

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of League City is an Entitlement Jurisdiction (EJ) receiving an annual non-competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The first CDBG grant received was in 2004, when the City's population surpassed 50,000. The population as of the 2020 Census is 114,392. More than half of the housing stock has been constructed since 2000. While the CDBG grant is non-competitive, there are requirements to receiving the pre-determined award. One is that the City must complete a Consolidated Plan every five years, which was submitted in PY 2022. The second requirement is that an Annual Action Plan be submitted every program year that corresponds to the current 5-year Consolidated Plan. This PY 2023 Annual Action Plan is for the second of the five years outlined in the current Consolidated Plan. Withing the Annual Action Plan, all activities must meet one or more of the three national objectives:

1. Benefiting low- to moderate-income persons;
2. Preventing, reducing, or eliminating slum and blight; and
3. Meeting an urgent community development need due to a catastrophic event.

At least 70% of the annual award not allocated to administration must be spent on the first objective.

League City's Program Year 2023 begins on October 1, 2023 and ends on September 30, 2024. The priorities and plans for the program year comply with the PY 2022-2026 5-Year Consolidated Plan. For PY 2023, the second year of the 5-Year Plan, the City of League City will receive \$482,693. This is a slight increase from PY 2021 and a significant increase from PY 2022, which saw an unexpected 11% decrease in funding. It is anticipated that there will also be \$35,000 in carry-over funds for a total available for PY 2023 activities of \$517,693.00. In addition, the PY 2021 drainage project and PY 2022 sidewalk project will be continued in PY 2023 and completed by the end of the program year.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The CDBG objectives for PY 2023 fit under the first national objective of benefitting low- to moderate-income persons. That is persons with total household income of less than 80% of the area median income by household size. The objectives below are based on three factors:

1. The results of the resident surveys, stakeholder interviews, public comments, and secondary data from HUD, the Census Bureau and other HUD-approved sites;

2. The limitations placed on the City by HUD regulations with regards to the location of public improvements and the cap on social service spending; and
3. The existence and capacity of potential subrecipients to carry out activities.

During PY 2023, the City intends to:

1. Allocate the allowed 15% to two public service activities:
 - a. Communities in School will receive \$47,403.95 to provide counseling services to at-risk students in 5 League City schools; and
 - b. Interfaith Caring Ministries will receive \$25,000 to provide one-time emergency rent and/or utility assistance to low- to moderate-income households in danger of eviction or utility service termination.
2. Initiate Phase II of a 2-phase sidewalk improvement plan along the portion of Main Street within the current CDBG Target Areas to enhance safe pedestrian mobility, particularly to schools. This phase of the overall sidewalk improvement program will be funded \$357,389 in PY 2023 funds and \$35,000 in PY 2022 carry-over funds, for a total of \$392,290.
3. Allocate \$53,000 (11%) to program administration.
4. Continue with the PY 2022 Phase I of the sidewalk improvement plan and the PY 2021 drainage program within the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area. Any additional PY 2022 carry-over funds will be re-allocated to either Phase II of the sidewalk improvements or the PY 2021 Wisconsin Avenue Drainage project.

Map of Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Program



3. Evaluation of past performance

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

League City experienced several delays in projects in PY 2022. The PY 2021 drainage project was put on hold during COVID and is now being brought forward with design and engineering underway. The PY 2022 sidewalk improvement project – Safe Routes to Schools – was delayed as staff was investigating land ownership, easements and rights of way. This project is underway and should be completed before the end of calendar year 2023. The drainage project was planned for a two-year period and will be completed by the end of calendar year 2024.

There were difficulties in PY 2022 with public service activities also. With the 11% decrease in the total CDBG funding, the City was unable to fund all of the public services for which applications were received. It was decided that Interfaith Caring Ministries Food Pantry would not receive funding in PY 2022 because of past history of not being able to spend all of previous allocations and access to alternative funding. League City consistently funds Communities in Schools for services to at-risk students and their families as well as Interfaith Caring Ministries for emergency rent and/or utility assistance because of the continued and growing need in the community. During PY 2022, Communities in Schools used CDBG funds to pay part of the salaries of counselors in five schools. They expended all of their funds by the end of

February, having provided a total of 537 hours of service to 134 students and their families, far more than projected. The monthly funding for Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) has been on track since January, 2023, but was delayed because alternative funding became available to cover the first three months of the program year. As CDBG is the funding of last resort, ICM opted to expend other funds first. Based on current spending, the agency will expend its funds by the end of the program year and will have served 60 residents in 30 households, as proposed.

League City is committed to serving the homeless population and in PY 2022, Family Promise of Clear Creek applied for funds to provide counseling and case management to families who were homeless due to unforeseen emergency situations, rather than chronically homeless individuals and families. Unfortunately, once the program year began, their focus turned to providing homeless prevention services through emergency rent and utility assistance. Because there are no agencies, including Family Promise and ICM, that were in the Continuum of Care HMIS system, there was no easy way to determine if households in need of assistance were applying to both Family Promise and ICM in an attempt to duplicate benefits. While funded in PY 2022, Family Promise did not apply for PY 2023 funding.

With the first phase of the sidewalk project underway and the design and engineering of the drainage project also underway, the City will be back on schedule for the infrastructure projects and, with the exception of Family Promise, the public services will meet or exceed their proposed service level by the end of the program year.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

League City's citizen participation process, as outlined in its Citizen Participation Plan, generally involves public notification, public hearings, and public comment period. For the Consolidated Plan there is also an extensive consultation and public survey element which drives the priorities for the five years covered by the Consolidated Plan. These priorities may be changed by input each year from residents and stakeholders.

For PY 2023, there were two public hearings with the first held on February 9, 2023 and included a pre-application workshop for interested non-profit public service and housing agencies. The second public hearing was held on June 22, 2023. Public notices for both hearings were posted in the Galveston County Daily News, on the City's website and on the City's public notice board at City Hall. They were posted in English and Spanish at least 72 hours before the meeting. The 30-day public comment period began on June 22, 2023 and ran through July 21, 2023, with information included in the notice for the June 22, 2023 public hearing. In addition, the agenda for the City Council meeting at which the plan was presented, held July 25, 2023, was posted at least 72 hours before the meeting and the public was given the opportunity to speak on the plan at the meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

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

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

League City accepts and considers all comments that are not inflammatory or discriminatory in nature or defaming of any individual or group. Any comments irrelevant to the CDBG program are forwarded to the appropriate department for review and response. No inappropriate comments were received and those not pertaining to the CDBG program were addressed by the relevant department.

7. Summary

The City of League City has used its CDBG funds to address the highest priority needs in the community and make the greatest impact possible on the living environment of low- to moderate-income residents. Efforts are hampered by the limited funds and by the lack of comprehensive services available through non-profit social service, housing, and homeless agencies in League City. Due to the relative size, location, and economic stability of the residents, the economies of scale do not exist to justify many social service, homeless, and affordable housing providers to locate in League City. Those agencies located in surrounding communities focus on the entitlement communities with greater resources, including local, CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG funds.

However, the City has continued to address the social service and infrastructure needs of the community through the CDBG program and other funding to the extent possible. The past, present, and planned activities in the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area and the planned activities in the area west of Main Street/Park Avenue exemplify the work the City is doing to improve conditions for those with limited resources and opportunities, and in areas of higher minority concentrations.

Broadband Status and Needs

This is a newly required section with no chapter or section heading in which to place it and insufficient space to add to Barriers to Affordable Housing chapter.

According to the FCC's 2021 Broadband Deployment data, more than 4 broadband providers cover 100% of the City, with the vast majority of the city, and all of the developed areas having at least two providers. Three major broadband companies serve the majority of League City residential customers according to the 2020 update to the Fixed Broadband Deployment Data of July 2018. Based on the number of households in the area served by the three primary providers, it appears that 100% of the area has cable availability through COMCAST/Xfinity or Frontier, with 40.66% of residences accessing one of these two cable providers. Both companies also cover approximately 50% of League City residences with high speed

fiber optic cable and are expanding their fiber availability. ViaSAT/Skycasters and HughesNet are satellite providers available to 99% of League City residences, and serve 54.07% of customers. The remaining 5.27% are served by a number of small providers En-Touch, EarthLink, CenturyLink, MCI, and Verizon. A total of 10 providers serve residential customers in League City. T-Mobile Home Internet has recently entered the League City market along with its long-standing mobile phone service. The 2017-2021 American Community Survey estimates that 98.2% of League City households have at least one computer and 94.2% have home internet subscriptions.

COMCAST/Xfinity, HughesNet, ViaSAT, Frontier and T-Mobile participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides low-cost (\$30) internet to low- to moderate-income households.

Hazard Mitigation

This is a newly required section with no chapter or section heading in which to place it and insufficient space to add to Barriers to Affordable Housing chapter.

Due to League City's close proximity to Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, flooding is its most common natural hazard risk. FEMA's *Galveston County Coastal Project Area Flood Risk Report* provides a summary of estimated potential residential losses due to flood events. Based on the estimated value of the residential buildings and contents, FEMA has estimated that a 10-year event will cause a dollar-loss of 2% of the total residential values; 50-year event, a 4% loss; 100-year event, a 9% loss; and 500-year event, an 18% loss. FEMA has increased the size of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) by 5.4% based on new FIRM flood zone maps. However, the report only provides estimates on monetary losses, not on the number of housing units, households or persons affected by flooding.

By mapping the FEMA data by Census Block with the HUD-provided Block Group estimates of low- to moderate-income households, it can be estimated that during a 100-yr flood event approximately 1,745 LMI households would suffer significant structural damage to their homes.

League City is improving drainage in older areas which did not have adequate storm drain lines or water retention ponds. In PY 2021, the City set aside CDBG funds for a drainage project to alleviate flooding in the north half of the Main Street/Park Avenue area, the area between Main Street and Clear Creek. Due to unforeseen delays, the project was put on hold but is moving forward now and should be completed in PY 2023.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Director	Kris Carpenter	Planning Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Planning Department of the City of League City is responsible for preparing the Annual Action Plan, as well as administering the CDBG program on a daily basis. The Finance Department is responsible for paying all invoices and reimbursement requests and approving reimbursements from the U.S. Treasury through HUD's IDIS on-line system. In-house infrastructure and facility improvement projects are carried out by the Project Management Department in collaboration with the Planning Department's CDBG staff and consultant. When legal questions or issues arise, the City Attorney is consulted.

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

1. Introduction

League City has no public housing agency and very few social service agencies in the community. However, the City works with most service providers and utilizes CDBG funds to support those agencies who apply for funding. The City consults with Houston-Galveston Area Council, the region's Council of Governments on regional issues such as transportation, emergency management, environmental issues, and hazard mitigation. In addition, H-GAC manages the region's Area Agency on Aging and the City receives information on the needs and resources of the Seniors in the community. Various state agencies are contacted and provide information, as well as several national and state advocacy groups for special needs and protected class populations. League City has coordinated with Southeast Texas Housing (SETH) Partners for housing rehabilitation of owner occupied homes. League City accepted a \$50,000 SETH grant in June of 2022. This grant will be utilized during PY 2023 to rehabilitate old water lines used to serve the LMI Block Groups along Main Street (FM 218). The new public lateral water lines will provide added pressures for better fire protection and for households.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

There are few housing, health, mental health and social service agencies serving League City. Harris County Housing Authority has no public housing and only a very small portion of League City falls within their jurisdiction for Housing Choice Vouchers. Currently, no Voucher holders are residing in League City. Bay Area Turning Point and Family Promise, though not located in League City, do provide homeless assistance to families and victims of domestic violence. The governmental health agency serving League City is the Galveston County Health District (GCHD) located in Texas City with other offices in the City of Galveston. There is no presence in League City. However, League City does work closely with the agency in areas of public health preparedness, environmental health, and natural disasters. Gulf Coast Center provides mental health and substance use services throughout Galveston County. Their Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities program is located in League City and the CDBG team has invited the agency to apply for CDBG funding and has consulted them about their services. Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health is a non-profit residential program located in League City and within one of the primary CDBG Target Areas. The agency has not engaged with the City for funding or to consult on area mental health needs. The primary agencies with which the City has ongoing coordination are Communities in Schools – Bay Area, Interfaith Caring Ministries, Clear Creek ISD, Bay Area Turning Point, and Family Promise.

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

League City is located primarily in Galveston County which is part of the multi-county Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition, which falls under the Texas Balance of State for the Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. Due to the CoC national focus structuring funding and the Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition’s focus, the services address the needs of the chronically homeless and treatment-resistant population living on the streets of Galveston, Brazoria, Chambers, and Liberty Counties. There are no programs in League City or the immediate area that address the populations falling under the Continuum of Care legislation and Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition’s focus. Family Promise of Clear Creek is a member of the Coalition, however its goals are to prevent homelessness and to shelter families who have become homeless due to an unforeseen crisis and will be stabilized in housing within three to six months.

Children and unaccompanied youth are provided service referrals and counseling through Communities in Schools – Bay Area (CIS-BA), if they are enrolled in one of the public schools that house CIS-BA counselors.

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

Not Applicable – League City does not receive ESG funds

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTHEAST TEXAS HOUSING Partners
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-profit housing provider
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing rehabilitation and affordable housing needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency has provided rehabilitation and accessibility services to homes in League City and the City consults with SETH to determine the availability of assistance to serve those homeowners in need. The anticipated outcome was met, though there are no plans at this time for SETH to provide rehabilitation in League City.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Direct interview to determine if any Housing Choice Voucher holders access League City rentals or have attempted to access unsuccessfully. Also discussed fair housing issues as part of the development of the Fair Housing Plan. The anticipated outcome to determine the degree to which HCHA Voucher holders are able or willing to access to League City housing.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Council of Governments
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs, Housing Market Analysis, Economic Development, Senior needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	League City elected officials serve on HGAC boards and relay information to staff as well as vote on programs at HGAC. Additionally, the agency was contacted for the 2022 Con Plan in the areas of housing, seniors, transportation, and economic development. Anticipated outcome was met.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	GULF COAST CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	MHMR
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community needs and services.
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency was consulted as to the services it provides in its two sites in League City. Anticipated outcome for information about what is provided and how the City can collaborate/coordinate was met, though there was no opportunities for collaboration.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	INTERFAITH CARING MINISTRIES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing; Services-Food Insecurity Prevention
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community needs and services
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency receives CDBG funding and coordinates/collaborates with the city on an on-going basis. The agency provides rent/utility assistance and food assistance to residents. The consultation included ways in which both the agency and the City can better serve the very low- and extremely low-income residents. The anticipated outcome was met.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	FAMILY PROMISE OF CLEAR CREEK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs – Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	An agency representative was interviewed and provided data on the needs that the agency sees for shelter and services to homeless families. The anticipated outcomes were to determine the magnitude of need and how League City could best meet the needs of homeless persons through CDBG and the outcomes were met.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	BAY AREA TURNING POINT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-homeless Special Needs; Homeless Victims of Domestic Violence
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Contacted and staff interviewed to determine needs of and services to victims of domestic violence, especially those who are homeless in League city. The agency provided statistical data on the population seeking assistance. Anticipated outcome was information and the outcome was met. However, the agency was not interested in applying for CDBG funding.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS-BAY AREA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis; Non-housing Community Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency is a subrecipient of CDBG funding and coordinates services to youth with the City. The agency was interviewed regarding the needs of the at risk youth, particularly the low-income and homeless youth. The impacts of COVID on mental health, academic achievement and access to learning were discussed. Anticipated outcome was information and the outcome was met.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-profit Balance of State CoC Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs & Homeless Strategy

How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided information from the Point In Time and Housing Inventory Count specific to League City as well as for all of Galveston County. The anticipated outcome was data and the outcome was met.
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Agency/Group/Organization	Agency/Group/Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All relevant agencies with any presence in League City and the immediate area were contacted either for PY 2023 or for the PY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. Those listed above were contacted both in 2022 and 2023. For the table below, only plans specifically reviewed for the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan are listed. The PY 2022 Consolidated Plan outlines all plans reviewed for the Consolidated Plan and PY 2022 Annual Action Plan.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Texas Homeless Network	The goals of the League City Strategic Plan to determine the extent of homelessness within the city and to identify agencies that could possibly fill the gaps in services overlap with THN’s goal to get better locally specific data for Galveston County and to identify and train agencies serving northern Galveston County.
2040 Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan	Houston-Galveston Area Council	The goals and policies in the plan overlapped the City’s plans to provide better non-vehicular transportation and recreation – particularly in the improvements and expansions to sidewalks and hike/bike trails.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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	Newspaper Ads	City-wide	N/A			www.galvnews.com
2	Public Notices on City website, at City Hall & at City library	City-wide	N/A			www.leaguecitytx.gov
3	Public Hearings	City-wide	2 hearings			www.leaguecitytx.gov
4	Public Comment Period	City-wide	30-day period			www.leaguecitytx.gov

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

League City will receive \$482,693 in CDBG funds for Program Year 2023. Two public services projects will be funded totaling the allowed 15% (\$72,403). Program Administration will receive \$53,000 (11%) of the funds. In addition, the second phase of the Main Street Sidewalk improvement project will be funded with \$357,290 in PY 2023 funds and an estimated \$35,000 in prior year resources for a total of \$392,290. The City will also be completing the PY 2021 drainage project with the \$384,000 reserved in PY 2021 for the activity.

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: \$		
			\$482,693	\$0	\$35,000	\$517,693	\$1,350,000	Remaining prior years' funds have been designated for prior year infrastructure projects that have not been completed and the committed funds are not listed as prior year resources

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

The CDBG funds for PY 2023 will be used to expand the services of Interfaith Caring Ministries

and Communities in Schools – Bay Area beyond the scope of services with other financial commitments from grants and fund-raising activities. It is estimated that for both agencies \$1 of CDBG funds is used to augment \$3-\$5 of funding from other sources, thus expanding their beneficiary count by approximately 20% while freeing up other funds to cover additional administrative and operating costs. It is anticipated that the sidewalk improvement project will over \$425,000 for design, engineering and construction, with CDBG funding a considerable portion. League City contracts with a CDBG consultant to assist with managing the program and only sets aside \$5,000 to cover in-house expenses, primarily newspaper postings of public notices. The staff costs for program management are covered by general funds.

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

The sidewalk improvement program will involve the reconstruction of deteriorated sidewalks owned by the City and the construction of new sidewalks within City and/or Texas Department of Transportation easements. Staff members involved in managing the CDBG program and infrastructure projects funded by CDBG are housed in City Hall and the City Hall Annex, though no City staff salaries or supplies are funded by CDBG. Otherwise, no public land or property will be used during PY 2023 to address the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

Safe pedestrian mobility has been identified as a high priority within League City, particularly with no public transportation and limited available parking in the older areas of town. The priority was set forth in the PY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan based on the results of public surveys, stakeholder discussions, and the City's long-range planning activities. The public listed street, drainage and sidewalk improvements as high priorities in the neighborhoods along Main Street. PY 2021 funds were set aside for a major drainage project, for which the design and engineering phase is underway. Phase I of this two-phase sidewalk project was funded in PY 2022 and is underway at this time. This sidewalk improvement activity will be Phase II of the overall Main Street sidewalk improvements. The City received two applications for public service activities and will be funding both with the allowable 15% of the PY 2023 allocation.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Sidewalk Improvements	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Main St/Park Ave and west to IH 45	Sidewalk Improvements	\$392,290	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activity other than Low/Mod income housing Benefit: 2,077
2	Youth Services	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Youth Services	\$47,403	Public service activity other than Low/Mod income Housing Benefit: 125 low/mod income persons
3	Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Subsistence Payments	\$25,000	Public service activity other than Low/Mod income Housing Benefit: 60 low/mod income persons

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Sidewalk Improvements
	Goal Description	To meet the high priority need determined through public surveys, stakeholder comments, Texas Department of Transportation and City staff, The City will reconstruct and construct sidewalks along Main Street from N. Iowa Avenue to IH-45 area as part of the Safe Routes to Schools program. This will be Phase II of the sidewalk improvement program and will serve an area that is approximately 51.4% low- to moderate-income.

2	Goal Name	Youth Service
	Goal Description	Improving academic and behavioral outcomes of at-risk children and youth was determined to be a high priority in the 2022 surveys, stakeholder contacts, and school district. The City will fund Communities in Schools Bay Area to provide counselors in five schools who will assist at risk youth and their families. This program addresses risky behaviors, drop-out risks, and social service needs.
3	Goal Name	Subsistence Payments
	Goal Description	Preventing homelessness in League City is of critical importance to marginally-resourced households as well as the community as a whole. Therefore the City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries to provide emergency rent and/or utility payments on a one-time basis to families at risk of eviction or unsafe living conditions due to lack of electricity.

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Using the greatest allowable percentage of the CDBG funding, League City will address two of the highest public service priorities in the city – improving academic and behavioral outcomes among children and youth; and preventing homelessness among city households. In addition, the City will continue with the sidewalk improvement program, also known as Safe Routes to Schools initiative as a way to make pedestrian mobility available and safer for those with limited vehicular access.

Additionally, during PY 2023, the City will continue with its PY 2021 CDBG-funded drainage improvement project that will serve to greatly reduce flooding in the area north of Main Street in the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area. Phase I of the Main Street sidewalk project (funded in PY 2022) will also be completed in PY 2023.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Sidewalk Improvement Phase II
2	Communities in Schools
3	ICM Rent/Utility Assistance

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocations for PY 2023 are based on several factors. First, for public services, only activities for which public service agencies have applied can be considered. For PY 2023, the City received only two public service applications and will be funding both. Second, priorities determined in PY 2021 during the planning phase of the PY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, placed public services, drainage, roads, and sidewalks as high priorities, especially with no public transportation in League City. Comparing infrastructure need with available infrastructure funding results in a gap that CDBG funds can help fill. The Safe Routes to Schools program, involving the City, Clear Creek ISD, and Texas Department of Transportation was the impetus for this 2-phase sidewalk project. This project will provide pedestrian connectivity to commercial properties, schools, and city events for citizens currently living within the City's Low- to Moderate-Income area along the Main Street (FM 518) corridor between IH-45 and Iowa Avenue, linking with Phase I, which begins at Iowa Avenue and ends at Texas Avenue.

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Project Summary Information

No.	Project	Goals Supported	Geographic Areas	Needs Addressed	Funding
1	Main Street Sidewalk Phase II	Sidewalk Improvements	Main Street from Iowa Ave west to IH-45	Sidewalk Improvements	\$392,290
	Description	Construct and reconstruct sidewalks in the Main Street/Park Ave Target Area and CDBG Target area west of Main St/Park Ave			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2025			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,077 people live in the area served by three block groups housing an estimated 51.36% LMI, including a residential mental health facility and approximately 500 households			
	Location Description	The project is located along Main Street partially in the west portion of Main St/Park Ave Target Area in CT/BG 721300/2 and 721300/3, west of Iowa Avenue with 41.29% LMI population (League City's exception is 37.73%); and, from the railroad west to IH-45 in CT/BG 720700/1 with 57.25% LMI population. In total, the average LMI population is 51.36%.			
	Planned Activities	Construct or reconstruct sidewalks along Main Street for safe ADA compliant pedestrian mobility to schools, public services, and other amenities.			
2	Communities in Schools	Youth Service	City-wide	Youth Services	\$47,403
	Description	Provide funding for partial salaries for 5 counselors, 1 in each of 5 schools to provide counseling to LMI 125 at risk youth and their families.			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2024			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will	An estimated 125 unduplicated LMI youth in approximately 85 families, including an estimated 10 homeless will benefit			

	benefit from the proposed activities				
	Location Description	Beneficiaries are city-wide; service locations are Clear Falls HS @4380 Village Way, Clear Creek HS @ 2305 E Main, Clear Springs HS @ 501 Palomino, Clear Creek IS at 2451 E Main, and League City Elem @ 520 Walker – all in League City. CIS offices are at 18333 Egret Bay Blvd, Houston.			
	Planned Activities	Provide partial funding for counselors in five League City schools to counsel with at risk youth and their families in order to reduce drop outs, improve school performance and link them to other resources they may need			
3	ICM Rent/Utility Assistance	Subsistence Payments	City-wide	Subsistence Payments	\$25,000
	Description	Provide funding for one-time rent and/or utility assistance to households at risk of eviction or utility disconnections.			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2024			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 households, including 60 persons who are low- to moderate-income and at risk of homelessness.			
	Location Description	151 Park Ave, League City			
	Planned Activities	The City will provide funds to ICM to pay rent and/or utilities on a one-time emergency basis to households at risk of eviction or loss of utilities (electricity and/or gas).			
4	Program Administration	Administration	City-wide	Administration	\$53,000
	Description	Administration of CDBG program			
	Target Date for Completion	09/30/2023			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable			
	Location Description	500 W. Walker, League City Tx			

	Planned Activities	Program Administration will be carried out by City staff and a CDBG consultant. The primary department will be the Planning and Development Department, supported by the Finance and Project Management departments
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The geographic area covers the entire corporate limits of League City, Texas. The second phase of the Sidewalk Improvement program will include two CDBG Target Areas:

1. Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area, which includes two block groups with a combined 41.29% percent of low- to moderate-income households, above League City’s exception of 37.73%; and a minority population (based on 2020 Census) of 45.5%, predominately Hispanic.
2. The second Target Area bounded by Clear Creek on the North, the railroad tracts and Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area on the east, Main Street on the South, and IH-45 on the west, with an LMI of 57.25% and a minority population of 45.1%, predominately Hispanic. It should be noted that the census geography changed between 2015, when the HUD-provided LMI numbers were estimated, and when the 2020 population was enumerated by the Census Bureau.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Main St/Park Ave & west	81%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Over the years, including the 2022 public survey that was completed by 114 residents, the public and City staff have recognized that of the CDBG-eligible areas, the Main Street/Park Avenue area has the greatest infrastructure need in the city. It is one of the oldest areas and the mobility is extremely hampered by inadequate roads and sidewalks. The area directly west of Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area is the second most designated area of need. By blending the two areas into a single path through a large portion of the city, there can be a significant positive impact to minority and low- to moderate-income residents, beginning with a continuity of sidewalks promoting safe pedestrian mobility.

Discussion

For several years the public and City staff have identified Main Street/Park Avenue as the primary area that is CDBG-eligible, has one of the highest percentages of LMI population, relatively high minority

population, with just under 50%, and the highest need for infrastructure and facility improvements to reduce flooding, enhance parks, reconstruct inadequate roads, reconstruct and construct inadequate sidewalks, improve parking, and improve street and sidewalk lighting. In the past 5 years the City has used CDBG funds for street improvements; parking improvements, including parking for the newly reconstructed League Park; improving drainage through the north side of the area to reduce flooding, and is currently completing Phase I of the multi-year sidewalk project. PY 2023 will continue with Phase II of the sidewalk reconstruction/new construction through the remainder of the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area and through the adjacent area which will be a second priority area in PY 2023 and beyond.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

League City does not receive HOME or ESG funding, and due to the limited resources available through CDBG, the City is not able to produce or maintain affordable housing units. Without a viable entity to rehabilitate owner occupied housing, the City is not able to include a rehabilitation program in its scope. It supports households through emergency rental/utility assistance, on a one-time basis not to exceed 3 consecutive months, classified under subsistence assistance not rental assistance. Using other funding, Family Promise of Clear Creek and Bay Area Turning Point provide assistance to homeless households – families at Family Promise and victims of domestic violence and their families at Bay Area Turning Point.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	25
Special-Needs	0
Total	25

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	25
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	25

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Without HOME or ESG funding, and without local agencies receiving Continuum of Care funds for Rapid Rehousing or Supportive Housing, League City is unable to produce new units or acquire existing units. There are no agencies in the area willing to conduct Federally-funded housing rehabilitation. In the past Southeast Texas Housing Partners has provided housing rehab activities in League City, but they have no plans in the near future to continue serving the city. As a result, the only impact the CDBG program has on housing is to provide one-time rent and/or utility assistance to households facing eviction or service termination. Due to the limited funding available Interfaith Caring Ministries provides only one month of assistance to qualified applicants. In the case of dire circumstances, they are allowed to provide up to HUD's limit of three consecutive months of assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There is no public housing or Public Housing Authority in League City. One small portion of the city is located in Harris County and the Harris County Public Housing Authority, which includes only Housing Choice Vouchers, has no program participants renting in League City.

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

Not applicable/No public housing

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

Not applicable/No public housing

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

Not applicable/No public housing

Discussion

There are no public housing developments or Housing Choice Voucher holders in League City.

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

Introduction

According to the 2023 Point in Time count, there were 14 homeless individuals counted in League City, including 2 children, 2 youth (18-24 years), 10 working age adults, and none 65 or older. One of the households with one parent and two children were sheltered, leaving 11 individuals in the count as unsheltered. Of the unsheltered, one was chronically homeless and one was an unaccompanied youth (18-24 years of age). One adult disclosed a substance abuse disorder and one disclosed being a survivor of domestic violence. Of the 14 persons counted, 7 identified as female and 7 as male. There were 4 non-Hispanic whites, 6 Hispanics, 1 African American who were unsheltered and 3 non-Hispanic whites sheltered. The three sheltered were residents of Family Promise of Clear Creek. Family Promise indicated

Based on information provided by Communities in Schools from the Clear Creek ISD, during the 2020-21 school year there are approximately 1,000 homeless children enrolled in the school district, though the district extends outside of League City. Communities in Schools, for which CDBG funds are provided, served 30 homeless students who lived within the city limits. Communities in Schools will likely serve approximately 35 homeless youth – either unaccompanied or within families in PY 2023.

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

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

The City is available to assist in the Point in Time count; however, to date, the Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition, in conjunction with Texas Homeless Network, conducts the count on their own. Family Promise is the only homeless provider in League City and provides their count to the City. Bay Area Turning Point also serves League City, though it is not located in the city. At last count, Bay Area Turning Point had sheltered 6 League City victims of family violence and provided crisis intervention to 37. The League City Police Department partners with Bay Area Turning Point to rescue and transport victims of domestic violence who are in danger.

Each year, League City reaches out and encourages Bay Area Turning Point to apply for funding. However, due to the small City award, it is not financially prudent for the agency to manage the CDBG requirements of the program.

With CDBG funds, Communities in Schools – Bay Area serves at risk children and youth in five schools and will be reaching out to the homeless youth and their families to provide counseling and case management, including referrals to other services.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Family Promise and Bay Area Turning Point are the only programs in League City or serving League City that provides emergency shelter. Family Promise only provides emergency shelter and serves only families who are temporarily displaced to a crisis event. Both Family Promise and Interfaith Caring Ministries provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness. Bay Area Turning point provides emergency shelter and limited transitional housing to victims of family violence. There are no programs for single men or women who are not victims of family violence, and no one with a substance use disorder or mental illness.

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

Given that there are no permanent housing, independent living programs or transitional living centers in League City, there are no plans in place to help chronically homeless to access or retain housing. Family Promise provides shelter for homeless families who anticipate exiting homelessness within approximately 90 days.

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.

Interfaith Caring Ministries, using CDBG and other funding sources, helps to prevent homelessness by paying one month's rent and utilities, and can pay up to three months if the situation warrants. However, they clients must be currently housed not being discharged from a facility with no existing housing. Family Promise provides emergency shelter and helps to rehouse homeless families by paying deposits and first month's rent for those graduating from their counseling programs. Because of the nature of their program and clientele, they do not accept those being discharged from systems of care, with the exception of a hospital for physical ailment that requires no continued monitoring or specialized care.

Discussion

Due to the size of League City and its proximity to major facilities in Houston, there is not the economy of scale for social services, homeless providers, and other agencies to locate in the city serving the extremely low- to low-income residents. The good news is that League City has a median income above the regional average and a much smaller rate of poverty and very low-income. The bad news is that due to the incomes in League City, there are insufficient numbers in need to make providing services in the city cost effective. Most needs require that the potential applicant seek services in Houston/Harris County or the City of Galveston, Texas City or Brazoria County. As long as HUD limits public service spending to 15%, and the CDBG award sits at between \$400,000 and \$500,000, there is insufficient funding for public service agencies, including agencies that serve the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless.

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

Introduction:

The greatest barrier to affordable housing in League City is the real estate market that drives land and housing costs while the public demand drives lot sizes and housing types. League City, incorporated in 1962, with just over 2,600 residents is a rapidly growing municipality with a 2020 population of 114,392. As a result, the housing stock is relatively new with 80% of the homes built since 1980 and more than one-third since 2000. The median income of League City is \$112,273. Just over 78% of the housing is single family. Approximately 40% of owner occupied housing is valued at over \$300,000 and more than 45% of the rentals are priced at over \$1,500 per month, no utilities included.

As it is located within close proximity to Galveston Bay, flooding is a major concern for all residents and businesses. Ensuring adequate drainage by requiring retention ponds and other non-developable space as well as elevating property prior to construction also adds to the overall cost per lot in residential subdivisions or per unit in multi-family developments. The lack of older homes, coupled with the demand for higher-end developments and the limitations of the terrain, housing in League City does not vary greatly in price.

League City has consistently been rated as one of the best small to mid-size cities in Texas, attracting a large professional- and managerial-level residents. As a result, is that potential residents seeking to move to League City are employed at salaries well above the area median income. Those who are servers and support staff in the retail and entertainment/accommodations/food services do have difficulty affording League City rents and mortgages.

A review of the public policies affecting the development, availability, and cost of housing accessible to the low- to moderate-income and protected classes indicates that the city ordinances do not impede fair housing choice nor cause an undue barrier to affordable housing. While minimum lot sizes and dwelling sizes may appear to be deterrents to constructing affordable housing, the City has developed a policy to create Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) that allow the opportunity for flexibility in development that may be outside of the strict application of land use regulations, development standards, and the zoning ordinance. PUDs are a tool to provide for small lot sizes and smaller homes. Currently, the City has 22 PUDs approved. Additionally, the Zoning Commission has the discretion to approve a rezoning or special use permit for a proposed land use that is not consistent with the current zoning map.

League City, like most Texas urban and suburban municipalities have limited annexations and tend to annex properties once development has occurred to the extent that paying off developers' debt will be profitable or a break-even after a set amount of time. In League City's case, being surrounded by other incorporated places, there is limited land remaining in their extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) that can be annexed.

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

Because the market drives the affordability of housing in League City, there is little that the City can do to remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing. When viable applicants to the State request the City's approval of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, the City does review their application and act positively if the project meets City codes and is fiscally viable. A review of City policies and ordinances does not show undue burden for the development of affordable housing, though the developers do pose their own limits on lot sizes, unit sizes, and amenities provided. Most developments, single family and multi-family, in League City are less than 20 years old and the cost per square foot due to the market drivers and the need for adequate drainage control makes affordable housing limited in the city. Other than providing approval to viable LIHTC applications, and approving Planned Unit Development areas that request variances of lot and dwelling sizes, the City does not have the mechanisms to remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing. The City codes for lot sizes, permitting, building requirements, drainage requirements are within the national guidelines. The City has limited extraterritorial jurisdiction for annexation and land in the far southwest is undeveloped. The market drives the demand for larger lots, larger units, and more amenities. The environment drives the demand for more land reserved for detention ponds and other drainage requirements.

Discussion:

All low- to moderate-income households, regardless of their protected-class status under the Fair Housing Act, face impediments in accessing affordable housing. This is often especially true for elderly and disabled individuals and large families. The limited stock of the housing within a price range affordable to the low- to moderate-income is, for the most part, older housing that has not been retrofitted for ADA compliance and accessibility to the physically disabled and/or may not meet Housing Quality Standards as set forth by HUD. The rental market, while relatively new, is lacking sufficient units with more than three bedrooms for large families as well as units that are efficiencies or 1-bedroom units for singles. There is a shortage of multi-family units which forces renters to access single-family housing, which generally has higher rents and higher utilities. Many middle-income residents are living in units well below their affordability limits, pushing the lower-income residents to higher-cost housing that is out of their affordability level.

League City reviews State applications for Low Income Housing Tax Credit approval and gives a positive review for those applications that have complied with League City ordinances or variances to the ordinances in advance of application, such as to the Zoning regulations.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This is the second year of the 5-year Consolidated Planning period and last year the City conducted extensive community needs survey and fair housing survey. The results of the surveys and the public hearings both last year and this year, coupled with the realities of financial, social and non-profit infrastructure to carry out programs for low- to moderate-income individuals and families, put limits on what the City can do with its CDBG funding. Funding applicant social services to the maximum extent possible (15%), limiting the use of funds for administration to approximately 11%, the City has opted to stress the physical infrastructure of the older, lower-income neighborhoods by improving streets, sidewalks, drainage, and parks.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The two main obstacles to the underserved needs are community size and available funds. Due to the size of the community, few agencies are able to justify the economies of scale to locate in or in close proximity to League City. Additionally, due to the size of the community, the CDBG allocation is too small for the 15% cap to afford many agencies the justification to apply for what little funds are available. As a result, the City is limited in how it can address the underserved public service needs.

Infrastructure needs are better met due to the funding from other sources, including the general fund and Capital Improvement fund. For PY 2022, the City will focus its CDBG allocation on improving sidewalks within the area of highest need – Main Street/Park Avenue – as part of its Safe Routes to School program. One way that League City plans to address the underserved pedestrian needs is to have a multi-year strategy to address as many of the sidewalks leading to schools that need to be reconstructed or constructed.

One need of the low-income population is access to quality broadband services at an affordable price. The CDBG team will continue to work to access information on special pricing for broadband access to low-income households and to provide that information to the subrecipients, requesting that they pass it on to all of their beneficiaries.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City does not have the capacity to develop new or maintain existing affordable housing. Without HOME funds, a limited CDBG budget, and the lack of non-profits willing to rehabilitate or repair homes in League City, there is no viable way that the City can foster construction, maintenance, or rehabilitation of affordable housing. Without a public housing authority, the City is unable to provide affordable publicly supported housing options. Additionally,, there are no plans from agencies or firms requesting approval for privately-funded eligible new affordable housing units. League City staff reviews and comments on all requests for local review of privately-funded developments utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits

through approval by State of Texas. A requirement for a positive review from the City is that the proposed project comply with current ordinances, or have a variance approved prior to requesting the review.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Without the ability to fund any housing rehabilitation, the City cannot address lead-based paint hazards with CDBG funding. Fortunately, there are few houses in League City that were built before 1979, and most are owned and occupied by older residents. However, in the event that a non-profit is willing to conduct housing rehabilitation in the city, the staff will ensure that lead-based paint testing and proper remedies are carried out before any rehabilitation work is begun.

The Clear Creek ISD periodically send flyers about the dangers of lead poisoning home to the parents. The latest surveillance data available at the sub-state level is for Galveston County in 2019. The entire county registered 68 children under 3 with elevated blood lead levels. It can be assumed that most, if not all, resided in the City of Galveston, Texas City, or unincorporated areas around Texas City. These are the areas with the oldest housing and greatest concentration of lead-emitting industries.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 4.4% of League City families have incomes below poverty, compared to 10.7% state-wide. Most construction contractors pay wages considerably above the Davis Bacon Wage Rates. CDBG-funded construction projects are only contracted out to firms paying above DBWR with high Section 3-eligible employees. The City encourages all qualified Section 3 firms to bid on projects and construction bids and contracts to have Section 3 clauses. However, most construction workers, as well as construction contractors, are located outside of League City.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City continues to attend on-line trainings for elements of CDBG-related regulations, requirements, and best practices. When available and possible for employees to travel, on-site conferences and trainings will be offered to any staff member working on CDBG activities.

During the year and during reimbursement request reviews and the annual monitoring the City will continue to provide new information on regulations and trainings, help train subrecipients' new staff members, and additional hands-on training for new subrecipients. The staff will continue to ensure that subrecipients are developing institutional structure to better address the needs of their clientele and to know to whom they can refer potential and existing clientele for other services. The Planning Department and other departments involved in the infrastructure projects will continue to develop more cohesive and stronger institutional structure between staff members as well as with contractors and subcontractors.

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

At this time there are no public or private housing agencies serving League City. The staff will continue to work with the social service agencies – both those receiving CDBG funding and those who do not – to better coordinate services and find better ways to ensure that clients do not receive duplicated benefits, particularly with rental assistance. The City will continue to alert agencies of other funding opportunities. Because there are so few social service agencies in League City, those that do serve the city have a history of strong collaboration and interaction.

Discussion:

The primary institutional activities that the City's CDBG staff can accomplish to improve outcomes is to enhance access to training for staff and subrecipients, to continue to work with a CDBG consultant, and to encourage greater collaboration among community social service and educational agencies. In PY 2023, the City will work to improve collaboration between Interfaith Caring Ministries and Family Promise to prevent any duplication of rent and/or utility payments to applicants. Over the past year, there has been more communication between Texas Homeless Network, Galveston County's Continuum of Care agency, and the City. Plans are to enhance that relationship in 2023.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

League City anticipates utilizing \$35,000 of prior year carry-over funds for PY 2023. Additional unspent funds have been allocated to the PY 2021 drainage project and PY 2022 first phase of the sidewalk project. Those projects will be completed in PY 2023. The City receives no program income, Section 108 funds, and has no float-funded activities or funds returned to the line of credit.

All non-administrative funds will be expended on projects that benefit low- to moderate-income residents, either individually city-wide through social service projects or within CDBG Target Areas through infrastructure projects.

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	\$0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. (100% of non-administration funding and 89% of total funding)	100%