with disabilities as part of the Con Plan process.

Non-English-speaking residents, persons with a hearing impairment, sight-impaired and blind individuals, and other persons with physical disabilities and special needs may call, write, fax, in person, or send an email to Community Safety and Development; PO Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650 (mail); (907) 343-4881 (telephone); (907) 343-6831 (fax); James.Boehm@anchorageak.gov (email); or (907) 343-4468 (TTY/TDD).

11. Public Information and Access to Records

Citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties may review information and records relating to the Con Plan. The Municipality will provide public access to information about the HUD programs under its Con Plan, including the following documents that the Municipality maintains on file.

- Federal Laws: Summary of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1977; Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended: The National Affordable Housing Act (as amended)
- Federal Regulations: CDBG, HOME, ESG and HTF Program regulations; related issuances and provisions (i.e. Uniform Relocation Assistance)
- Con Plan, Assessment of Fair Housing, APs and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports

- Information about the Municipality’s CDBG, HOME, ESG and HTF programs
- Anchorage’s Citizen Participation Plan for 2018–2022
- The Municipality’s HUD information: grant agreements, audit records, evaluation reports, approval letters, and related correspondence
- The Municipality’s public meeting records: public meetings, informal meetings with civic and neighborhood groups, and related notifications pertaining to programs under the Con Plan

Individuals may access many of these documents at no cost by the Internet at the Municipality’s website <http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>, at Community Safety and Development’s office, Municipal libraries, or by contacting Community Safety and Development staff. Many federal documents may be accessed at www.hudclips.org.

To locate records and arrange space for viewing, the Municipality requests written notice a minimum of 2 days before review. Review of records that are at least 2 years old will require a 5-day notice. Requests for multiple copies of the same documents may be subject to a per page copying charge that will not exceed the copying charge to the Municipality.

12. Technical Assistance

Upon request, the Municipality may provide technical assistance to neighborhood groups, nonprofit organizations, and other organizations representative of low- and moderate-income people who wish to develop proposals for funding assistance under any programs covered by the Con Plan. The Municipality will determine the level and type of technical assistance on a case-by-case basis.

Additionally, Municipal staff will work with organizations funded under an AP to ensure that funds are being spent for their intended purpose and within the rules and regulations of the federal government.

13. Complaints

Municipal Code Title 7 – Purchasing and Contracts and Professional Services governs the submission of complaints regarding the competitive award of funding. Residents should file such complaints with the Municipal Purchasing Department according to procedures described in procurement documents.

Citizens should submit all other complaints to the Municipality, which will provide a substantive written response to every written citizen complaint related to the Citizen Participation Plan, the Con Plan, AFH, APs, substantial amendments to APs and CAPERs within 15 working days (24 CFR 91.105(j)). Send formal complaints to address under “Contact Information”.

Complaints
Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage Health Department

Human Services Division
Community Safety and Development
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519–6650

Such substantive complaints must address the following issues (specified in HUD regulations).

- The Municipality’s description of needs and objectives in its Con Plan is plainly inconsistent with available facts and data.
- The Municipality’s proposed activities are plainly inappropriate in meeting the needs and objectives identified by the Municipality.
- The Municipality’s application does not comply with HUD requirements regulating programs under the Con Plan or other applicable laws.
- The Municipality’s application proposes activities that are otherwise ineligible as specified in applicable HUD regulations.

The Municipality will attach a summary of citizen comments and complaints and a summary of any comments not accepted (and the reasons why the Municipality did not accept them) to the final Con Plan, AFH, APs, CAPERs, or substantial amendment.

Contact Information

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Appendix B - Public Comments

Public Hearing on Draft 2019 Action Plan – September 5, 2018

Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage Health Department
825 L Street
4th Floor Conference Room #423

S J Klein, Fairview Community Council – On behalf of myself and the Fairview Community Council I submit the following comments:

The Fairview Community Council opposes any use of 2019 Action Plan funds that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. The Municipality's response to homelessness has been to send them to the Brother Francis campus, which is unable to handle the additional load. Increasing the number of beds or facilities in that area further concentrates Anchorage's homeless problem, which creates a number of problems to which people in need of services are now forced to subject themselves. We support a more distributed approach to emergency housing.

To that end, the Council believes an appropriate use of 2019 Action plan funds would be to increase public safety in North Fairview and East Downtown. The Municipality ran a pilot program last winter using police and EMS to address the congregation of homeless that had formed around the Brother Francis Campus, and the results were striking. Patrons of the campus were allowed to utilize those services without being exposed to drinking, drug dealing, solicitations for sex, illegal camping, or any of the inducements to bad behavior that have sprung back up since the pilot program ended. We are doing our population that is most in need grievous harm when we subject them to these problems just to get help and basic shelter. We would like to see funding for any program that would increase police and EMS in the area included in the 2019 Action Plan.

Finally, it is my belief that housing in Anchorage is going to require more than a public investment in facilities to fix. I would like to see a portion of Action Plan funds spent by the city to find ways to reduce barriers to the construction of private, market-rate housing. If we can reduce the cost to build housing, more housing will become available at lower cost, which would decrease pressure on the lower end of the market. This would do more for those most at risk of homelessness than all the public investment in new structures to provide housing. I believe budget for the planning department to develop ways to reduce barriers to housing would be money well spent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Elizabeth Milliken, Acting Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) - e-mailed the following comments: RurAL CAP has been administering the Mobile Home Repair Program since May 2014 and to date has completed over 60 projects.

The program has been a great success with the focus being on extending the life expectancy of this affordable and necessary housing stock. The bulk of improvements being made are on the exterior shell of the structures to control water infiltration and to minimize damage caused by water infiltration.

Typical improvements include:

- Roof replacements
- Insulated skirting replacement
- Replacement of substandard windows & exterior doors
- Repair of damaged exterior wall components
- Controlling water with gutters & flashings
- Other components that are addressed are:
 - Substandard or dangerous furnaces & water heaters
 - Ventilation to improve indoor air quality
 - C.O. detectors & Smoke Alarms

Education of clients on continued maintenance and any health & safety concerns

Continued need for this program is demonstrated by the consistent amount of applications requested and received. RurAL CAP maintains an active wait list of potential projects given the demand consistently outweighs availability.

Clients have expressed great appreciation for this program and the improvements that allow them to continue to live in affordable housing for the foreseeable future by extending the life expectancy of the mobile home housing stock.

RurAL CAP strongly supports continued funding for the Mobile Home Repair program for 2019 and beyond.

Questions regarding this comment can be directed to Elizabeth Milliken, Development and Communications Department Manager, at development@ruralcap.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Public Hearing Draft 2019 Action Plan – June 12, 2019

Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage Health Department
825 L Street
4th Floor Conference Room #423

No comments were received at the Public Hearing.

Public Comments received on the Draft 2019 Action Plan by e-mail from the Planning Department's Long-Range Planning Division:

Municipality of Anchorage



Planning Department
Long-Range Planning Division



Memorandum

Date: June 25, 2019

To: James Boehm, Senior Neighborhood Planner
Anchorage Health Department

Thru: *W* Carol Wong, Manager, Long-Range Planning Division

From: *KB* Kristine Bunnell, Senior Planner
TD Tom Davis, Senior Planner
TT Thede Tobish, Senior Planner

Subject: Draft Housing and Community Development 2019 Action Plan, dated May 23, 2019

Thank you for providing the Planning Department's Long-Range Planning Division, as well as other agency and community stakeholders, with an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft *Housing and Community Development 2019 Action Plan* (Draft Plan).

The Draft Plan allows the Municipality to highlight completed actions and to propose on an annual basis specific activities and projects, per available funding, that implement the Municipality's *Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan* (Consolidated Plan).

The Long-Range Planning Division has reviewed the Draft Plan, and we have a number of observations, comments, and recommended changes that we believe will help clarify the story of what activities and projects are to be funded and pursued. Again, we appreciate how much work and effort goes into a plan, and we offer our comments in the spirit of constructive criticism.

Table AP 10.1 – Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations.

In this table, under "Municipality of Anchorage," please add "Planning" to the list of "Agency Group Organizations Type," as well as "Barriers to Affordable Housing" to "What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?". This section of the Plan summarizes the many actions that the Planning Department has completed and is currently working on to help address regulatory barriers to affordable housing development.

Since the adoption of Title 21 Rewrite, the Planning Department has undertaken a number of actions to address housing needs in the Anchorage Bowl, such as spearheading the adoption of the *Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan*, which updates housing and economic land use needs for the next 20 years and the accompanying 2040 Land Use Plan Map that sets a vision for infill growth areas, transit corridor development, and locations appropriate for residential mixed-use development.

Recent updates to Title 21 include more flexible standards for Accessory Dwelling Units and a new R-3A Mixed-use Zoning District. We are currently working on amending the R-2 Districts to address building bulk and height, which has hampered the ability to realize allowed full buildout of housing units on infill sites, especially on larger lots, as well as parking reductions for specific uses by right. The less land that is devoted to parking allows more housing units to be built on the site.

AP-55 Affordable Housing, page 63

Paragraph 6 states that new affordable housing projects with CDBG and HOME funds in 2019 are to be determined. Besides the Tables AP 55.1 and AP 55.2, can the Plan list the other agencies and stakeholders who will be consulted to help prioritize projects that meet the goals of the Plan? The eventual affordable housing projects that are built with these funds will help to address key segments of the population’s housing needs as identified in the *Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan*.

AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing, page 75

- Paragraph 2 in bold: not a sentence and needs to be rewritten.
- Paragraph 4: delete “Planning Division” and replace with “municipal Planning Department.”
- Page 77, paragraph 3, first sentence: after “needs,” add “by housing structure type.”
- Page 81, paragraph 2, first sentence: “a of right” should be edited to read “as-of-right.”
- Page 81, paragraph 5: add as a first sentence, “Yes these permits are administered through the building permit process. Development Services Department (Build Safety Division) receives the permit application and distributes copies to the various agencies for review, including Land Use, Fire, Traffic, etc.”
- Page 81, paragraph 8: add as a last sentence, “The MOA has one of the fastest permit review times for a jurisdiction of our size in the nation.”

If you require clarification on any of our comments please contact Carol Wong, Manager, Long Range Planning Division, 343-7920, or email: carol.wong@anchorageak.org.

Again, thank you for providing us with the opportunity to review and comment.

Jay Stange, Board Secretary and Treasurer, Friends of Fish Creek - e-mailed the following comments:

Please accept this email as a comment and pre-proposal inquiry on behalf of Friends of Fish Creek (FOFC), a 501(c)3 corporation based in Anchorage, Alaska, on the DRAFT Housing and Community Development 2019 Action Plan.

In consultation with several key stakeholders in the area of Chugach Way (Census Tracts 19 and 20), FOFC has identified the basic architecture of a strategy to support Low-Income Housing Populations with Community Development Block Grant funding. We propose the purchase and remediation of a 3.67-acre undeveloped and contaminated lot at 3901 Hayes Street.

The Hayes lot is a key to providing green space as well as future trail and creek daylighting easements envisioned by the 2040 Land Use Plan, the DRAFT Spenard Corridor Plan and Anchorage [Assembly Resolution 2018-277](#), which supports efforts to restore and daylight Fish Creek. Cook Inlet Housing Authority is creating a site plan for development of medium density low- to moderate-income housing on multiple adjacent lots. A private developer, Midtown Center LLC, is developing a proposal to build dense R3 housing to the east of the lot. The area is identified in Census tract tables as far below Anchorage Median Income.

The Hayes lot was surveyed in a 2018 Phase II Brownfield Environmental Assessment (Heritage Land Bank) and was found to contain pollutants in several categories above DEC cleanup levels in groundwater and soil samples. FOFC have consulted with remediation professionals and believe that significant contaminant mapping and source identification must be completed in order for the lot to be a potential site for development. Its current owner has expressed interest in engaging with our organization in light of its inability to find a private buyer and its burden of keeping the lot free of vagrants and illegal dumping.

If the Municipality of Anchorage were to consider sub-granting \$167,886 of CDBG funding (noted as TBD on Page 57 of the DRAFT Housing and Community Development 2019 Action Plan) to FOFC; *and* our organization was able to negotiate a contract guaranteeing site control for three years, conditioned upon reaching site closures with the Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation, it might be possible to secure EPA remediation grant funds to clean up the site and convey green space, trail and creek easements to the city. We are advised that the advantage in sub-granting to FOFC rather than the city is the compliance period would be limited to 5 years instead of staying open indefinitely.

There are a lot of moving parts here and a portion of the \$167,886 fund (or additional grant funds from other sources) may be needed for a conceptual plan of the interim and future uses of the site. Additionally, we haven't begun any discussions with HUD representatives.

We'd like a chance to discuss this further as part of your 2019 work plan. I'm happy to respond to any additional information requests you might find helpful.

Sincerely,

Jay Stange, Board Secretary and Treasurer

Friends of Fish Creek

(917) 601-3165

Cc: Karen Button, FOFC Board President

Jed Smith, FOFC Board Vice President

Tamas Deak, FOFC Board Member

Elizabeth Milliken, Director, Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. - e-mailed the following comments:



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June 27, 2019

James Boehm, Senior Neighborhood Planner
Municipality of Anchorage
Department of Health and Human Services
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RE: 2019 Annual Action Plan Public Comment submitted by Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP)

Dear Mr. Boehm,

Safe, healthy and affordable housing is critical to the well-being and vitality of any community. Mobile home parks are an important part of Anchorage's affordable housing spectrum. Estimates show they offer housing to over 4,800 families (ACS 2013-2017). Sadly, many of the low-income families that live, work and play in mobile homes need the Municipality's continued commitment to ensure they remain safe, healthy and affordable. The Municipality is underfunding the Mobile Home Repair Program in the 2019 Action Plan. According to RurAL CAP's 2019 mobile home repair waiting list, the community demand for necessary repair assistance is more than twice the current funding amount. To meet expressed demand, RurAL CAP recommends the Municipality increase the program funding to \$800,000.

Additionally, there continues to be a high demand for affordable housing stock in Anchorage that accommodates individuals who experience co-occurring disorders including mental illness, physical, sensory, emotional or developmental disability, and chronic alcoholism; and those who experience chronic homelessness. RurAL CAP requests the following to ensure the unique needs of this vulnerable population are met:

- Approximately \$1,000,000 in HOME/CDBG funds to purchase two 6-plex buildings located at 801 and 803 13th Avenue
- Continued prioritization of homeless and supportive housing services through Public Service funding including the support of case management at Sitka Place
- Continued support of the Mobile Intervention Team through CDBG and ESG funding to enable a coordinated entry access point and to assist in coordination with APD camp abatement

Questions regarding this comment can be directed to Elizabeth Milliken, Director of Development and Communications, at development@ruralcap.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Healthy People, Sustainable Communities, Vibrant Cultures

Virtual Public Hearing on Draft 2019 Action Plan SA #2 – April 15, 2020

Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage Health Department
Call-in number (907) 273-5190

Jeff Judd, Cook Inlet Housing Authority – Submitted by email –

I am just interested in saying that CIHA appreciates the MOA's effort to deploy these Federal pass through funds in support of much need, quality community development and affordable housing programs. We especially appreciate the support the HOME funding proposed for CIHA's 50-unit South Anchorage Senior Housing development. These HOME gap funds are essential, when leveraged with other funding sources which CIHA has assembled, to result in a financially feasible development opportunity. CIHA also supports the availability of the \$550,000 in NHTF dollars into the Anchorage community.

Sincerely,
Jeff Judd
Cook Inlet Housing Authority

Virtual Public Hearing on Draft 2019 Action Plan SA #3 – August 14, 2020

Municipality of Anchorage
Anchorage Health Department
Call-in number (907) 343-6060

Lisa Aquino, MHS, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Social – Submitted by email –



August 13, 2020

Catholic Social Services thanks The Anchorage Health Department and the Municipality of Anchorage for taking needed and intentional measures to combat the additional strain and financial burden on the homeless shelter and support system in Anchorage. The funds granted to Catholic Social Services programs, Clare House and Homeless Family Services, from the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds through the CARES Act will making a lasting impact in combating the economic effects of Covid-19.

Clare House offers 24-hour emergency shelter and progressive housing for women with children and expectant mothers. During FY 2019, Clare House provided 27,161 nights of stay to 316 women and children without a home. With the \$100,000 awarded from the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds from the CARES Act, we will be able to shelter approximately 40 moms and children every night of the year – despite the challenges of Covid-19.

Homeless Family Services provides case management to veterans, individuals, and families living in shelters and unsheltered families with children. Between March 16th and June 30th of this year, Homeless Family Services has housed over 295 individuals and provided support so that 448 at risk individuals could remain in permanent housing, securing housing for a total of 743 individuals in five months. The \$296,000 awarded from the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds from the CARES Act will continue to house vulnerable people experiencing homelessness through this emergency time.

Due to Covid-19, nationally there is expected to be an increase of 40% in people experiencing homelessness in the coming year. Much of that increase is projected to be among families and households living near the edge financially. The ESG funds will work to limit the impact of homelessness on families by assuring there is family shelter in Clare House and by providing rapid rehousing funds through Homeless Family Services which can quickly move individuals and families from homelessness into permanent housing, with case management support.

We appreciate the opportunity to utilize this valuable funding through Clare House and Homeless Family Services to make Anchorage a better place for all.

Thank you,

Lisa Aquino, MHS
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August 14, 2020

To whom it may concern:

Abused Women's Aid In Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) is the only emergency shelter for domestic violence victims in our community. In the past year we served 475 women, men, and children with safe shelter for a total of 13,794 bed nights.

It is anticipated that domestic violence incidents and the demand for shelter across the country will be on the rise in the ensuing days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic violence is about power and control. Isolation is a common tactic and cuts individuals off from their support system. The stay at home orders created further isolation and the many pressures and concerns created more stress in the home. Unemployment and financial crises do not cause domestic violence, they do increase the lethality and occurrences in homes experiencing abuse.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the services AWAIC provides to victims of domestic violence. Due to COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing AWAIC had to reduce the shelter capacity from 52 beds to 26 to 35 depending on the makeup of single individuals and families staying in shelter. The numbers in shelter in the beginning of the pandemic decreased dramatically. During the initial period of the COVID-19 pandemic AWAIC saw a period of reduced demand for shelter however an increase of 43% in crisis calls. Once Anchorage moved to Phase 3 the demand for AWAIC's emergency beds heightened and our daily population increased by 75%.

In order to ensure AWAIC was providing shelter for those with emergent safety issues AWAIC provided off-site housing funded through grants, foundations, and corporations. Those funds were expended and once again AWAIC could only provide a limited number of beds for victims of domestic violence. During this time, we have had to screen for high lethality victims and reduce the length of stay for some victims. This creates tremendous stress for those seeking shelter.

The Anchorage Health Department has recommended \$100,000 be awarded to AWAIC from the Emergency Solutions Grant. AWAIC is extremely grateful that AHD has considered AWAIC for these funds. These funds would assist AWAIC to ensure we can continue our mission to provide domestic violence safe shelter, intervention, and prevention to our community.

Thank you for recommending AWAIC for this funding.

Sincerely,


Suzi Pearson
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