

STATE OF NEVADA

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2023-2024



Housing and Community Development Programs

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the fourth annual action plan of the state of Nevada's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, a five-year plan addressing the State's housing and community development needs.

The purpose of each annual action plan is to provide a summary of what the State proposes to do in the upcoming year to further the priorities and objectives of the Consolidated Plan. The plan is reviewed by the public; citizen comments are summarized in each annual action plan.

An annual plan also explains the State's method of distribution for the following programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)
- National Housing Trust Funds (HTF)
- HOME- ARP

Activities funded from these programs must meet the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. Programs are administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED): Rural Community & Economic Development Division, Department of Business & Industry's Nevada Housing Division (NHD), and the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS): Division of Public & Behavioral Health. Additionally, the annual plan reports on specific items required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) including, but not limited to, lead-based paint actions and removal of barriers to affordable housing.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan establishes seven goals. In pursuing these goals, the state of Nevada has established priorities for the use of its resources. The priorities emphasize targeting of activities, leveraging other resources and public investments, and promoting community changing impact. The Action Plan for fiscal year 2023 continues allocating the state's resources toward these priorities and achieving the goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan.

1. Affordable Housing - Improve access to the full spectrum of quality affordable housing for Nevadans in non-entitlement areas; increase the supply of affordable housing opportunities through development of new housing units for rental; increase homeownership opportunities and preserve the long-term affordability of homes through rehabilitation of existing vacant or owner-occupied units; provide direct housing assistance to help potential buyers purchase a home, rapidly house those who are homeless or prevent or divert homelessness or provide decent, affordable housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS; provide housing services and supports in the form of counseling – homebuyer or rental and case management services to ensure persons are and remain stably housed; expand housing and supportive services for people with disabilities.
2. Community Stabilization & Development - Prevent and arrest the decline of Nevada neighborhoods and promote revitalization; support targeted code enforcement; demolish vacant, blighted building; clean-up of contaminated properties; support strategic acquisition and disposition activities; support development and maintenance of the affordable housing stock throughout Nevada.
3. Public Facility and Infrastructure Acquisition, construction, installation, rehabilitation, or improvement of facilities to support safe, sustainable, resilient communities. Water/Sewer/Storm Systems. Park, recreation, youth, senior facilities; streets and sidewalk improvements.; health and safety facilities; increase access to broadband infrastructure.
4. Public Services - Provide public services to ensure all Nevadans have access to opportunities to improve their quality of life (homeless); support public services to ensure low-income households and vulnerable populations have access to appropriate and needed resources.
5. Economic Development - Develop opportunities to improve the economic environment by creating or retaining business and employment opportunities for low-income and diverse Nevadans; create and retain jobs; create and expand businesses.
6. Community Planning and Capacity Building encourage local and regional planning activity to facilitate understanding of current housing, community development, and resiliency needs and develop a plan for their sustainable future; provide training and technical assistance to communities to build their capacity to address housing and community development need; assist communities to identify achievable goals to further community needs; align community goals with funding opportunities to meet those goals.
7. Homelessness - Provide rapid re-housing services and financial supports; provide homeless supports and prevention; support shelter operations; increase and maintain supply and access of affordable and supportive housing; conduct outreach.

3. Evaluation of past performance

HOPWA: In the past program year, 2022, the project sponsor has successfully provided services to all eligible clients within program guidelines and successfully leveraged funding from Ryan White Part B to provide additional housing resources and services to clients as well. Full details of services provided, and goals reached will be reported in the CAPER in September 2023. it should be noted that the overall goals

for 2023 have been reduced to the following incidences of increase in the Fair Market Rents (FMR) in Washoe County (northern Nevada), which has increased to approximately \$1,500 for a one-bedroom apartment. Also, Washoe County, specifically Reno, has seen significant increases in the rent and development of affordable housing is down. This has made it difficult for the project sponsor to move people into more affordable housing; creating a higher rate of assistance needed per month, per single household. The goals have been reduced to account for needing more funds to assist fewer clients. The hope is that the housing market will level out or decline and see an increase in housing development to be able to assist more clients.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development and the State of Nevada Housing Division's evaluation of its past performance on CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA has been completed in a thorough Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), most recently published for 2021. The 2022 CAPER is due September 30, 2023. This document states the objectives and outcomes identified in each Annual Action Plan and includes an evaluation of the past year's performance through measurable goals and objectives compared to actual performance. The document can be found on the Governor's Office of Economic Development's website at:

<https://goed.nv.gov/programs-incentives/rural-community-economic-development/cbdg/>

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

HOPWA: Information related to the 2023 Annual Action Plan was located on the Grantee's website at: <https://endhivnevada.org/end-hiv-nevada-program/the-housing-opportunities-for-persons-with-aids-hopwa/>.

The State's CDBG program Advisory Committee (AC) met on March 21, 2023 and proposed recommended awards for the 2023 grant year. The eligible applications were reviewed and initially scored on-line by the CDBG Advisory Committee. City and county applicants presented projects to AC members, who asked questions to clarify any information not clear in the applications. All funding recommendations are formally approved by the Governor prior to issuance of grant awards. The program year start date is July 1st, 2023.

The 2023 Annual Action Plan includes all CDBG projects recommended for funding. The plan was presented in public hearings held on April 5th, 2023, April 12th, 2023, and April 19th, 2023. Meetings were publicly noticed: the 30-day period was from April 1st through April 30th. Public Notices were published and posted the week of March 27th.

5. Summary of public comments

The 2023 Annual Action Plan was presented in public hearings held virtually on April 5th, 2023, April 12th, 2023, and April 19th, 2023. Meetings were publicly noticed: the 30-day period was from April 1st through April 30th. Public Notices were published and posted the week of March 27, 2023.

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

All comments and responses will be incorporated into the final Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.300(b)

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	NEVADA	Rural Community & Economic Development
HOPWA Administrator	NEVADA	Department of Health and Human Services
HOME & HOME ARP Administrator	NEVADA	Nevada Housing Division
ESG & ESG-CV Administrator	NEVADA	Nevada Housing Division
National Housing Trust Funds	NEVADA	Nevada Housing Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Governor's Office of Economic Development: Division of Rural Community & Economic Development Division is the lead agency for overseeing the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans and CAPERs. Partnering agencies are Governor's Office of Economic Development: Division of Rural Community & Economic Development Division [Responsible for CDBG]; the Department of Business & Industry, Nevada Housing Division [responsible for HOME, HOME ARP, HTF and ESG]; the Department of Health and Human Services: Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Office of HIV [responsible for the HOPWA and Special Needs of Non-Homeless activities]

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.110, 91.300(b); 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

The State of Nevada's HUD-funded programs have established procedures for consultation with local governments, advisory groups, program stakeholders, Continuum of Care, community leaders and businesses, public institutions, faith-based organizations, other state agencies and interested citizens are consulted during preliminary development of the Consolidated and Action Plans. All are consulted in the event amendments are necessary to the Consolidated or Annual Action Plan. Consultation may occur in a variety of methods: surveys and/or meetings, public notices, mail, and/or by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation.

CDBG, ESG, HOME and HTF program staff actively engaged housing and homeless providers, community leaders, and other interested parties throughout rural Nevada by conducting or participating in forums, community coalitions and planning meetings to gather input on housing, homeless, and community needs in rural communities. Input from the northern Continuums of Care was also obtained to ensure ESG funds passed through to the city of Reno funded activities that were locally supported.

Provide a concise summary of the state's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies

HOPWA: The sole project sponsor under HOPWA funding is also a Ryan White Part B subrecipient, as well as a Ryan White Part C & D recipient. The project sponsor is an established federally qualified health center, which provides wrap around services, such as mental health, medical and non-medical case management.

The State has a strong working relationship with the Housing Authority in rural Nevada and provides State Low-income Housing Trust funds for tenant-based rental assistance for homeless households who were referred by Coordinated Entry lead agencies in rural Nevada. Funds were also used to provide security deposit assistance and emergency assistance for low-income households.

The State provides funding from either the federal ESG Program or the State Low-Income Housing Trust Fund Program to several county social services agencies and non-profits throughout Nevada. Activities funded include tenant-based rental assistance to eligible households, emergency rent and utility assistance and rapid re-housing programs for low-income households at risk of homelessness or eviction. Agencies receiving these funds are required to work closely with public institutions including hospitals, jails, and mental health clinics, which allows clients access to housing and supportive services. Memorandums of Understanding have been implemented to ensure cooperation between agencies, and staff from hospitals, jails, mental health, and other providers. All participate in community coalition meetings, also attended by Housing Division staff when possible.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

Not Applicable. This is a State plan.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the State in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Housing Division actively participates in the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (RNCoC); NHD is a member of the RNCoC Governance Committee, as well as the Statewide CoC HMIS Governance Committee. Funding priorities and allocations for the ESG program are determined by a committee including members of the RNCoC and other board members. NHD program staff work in conjunction with the RNCoC to develop performance standards for written standards for projects and activities funded through the ESG and other CoC programs; they work with the RNCoC to monitor performance of CoC sub-recipients.

The State also engages the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH) to ensure programs and services funded through the alliance members are in alignment with RAAH goals and objectives. This is accomplished throughout the year during monthly Leadership Council meetings. The State also works with RAAH to develop performance standards and outcomes for programs.

The Division allocates a portion of State ESG funds to the HMIS Lead Agency in southern Nevada to support costs of the HMIS database throughout Nevada. The NHD participates in statewide HMIS subcommittee meetings and is an active participant in the development of policies and procedures for the operation and administration of the statewide HMIS. The Division also engages members from the southern Nevada CoC during statewide CoC meetings to gather information regarding the types of programs and services needed in the Clark County area.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Northern Nevada HOPES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Northern Nevada HOPES is the sole HOPWA project sponsor for northern Nevada. Consultation occurred via email program staff to discuss priorities and goals for the 2023 Annual Action Plan, including looking at trend analysis of goals vs actuals from 2021 & 2022 to help inform goals for the 2023 Annual Action Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF CALIENTE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	CARLIN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CHURCHILL COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	DOUGLAS COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ELKO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ELY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	ESMERALDA COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	EUREKA COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF FALLON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF FERNLEY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	HUMBOLDT COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	LINCOLN COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meeting.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LOVELOCK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	LYON COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public meetings.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	MINERAL COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	NYE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	PERSHING COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	STOREY COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF WELLS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	WASHOE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF WEST WENDOVER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	WHITE PINE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF YERINGTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	WINNEMUCCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	CARSON CITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	ELKO COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	LANDER COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CDBG Eligible Entity

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	NEVADA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF SCIENCE, INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	State Office
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in public input meetings.

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

The State made every attempt to be inclusive in its outreach efforts.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CoC Steering Committee	NHD coordinated with the CoC to create goals for all ESG programs that align with the CoC

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The agencies identified above, and other interested stakeholders are consulted through the various methods of communication noted in other sections. The anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination are to have grantees that are better informed of activities of other organizations in order to avoid duplication of services and/or projects. The ultimate outcome is to operate Four HUD Formula programs and HTF for the State of Nevada depends on and begins with consulting the UGLG and their constituents. This is a very bottom-up approach and de-centralized approach to project development. All divisions believe this is the best method by which to achieve success.

AP-12 Participation - 91.115, 91.300(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting**

HOPWA: Information was presented on the State of Nevada, Office of HIV external website to allow interested communities an opportunity to review and/or provide comments to the proposed Annual Action Plan and other aspects of HOPWA programming.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Website	HIV	None	None	N/A	https://endhivnevada.org/end-hiv-nevada-program/the-housing-opportunities-for-persons-with-aids-hopwa/
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Three newspaper advertisements ran in three newspapers (Elko/Elko County; Pahrump/Nye County, RGJ/Western Nevada), which cover all areas of the state. The reach of newspaper ads is difficult to determine.	All comments will be incorporated into the final AAP		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing general population	A public hearing was held in Fallon on April 5 th , 2023	All comments will be incorporated into the final AAP		
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The draft annual action plan was posted to program web sites.	All comments will be incorporated into the final AAP		
5	26 eligible entities made plan available	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish and others Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The draft annual action plan is emailed to the 26 eligible entities.	All comments will be incorporated into the final AAP		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Public Hearing	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing general population	A public hearing was held in Carson City on April 12 th , 2023	All comments will be incorporated into the final AAP		
7	Public Hearing	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing general population	A public hearing was held in Fernley on April 19 th , 2023.	All comments will be incorporated into the final AAP		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.320(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Expected resources for the five formula programs remain relatively level, with the exception of the Housing Trust Fund and Carson City, an entitlement, reverting to the state program. For the CDBG program, additional funds are committed each year to newly funded projects by cities and counties, other state and federal funds, and/or other funding sources. Those leveraged dollars are difficult to project, as they vary greatly each year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,895,399	0	0	2,895,399	4,087,962	2023 is the fourth year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	3,000,000.00		3,038,446.22	6,038,485.22		The HOME Program, administered by the NHD, received \$3,000,000.00 in HUD funds for the plan year beginning July 1, 2023. Additionally, the State HOME Program expects that grantees will generate approximately \$800,000 of program income (PI) and/or recaptured funds from previously awarded grants. HOME funds will be allocated throughout Nevada using a formula allocation. PI and HOME funds remaining from the previous year will be allocated throughout Nevada.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing placement (PHP); Short term or transitional housing facilities (STRMU) Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	537,861	0	17,678	555,539	361,752	2023 is the fourth year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

HOME- ARP	Public Federal	1) people experiencing homelessness; 2) people at-risk of homelessness; 3) people who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, and 4) other populations for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or who face the greatest risk of housing instability.	6,444,739				The Nevada Housing Division (NHD) has received \$6,444,739 million in HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding from Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
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Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	474,914.70	0	38,727.19	513,644.89	<p>Agencies receiving ESG allocations must match 100% of their award.</p> <p>Approximately 10 grantees expected</p> <p>ESG-CV funding is 85% expended \$7,828,290.39 Awarded</p> <p>(\$1,95,521.24 remaining) expected to close by September 30, 2023 fully expended.</p>	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HTF	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership	unknown	0	3,940,687.93	unknown	HTF allocations have not been announced but NHD expects the funding to remain comparable to past years and will continue to use funds to leverage Low Income Housing Tax credits to fund the development of new affordable housing that will serve 30% ami.	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - state	Acquisition Admin and Planning Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance TBRA Transitional housing	13,805,740.81	0	9,543,262.85	23,349,002.85	<p>State Account for Affordable Housing Trust funds (AAHTF) that can be used for the following purposes: new and rehabilitation of multi-family projects, down payment assistance, homeowner rehabilitation, tenant-based rental assistance, and homeless prevention assistance.</p> <p>15% of the available yearly funds are provided to counties through a population-based formula. 85% is available for competitive application by developers, counties and non-profit.</p>	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	Public Federal	American Rescue Plan Act (Act) HOME Means NV Initiative	500,000,000					Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Funds) to the United States Treasury (Treasury) for disbursement to states, territories, and Tribal governments to mitigate the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

ESG:

Some ESG sub-recipients have been allocated State Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AAHTF) as match to the ESG program, which allows for more ESG funding to be allocated for case management, shelter operations, and data collection activities. In addition, AAHTF will be allocated to local housing authorities to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Emergency Assistance, and Security Deposit funding to the most vulnerable homeless clients and those who are at risk of becoming homeless, who are part of the coordinated entry process. Finally, local county and city funds, along with other federal program funds such as the Community Services Block Grant program, will be used to pay for staff and other eligible ESG activities. 100% of the match obligation will be provided with these other funding sources.

HOME:

NHD will leverage funds from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and funds from Rural Development with regard to affordable housing projects. Match requirements for the HOME program are fulfilled using property tax exemptions, LIHTCs, and AAHTF.

HTF:

NHD will leverage funds from the Low-Income Tax Credit program. No matching funds are required for this program.


CDBG:

Jurisdictions recommended for 2023 CDBG projects intend to commit \$18,972,405 cash contributions from other Federal, State or local funding sources and an estimated \$101,260 in-kind.

HOPE:

No matching funds are required. The Ryan White Part B program does complement HOPWA activities with Housing Services to assist Ryan White clients with short-term or emergency housing assistance to enable an individual or family to gain or maintain access to core medical and supportive care.

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

NHD is proposing to use discounted Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land under the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) for affordable housing purposes. Between FY 2020-2024 NHD plans to put at least one Request for Proposal out for a multifamily housing development using land reserved through SNPLMA. NHD will also explore partnerships with local jurisdiction(s) Clark County, Washoe County, City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson to identify tax foreclosed properties or donated land that can be transferred for affordable housing projects. 

Additionally, NHD dedicated \$500 million to affordable housing from federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The following funds were allocated for land acquisition.

- [City of Sparks](#): \$1 million projected to assist veterans, seniors, multifamily, intergenerational and supportive housing
- [City of North Las Vegas](#): \$10 million projected to assist low-income individuals and families
- [Churchill County](#): \$1,743,500 projected to assist the homeless community
- [Nevada Rural Housing Authority](#): \$4,801,494 projected to assist families, seniors and persons with disabilities
- [Reno Housing Authority](#): \$2,275,000 projected to assist families, seniors and disabled individuals at 50% or below the area median income
- [Nevada HAND](#): \$2,120,000 projected to assist youth aging out of Foster Care

Discussion

The National Housing Trust Fund

The NHD will seek to leverage HOME funds, HTF, VASH vouchers and other funding sources while collaborating with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority and other agencies.

CDBG:

When recommending projects for funding, the CDBG Advisory Committee takes into consideration the collaborative nature of the project. Projects with community support and/or public-private funding are encouraged. The Program is striving to increase the number of these partnerships and to collaborate across jurisdictions and regions.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.320(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Non-Entitlement Plus Carson City	Increase Supply and Access Provide housing assistance Provide housing services & supports Homelessness Prevention	HOME: \$3,000,000 HOME-ARP: \$6,444,739 HTF: unknown AAHTF: \$13,805,740.81	Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted Homebuyer Assistance

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Community Stabilization/ Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions	Code enforcement Slum/blight Environmental/Cleanup Strategic Acquisition and clearance	HOME-ARP: \$6,444,739	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Land Acquisition, Low-income housing development, Homeowner Rehab
3	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions	Water/sewer Parks/recreations/youth & senior (community) facilities Streets and Sidewalks Health & Safety Increase Broadband Access	CDBG: \$2,458,537	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted
4	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions	Non-homeless services	HOPWA: \$537,861	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 30 Household Housing Unit
5	Economic Development / Environment	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions	Create/Retain Jobs Create/expand businesses	CDBG: \$0	Jobs created/retained: 25 Jobs Businesses assisted: 125 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Community Planning and Capacity Building	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions	Training & technical assistance Assist UGLGs in identifying achievable goals Align goals with funding	CDBG: \$278,954	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted Other: 1 Other
7	Homelessness	2023	2025	Homeless	Statewide	Homelessness	ESG: \$487,092 HOPWA \$537,861	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 100 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 60 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 30 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance, Permanent Housing Placement, Short-term rental, mortgage and utility assistance.

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The State will use HOME, CDBG, Housing Trust Fund, and Nevada AAHTF to increase affordable housing through the construction of new rental housing, the rehabilitations of rental housing and the rehabilitation of owner housing.
2	Goal Name	Community Stabilization/ Development
	Goal Description	Support community stabilization through Code enforcement, Slum/blight removal, Environmental/cleanup, and Strategic acquisition & clearance.
3	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	The State will fund public facility and infrastructure improvements, including Water/sewer, Parks/recreation/youth & senior (community) facilities, Streets & sidewalks, Health & safety, and increase broadband access.
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	This is a public service goal to provide access to needed services.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development / Environment
	Goal Description	This goal provides employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income people and promote businesses in the State.
6	Goal Name	Community Planning and Capacity Building
	Goal Description	This goal is to provide infrastructure and other planning support for units of local government or sub-recipients.

7	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>ESG and AAHTF will be allocated to agencies to pay for homeless outreach, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing assistance for up to 24 months, along with tenant based rental assistance vouchers for homeless who are referred by the coordinated entry lead agencies.</p> <p>ESG and AAHTF will be provided to emergency and domestic violence shelters to offset the costs of operating their shelters. Funding will also be allocated for essential services to residents of these shelters. In communities without access to a shelter, funds will be allocated to pay for motel/hotel vouchers that are used as an emergency shelter.</p> <p>ESG funds will provide funding to offset costs of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Administration of the programs. Goal is 95% data quality.</p> <p>HOPWA will be able allocated to reduce incidences of clients and families becoming homeless.</p>

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AP-25 Allocation Priorities – 91.320(d)

Introduction:

The State's allocation priorities for 2023 are outlined below.

Funding Allocation Priorities

	Affordable Housing (%)	Community Stabilization/ Development (%)	Public Facilities and Infrastructure (%)	Public Services (%)	Economic Development / Environment (%)	Community Planning and Capacity Building (%)	Homelessness (%)	Total (%)
CDBG	0	0	95	0	0	5	0	100
HOME	90	0	0	10	0	0	0	100
HOME ARP	60						40	100
HOPWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
ESG	0	25	0	25	0	0	50	100
HTF	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Other AAHTF	85	15	0	0	0	0	0	100
Other SLFRF-HMNI	100							

Table 7 – Funding Allocation Priorities

Reason for Allocation Priorities

ESG: Funding continues to be limited for homeless activities in rural Nevada. Communities believe that there is a need to fund emergency and domestic violence shelters to ensure that homeless individuals and families have access to safe shelter. Rapid re-housing is a category that is prioritized as the largest number of people within the community que who regularly fall under the rapid re-housing category.

HOME: NHD chose to give Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects allocation priority because it ensures that the HOME funds are being leveraged to the greatest extent possible. NHD feels that Down Payment Assistance programs are important programs to have in the non-entitled areas where there is more housing stock in the rural areas.

HOME ARP: NHD conducted a needs assessment that confirmed the continued need to make affordable housing development a priority, therefore the majority of the grant will be used for creating affordable housing. The remaining amount will be used to combat homelessness through shelter and tenant based rental assistance.

HTF: NHD chose to give Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects allocation priorities because it ensures that the HTF funds are being leveraged to the greatest extent possible.

CDBG: As reflected in this table, the CDBG program primary focus is on improving and upgrading infrastructure. While not direct job creation projects, improved infrastructure enables communities to expand economic development opportunities through improved and expanded infrastructure.

HOPWA: As indicated in this table, HOPWA funds are used to assist HIV positive individuals and their families at-risk of homelessness with rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, also assistance with move-in costs associated with securing permanent housing.

How will the proposed distribution of funds will address the priority needs and specific objectives described in the Consolidated Plan?

ESG: The Consolidated Plan identified the need to support existing homeless and domestic violence shelters due to the limited amount of resources that are available for housing. There is also a need for homeless prevention activities, and the bulk of those programs will be funded through the AAHTF Welfare Set-Aside program. The State Consolidated Plan, local Continuum of Care Strategic Plans, and the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness identified the need for permanent housing, including rapid re-housing. As a result, both ESG and AAHTF will have allocations primarily focused on those activities. Tenant-based rental assistance programs will be managed by counties, and the Nevada Rural Housing Authority as part of the Rural Nevada Coordinated Entry process.

HOME: The proposed distribution will address the need of multi-family housing by ensuring that affordable multi-family complexes will have the funding needed to be built. NHD will also be able to

continue a down payment assistance program.

CDBG: Funding from CDBG supports CDBG priorities as noted in the Consolidated Plan for the State of Nevada.

HTF: The distribution from HTF will not change the priority needs and specific objectives described in the Consolidated Plan, however, the additional funding will enhance the current objectives and facilitate completion.

HOPWA: Funding for HOWPA supports the activities and priorities as noted in the Consolidated Plan for the State of Nevada.

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AP-30 Methods of Distribution – 91.320(d)&(k)

Introduction:

Distribution Methods

Table 8 - Distribution Methods by State Program

1	State Program Name:	Community Development Block Grant Program
	Funding Sources:	CDBG

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<p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p>	<p>CDBG: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community and economic development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. Through the CDBG program, HUD provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1,209 general units of local government and States.</p> <p>The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.</p> <p>The State of Nevada is a recipient of the State Administered CDBG program, also known as the Small Cities' CDBG program. States award grants to smaller units of general local government that carry out community development activities. Annually, each State develops funding priorities and criteria for selecting projects. Nevada's priorities are established by the consolidated planning process, state priorities, and the regional community and economic development needs of the communities.</p> <p>The State of Nevada's CDBG Program is designed to meet the priority needs that have been identified by the State and local communities.</p> <p>The 5-Year Consolidated Plan identified the following as priorities: Improve infrastructure by assisting with sidewalk/path, street, water and wastewater system upgrades and development projects; enhance access to quality facilities to serve the population throughout rural Nevada; Provide infrastructure and other planning support for units of local government; retain and expand existing businesses; support recruitment and attraction of new businesses to Nevada; provide employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income people. By funding these</p>
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	<p>priorities, State CDBG funds will be allocated to support these priorities.</p>
<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>CDBG: The CDBG Program implemented a revised ranking criterion form for use by the CDBG Advisory Committee. The ranking form is reviewed during the CDBG Application Workshop for the current application cycle. The ranking is also included in the Method of Distribution which is included in the application software system ZoomGrant. Grantees must review and sign the MoD and submit the MoD with the application.</p>
<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>CDBG: Potential applicants can access application manuals and the ranking criteria on the Governor's Office of Economic Development: CDBG web pages. Applicants also are encouraged to work with CDBG staff members in developing applications to ensure project eligibility and answer any questions applicants may have about the process. CDBG holds an Application Workshop for the current application cycle. All grantees receive an updated application handbook and copy of the Method of Distribution.</p> <p>Non-profit organizations work with the 27 eligible CDBG cities and counties to develop applications to be sponsored by the city or county. Notices are posted and/or published in the various cities/counties to inform the non-profit organizations about CDBG and the application process. Sponsored organizations also are encouraged to attend the CDBG Grant Application Workshop in their areas. For the 2017 Program Year, Carson City, an entitlement, chose to revert to the state CDBG program. For 2023, Carson City elected to go back to entitlement and is no longer with the State system.</p>

<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>CDBG: Funds are awarded through a competitive application process that is reviewed during CDBG Application Workshops held in the spring and summer months each year. Applications are due in February and reviewed by CDBG staff members for eligibility. Once verified as eligible, applications are distributed to an Advisory Committee (AC) for ranking. The AC generally meets in March/April, in an open meeting process, to review and recommend applications for funding. During this open meeting process, external reviewers provide input regarding potential projects; project applicants also make presentations about the proposed projects. The AC recommendations are submitted to the GOED Director for review and approval before forwarding to the Governor for final approval of projects.</p>				
<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>HOPWA only. Not applicable to CDBG. However, projects from non-profits can be sponsored by a city/county for CDBG funding. A request for applications (RFA) is being introduced in late spring/early summer 2023 for the remaining two (2) years [2023 and 2023] of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. When the RFA is released, it will be submitted to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.</p>				
<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>CDBG: Resources are allocated among funding categories based on community need and responsiveness to the state's CDBG's program goals. Needs also reflect and respond to changes occurring at the local level.</p>				
<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>CDBG: CDBG does not have a threshold factor or grant size limit.</p>				
<p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p>	<p>The CDBG Outcome Measures are (1) Availability/Accessibility, (2) Affordability; and (3) Sustainability relating to (1) Suitable Living Environments; (2) Decent Housing; and (3) Economic Opportunity. An estimated 62,922 individuals will benefit from the 2023 projects recommended for funding.</p>				
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<p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p>	<p>The State is allocated an annual distribution of ESG funds that are distributed and managed through NHD. The annual allocation of ESG funds for 2023 is estimated to be \$484.826. NHD will distribute these funds through a competitive application which will open in March 2023. Programs in non-entitled areas of the State are prioritized since the PJs throughout the State receive their own ESG distribution from HUD. In the event the state determines the city of Reno is in further need of ESG funds in addition to their allocation from HUD (determined through their competitive allocation) the state may fund the city of Reno ESG funds. The ESG funds will be mostly or entirely allocated to programs serving those in rural areas of the state.</p>
<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>Programs in non-entitled areas of the State are prioritized. In the event the State determines the city of Reno is in further need of ESG funds in addition to its allocation from HUD (determined through its competitive allocation) the state may fund the city of Reno ESG funds. The ESG funds will be mostly or entirely allocated to programs serving those in rural areas of the state. In addition, Rapid Re-housing programs will be prioritized for funding, however, all categories allowable under the ESG program will be considered.</p>
<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>This section is not applicable since ESG is not CDBG. All information on the ESG program is available through the NHD website and through contacting the ESG administrator.</p>

<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>The ESG funding is available to all units of local governments, non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations within the rural communities through the competitive application process.</p>
<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>This section is not applicable since ESG is not HOPWA. ESG does not utilize sponsors but utilizes the CoC partnerships to strengthen their programs and impact.</p> <p>HOPWA only. A request for applications (RFA) is being introduced in late spring/early summer 2023 for the remaining two (2) years [2023 and 2023] of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. When the RFA is released, it will be submitted to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.</p>
<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>Although ESG funding will be prioritized for Rapid Rehousing programs, all ESG allowable categories will be considered for funding. To adhere to ESG requirements no more than 60% of the overall allocation will distributed to shelter programs and 10% of the overall allocation may be set aside for program administration.</p>
<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>Even though the 2022 allocation had an increase from the 2021 allocation, NHD normally receives applications from eligible programs that exceed its funding by \$200,000. ESG funding is very competitive and valuable to the programs located in the rural areas of the state and to the City of Reno.</p>
<p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p>	<p>NHD expects to be able to fund all priority programs and existing programs in good standing, likely not for their full ask but in part.</p>
<p>3 State Program Name:</p>	<p>HOME Program</p>
<p>Funding Sources:</p>	<p>HOME</p>

<p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p>	<p>The HOME funds are allocated to all Participating Jurisdictions (PJ's) in the State. The State has decided to allocate the HOME funds based on population to ensure that each Nevadan receives an equitable amount of funding. If the State were to only distribute HOME funds in the non-entitled areas, they would receive approximately several times the amount of funding that other PJ's receive. Therefore, the State takes into consideration all of the HOME funds coming into the State and distributes the State funds based on a population formula. 10% of the award is used for administration of the grant.</p> <p>The allocation for other Participating Jurisdictions in the State are as follows:</p> <p>Clark County HOME Consortium-\$675,482 City of Henderson-\$168,375 City of Las Vegas-\$332,577 Washoe County HOME Consortium-\$252,399 Non-entitled area of the State-\$1,087,846</p> <p>PI received within each jurisdiction will be allocated back to the respective PJ in the subsequent year's funding agreement. Old PI, EN, and/or recaptured funds remaining from previous funding years originally slotted for a certain PJs or non-entitlement areas can be opened through the normal application process for projects statewide.</p> <p>In the non-entitlement areas, NHD will facilitate a competitive application. If older funds are released for statewide applications, these applications will go through the same competitive application process.</p>
<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>The State will allocate the non-entitled portion of the HOME funds to non-entitled areas. We will make funding Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects as its first priority and will evaluate remaining projects and make selections based on need and funding remaining.</p>

<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>This is not applicable because this program is HOME not CDBG. Information on the HOME program is available on the NHD website and by contacting the HOME program administrator.</p>
<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>This is not applicable because this program is HOME not ESG. Details on the HOME allocation and distribution can be found in a section above.</p>
<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>This is not applicable because this program is HOME not HOPWA. The HOME program does not involve sponsors but does utilize investors and partners. HOPWA only. A request for applications (RFA) is being introduced in late spring/early summer 2023 for the remaining two (2) years [2023 and 2023] of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. When the RFA is released, it will be submitted to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.</p>
<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>HOME funds and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits will prioritize multi-family rental projects whether they be new construction or rehabilitation. HOME funds will also be used for down payment assistance. The State will use the majority of its AAHTF for tenant based rental assistance, security deposit assistance, and emergency assistance in the non-entitled areas of the state.</p>

	Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.	Threshold factors are mainly based on the amount of funding the State has for the project and how many projects are successful in obtaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits. The average amount of HOME funds that it takes to fund a tax credit project is usually about \$400,000.00. The State usually allocates \$300,000 to a down payment assistance program. Further, the State receives the State minimum allocation of HOME from HUD \$3,000,000.
	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	NHD expects that it will be able to fund all of its priorities using this method of distribution. We foresee funding multi-family new construction projects, multi-family rehabilitation projects and a down payment assistance program.
4	State Program Name:	HOPWA
	Funding Sources:	HOPWA
	Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	The HOPWA program is designed to assist HIV positive individuals at-risk of homeless with rental, mortgage, and utility assistance; as well as assistance with move-in costs associated with securing permanent housing.

<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>A competitive application requirement has not been released since 2011, due to northern Nevada having limited organizations expressing interest in bidding on the project. Northern Nevada HOPES (NNHOPES) submitted a completed proposal due to their HIV/AIDS specialty services, proven track record and expertise in the field and was approved to be the sole HOPWA project sponsor. A request for applications (RFA) is being introduced in late spring/early summer 2023 for the remaining two (2) years [2023 and 2023] of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. When the RFA is released, it will be submitted to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.</p> <p>Once the RFA is released and in the event that more than one agency submits a request for funding for the HOPWA program preference will be given to agencies that are current or past recipients of HOPWA funds; can demonstrate successful implementation of the HOPWA program; have chosen to utilize HOPWA funds on activities that will prevent homelessness amongst the HIV positive community and are actively helping to meet the Objectives of NHD and HUD.</p> <p>Funds may be used in the following focus areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide Short-Term Rental and Mortgage Assistance (STRMU) for 21 weeks out a 52-week calendar year; 2. Provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for individuals who will need long-term financial assistance in order to prevent homelessness and Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA); 3. Provide Supportive Services (SS) Assistance to individuals in need of financial help to obtain items that are required prior to being approved for a rental unit, such as a state issued ID; 4. Provide Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) assistance to individuals who need financial assistance with unit move-in costs such as first month's rent and deposits.
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<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>To apply for a subgrant from the DPBH, an organization must be a 501(C)(3), a for-profit corporation (if services are not immediately available in a designated service area), educational institution, a state agency, a religiously affiliated organization, or a local governmental agency performing or anticipating performing a function relevant to program goals of the HOPWA program. Each proposal submitted must contain the following sections:</p> <p>PFS Application Cover Sheet: This page identifies the PFS and requires the applicant to fill in the basic information; this is to be signed by an organization staff with the authority to make a binding contract or agreement on behalf of that organization.</p> <p>Project Data Sheet: This section includes identifying information about the applicant; project information; project funding formula; contact information and signature authority.</p> <p>Project Outline: This section includes general information and a description of the project being proposed. The applicant will respond to a set of statements and provide responses that clearly states the goals and major activities of the proposed project and the impact it will have on fulfilling the goals and objectives of the HOPWA program; a description of the organization’s qualifications to implement the proposed project; a detailed narrative about the proposed project including specific information on the methodology to be used, an overview of project activities, the expected accomplishments of the project, and a timeline for completion.</p> <p>In addition to the above criteria, please include in your project outline plans for community collaboration; identify any key organizations which may be involved in the coordination of services, interagency policy development, comprehensive networking, or system integration. Provide a brief summary of how your project would be sustained in future years if the project were to continue.</p> <p>Project Work Plan: This section details the Objectives, Activities, Benchmarks, Performance Measures and Evaluation for the project. Applicants should enter as</p>
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	<p>many objectives and activities, including detailed performance measures, as necessary to support expected outcomes of the project.</p> <p>Project Budget Request & Justification Form: This section includes a summary and itemized section containing projections of costs for personnel, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other direct costs and indirect costs.</p> <p>Successful applicants will be required to complete RWPB program forms, signed assurances of compliance with federal and state laws, and original signatures of individuals authorized to accept grants on behalf of the organization.</p> <p>Supplemental Information, Attachments: You can include “up to” 5 pages of <u>relevant</u> support materials, including samples of newspaper articles, letters of support, etc. In addition, any charts, graphs, statistical information or substantiating documentation of statements listed in the text of the proposal should be included in the list of attachments.</p> <p>Applicants shall be consistently evaluated and scored based upon a two-step evaluation process. Each application will be evaluated and scored using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant’s understanding of background, need for, and scope of services/project;• Adequacy of proposed project approach;• Adequacy of proposed plan of action;• Adequacy of proposed evaluation;• Qualification and experience with similar work;• Reasonableness of cost; and <p>Such other factors deemed relevant in determination of the best value for the State.</p>
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<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>HOPWA funds will be passed through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): Division of Public & Behavioral Health (DPBH), Community Health Services Office of HIV and will be allocated to local for-profit and non-profit organizations in only northern Nevada because Clark County (Las Vegas) receives funding for housing assistance from HUD HOPWA separately and Las Vegas TGA receives Ryan White Part A program, HOPWA funds are solely allocated to Northern Nevada and the rural areas. Northern Nevada HOPES, project sponsor, receives the entire HOPWA grant minus three (3) percent that is retained for State Administration.</p>	
<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>The HOPWA program does not have formal Threshold Factors or Grant Size Limit. Threshold factors are mainly based on the amount of the State funding award. Size of the award to the project sponsor also depends on the quality of the application. The average amount awarded to the project sponsor is in excess of \$400,000.</p>	
<p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p>	<p>The overarching outcome is to establish a seamless system to immediately link people diagnosed with HIV to continuous and coordinated quality care; enhance the number and diversity of available providers of clinical care and support services for people with HIV; and support people with HIV with co-occurring health conditions and those who have challenges meeting their basic needs.</p> <p>Specific outcomes to housing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress in carrying out its 1) local and 2) statewide strategic plan and initiatives set-forth by the Nevada Economic Development office, Annual Action Plan, Con Plan, HIV/AIDS Integrated Plan, • increase percentage of clients in stable housing, increase percentage of clients retained in care. 	
<p>5</p>	<p>State Program Name:</p>	<p>National Housing Trust Fund</p>
	<p>Funding Sources:</p>	<p>HTF</p>

<p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p>	<p>The National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is an affordable housing production program that will complement the existing federal, state, and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low (ELI) and very low income (VLI) households, including families experiencing homelessness. Established under Title I of the Housing and Economic Recovery act of 2008, HTF will be distributed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on a formula basis to the states.</p> <p>The State of Nevada has appointed NHD as the State Designated Entity (SDE) to administer the program.</p> <p>NHD is expecting to receive \$6,000,000 in HTF. NHD will open a statewide competitive application for this funding in Mid- 2023, pending HUD allocation announcement. NHD anticipates receiving multiple HTF applications for this funding for rental projects located throughout the state of Nevada.</p>
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<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>Selection of projects will be mirrored to the NHD QAP which sets forth selection criteria to be used to determine housing priorities and gives preference among selected projects to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects serving the lowest income tenants, • Projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods, • Projects which are located in qualified census tracts and the development of which contributes to a concerted community revitalization plan. <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes the following selection criteria: Project location • Housing needs characteristics Project characteristics Applicant characteristics Tenant populations with special housing needs Public housing waiting lists Tenant populations of individuals with children The energy efficiency of projects
<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>This is not applicable to this section since HTF is not CDBG. All HTF information and manuals are available through the NHD website and/or by contacting the HTF administrator.</p>
<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>This is not applicable to this section since HTF is not ESG. Please see an above section for allocation and distribution details.</p>

<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	<p>This is not applicable to this section since HTF is not HOPWA. HTF does not utilize sponsors as HOPWA does, HTF utilizes investors and partners.</p> <p>HOPWA only. A request for applications (RFA) is being introduced in late spring/early summer 2023 for the remaining two (2) years [2023 and 2023] of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. When the RFA is released, it will be submitted to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.</p>
<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>The State of Nevada will use HTF funds exclusively for the construction of rental housing to meet the priority housing needs as identified by the State’s Consolidated plan. In accordance with HTF regulations, up to 10% of the State’s HTF allocation will be used for administration.</p> <p>NHD has elected not to allow HTF funds to be used for homeownership activities given the extremely low-income targeting requirements of the program.</p> <p>NHD will not permit the refinancing of existing debt with HTF.</p>
<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>Threshold factors are mainly based on the amount of funding the State has for the project and how many projects are successful in obtaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits.</p>
<p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p>	<p>The State will measure its progress, consistent with the State’s goals established in the Consolidated Plan. These “Housing Priorities” include the increased availability of rental housing for ELI and VLI households and improving housing accessibility and safety.</p>

Discussion:

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AP-35 Projects – (Optional)

Introduction:

NHD is currently preparing the application process for AAHTF, HOME, and ESG for the rural communities and the HTF competitive application process statewide. NHD should have funding determinations by July 2023. HOME funds that have already been allocated to the PJ's throughout the State will support new construction and rehabilitation of multifamily rental projects, homeowner down payment assistance and homeowner rehabilitation within the respective jurisdictions.

The following CDBG projects have been selected for the 2023 Program Year.

#	Project Name
1	City of Fallon 23/PF/01
2	City of Fernley 23/PF/02
3	City of Wells 23/PF/03
4	City of West Wendover 23/PF/04
5	Esmeralda County 23/PCB/05
6	Nye County 23/PF/06

Table 9 – Project Information

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

The funding priorities for HOME and HTF are to support new construction and rehabilitation of multifamily rental properties that support low-income households, special needs population and veterans. One obstacle in the rural communities is the rising costs of construction costs, availability of resources and manpower in the rural and geographically isolated communities.

HOME: As stated prior to this section, the HOME funds administered directly to non-entitled areas of the State prioritize funding new construction and rehabilitation of multifamily rental projects throughout rural areas of the State which also receive LIHTCs and a down payment assistance program. Prioritizing funding for multifamily projects that also receive LIHTC's increases the impact of the funding and often results in producing higher quality affordable housing with larger amounts of affordable units thus contributing to the increase and maintenance of the affordable housing stock in Nevada.

HTF: Prioritizes funding projects reserving units for households earning 30% AMI or lower. These funds are crucial to meet the needs of Nevada's most vulnerable populations.

ESG: As stated above, the ESG funds prioritize programs in the rural areas of the State. Due to Nevada's

geography the programs located in the rural areas of the State face extremely unique challenges which vary county to county. The distance between county and city services contributes to these issues. Rapid re-housing is a category that is prioritized as the largest number of people on the community que regularly fall under the rapid re-housing category.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	City of Fallon 23/PF/01
	Target Area	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Streets and Sidewalks
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
	Description	The purpose of the proposed project is to reconstruct approximately 78,640 square feet of paving, 6,970 square feet of sidewalk. The scope of work consists of a full reconstruction to include paving, striping, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and other ancillary improvements associated with the project.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit an estimated 1,310 households, including 840 LMI households.
	Location Description	Fallon
	Planned Activities	Streets and Sidewalks
	2	Project Name
Target Area		Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions
Goals Supported		Public Facilities and Infrastructure
Needs Addressed		Community Stabilization/ Development
Funding		CDBG: \$500,000
Description		The purpose of this proposed project is to help construct a 35,212 SF Community Response & Resource Center. The CRRC will provide a venue for responding to the pandemic with the delivery of vaccines, testing, and other public health needs. Further, the Center will provide programs and resources that address the negative economic impacts from the pandemic including, but not limited to food insecurity, emergency shelter/quarantine, childcare, educational needs, and mental health support.
Target Date		6/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit an estimated 3,590 households, including 1,915 LMI households.
	Location Description	Fernley
	Planned Activities	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
3	Project Name	City of Wells 23/PF/03
	Target Area	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Streets and Sidewalks
	Funding	CDBG: \$458,537
	Description	The purpose of this project is to construct curb, gutters, and sidewalk on both sides of Shoshone Ave halfway to Dover Street in Wells Nevada.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit an estimated 1,200 households, including 684 LMI households.
	Location Description	Wells
	Planned Activities	Streets and Sidewalks
4	Project Name	City of West Wendover 23/PF/04
	Target Area	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Stabilization/ Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
	Description	Construction of a new Fire Station facility for the City of West Wendover, to be located west and adjacent to the West Wendover City Hall on N. Gene L. Jones Way, West Wendover, Nevada.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit an estimated 4,420 persons, including 3,125 LMI persons.
	Location Description	West Wendover
	Planned Activities	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
5	Project Name	Esmeralda County 23/PCB/05
	Target Area	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions
	Goals Supported	Health and Safety
	Needs Addressed	Community Planning and Capacity Building
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	The purpose of this project is to hire a company who specializes in addressing for emergency vehicles to provide addresses at each home in the county. And to follow the requirements for services such as NVEnergy, UPS, FedEx, propane companies, etc., to ensure they are aware of the new addresses and that they use them. This will attach one address to each county home and that those addresses are recognized by online systems that may be searched.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit an estimated 43 persons, including 32 LMI persons.
	Location Description	Goldfield
	Planned Activities	Health and Safety
6	Project Name	Nye County 23/PF/06
	Target Area	Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Stabilization/ Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000

Description	The purpose of this project is to Design, fabrication, delivery, permitting, engineering, all site work and commissioning of a new fuel system for aviation gas, both 100LL and Jet A. The system will consist of two 12,000 gallon, UL 2085 fireguard tanks and retail sale equipment. Site work will include furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and services to construct required concrete tank pads and protection bollards around the tanks, supply required electrical service, lighting and controls to the entire system. Commissioning of the system will include all labor, equipment, materials and services to start-up and verify that the new fuel system functions according to its design and specifications.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit an estimated 2,117 households, including 1,107 LMI households.
Location Description	Tonopah
Planned Activities	Public Facilities and Infrastructure

AP-40 Section 108 Loan Guarantee – 91.320(k)(1)(ii)

Will the state help non-entitlement units of general local government to apply for Section 108 loan funds?

No

Available Grant Amounts

This is not an activity that the State of Nevada supports currently.

Acceptance process of applications

This is not an activity that the State of Nevada supports currently.

AP-45 Community Revitalization Strategies – 91.320(k)(1)(ii)

Will the state allow units of general local government to carry out community revitalization strategies?

Yes

State’s Process and Criteria for approving local government revitalization strategies

CDBG supports planning and capacity building for community and regional projects to help revitalize their communities and regions. The plans must define strategies and next steps required to accomplish goals of the plan. This process helps communities/regions identify key individuals and/or groups best qualified to implement each activity and goal. The community planning process creates buy-in from residents.

All program funding contributes directly or indirectly to community revitalization efforts (i.e. housing rehabilitation, public facilities/public infrastructure). ESG and HOPWA funds support housing and services for individuals who are vulnerable, thereby contributing to community revitalization by helping ensure safe living environments for all.

HOME and HTF contribute directly or indirectly to government revitalization strategies. These funds can provide new construction and rehabilitation to multifamily rental projects, homeowner rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.320(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the state (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Non-Entitlement Jurisdictions	80
Non-Entitlement Plus Carson City	10
Statewide	10

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDGB: The State of Nevada does not have Geographic Distribution of funds, other than to LMI/non-entitlements areas.

HOME: The HOME funds are allocated to all Participating Jurisdictions (PJ's) in the State. The State has decided to allocate the HOME funds based on population to ensure that each Nevadan receives an equitable amount of funding. If the State were to only distribute HOME funds in the non-entitled areas, they would receive approximately several times the amount of funding that other PJ's receive. Therefore, the State takes into consideration all of the HOME funds coming into the State and distributes the State funds based on a population formula. Ten percent of the award is used for administration of the grant.

The allocation of HOME for other Participating Jurisdictions in the State are as follows:

Clark County HOME Consortium-\$675,482

City of Henderson-\$168,375

City of Las Vegas-\$332,577

Washoe County HOME Consortium-\$252,399

Non-entitled area of the State-\$1,087,846

PI received within each jurisdiction will be allocated back to the respective PJ in the subsequent year's funding agreement. Old PI, EN, and/or recaptured funds remaining from previous funding years originally slotted for certain PJs or non-entitlement areas can be opened up through the normal application process for projects statewide. In the non-entitlement areas, NHD will facilitate a competitive application. In the event that older funds are released for statewide applications, these applications will go through the same

competitive application process. HOME funding priority goes to projects that are awarded LIHTCs.

HTF: NHD prioritizes funding the multifamily new construction and rehabilitation of rental properties receiving LIHTC. NHD allows statewide access to these funds as to reach all populations at 30% AMI and lower throughout Nevada. HTF funding priority goes to projects that are awarded LIHTCs.

ESG: As stated above, the ESG funds prioritize programs in the rural areas of the State. Due to Nevada's geography the programs located in the rural areas of the State face extremely unique challenges which vary county to county. The distance between county and city services contributes to these issues. Rapid re-housing is a category that is prioritized as the largest number of people in the community queue regularly fall under the rapid re-housing category.

HOPWA: Resources are primarily utilized for Washoe County.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 24 CFR 91.320(g)

Introduction:

The State of Nevada’s HOME program funds all Participating Jurisdictions as State recipients. The remaining counties (non-entitlement areas) will be funded directly through applications received by the NHD.

NHD does not target areas for the HOME program, as the amount of funding received by NHD for rural areas generally requires the partnership of a developer who is involved in the tax credit program. NHD does have two set-asides in its tax credit program to ensure that the rural areas can access the funds. This generally results in two or three construction or rehabilitation projects. All residents in the non-entitled area do have access to a HOME funded down payment assistance program.

Nevada’s Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AAHTF) will also be used in these jurisdictions for weatherization and rental assistance.

HTF: National Housing Trust Funds will be allocated statewide based on applications submitted. HTF will mirror the HOME program and NHD will not target specific areas of the state for funding. NHD will require that each eligible recipient certify that housing assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	190
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	190

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	10
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	32

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion:

NHD resources have remained steady with the Trust Fund allocation, it is still its intention to keep funding and leveraging funding with other programs to ensure that NHD is utilizing the HOME and HTF funds to the greatest extent possible.

AP-60 Public Housing - 24 CFR 91.320(j)

Introduction:

This section pertains to grantees who also oversee public housing authority activities. These activities are administered by Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA), Reno Housing Authority (RHA) and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA). Each Authority is responsible for submitting an Annual Action Plan. Please refer to the following links for additional information regarding actions that will occur at Public Housing Authorities in the State of Nevada.

NRHA: <http://nvrural.org/about-us/resources/>

The Housing Authority of the City of Reno: <http://www.renoha.org>

Southern Nevada HA: <http://www.snrha.org/agency-plans.htm>

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

NHD will continue to provide State funds to Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) to subsidize the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program and provide assistance to senior and disabled populations on the wait list. Additional funds have been allocated to NRHA for a security deposit program that is provided to Housing Choice Voucher tenants needing financial assistance to obtain housing.

State funds that are passed through to local jurisdictions may be used in the same manner in northern and southern Nevada, but it is the decision of the local Consortiums to support local housing authorities with their allocation of funds.

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

In rural Nevada, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority oversees the “Home at Last” program for 1st-time homebuyers and provides up to 4% of the loan amount for down payment assistance. In addition, the Housing Authority oversees the Mortgage Credit Certificate program which provides a dollar-for-dollar federal income tax credit equal to 20% or 50% of the interest paid on a mortgage loan. The tax credit is provided to the homebuyer every year; and annual savings is estimated to average \$2,000 per year. Finally, the Housing Authority works with eligible Housing Choice Voucher recipients to set aside funding to become 1st-time homebuyers.

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

The PHA is not troubled.

Discussion:

No additional discussion.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.320(h)

Introduction

The NHD works very closely with the local Continuum of Care to ensure funds are targeted to the most vulnerable homeless and at-risk of homelessness clients. In rural Nevada the ESG Program and the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (RNCOC) developed joint Written Standards and Performance Standards/Outcome Measures which will help with local efforts to end homelessness for the chronically homeless, homeless veterans and their families, and homeless families with children. Some of the ESG sub-recipients are also recipients of HUD Homeless funding through the RNCOC, and programs are managed in a way to ensure that homeless clients are placed in the most appropriate program which will best meet their needs.

NHD will also provide AAHTF to the local Veteran's Resource Center (VRC) to assist veterans and their families with rental assistance until appropriate documents are obtained and they can access SSVF funding. As the VRC is working with the veteran they will also contact the Veteran's Administration to see if the veteran can access a VASH housing voucher. If advised that the veteran is a potential client for a VASH voucher, the VRC will engage Nevada Rural Housing Authority to obtain assistance with the housing eligibility requirements of the VASH voucher program. If the VASH Voucher program does not work out, the Housing Authority will then utilize AAHTF funds allocated by NHD to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance subsidies until such time that a Housing Choice Voucher becomes available.

Although the state is not a jurisdiction. NHD is working closely with the RNCOC to ensure the sharing of mutual goals. Shelters and rapid re-housing programs are in high demand and are thus priorities for ESG funding. NHD grant managers also participated in developing the RNCOC strategic plan in which NHD is taking on several responsibilities to alleviate workload from the agencies in the RNCOC. An example of this is that NHD along with one other agencies in the RNCOC will be facilitating the RNCOC monitoring, a task that previously was the sole responsibility of the agencies within the RNCOC.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

NHD does provide ESG funds for outreach to homeless providers. NHD requires agencies to engage homeless persons within a community so that they have access to available resources through Homeless Connect activities, veteran outreach functions, and by engaging households who have children in the programs at local schools. A number of communities have created a coalition of agencies, including social services agencies, hospitals, police, fire, and mental health providers, who are meeting monthly or quarterly in order to identify the most frequent users of community emergency services. Additionally, they collaborate in shared case management to meet the most urgent needs of the individuals identified.

Clients are then engaged and are provided access to available housing and services. Many ESG sub-recipients also receive other HUD Homeless funding and act as lead agencies for this process.

A number of rural ESG sub-recipients are also the local Coordinated Entry Lead Agency and are working with community providers to access available programs and services for homeless clients. As part of the coordinated entry process, agencies complete an assessment in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database which will provide information on the client's vulnerability. As part of the process clients are referred to Nevada Rural Housing Authority to see if they are eligible to receive a limited number of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance vouchers funded with AAHTF. If accepted, the client will receive up to 24 months of rental subsidy and will be "fast-tracked" into the Housing Choice Voucher program once a voucher is available. The Housing Authority has made the homeless population a priority to receive assistance in their HCV program as part of the coordinated entry process.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

NHD continues to provide allocations to rural emergency and domestic violence shelters since communities have indicated that there is still a need for these types of programs. In communities that do not have access to shelters, ESG and AAHTF pay for motel vouchers so that homeless individuals and families have access to a safe and secure place to stay. Shelters provide case management to clients residing in the shelter, or who are accessing services offered by the provider, and will issue referrals to transitional and permanent housing programs. NHD will allocate no more than 60% of its annual allocation to emergency shelter and essential services activities, as mandated by program regulations. It is anticipated that 300 homeless persons will have access to emergency and domestic violence shelters supported through the NHD's ESG program.

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

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The Rural Nevada Continuum of Care has developed a Coordinated Entry process that requires lead agencies to utilize the VI-SPDAT assessment tool to determine the most vulnerable residents. Applicants who are "harder to serve" will score higher on the VI-SPDAT and will receive priority access to available

housing and mainstream resources. Agencies with staff trained in SOAR practices will assist clients in applying for Social Security Disability.

Agencies are encouraged to reduce lengths of homelessness episodes, and new and returned entries into homelessness. Recipients of ESG and CoC funds shall also be required to increase jobs, income and self-sufficiency of program participants, and shall be measured annually to ensure that these objectives are met.

The State ESG Program has also encouraged agencies to increase the number of veterans provided access to permanent housing, and to increase the number of families with access to rapid rehousing and homeless prevention assistance.

Funding for case management to ensure the long-term stability of program participants will be provided with ESG.

Finally, Coordinated Entry Lead Agencies will facilitate access for homeless individuals and families to available affordable housing units. Databases such as the one located at NVHousingSearch.org offers free access to a rental database that matches units with the needs of the clients. Case managers are able to access a portal for social services agencies that provides information about landlords who have asked to be connected to agencies working with special needs groups such as veterans, the frail and elderly, the physically disabled and more.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Service providers in local communities are working closely with each other to ensure low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. Communities have implemented informal and formal Memorandums of Understanding with local jails, health care facilities, mental health providers, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Child Protective Services, (CPS) schools, and other facilities and programs so that providers are engaged when a homeless or at-risk of homeless person or family has been identified.

Community Coalition meetings are held throughout the year as the forum to develop protocols to ensure the homeless and low-income households have access to programs and services, including housing if available. Participants include local hospital staff, Sheriff's deputies, Fire Department Emergency management Systems staff, emergency shelter staff, behavioral health, family resource centers, and public guardians. The coalitions work together to identify the most vulnerable residents that are

repeatedly using emergency services without a long-term plan.

Homeless liaisons at local school districts are also working closely with providers to help families gain access to housing and supportive services. Community meetings have identified the need for at-risk of homelessness assistance. Agencies will utilize funding sources such as ESG and AAHTF to insure individual and families at most risk of homelessness are assisted.

Discussion

NHD encouraged communities to prioritize rapid re-housing activities.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.320(k)(4)

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	29
Tenant-based rental assistance	20
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	69*

*Permanent Housing Placement-20

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.320(i)

Introduction:

The State’s strategy to remove barriers to affordable housing are shown in the Table AP-75.1, below.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The State’s strategy to remove barriers to affordable housing are shown in the Table AP-75.1, including in the attached Action Plan.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.320(j)

Introduction:

Other actions of the four HUD formula programs in Nevada are specific to each program. See narrative for discussion on each program's actions.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Agencies continue to have challenges keeping homeless and at-risk of homelessness clients engaged in their journey to long-term independence and stability. Funding for case managers is strained due to efforts to address homeless and chronically homelessness issues in rural areas and finding staff with the skills to work with this population is challenging in smaller communities.

Although improved, case managers working with homeless clients continue to have difficulties with engaging clients in the process of becoming stabilized and self-sufficient. Program participants are challenged to find employment with a “living wage” that allows a household to meet its basic needs.

Finally, agencies have agreed to implement “Housing First” or “Low Barrier” programs. However, case managers feel pressure to meet State and CoC performance measures and are struggling to find enough resources such as permanent housing subsidies that will ensure the long-term success of program participants. Limited funding means that clients need to be exited quickly, yet the limited availability of permanent housing subsidies means clients are in jeopardy of exiting without sufficient resources to ensure long term housing stability.

To help address these issues, the State will continue to partner with the local Continuum of Care to help with the training and development of case managers on how to engage their clients. This will continue to be a topic that will be discussed during technical meetings which take place every other month.

Social Services agencies that are also ESG recipients have developed workforce programs and are working closely with Northern Nevada Development Authority, a coalition of community and business leaders that promotes education and marketing, to identify workforce and educational needs across northern Nevada. Workforce case managers will work with individuals to identify the barriers keeping them from stable employment. The case manager will also connect participants to educational opportunities to help develop work skills. In addition, participants will receive assistance with the creation of resumes, and soft skill training such as interviews, how to dress, and other employment etiquette.

These same ESG recipients are also Community Action Agencies that conduct monthly meetings to identify households that are facing poverty and homelessness. Members discuss the availability of resources and opportunities for indigent residents in an open forum format. Partnerships have been developed with emergency shelter providers, Salvation Army, JOIN, Job Connect, Voc-Rehab, Veterans Resource Centers,

Aging and Disability Resource centers, and local food banks.

The shortage of permanent housing subsidies is a more challenging issue to resolve, especially in rural Nevada. Fortunately, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority has members who participate in the Rural Continuum of Care and are very engaged in directing funds to homeless providers. They have agreed to prioritize the homeless to receive Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) that are not only referred to them via Coordinated Entry Lead Agencies, but who are also on the HCV wait list. They will also receive additional State Account for Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AAHTF) for tenant-based rental assistance programs for the homeless, although it is likely that those resources will not be sufficient to cover all of the housing needs of rural participants.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The principal features for achieving the objectives of this strategy include:

- Increasing the supply of standard, affordable rental housing through the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new units;
- Promoting home ownership opportunities through the acquisition and rehabilitation of housing, the construction of new single-family homes, and the provision of below market rate mortgage financing;
- Preserving existing home ownership through the renovation of owner-occupied single-family homes;
- Providing rental assistance to alleviate rental cost burden experienced by very low and low-income households;
- Providing affordable housing opportunities designed to meet the needs of the elderly, people with disabilities, large families, and other special needs groups;
- Addressing the needs of homeless individuals and homeless families through the provision of services and assistance to shelter operators;
- Providing opportunities for nonprofit community organizations to develop and execute projects which benefit lower-income residents.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

HOME:

NHD will continue to ensure that all housing projects funded with HOME funds will comply with the Federal guidelines regarding notification and abatement requirements.

CDBG:

The Governor's Office of Economic Development: Rural Community Development/CDBG ensures that homes built prior to 1978 that are rehabilitated with CDBG funds are tested for lead-based paint hazard by the Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC) staff. Any chipped, peeling, or flaking paint is tested with an XRF analyzer. If lead-based paint is present, the contractor is tasked with setting up proper containment areas during construction and with proper clean up. Any hazardous lead paint areas must be encapsulated. In some instances, the components, such as door and window frames, are replaced. Other times the peeling paint is scraped and peeled away, and a special paint is used to seal the area. One hundred percent of the homes rehabilitated with CDBG funds are LMI households.

HTF:

NHD ensures that all units built prior to 1978 are tested. In the event that HTF are used for new construction lead-based hazards should be mitigated.

HOPWA:

Grantee will continue to attend trainings offered around lead-based paint hazards and provide information to project sponsors also.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Nevada's anti-poverty strategy is based on helping families to move to economic self-sufficiency. Providing low-income households with assistance through various programs allows them to live in safe, decent, and affordable housing. This helps to provide a base for them to maintain employment, provides a nurturing environment to raise children, and helps them become a part of the community where they work.

The State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is tasked with the responsibility of addressing poverty issues throughout the State of Nevada and oversees a number of programs that builds capacity of social services networks in order to respond to the needs of Nevada's residents.

One key funding source in the battle to end poverty is the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program. Approximately \$970,000 in CSBG funding provides Community Action Agencies (CAA's) in 15 rural counties with the ability to move lower-income, poverty-level, and homeless households into self-sufficiency. In 2016 CAA's will utilize this funding to:

- Operate intake systems that assess individual and family needs and identifies state and local services that can assist families to remove barriers to self-sufficiency;
- Develop a network of relations with state agencies, local government agencies, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and local businesses to coordinate and deliver services to individuals and

families;

- Work on strengthening and expanding partnerships from year to year, as they add new services, increase proficiency in servicing clients, and participate in community coalitions;
- Provide case management services to persons who are committed to attaining improved economic self-sufficiency. In most instances, case management involves coordinated services with multiple partner agencies;
- Continue adopting a more client centered and driven service delivery model, including the development of self-sufficiency plans based on goals identified by program participants; and
- Development of job fairs, which have resulted in a number of job offers to participants.

Other continued efforts to move low-income, poverty-level, and homeless households into self-sufficiency include improvements to transportation services that provide access to job training, employment opportunities, and counseling services. In addition, HHS administers funding for family resource centers, which are located throughout the state in most of the larger communities and provide a variety of support services to families who have lower incomes. The family resource centers, in conjunction with local social service offices, are generally the initial point of contact for many individuals and families who are seeking assistance.

Finally, the NHD continues to fund projects that support housing and supportive programs. There are several nonprofit organizations in rural Nevada that have and continue to develop services and facilities to move very low-income and homeless persons to self-sufficiency. These efforts, along with programs provided by the RNCOC and other partner agencies, will have a direct impact on the number of families living in poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The State of Nevada is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with federal, state, county, local agencies, and the private and nonprofit sectors in order to serve the needs of low-income individuals and families across Nevada. The Governor's Office of Economic Development, Department of Business and Industry, and the Department of Health and Human Services collaborate with various entities to continually improve coordination.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Housing Division, and the Department of Health & Human Services all have individual institutional structures. Within each Office or Department, there are divisions that administer HUD programs. The Community Development Block Grant is in the Rural Community Development Division/CDBG of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The HOME, ESG, HTF, and NSP programs are in the Nevada Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry. The HOPWA program is in the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services. Each Division has its institutional structure, as well.

HUD funds pass through to local governments and other entities that are eligible to receive HUD program

funding. These entities, when funded, are part of the institutional structure for each program. The scope of the institutional structure is from the state level to those at the community level where projects are implemented and/or managed.

Actions to be taken in 2023 to enhance coordination and promote further development of that institutional structure include:

- Continue supporting the creation of cross-jurisdiction economic development regions;
- Contract and/or collaborate with Silver State Fair Housing on outreach and training to NHD and CDBG grantees;
- Annual training and technical assistance to non-entitlement communities in rural Nevada
- Support efforts such as Strengthening Economies Together (SET) that strengthen collaboration in CDBG non-entitlement areas;
- Participate in quarterly meetings with other funders to maximize limited resources (CDBG, USDA, EPA, other collaborative funders);
- Continue (HOME) to work with the staff of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program to ensure that the HOME funds are used to leverage this program;
- Continue staff support of the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care and through correspondence with the Northern Nevada CoC (RAH) and the Southern Nevada CoC.

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

Throughout the State of Nevada there exists an effective coordination effort between public and private housing and social services agencies. For example, in rural Nevada members of the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (RNCoC) include:

- 1) Staff from Nevada Rural Housing Authority, which oversees the Housing Choice Voucher and HUD VASH Voucher programs;
- 2) County social services agencies, a few who are also recipients of HUD Supportive Housing and Shelter + Care funds;
- 3) Staff from the State's Office of Mental Health which oversees a Shelter + Care program for mentally ill homeless;
- 4) Low-income housing and homeless developers; and
- 5) Staff from NHD. In northern and southern Nevada many of the same types of agencies participate in the local Continuum of Care initiatives.

In 2023 it is anticipated that efforts to continue coordination between public and private housing providers and social services agencies will include the following actions:

The Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness will continue with implementation of its Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives. Working groups will include state, local and non-profit agencies from throughout Nevada, and the mission of the Council will be to address homeless needs throughout Nevada;

The continuation of the State of Nevada's Division of Public and Behavioral Health's CABHI (Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States) grant, which includes the implementation of the statewide plan to ensure sustained partnerships across public health and housing systems that will result in short- and long-term strategies to support individuals who experience chronic homelessness; and

Statewide Continuum of Care meetings will continue to be held throughout the year. Topics of discussion will include implementation of a statewide strategic plan to end homelessness; implementation of statewide performance measures for CoC and ESG programs; statewide discharge planning; implementation of a statewide Homeless Management Information System Lead agency; and other issues that affect homelessness at a statewide level.

Discussion:

All divisions work to increase collaboration between agencies and private entities in order to improve the quality of life for all Nevadans.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.320(k)(1,2,3)

Introduction:

Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.

The years covered, for CDBG, that include this Annual Action Plan are: 2023, 2024, 2025.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(2)

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

Nevada Housing Division does not have any other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

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

HOME Program funds used for homebuyer assistance will be subject to recapture provisions in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92. Provisions are established as follows:

- Upon sale of the property or transfer of title, the HOME investment should be recaptured from the net proceeds. Only in the case where net proceeds (sales price minus loan repayment and closing costs) are insufficient to recapture the full HOME investment plus enable the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's down payment, principal payments, and any capital improvement investment, the HOME investment amount that must be recaptured may be reduced. The HOME investment amount may be reduced pro rata based on the time the homeowner has owned and occupied the unit measured against the required affordability period; except that the State's recapture provisions may not allow the homeowner to recover more than the amount of homeowner's down payment, principal payments, and any capital improvement investment. In order to ensure compliance with the recapture provisions, restrictions may be incorporated into each project Deed of Trust and Promissory Note and must be included into the signed written agreement. The restrictions are as follows:
 - The State (or state recipient) reserves the right of first refusal;
 - The property must be used as the purchaser's principal residence;
 - No subleases are allowed;
 - HOME funds must be repaid upon sale of the property; and
 - In the event of foreclosure, all deed restrictions may be cancelled. A State recipient may also choose to recapture a portion of the equity as a local program option. However, recipients that select to recapture a portion of the equity must develop acceptable program guidelines and their Annual Plan will state recapture/resale provisions.
3. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required

that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Nevada Housing Division does not have plans to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.320(k)(3)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Although State agencies are not required to develop written standards, the Division worked very closely with the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care to develop joint standards that help to align all homeless funded programs. A copy of the document is included in the written version of the State of Nevada' 2020 Annual Action Plan.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

State ESG sub-recipients are required to participate in the local Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry system. In rural Nevada there are Coordinated Entry Lead Agencies located within the 15 rural counties, and a number of them are also recipients of ESG funding. Clark County is the lead agency for HMIS. NHD does not fund any other providers in southern Nevada, so participation is not necessary.

Lead agencies have agreed to accept the responsibility of screening homeless clients to determine eligibility for various programs and services that may be available either locally or statewide. Agencies utilize the HMIS system to complete the VI-SPDAT tool to ensure that the most vulnerable clients are given priority for receiving assistance.

A comprehensive referral form has been developed with other agencies in the community that provides services to clients. This referral form allows agencies, with permission from the applicant, to share information and assist in setting appointments. This referral process will ensure the applicant has made contact with other agencies before they leave the office. Included in the referral agencies are food pantries, emergency shelters, the McKinney-Vento school representatives, the Housing Authority for access to VASH Vouchers and vouchers funded with AAHTF, and the Dept. of Behavioral Health, which is the recipient of Shelter + Care vouchers for the homeless who suffer from mental illness. If programs are not available, the lead agency is responsible for maintaining a waiting list sorted by the score of the VI-SPDAT. Agencies enter the VI-SPDAT into HMIS for other agencies to review should the applicant present themselves in another community. The client is also provided a business

card or other form that documents that the assessment has been completed and information entered into HMIS.

If a client is accepted into one of the housing programs the lead agency is responsible for gathering the required documents that may be needed, such as documentation of chronic homelessness, disability, etc. Although the lead agency is not responsible for providing ongoing case management services, many continue to work with the clients to ensure their long-term success.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

ESG funds are passed through NHD and are allocated to city, county and non-profit organizations in rural Nevada through a competitive application. Due to the limited number of providers in rural communities some government agencies retain funds to implement programs directly. In 2021, Six (6) county social services agencies in rural Nevada received State ESG funds, along with five (5) non-profit agencies. 4 of which oversee two emergency shelters and two domestic violence shelters.

Due to the limited amount of funding, preference is given to agencies that are current recipients of ESG funds; can demonstrate successful implementation of their programs; and are actively helping to meet the objectives of NHD, HUD, and the local Continuum of Care. Preference is given to agencies that choose activities to help homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families to obtain and maintain shelter and housing. Past performance is reviewed as part of the rating and ranking process. NHD convenes an independent review panel to review all applications. The panel includes persons qualified to make decisions about programs and services offered to assist homeless and at-risk of homelessness persons. NHD staff presents the allocation information to the RNCOC governing board for approval. Sub-recipients will be chosen, and final allocations will be made, based on recommendations received from the RNCOC. As required by program regulations, NHD shall engage the RNCOC to ensure that ESG-funded activities chosen will address the goals and objectives of the CoC. Clark County receives funds as the State HMIS lead.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

This requirement does not apply to states, however, NHD requests that sub-recipients engage

homeless or formerly homeless individuals when developing their program policies and criteria.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The State works closely with local Continuum's of Care to develop performance outcomes for sub-recipients of State ESG funds. In rural Nevada performance outcomes were created jointly and are reflected in the "Rural Nevada Continuum of Care and State Emergency Solutions Grant Program Performance Evaluation Tool." This document reflects goals, measures and expected outcomes for all projects funded through the CoC and State ESG-funded programs. The most recent version of the combined outcome measures are also available at:

<http://housing.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/housingnv.gov/content/programs/ESG/2015RNCOCandESGPerformanceEvaluation.pdf>

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(5)

1. How will the grantee distribute its HTF funds? Select all that apply:

Applications submitted by eligible recipients

2. If distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees, describe the method for distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees and how those funds will be made available to state agencies and/or units of general local government. If not distributing funds through grants to subgrantees, enter "N/A".

N/A

3. If distributing HTF funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients,

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Eligible applicants include non-profit and for profit, sponsors, developers or owners of affordable housing. Priority funding goes to properties that secure LIHTCs.

b. Describe the grantee's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Eligible recipients must submit a completed application including project narrative, experience of

developer(s), project budget and timeline including other sources of funding, and population to be served and supportive or other services provided by the owner of the project.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the grantee will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Applicants will be evaluated on the amount and quality and supportive services provided, the efficiency of the development based on a per-unit cost, long term viability of the project and on whether the developer has experience in delivering or operating housing designed to serve ELI households.

d. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on geographic diversity (as defined by the grantee in the consolidated plan). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

NHD does not have a funding priority based on geographic diversity. HTFs are available statewide.

e. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

NHD requires grantees to expend funds in the required timeframe indicated by HUD.

f. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the rental project has Federal, State, or local project-based rental assistance so that rents are affordable to extremely low-income families. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

While the State prioritizes supporting projects that will have some form of rental subsidy on the project, it is largely assumed that in order to serve households at 30% AMI and below that the projects can only be viable if they come with project-based subsidy or some other form of rental assistance.

g. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Currently, the State underwrites to the 30-year period.

h. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the grantee (such as housing that is accessible to transit or

employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter “N/A”.

Many of these projects are also competing for tax credits and thus are meeting stringent requirements for these needs as found in the States QAP.

i. Describe the grantee’s required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter “N/A”.

The State expects that for the foreseeable future that all HTF applications will likely include tax credit funding which creates a significant contribution to the equity of the project. The State will continue to favor projects that are able to leverage other funding sources, but it is difficult to find other sources that are able to be applied to projects serving ELI households.

4. Does the grantee’s application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds? If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, select “N/A”.

Yes

5. Does the grantee’s application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements? If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, select “N/A”.

Yes

6. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The grantee has met the requirement to provide for performance goals and benchmarks against which the grantee will measure its progress, consistent with the grantee’s goals established under 24 CFR 91.315(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

Yes

7. Maximum Per-unit Development Subsidy Amount for Housing Assisted with HTF Funds. Enter or attach the grantee’s maximum per-unit development subsidy limits for housing assisted with HTF funds.

8. Rehabilitation Standards. The Nevada Housing Division has created these Multi-Family Housing Rehabilitation Standards to ensure the provision of safe, decent, durable, high-performing and affordable housing. They apply to multi-also written to comply with the requirements of the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Rehabilitation work will comply with local codes and UPCS Standards and be supported by a certified Capital Needs Assessment (CNA)/Physical Needs Assessment (PNA) report.

The use of HTF funds for housing rehabilitation requires the development of Rehabilitation Standards that all HTF- assisted housing undergoing rehabilitation must meet at the time of project completion in accordance with 24 CFR § 91.320(k)(5)(iv) and § 93.301(b). The standards must provide enough details on what work is required, how that work should be performed, and what materials should be used. The State’s standards may refer to applicable codes or establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The Rehabilitation Standards address the following:

- **Capital Needs Assessment& Report**
- **Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS)**
- **Accessibility**
- **Disaster Mitigation**
- **State and local codes**
- **Health and Safety**
- **Lead-based paint**
- **Major systems**

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: lead-based paint; accessibility; state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; and broadband infrastructure (if applicable).

9. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the grantee must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

N/A

10. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the grantee intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

11. Grantee Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the grantee will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan.

If the grantee will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter “N/A.”

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the grantee must not limit or give preferences to students. The grantee may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303(d)(3) only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

N/A

12. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the grantee’s refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the grantee will refinance existing debt. The grantee’s refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the grantee will not refinance existing debt, enter “N/A.”

N/A

Discussion:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community and economic development needs. Beginning in 1974, the federal CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1,209 general units of local government and States.

The Rural Community & Economic Development Division of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development administers the CDBG Program. The allocation from HUD for the State CDBG Program in Nevada for 2023 is \$2,895,399. Deducting \$157,908 for State Administration and \$28,954 for T.A., allowed \$2,708,537 to be available to allocate for projects. The allocation recommendation meeting was held March 21st, after the federal budget had been passed and the allocation were known. The allocation and recaptured funds were awarded after the review of the CDBG Advisory Committee's recommendations. Program year 2023 is the beginning of the next three-year period for Overall Benefit for LMI (70% minimum). The three-year period covers 2023, 2024, & 2025 of the current Consolidated Plan of the 2020-2024 plan.

Attachments

NEVADA CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

Updated March 2023

Introduction

The state of Nevada, in compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR, Part 91, et. al. Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs, which sets forth the final rule providing for a consolidated plan and a single consolidated performance report of the formula grant programs and the Housing Trust Fund of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has established the following policies and procedures for citizen participation (referred to as the Citizen Participation Plan) and will abide by this Plan.

Development of the Proposed Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans

The formula programs are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, established in 1974; the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program, established in 1987; the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), established in 1990; the Housing Trust Fund (HTF), established in 2008; and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, established in 1990. The programs are administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development: Rural Community & Economic Development (CDBG); the Department of Business and Industry: Nevada Housing Division (HOME, HTF and ESG); and the Department of Health and Human Services: Division of Public and Behavioral Health (HOPWA).

The HOPWA program was created in the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, as part of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act. The main purpose of this program is to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. It also facilitates community efforts to develop comprehensive strategies to address HIV/AIDS housing needs and assists communities in creating housing strategies to prevent individuals from becoming homeless or unstably housed. Improvements in drug therapies and medical care are reducing the number of deaths. People are living longer with HIV/AIDS: therefore, there is an increasing demand for essential supportive services, including housing.

In 1994, HUD published regulations requiring state agencies that administer the formula grant programs to incorporate planning and application requirements into one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. The new planning process was intended to more comprehensively address the three basic goals of the CDBG, ESG, HOME and HTF programs: provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities.

The Consolidated Plan is a three-part planning process required by HUD. It comprises developing a five-year strategic plan, preparing annual action plans and submitting annual performance reports. These three parts are intended to furnish the framework whereby the state of Nevada can identify its housing, homeless, community and economic development needs, identify resources that will be tapped and actions to be taken to address needs, as well as look back and evaluate the State's progress toward achieving its strategic goals. Completing these documents on time and in a manner that is acceptable to HUD ensures program funding.

The precursor to the Consolidated Plan is the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The objectives of the CPP are to ensure that the citizens of Nevada, particularly persons of low and moderate income, persons living

in slum and blight areas, units of local government, housing agencies and other interested parties, are provided with the opportunity to participate in the planning and preparation of the Consolidated Plan, including amendments to the Consolidated Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In doing so, the CPP sets forth general policies and procedures for implementing and carrying out the consolidated planning process, such as how the Consolidated Plan will be developed, the dates and milestones along which the process will proceed and methods for citizens to offer the State assistance and guidance in the formulation of the Plan. Furthermore, the provisions of the CPP fulfill statutory and regulatory requirements for citizen participation specified in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's rules for the Consolidated Plan, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Housing Trust Fund (HTF) the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

In order to ensure maximum participation in the Consolidated Plan process among all populations and needs groups, and in order to ensure that their issues and concerns are adequately addressed, the state of Nevada will follow the standards set forth in its adopted CPP during development of its Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The term "entitlement area" refers to cities and counties that, because of their size, are able to receive federal funding directly. These areas must complete a Consolidated Plan separately from the State's to receive funding. For purposes of this report, "non-entitlement" refers to cities and towns that do not file Consolidated Plans individually and are not able to receive funding from the HUD programs directly. Entitlements not covered by the State of Nevada's Consolidated Plan are Carson City, City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Clark County. Individuals wishing to contribute to the consolidated planning process for the areas not covered by the State's Plan should contact housing and community development specialists in these locations.

Public Hearings

To maximize citizen participation, the state of Nevada will conduct a minimum of two public hearings to obtain citizens' views and to respond to proposals and questions. The hearings will take place at different stages of the consolidated planning process. At least one will occur prior to development of the Draft Plan and will be intended to solicit public input regarding distinct issues, thereby aiding policy formation. At least one hearing will occur after the Draft Plan has been released for public review, allowing interested parties an opportunity to review the strategies and how they were developed, designed and presented.

Information about the time, location and subject of each hearing will be provided to citizens at least 14 calendar days in advance through adopted public notice and outreach procedures. This notification will be disseminated to local governments and other interested parties. Public notification of the hearings will be published in statewide newspapers of general circulation in cities or towns where hearings are held and on State websites. Additionally, the state of Nevada may, at its discretion, actively solicits input on housing and community development issues during the year with regional forums, town hall meetings and other venues, as they may present themselves. Staff may also attend other meetings and conventions in Nevada throughout the year, thereby providing an opportunity for additional public information on the Consolidated Plan or other planning efforts.

Every effort will be made to ensure that public hearings are inclusive. Hearings will be held at convenient times and locations and in places where people most affected by proposed activities can attend. The state of Nevada will utilize facilities for hearings that are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. If written notice is given at least seven days before a hearing date, the State will provide appropriate materials, equipment and interpreting services to facilitate the participation of non-English speaking persons and persons with visual and/or hearing impairments. Interpreters will be provided at public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate. All public hearings and public meetings associated with the consolidated planning process will conform to applicable Nevada open meetings laws.

Scheduling and Providing Notices of Public Meetings

In order to provide adequate notice of all Public Meetings, a minimum two-week notice should be given. The notice may be published in the newspaper(s) or posted in a minimum of three prominent places within the project areas. The programs' Eligible Entities (cities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000), must provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to all meetings. The location and time of these meetings must be scheduled in such a manner as to be convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries. Citizens must be made aware of where they may submit their views and proposals should they be unable to attend any public meeting. Where a significant number of residents who are non-English speaking can be reasonably expected to participate in a public hearing, an interpreter must be present to accommodate the needs of the population: this must be so stated in the public notice. Additionally, all notices for public meetings shall state that accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided.

The state of Nevada is committed to keeping all interested groups and individuals informed of each phase of the consolidated planning process and of activities being proposed or undertaken under HUD formula grant programs. Opportunities to comment on or participate in planning community development and affordable housing activities and projects will be publicized and disseminated throughout the state.

Encouraging Citizen Participation

In order to facilitate citizen participation requirements and to maximize citizen interaction in the development of the Consolidated Plan, substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and/or the Annual Action Plan (AAP) and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), the State will take actions necessary to encourage participation by a broad scope of citizens, especially those of low- and moderate-income, those living in slum and blighted areas and in areas where HUD program funds are proposed to be used, persons who are non-English speaking, minorities, and those with disabilities. The State also encourages the participation of statewide and regional institutions and other organizations (including businesses, developers, and community and faith-based organizations) that are involved with or affected by the programs or activities covered by the Consolidated Plan as well as other plans. Refer to the Public Hearings section for a summary of efforts that will be taken to broaden public participation and/or outreach to minorities and people who are non-English speaking, as well as persons with disabilities.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to provide input into all aspects of the state of Nevada's consolidated planning activities, from assessing needs to setting priorities and through the performance evaluation. By following the CPP, there will be numerous opportunities for citizens to contribute information, ideas and opinions about ways to improve our communities and neighborhoods, promote

housing affordability, encourage economic development and enhance the delivery of public services to local residents.

Citizen Participation Requirements for Local Governments Participating in the CDBG Program

CDBG Eligible Entities must provide opportunities for public participation in the development of community development goals, objectives and applications for funding assistance by undertaking the following activities:

- Provide for and encourage citizen participation within each jurisdiction with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low- and moderate-income;
- Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to proposed and actual use of funds;
- Provide technical assistance to groups and representatives of low- and moderate-income persons who request assistance in developing proposals. The level and type of assistance is to be determined by the Eligible Entity;
- Provide public hearings to obtain citizen participation and respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the planning and application processes;
- Provide for timely written answers to written complaints and grievances within 15 working days where practicable;
- Identify how needs of residents who are non-English speaking will be met in the case of public hearings where a significant number of residents can be reasonably expected to participate.

Prior to selecting a project and submitting an application for CDBG funding assistance, eligible applicants are required to conduct three public meetings for the following purposes:

- Advising citizens of the amount of CDBG funds expected to be made available for the current fiscal year;
- Reviewing program performance, past use of funds and making available to the public its community development and housing needs, including the needs of low- and moderate-income families and the activities to be undertaken to meet such needs;
- Advising citizens of the range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds;
- Advising citizens of the estimated amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet a national objective of benefit low- and moderate-income persons, Slum and Blight; or Urgent Need;
- Advising citizens of the proposed CDBG activities likely to result in displacement and the unit of local government's anti-displacement and relocation plans.
- Obtaining recommendations from citizens regarding the community development and housing needs of the community.

After considering all recommendations and input provided at the public hearing(s), the county commission or city/town/village council determines, at an official public meeting, which project(s) to submit for funding assistance. Evidence of compliance with these regulations must be provided with each application (i.e. copy of hearing notices or publication of notices, minutes of the meetings, list of needs, and activities/projects to be undertaken).

Amendments to goals, objectives, and applications may also be subject to the public participation process

Citizen Participation Requirements for Local Governments Participating in the HOPWA Program

Guidelines for an effective plan for public participation in the HOPWA program include:

1. **Empowering citizens:** Citizens have the skills, knowledge and attitudes to participate, including the ability to organize themselves.
2. **Effectively implementing laws, regulations and policies** that enable participation and social accountability.
3. **Commitment** to genuine inclusive participation by the government (political leadership and civil service) and citizens: willingness to incorporate citizens' needs and suggestions in policy.
4. **Identifying, understanding and involving** all relevant stakeholders, particularly marginalized and vulnerable groups.
5. **Using a well-planned process** with clear objectives and enough allocation of resources (financial and human). The plan and its limitations should be understood by all stakeholders.
6. **A transparent government:** the publication of understandable and useable information.
7. **Trust** between government and citizens.

HOPWA funds may be used to assist housing designed to meet the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS, including the prevention of homelessness. Supportive services may also be included. HOPWA grants are allocated to Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas (EMSAs) with a high incidence of HIV/AIDS.

Nevada receives HOPWA money to assist PLWHA in gaining access to or maintaining stable housing.

The primary goal is to provide citizens an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the programs and projects.

Limited English Proficient Persons and the Language Access Plan

The state of Nevada will make every effort to ensure that people who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) have meaningful access to federally funded programs and services as is required under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The state of Nevada has a diverse population where many languages are spoken. A substantial number of persons who speak these languages do not speak English or do not speak English very well and are considered Limited English Proficient (LEP).

Regardless of which language a person speaks or their ability to speak English, the state of Nevada will make every effort to ensure that they have meaningful access to federal funding services through either oral interpretation or written translations of vital documents.

Since the state of Nevada has such a large number of LEP persons, all countywide public notices and public hearings must ensure that language services are provided or available. For example, each year the public

notice for the Annual Action Plan will be printed in other languages unique to each area and translation services will be provided as necessary for public hearings. Because many programs and services delivered within the state of Nevada, including those carried out by participating cities and counties, have distinct service areas, as such, an assessment must be made by each agency administering the activity to determine which language services should be provided based on the identified LEP population in the service area. Notices and publications are available in different languages upon request.

To assist participating agencies, the state of Nevada has developed a bulletin instructing them to conduct the four-factor analysis and develop their own Language Access Plan (LAP) to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to their federally funded programs and services. The State will also provide technical assistance to assist the agencies in conducting the four-factor analysis and in developing their Language Access Plans.

The four-factor analysis is as follows:

Factor 1: Determine the number or proportion of LEP persons served or encountered in the eligible service area.

Factor 2: Determine the frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with the program.

Factor 3: Determine the importance of the information, services, program, or the activity to people's lives.

Factor 4: Assess costs versus resources and benefits in providing language services.

The state of Nevada is confident that no person will be denied federally funded services based on their ability to speak English.

Availability to the Public

The State will publish the draft Consolidated Plan, Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan for public review in a manner that affords citizens, public agencies and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments. The Draft Plan will be a complete document and shall include:

- The amount of assistance the state agencies expect to receive and,
- The range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

A notice for the release of the Draft Plan will be published in several newspapers of general circulation at the beginning of the public comment period. The release will include a list of the locations where copies of the entire proposed Consolidated Plan may be obtained or examined. The following are among the locations where copies of the public comment draft will be made available for inspection:

- Governor's Office of Economic Development offices;
- Nevada Housing Division (NHD) offices,

Citizens and groups may obtain a reasonable number of free copies of the proposed Consolidated Plan by contacting:

Governor's Office of Economic Development:
Rural Community & Economic Development Division
775-687-9919
or
Department of Business & Industry:
Nevada Housing Division
775- 687-2240

Documents may be downloaded at:

- Rural Community Development/CDBG website:
<https://goed.nv.gov/programs-incentives/rural-community-economic-development/cbdg/>
or
Upon request at NHDInfo@housing.nv.gov

Public Comments on the Draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans

The Governor's Office of Economic Development: Rural Community & Economic Development/CDBG, as lead agency, will receive comments from citizens on its draft plan for a period not less than 30 days prior to submission of the Consolidated Plan, Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD. The approved plan(s) will be scheduled for release in early fall prior to the finalization of the plan(s) the following spring.

All comments or views of citizens received in writing during the 30-day comment period will be considered in preparing the final Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. A summary of these comments or views and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore shall be attached to the final Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan.

Public Notice and Outreach

An informed citizenry is critical to effective and responsive housing and community development programs. Efforts to educate residents and empower their participation are an ongoing element of the consolidated planning process.

As the fundamental means of notifying interested citizens about the Consolidated Plan and related activities, such as the Annual Action Plan or the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, the State will publish public notices in newspapers of general circulation and on NHD and CDBG web pages. Such notices will be published at least 14 calendar days prior to public hearings. All notices will be written in plain, simple language in English and Spanish or other languages where applicable and direct efforts will be undertaken to publish and/or post information at locations that will elicit maximum low and moderate income and minority participation.

Public education and outreach will be facilitated using public advertisements that describe the consolidated planning process, opportunities for citizen participation and available funding through the CDBG, ESG, HOME, HTF and HOPWA programs. The Consolidated Plan mailing list includes social service organizations, local jurisdictions, low income housing consumers, neighborhood groups, previous participants and commentators, and others expected to desire input on the Plan. This list is updated periodically and is available for inspection at the CDBG website and upon request form the NHD at NHDInfo@housing.nv.gov

Technical Assistance

Groups or individuals interested in obtaining technical assistance to develop project proposals or applying for funding assistance through HUD formula grant programs covered by the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan may contact the Governor's Office of Economic Development: Rural Community & Economic Development/CDBG for CDBG; the Nevada Housing Division for HOME, HTF and ESG; and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health for HOPWA. Such assistance may be of particular use to community development organizations, nonprofit service providers, and for-profit and nonprofit housing development groups that serve or represent persons of low- and moderate-income. Pre-application workshops offer basic program information and materials to potential project sponsors, and staff members provide in-depth guidance and assistance to applicants and program participants on an on-going basis.

Amendments to the Consolidated Plan

An amendment to the Consolidated Plan is required whenever the jurisdiction determines to:

- Substantially change the allocation priorities or its method of distributing HUD formula grant funds;
- Utilize formula grant funds (including program income) to carry out an activity not previously described in the Action Plan; or
- Change the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity.

Such changes, prior to their implementation, are reviewed under various federal or local requirements, particularly rules on procurement and/or policies on the allocation of public resources. Substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan are, in addition, subject to a formal citizen participation process. Notice and the opportunity to comment will be given to citizens through public notices in local newspapers and other appropriate means, such as direct or electronic mail or public meetings. A public comment period of not less than 30 days will be provided prior to implementing any substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. Staff will prepare a summary of all comments received in writing and, in cases where any citizens' views are not accepted, provide reasons for the decision. This documentation will be attached to the substantial amendment, which will be available to the public and submitted to HUD.

Substantial Amendments

The criteria for determining the need to formally amend the Consolidated Plan are referred to by HUD as Substantial Amendment Criteria. The following conditions are considered to be Substantial Amendment Criteria:

- Any change in the described method of distributing funds to local governments or nonprofit organizations to carry out activities. Elements of a method of distribution are:
 - Application process,
 - Allocation among funding activities in excess of 35 percent of the total current entitlement allocation,
 - Grant size limits, and
 - Criteria selection.

- An administrative decision to reallocate all the funds allocated to an activity in the Action Plan to other activities of equal or lesser priority need level, unless the decision is a result of:
 - Federal government recession of appropriated funds, or appropriations are so much less than anticipated that the State makes an administrative decision not to fund one or more activities, or
 - The Governor declares a state of emergency and reallocates federal funds to address the emergency, or
 - A unique economic development opportunity arises where the state administration asks that federal grants be used to take advantage of the opportunity.

Citizen Participation in the Event of a Substantial Amendment

In the event of a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan, the CDBG, HOME, ESG, HTF or HOPWA program manager or administrator, depending on the nature of the amendment, will conduct at least one additional public hearing. There will be proper notification of the public hearing and comment period, which is not less than 30 days. Notification will state where the proposed substantially amended Consolidated Plan will be made available to interested parties. Citizens will be informed of the public hearing through newspaper notification and the state websites prior to the hearing and the notice will appear in at least one newspaper that is circulated statewide.

Citizens will be notified of the substantially amended Consolidated Plan’s availability through newspaper notification prior to the 30-day comment period. The substantially amended sections of the Consolidated Plan will be available on the CDBG website <https://goed.nv.gov/programs-incentives/rural-community-economic-development/cbdg/> and upon request from the NHD at NHDInfo@housing.nv.gov for the full public comment period.

COVID 19- Waiver Flexibilities

In the effort to respond appropriately during the COVID-19 pandemic, the state of Nevada has been approved by HUD to exercise the following waiver flexibility pertaining to citizen participation in the event of a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and/or the annual action plan: A public comment period of not less than 5 days will be provided prior to implementing any substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and/or annual action plan in accordance to the waiver flexibility 8, outlined in the Memorandum for all Community Planning and Development Field Office Directors, Deputy Directors and Program Managers. As indicated in the memorandum the public comment period will be no less than 5 days for the remainder of the 2020 program year or any other period determined by federal legislation. After the waiver expires the public comment period will return to the 30-day period.

To ensure the maximum amount of access to citizens all public meetings will be held virtually, and comments will be accepted virtually and via email. All communication will be done via internet or telephone as to adhere to social distancing guidelines, travel restrictions and state directives.

Consideration of Public Comments on the Substantially Amended Plan

In the event of substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, the State will openly consider any comments on the substantially amended Consolidated Plan from individuals or groups. Comments must be received in writing or at public hearings. A summary of the written and public hearing comments on

the substantial amendments will be included in the final Consolidated Plan. The final Consolidated Plan will also include a summary of all comments not accepted and their reasons for dismissal.

Changes in Federal Funding Level

Any changes in federal funding level after the Consolidated Plan draft comment period has expired and the resulting effect on the distribution of funds will not be considered an amendment or a substantial amendment.

Standard Amendments

Standard amendments are those that are not considered substantial in nature and pertain chiefly to minor administrative modifications of the programs. Thus, they do not require in-depth citizen participation.

Administrative Amendments

Administrative Amendments are those that activities that pertain to changes in the management of the programs. Administrative tasks include but are not limited to adding individual projects to the Integrated Data Information System (IDIS) that adhere to the strategies and objectives. Activities are added so the CAPER can more easily be created. Administrative amendments may be subject to citizen participation.

Annual Performance Reports

Performance reports on CDBG, HOME, ESG, HTF and HOPWA programs covered by the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are to be prepared by Rural Community & Economic Development/CDBG, Nevada Housing Division and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health for annual submission to HUD within 90 days of the start of each program year. Draft performance reports will be made available upon written request. The draft performance report will be available for comment for no less than 15 days, and any public comments received in writing will be reported in an addendum to the final performance report.

Access to Records

To the extent allowed by law, interested citizens and organizations shall be afforded reasonable and timely access to records covering the preparation of the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, project evaluation and selection, and HUD's comments on the Plan and annual performance reports. In addition, materials on formula grant programs covered by the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, including activities undertaken in the previous five years, will be made available to any member of the public who requests information. A complete file of citizen comments will also be available for review by interested parties. After receiving notice of HUD's approval of its Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, the GOED: Rural Community and Economic Development Division will inform those on its mailing list of the availability of the final Plan document and of any HUD comments on the Plan.

Complaints and Grievances

Citizens, administering agencies and other interested parties may submit complaints and grievances regarding the programs to Rural Community Development/CDBG, the Nevada Housing Division, and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health administer. Complaints should be in writing, specific in their

subject matter, and include facts to support allegations. The following are considered to constitute complaints to which a response is due:

- The administering agency has purportedly violated a provision of the Citizen Participation Plan;
- The administering agency has purportedly violated a provision of federal CDBG, HTF, ESG, HOME, or HOPWA program regulations;
- The administering agency, or any of its contractors, has purportedly engaged in questionable practices resulting in waste, fraud or mismanagement of any program funds.

Residents may also present complaints and grievances orally or in writing at the community meetings and/or public hearing. All public comments, including complaints and grievances, made either orally or in writing within the 30-day public comment period, will be included in the final Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. Such complaints or grievances for CDBG, HOME, ESG, HTF or HOPWA shall be directed to the Consolidated Plan representative at appropriate Division.

Timely Response to Complaints or Grievances

Upon receipt of a written complaint, the designated representative at Rural Community & Economic Development, Nevada Housing Division or the Division of Public and Behavioral Health shall respond to the complainant within 15 calendar days and maintain a copy of all related correspondence, which will be subject to review.

Within 15 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the designated representative shall discuss the matter with the department manager and respond to the complainant in writing. A copy of the Rural Community Development Division or NHD response will be transmitted, concurrently, to the complainant and to the division directors. If, due to unusual circumstances, the designated representative finds that s/he is unable to meet the prescribed time limit, the limit may be extended by written notice to the complainant. The designated representative's notice must include the reason for the extension and the date on which a response is expected to be generated, which may be based on the nature and complexity of the complaint.

Public review materials and performance reports will include data, as appropriate under confidentiality regulations, on any written complaints received and how each was resolved.

Activities Exempt from Substantial Amendment Citizen Participation Requirements

Urgent Needs

It may be necessary to amend the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan in the event of an emergency such as a natural disaster. These amendments may include funding new activities and/or the reprogramming of funds including canceling activities to meet community development needs that have an urgency. Therefore, the state of Nevada may utilize its HOME, HTF, ESG, HOPWA or CDBG funds to meet an urgent need without the normal public comment period, which is otherwise required for substantial amendments.

To comply with the national objective of meeting community development needs having an urgency, an activity will alleviate existing conditions that the state of Nevada certifies:

- Pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community;

- Are of recent origin or recently became urgent;
- The state is unable to finance the activity on its own; or
- Other resources of funding are not available to carry out the activity.

A condition will generally be considered of recent origin if it is developed or became critical within 18 months preceding the Rural Community & Economic Development Division's certification.

Availability of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)

Copies of the CPP may be obtained from the following web pages:

<https://goed.nv.gov/programs-incentives/rural-community-economic-development/cbdg/>

or

Upon request from the NHD at:

NHDInfo@housing.nv.gov

Upon request, the Plan will be made available in an alternative format accessible to persons with disabilities.