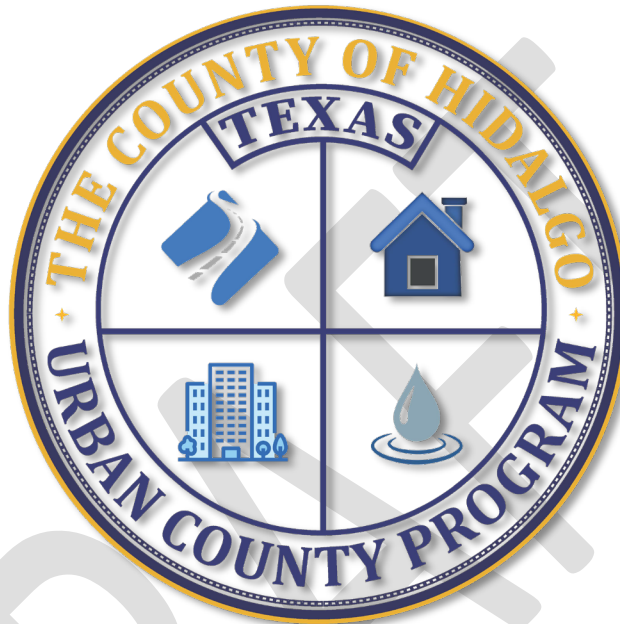


Hidalgo County

Urban County Program



FY 2025 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The County of Hidalgo Urban County Program annually receives entitlement grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to serve low and moderate income persons. As a recipient of HUD funds, entitlement communities must develop and submit an Annual Action Plan in order to access the community development funds. This Action Plan covers the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, which is the third year of the County's five-year 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). HUD's program year, which is the Federal Fiscal Year, runs from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The Action Plan describes the activities that will be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the County of Hidalgo Con Plan. The total amount of HUD grant funds expected to be received is \$10,284,152.00

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 County of Hidalgo Urban County Program (UCP) continues to fund projects identified as high priorities in the five-year consolidated plan and strategy. The primary objectives include the improvement of quantity and/or quality of public improvements for low- and moderate-income persons; improve the quality and quantity of neighborhood facilities for low- and moderate-income persons; increase the range of housing options and related services for persons with special needs; prevent, reduce and end homelessness; improve the quality of owner-occupied housing and increase the availability of affordable owner housing. General outcomes associated with these objectives will vary from the number of persons who derive a direct benefit of the improvements made (i.e. the number of people living in a targeted census tract where improvements were made) to the actual number of persons receiving direct services under a public service project or housing activity (see AP-20).

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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CDBG

During the last reporting period for the UCP (2023-2024 program year), we noted that 100% of eligible expenditures were spent on high priority needs. This translates to \$5,845,958.33 in expenditures towards projects involving basic infrastructure, park projects, fire stations/equipment, public services and housing up to the end of April 30, 2025. This figure translates to an expenditure ratio of 1.40, below the 1.5 minimum standard required by HUD. This achievement is an affirmation of the County's diligent effort to put these federal funds to work in an expeditious manner.

ESG

The Hidalgo County ESG Program served 86 households Financial Assistance Rapid Rehousing Services. Additionally, Hidalgo County ESG assisted 166 persons with Financial Assistance Homeless Prevention activities. Third, Hidalgo County had a total of 38,325 beds available throughout the year, of those, 16,529 were utilized at transitional and emergency shelters. The ESG shelter program also provided services to 6,720 persons and the total program expenditures was \$587,841.55. All three (3) partnering ESG non-profit organizations met the program year goals.

HOME

In the last Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER - FY'23), the County reported expending \$1,369,935.39 in rehabilitation and home buyer activities. Urban County Program (UCP) assisted six (6) households in the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program with the rehabilitation/reconstruction services. Also, the county reported assisting four (4) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) Program households with new construction services. Both of these programs have a significant waitlist that assisted in evaluating and prioritizing our goals and projects.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Public Hearing Needs Assessments were held throughout the county at all City and Precinct locations. Newspaper publications, and posting affidavits are attached under the citizen participation section of the Annual Action Plan. The county made every effort to broaden public participation by informing the public via, newspaper advertisements, posting at local city halls and libraries, and the county website.

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.

Public comments received were from nonprofit organizations that attended the needs assessment public hearings at each of the city and/or precinct locations, comments were limited to a short presentation of the services being provided in each jurisdiction and a request for funding. There were a total of forty (40) comments/ presentations made at the public hearing held throughout Hidalgo County. All comments were accepted and all Public Service agencies were funded. Although each of the Public Service Agencies were funded as a whole, not all of the funding sources (cities) funded each one requesting funding. Due to limited funding availability, higher priority needs projects were funded. A more detailed explanation of public comments can be found as an attachment in AD-26 of this Hidalgo County 2025 Annual Action Plan.

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

The Hidalgo Urban County Program did not reject any comments.

7. Summary

In conclusion, the Annual Action Plan is a major component of the CPS. In the Action Plan, the County describes the programs and services that it will undertake during the period beginning July 1, 2025, until June 30, 2026. The Action Plan details the populations that will be served, projects to be undertaken and resources that will be used during the FY'25 program year. This is the third year of Hidalgo County Urban County Program's five-year 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan).

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
Lead Agency	HIDALGO COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	HIDALGO COUNTY	Urban County Program
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	HIDALGO COUNTY	Urban County Program
ESG Administrator	HIDALGO COUNTY	Urban County Program
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Hidalgo County - Urban County Program (UCP) administers the housing and community development programs covered by the Consolidated Plan and Strategy including those funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. Staff coordinated the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and Strategy with input from a broad range of stakeholders. In order to obtain input from public agencies and community organizations, UCP conducted public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo, consulted with organization via phone conference calls, emailed and met one-on-one to provide technical assistance. In accordance with their Citizen Participation Plan, UCP held various public hearings and solicited comments in an attempt to identify needs and gaps in the local community. The public notices were published in two (2) newspapers of general circulation (including a Spanish-language newspaper), posted on the jurisdiction’s official website, postings at City Halls, Precinct offices and public libraries throughout the County. Along with the posting of notices, UCP provided aforementioned offices with a copy of the DRAFT Annual Action Plan for public viewing during the 30-day comment period and posted the Final draft on the UCP website. Once approved, the UCP will also post the final AAP on the HC-UCP webpage.

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

1. Introduction

Hidalgo County Urban County Program sought input from a broad range of stakeholders in order to assess the housing and community development needs and priorities of the area. From these consultations and assessments, this document was composed and in accordance with the activities to be funded during the FY 2023-2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Hidalgo County is aware of the importance of next-generation broadband services to support the community's future. Evidence suggests that broadband services have a net positive economic and social impact on communities by enhancing economic competitiveness, workforce development, educational capabilities, municipal operations, and smart-city deployment.

Although Hidalgo County is not in the same vulnerable place as in 2020, the persistent challenge of ending the digital divide and the need to continue educating our children while keeping them safe, when families opt for at-home education remains. One of the first safety measures taken at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was stopping in-class instruction, which immediately created a learning challenge for thousands of school children without internet access. Soon thereafter, a total of \$151 million was allocated to Hidalgo County through CARES Act funding. From that funding, nearly \$20 million, or 23.75 percent was set by to extend broadband internet service and provide free internet to kids and their families. Research demonstrated that while internet coverage is pervasive in the incorporated cities of Hidalgo County, the unincorporated areas did not have similar coverage. With this knowledge and armed with federal CARES Act funding, Hidalgo County leaders started coordinating the expansion of free internet via WIFI to areas that did not have service. It began by partnering with school districts that had begun mapping internet access along bus routes and addresses of students who qualified for free and reduced lunches. The results of surveys to school districts throughout the Hidalgo County determined which students did not have access to the internet, and the county began mapping launching points for internet hubs beginning with determining where there was county-owned land and its proximity to areas of little or no internet service.

After determining the areas of need, the county prioritized the most populated unserved areas. The county also began negotiating with electrical providers to use electric poles for cell towers and inventorying schools with high building elevations to place more cell towers. In some cases, the county had to construct towers to place radios to transmit on a mesh WIFI network. Ultimately, the county installed a total of 17 towers, and negotiated leases with electrical providers to install radios on nearly 3,100 utility poles. Hidalgo County formed agreements with electrical providers, school districts, and incorporated cities to develop a mesh WIFI network.

The County of Hidalgo mesh WIFI network now provides free internet to 37,200 school children, enables distance learning, and gives families the ability to telework and telemedicine. This number represents

the number of students who did not have internet access before this project but now they have free internet access and most importantly, the ability for distance learning. This number does not include the parents or other household occupants who also have access to such important opportunities as telecommuting or telemedicine.

The WIFI project had the objective to eliminate the digital divide among the Hidalgo County students and families, as result it directly impacted homes outside of city limits that since the start of the pandemic were in high need of internet access. In turn, these colonias benefited a number of school districts which include Donna, Edcouch-Elsa, Edinburg, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, Sharyland, Valley View and Weslaco.

Communities that did not have internet access before the launch of this project are now drawing more than one terabyte of internet data every day. The average for three-day measurement of internet usage by residents who are benefitting from this new internet service shows nearly 218,000 devices are connecting to the internet. As more funding becomes available, Hidalgo County will continue to expand the Wi-Fi infrastructure to connect more homes.

Additional efforts of expanding broadband services include the County of Hidalgo providing internet services to residents in rural areas that have Community Resource Centers that are equipped with wireless internet services that the residents can connect to. Precinct No. 2 continues to utilize a Tech Bus in rural parts of Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 area to allow residents to connect to Wi-Fi service. Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 has also partnered with Precinct No. 1 and the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency by taking the Tech bus to various rural parts of the County to help residents apply for utility services or other required services. The Tech Bus commutes through the Cities of Donna, Hargill, Monte Alto, Edcouch, Elsa, Mercedes, Progreso, Weslaco, San Juan, Alamo and neighboring colonias outside of the city limits. Entitlement cities also provide free internet through its public libraries. By collaborating with local community groups and businesses we are able to reach out to residents and provide them access to internet whether it is to do homework, research, or pay bills on line.

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))

In order to obtain input from public agencies and community organizations, staff consulted with numerous municipalities, precincts, non-profit organizations, health and mental health providers and various public agencies to collect vital information about housing and community development activities and needs. These consultation tools addressed:

- Housing Needs
- Housing Market Analysis/Substandard Housing Needs
- Public Housing Needs and Strategy

- Continuum of Care Homeless Needs
- Non-Homeless Special Needs
- Lead-Based Paint Hazards
- Community Development Needs
- Mental Health Needs
- Child Welfare Health

Utilizing the appropriate consultation instrument(s), staff contacted public agencies, including local planning, engineering, public works, health, police, and fire departments as well as state and regional agencies. Further community organizations were consulted to develop housing and community development needs and priorities. The listing of organizations is included in this Section under Question 2 - Agency/Group/Organization.

To enhance the coordination between public and assisted housing, UCP entered into an interlocal agreement with all of the Public Housing Authorities in Hidalgo County for the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The development of the AFH is the basis for Hidalgo County's Analysis of Impediments (AI) and the cooperative continuous discussions with the Public Housing Authorities that helps form this Annual Action Plan. Further, health and mental health providers were contacted to determine gaps in services as well as during the consultation for the development of this Annual Action Plan. Such providers include HOPE Family Health and Resource Center, Lower Rio Grande Health Management Corp., Inc. (El Milagro Clinic), and Tropical Texas MHMR (state-funded institution).

In addition, much of the information utilized was downloaded from state and local governmental websites. Where applicable, citations have been noted to link the source documentation.

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.

Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) coordinates and collaborates with the Continuum of Care (CoC) in efforts to address the needs of the homeless persons (particularly chronic homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth). UCP also serves persons who are at risk of becoming homeless as recommended by the CoC. UCP participates monthly with the CoC in live online webinars or events to discuss the best approach/practice to serve the needs of the homeless population in our community. Coordinated Entry has been a major accomplishment because we are able to better serve our homeless with more services. UCP and its grant partners also participate every year in the annual Point-in-Time homeless count held every January of each year. Multiple organizations, including our ESG partners meet to discuss and assess the needs of the homeless population in our community.

There are currently several efforts in place to address the needs of homeless individuals and families. These include:

Case management and emergency shelter provided by ESG funding. These services are available to individuals, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth. Tenant based rental assistance provided by ESG funding. These services are available for anyone who meets the ESG program requirements.

Referrals are issued to all participants requiring additional services, especially our military veterans who need additional resources. UCP is anticipating to assist more individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as a result of our coordination and collaboration with the CoC. ClientTrack HMIS client data system is an important tool which better assess our ESG participants because it enables us to better serve our most needed homeless persons.

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

Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with the Continuum of Care (CoC) on the allocation of ESG funding for Fiscal Year 2025. The Continuum of Care also reviewed and evaluated the performance standards, evaluated the outcomes of the projects and activities assisted with the ESG funding. Approved by the CoC, UCP Policies and Procedures are utilized as standards in the allocation of ESG program funds. These procedures are also used for the operation and administration of HMIS and comparable database system used by domestic violence providers. The Texas Homeless Network (THN) has developed and implemented guidance for all users of HMIS ClientTrack data system. UCP and the ESG non-profits have executed user agreements with THN that outline rules and regulations for client data.

UCP continues to meet with the CoC on a monthly basis through online webinars, email or conference calls. This practice, provide discussions regarding homelessness, program changes or updates, HMIS implementation of accurate data, comparable software systems, SAGE data reporting systems, performance measures, Coordinated Entry, CAPER workshop, and any new grant discussions pertaining to the ESG program and service delivery to the most needed.

Hidalgo County consults with the CoC when developing all HUD ESG related reports, such as the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and CAPER. These reports are also used to track performance standards which are evaluated with the CoC.

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

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF RGV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration, the agency has a better understanding of the eligible services that the UCP can provide through our ESG Grant and will continue to assist the UCP to assess the gaps in service and better prepare a plan so action for future requests for funding and to provide additional services as needed. UCP will continue to serve the most needed, vulnerable eligible program participants and through the Coordinated Entry referral system. This will help in serving more program participants.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Women Together Foundation, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration, allowing the UCP to get information from the agency to understand the gaps in service that are needed to be filled. The agency is better informed of the services that qualify and are eligible through the UCP Funding. UCP will continue to serve the most needed, vulnerable eligible program participants and through the Coordinated Entry referral system. This will help in serving more program participants and keeping with their safety in mind.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army McAllen-Hidalgo County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration. UCP will continue to serve the most needed, vulnerable eligible program participants and through the Coordinated Entry referral system. This will help in serving more program participants and keeping a more accurate number of beds needed. We anticipate being able to document the gap in services needed within Hidalgo County in reference to homeless prevention.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome is that working together with Amigos del Valle will give Hidalgo County a more clear assessment of the gap in service and to know what other cities in our consortium have a gap providing meals to the elderly.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	PHARR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome is that the nonprofit will keep track of all services and will be able to provide Hidalgo County with a more detailed request for services and cost analysis for future funding.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EDINBURG -RGV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome is that the nonprofit will keep track of all services and will be able to provide Hidalgo County with a more detailed request for services and cost analysis for future funding.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WESLACO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome is that the nonprofit will keep track of all services and will be able to provide Hidalgo County with a more detailed request for services and cost analysis for future funding.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Open Hands Community Charitable Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Food Banks
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit organization will have a better understanding of what services are allowable and will be better able to serve the clients.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Nuestra Clinica Del Valle
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will be able to identify the gap in services and be able to document and request funding for other allowable services.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Food Banks
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit organization will have a better understanding of what services are allowable and will be better able to serve the clients.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	LRGVDC VALLEY METRO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization Transportation Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome is that the nonprofit will assess the needs and the gap in service and be able to plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	CHILDREN ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	CASA of Hidalgo County, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	EASTER SEALS RGV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	C.A.M.P. University
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	El Milagro Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

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17	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Hope Projects, Inc. dba Hope Family Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Pharr Literacy Center DBA RGV Literacy Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	ToGive International dba Creative Arts Studio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	South Texas Literacy Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with organizations via phone conference calls, email, we also meet one-on-one to provide technical assistance, public hearings throughout the County of Hidalgo and monitoring visits. Monthly performance assessments were also conducted with organization to improve service and program administration. The anticipated outcome will be that the nonprofit will assess the needs and gap in services and better plan for future funding requests to Hidalgo County.</p>
21	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Hidalgo County Housing Authority</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - County Other government - Local Planning organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consults every year with the organization via phone conference call to assess the needs of residents of Hidalgo County pertaining to housing needs. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will assess the gap in service or the need that required additional funding. The UCP meets with county leaders and assesses the needs and includes the projects into the AAP as funding allows.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted organization via phone call for the development of the Annual Action Plan with topics related to maintaining the safety and welfare of the County residents through preparation and planning response. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will assess and document the gap in service and needs related to the issues addressed in the AAP. The UCP also meets with county leaders and incorporates projects related to the needs when funding is available.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	US Army Corps of Engineers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with the organization via phone call for the development of the Annual Action Plan with topics related managing public land or water resources. The anticipated outcome is that organization will be more apt to answer questions or consultation requests because they know about our process and the needed resources that allow the UCP thru Hidalgo County to serve our clients better.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Workforce Solutions
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Other government - State Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with the organization via phone call for the development of the Annual Action Plan with topics related to economic and social-economic factors. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.

25	Agency/Group/Organization	Texas Tropical Behavioral Health and Mental Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Mental Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2023. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.

26	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Health & Human Service Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted organization via phone call for the development of the Annual Action Plan with topics related to lead base paint, health and services provided to the community. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.

27	Agency/Group/Organization	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted organization via phone call for the development of the Annual Action Plan with topics related to lead base paint, health and services provided to the community. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Mid Valley House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State Corrections Program and Rehab Institutions Community Development Financial Institution

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	US Department of Veterans Affairs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.

30	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Endeavors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will be more receptive to assist with the consultation process to meet our requirements when we approach them because they have a better understanding of our process. It will assist the UCP thru Hidalgo County to assess and plan accordingly.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	VALLEY AIDS COUNCIL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone, e-mails, online webinars, online trainings, annual point-in-time homeless count 2024. There was positive outcomes from these meetings, including better coordination and collaboration. The anticipated outcome is that the organization will assess the gap in needs and be better prepared to request funding according to the needs within Hidalgo County.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Alamo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Alton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	city of Donna
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.

36	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Edcouch
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Business Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Elsa
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Granjeno
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Hidalgo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
40	Agency/Group/Organization	City of La Joya
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.

41	Agency/Group/Organization	City of La Villa
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
42	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Mercedes
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
43	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Palmhurst
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
44	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Palmview
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
45	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Penitas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.

46	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Progreso Lakes
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
47	Agency/Group/Organization	City of San Juan
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
48	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Sullivan City
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
49	Agency/Group/Organization	City of progreso
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
50	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Weslaco
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with municipality via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is that the city will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the city with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.

51	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Precinct No 1 Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with County office via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is the that county leaders and staff will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the county with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
52	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Precinct No 2 Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with County office via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is the that county leaders and staff will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the county with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
53	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Precinct No 3 Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with the County office via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is the that county leaders and staff will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the county with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
54	Agency/Group/Organization	hidalgo County Precinct No 4 Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with the County office via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The anticipated outcome is the that county leaders and staff will conduct a complete assessment to identify the needs and gaps in services and have a better understanding of the types of services needed. It will assist the county with better planning skills and request funding accordingly.
55	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Judges Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - County Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) maintains consistent communication with the County Judge's Office. With the numerous federal and state grants the Urban County Program administers constant communication with the County Offices. This is essential in providing program services while providing the county's chief administration office informed of UCP's programs. As such, positive results from our meetings/discussions leads to better coordination and collaboration that will in turn lead to better service delivery.

56	Agency/Group/Organization	Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Community Development Financial Institution Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. Urban County Program staff, throughout the program year, maintains constant communication with Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc. staff as they are our partners with various federal and state grants. There were positive result from these meetings/discussions. They include better coordination and collaboration that will lead to better service delivery.
57	Agency/Group/Organization	Hidalgo County Planning Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with department via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. The Hidalgo County Urban County Program maintains consistent communication with the organization due to numerous projects our departments work on together. As such, positive results from our meetings/discussions leads to better coordination and collaboration that will in turn lead to better service delivery.
58	Agency/Group/Organization	FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone conference calls. Due to the required consultation with organization, coordination and collaboration will lead to the Hidalgo County Urban County Program being more aware and in tune to current Fair Housing issues in Hidalgo County that will lead to better service delivery and, when applicable, provide data for Urban County Program Analysis of Impediments updates. There were positive results from these discussions.
59	Agency/Group/Organization	Proyecto Azteca
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Grantee Department

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via phone conference calls, e-mails, one to one project assistance and technical assistance and via public hearings that were held throughout the County of Hidalgo. Urban County Program staff, throughout the program year, maintains constant communication with Proyecto Azteca staff as they are our partners with various federal and state grants. There were positive result from these meetings/discussions. As such, positive results from our meetings/discussions leads to better coordination and collaboration that will in turn lead to better service delivery.
60	Agency/Group/Organization	SPECTRUM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Broadband
	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?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via a phone call. Due to the required consultation with organization, coordination and collaboration will lead to the Hidalgo County Urban County Program being more aware and in tune to current broadband service area and the agencies continued effort in expanding their broadband services in Hidalgo County. The anticipated outcome will lead to better service delivery for our residents and program beneficiaries with the ultimate goal in narrowing the digital divide.

61	Agency/Group/Organization	AT&T
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Broadband
	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?	Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with organization via a phone call. Due to the required consultation with organization, coordination and collaboration will lead to the Hidalgo County Urban County Program being more aware and in tune to current broadband service area and the agencies continued effort in expanding their broadband services in Hidalgo County. The anticipated outcome will lead to better service delivery for our residents and program beneficiaries with the ultimate goal in narrowing the digital divide.

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

All required agency types were consulted.

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 Balance of State	Collaboration and coordination is active and being achieved. This relationship is to target the homeless population in our community.
Annual Point-In-Time	Texas Homeless Network (THN)	The 2025 point-in-time homeless count efforts were undertaken on January 23, 2025. These efforts included the housing inventory count report.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Analysis of Impediments	Hidalgo County Urban County Program	Address access to areas of opportunity as they related to housing, economic opportunity, transportation, poverty, education, environmental health and persons with special needs.
Strategic Plan 2023-2027	Texas Workforce Commission	Address economic and social-economic factors within the State of Texas.
2019-2024 LRGDC Strategic Plan	Lower Rio Grande Development Council (LRGDC)	Comprehensive plan that provides program development, unified legislative advocacy, and to guide the future planning for our region's health, safety, general welfare, and economic prosperity.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Additional Consultation

Regarding our jurisdiction’s homeless strategy, the Hidalgo County Urban County Program Staff coordinated with various Health Care Facilities, Mental Health Facilities, Foster Care, youth facilities, corrections programs and institutions, Business and Civic Leaders. UCP staff coordinated through emails, outreach efforts, in person meetings, online webinars, telephone communication and referrals. For the complete list of consulted agencies, please see AP-10 for list of non-profits, advocacy groups, organizations and others who participated in the coordinated process.

Lead-Base

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) consulted with local health and child welfare agencies, including the Hidalgo County Health & Human Services Department, Hidalgo County Child Protective and Regulatory Services, Hidalgo County Code Enforcement and the Community Service Agency. Responsive agencies advised that any lead-based paint reports are directed to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). As per DSHS website, the department operates the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance Program. The Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program maintains an annual surveillance system of blood lead test results on children younger than 15 years of age. UCP staff searched for and found that as of May 2024, the latest test results on the DSHS website is 2022. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services (2022), 12.28% of Hidalgo County’s 0-5 year old children

were tested for elevated blood lead level. The results indicated that 1.54% of the 0-5 year old children in Hidalgo County had elevated blood lead levels. The total number of tests taken was 9,042 resulting in 108 children having elevated blood lead levels. The Departments data, provided on their website, does not provide addresses or future test result dates. Also, UCP staff has contacted TDSHS to see if additional data could be obtained, however none was available. The UCP did verify that local non-profit housing partners, the Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc. and Proyecto Azteca, abide by lead-based paint regulations.

According to local health department officials, many lead poisoning cases may be caused by sources other than lead-based paint. Some cases may be attributed to pottery and serving dishes made in Mexico that are finished with lead-based glazes, which can be dissolved by foods with high acid content—such as citrus, peppers, and tomatoes. Also, many popular herbal remedies and traditional potions, sold on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, may contain lead. Nonetheless, UCP continues to consider housing rehabilitation a high priority and, as such, will continue to attempt to reduce the number of housing units with lead-based paint.

Hazard Mitigation

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to permanently eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and technological hazards. It is essential element of emergency management along with preparedness, response and recovery. The Hidalgo County Emergency Management (HCEM) works closely with law enforcement, fire departments, public and private emergency response entities, hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, local, state and federal governments, council of government, and numerous non-profits.

The County is most susceptible to thunderstorms during the summer, and late fall. Most of the damage caused by thunderstorms results from straight-line winds, lightning, flash flooding, and hail. Occasionally, thunderstorms will spawn tornados.

Primary effects from Tornados in Hidalgo County would include:

1. Property damage
2. Infrastructure destruction and damage
3. Sanitation and water delivery interruption

The hazardous results from significant Tornados in Hidalgo County would include:

1. Collapse of structures can leave people homeless.
2. Roadways may become blocked by debris. Damage may destroy automobiles, creating additional hardships to individuals and families and business operations.
3. High wind speeds associated with a tornado can destroy anything in its path. Power poles topple, communication receivers are destroyed, and water sanitation and treatment plants are offline.
4. Due to destruction, sanitation crews are unable to remove massive amounts of waste, and water delivery is disrupted. This can lead to an increase in disease-carrying insects and lack of potable water.

There are three types of flooding that affect Hidalgo County: (1) general flooding, (2) storm water runoff, and (3) flash flooding. General flooding occurs in areas where development has encroached into flood-prone areas. Hidalgo County and the incorporated cities within the county are participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP allows property owners to purchase federally sponsored flood insurance.

Primary Effects from Floods in Hidalgo County would include:

1. Property damage
2. Crop damage
3. Levee failure

Hazardous results from significant flood in Hidalgo County would include:

1. Rising water levels can quickly sweep people along in its path.
2. Rapidly moving water destroys anything in its path and also leaves hazardous mold and breed insects.
3. Periods of standing water kill inadaptable plants, and flowing water removes sediment and nutrients from the soil.
4. Breached levees allow water to flood into the surrounding floodplain resulting in destruction of crops and property.

The frequency and severity of wildfires is dependent on weather and on human activity. Nearly all wildfires in Hidalgo County are human caused (only a small percent are caused by lightning), with arson and careless debris burning being the major causes of wildfires.

Primary effects from wildfire in Hidalgo County would include:

1. Loss of property
2. Loss of livestock
3. Destruction of wilderness
4. Crop destruction

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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**

In accordance with the adopted Citizen Participation Plan, Hidalgo County held a series of public hearings and a public notice for a 30-day comment period to solicit input on the area's housing and community development needs and priorities. Staff conducted these activities to broaden public participation in the Annual Action Planning process particularly among minorities, Non-English speakers, and persons with disabilities who required special accommodations. Additionally, interested parties had the opportunity to make their views known at any of the 21 public hearing needs assessments held throughout Hidalgo County's 16 cities and 4 precincts. The cumulative effects of these public hearings formed the basis of the goals and priorities set forth in this Consolidated Plan and Strategy. A final public hearing was held before Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court for the approval to submit grant.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 4 – 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	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Alamo held a public hearing on November 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM. A total of 10 persons were present.	There were no comments received.	N/A	

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)
2	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Alton held a public hearing on October 26, 2021 at 7:30 PM. There was a total of 22 persons present.	There were no public comments	N/A	
3	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Donna held a public hearing on November 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 14 persons present.	There were three non profit agencies present and requested funding.	All three agencies were funded, no comments were rejected.	
4	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Edcouch held a public hearing on November 04, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 8 persons present.	There were no public comments	No comments were rejected.	

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)
5	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Elsa held a public hearing on November 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 15 persons present.	There were a total of 2 non profit agencies requesting funding.	All comments were accepted and noted for funding.	
6	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Granjeno held a public hearing on November 09, 2021 at 7:00 PM. There was a total of 14 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	
7	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Hidalgo held a public hearing on November 01, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 33 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	

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)
8	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of La Joya held a public hearing on November 09, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 14 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	
9	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of La Villa held a public hearing on November 10, 2021 at 6:15 PM. There was a total of 8 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	
10	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Mercedes held a public hearing on November 02, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 19 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected	

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)
11	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Palmview held a public hearing on November 08, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 8 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	
12	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Penitas held a public hearing on November 03, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 7 persons present.	No public comments were recieved.	No comments were rejected.	
13	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Progreso held a public hearing on November 08, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 6 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	

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)
14	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of San Juan held a public hearing on November 09, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 11 persons present.	There were three non profit agencies requesting funding.	All comments were accepted and incorporated into the annual action plan for funding.	
15	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Sullivan City held a public hearing on November 01, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 7 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	
16	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	City of Weslaco held a public hearing on November 02, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 2 persons present. from the public and council members.	There was one non profit agency requesting funding.	No comments were rejected.	

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)
17	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 held a public hearing on October 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 8 persons present.	There were four non profit agencies requesting funding.	No comments were rejected.	
18	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 held a public hearing on November 03, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 8 persons present.	There were no public comments.	No comments were rejected.	
19	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3 held a public hearing on October 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 11 persons present.	There were four non profit agencies present requesting funding.	No comments were rejected.	

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)
20	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 held a public hearing on October 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM. There was a total of 12 persons present.	There were a total of five non profit agencies requesting funding.	No comments were rejected.	
21	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	Public Notice for Public Hearing were published in The Monitor (English and Spanish) and El Periodico (Spanish) for the dates for all the city and precinct public hearing needs assessments	There were no written comments received. all comments were noted in each Public Hearing listed above.	No comments were rejected.	

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)
22	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	A Public Notice for a 30 day comment period was publishing in the Monitor (English & Spanish) and el Periodico (Spanish) on March 23, 2022.	We are awaiting comments.	Comments will be reviewed and notice will be taken.	
23	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	All Public Hearing needs assessments were posted in the HC-UCP web page.	There were no comments received.	There were no comments to reject.	

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The County of Hidalgo Urban County Program annually receives entitlement grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) to serve low and moderate income persons. As a recipient of HUD funds, entitlement communities must develop and submit an Annual Action Plan in order to access the community development funds. This Action Plan covers the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, which is the third year of the County’s five-year 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). The Action Plan describes the activities that will be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the County of Hidalgo Con Plan. The total amount of HUD grant funds expected to be received is \$10,284,152.00. Hidalgo County does not receive any LIHTC and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance funds, nor private, state or local resources that are expected to be made available to address the needs identified in this plan. Should any funds become available during the process of project execution, they will be noted and described in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report at the end of the fiscal 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	7,507,970.00	61,469.00	0.00	7,569,439.00	23,121,334.00	The CDBG Program will address projects of high priority needs/goals such as public facility improvements, public infrastructure, public services and general administration for the total allocation including Program Income. When applicable, cities and precincts will leverage funds to complete those projects.

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	1,935,538.00	100,000.00	0.00	2,035,538.00	7,055,360.00	The HOME Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), and has been amended several times by subsequent legislation. The three objectives of the HOME Program are: 1) Expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to very low and low-income individuals; 2) Mobilize and strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to very low- and low-income individuals; 3) Leverage private sector participation and expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers.

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	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	679,175.00	0.00	0.00	679,175.00	1,990,455.00	ESG matches dollar per dollar by all ESG partnering organizations. The ESG grant will be utilized to provide shelter to the homeless. Provide financial rental assistance to both literally homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless population. Note, that Federal resources include Section 8 funds that have been made available to Hidalgo County, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Funds. However, the Hidalgo County Urban County Program does not receive these types of funds.

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

CDBG

The Hidalgo County Urban Count Program (UCP) does not anticipate leveraged funds for CDBG projects during the 2025 program year. However, during the bidding process should available funds not be sufficient to cover project completion, city or precincts will leverage additional funding for projects to be completed.

HOME

Historically, the County has leveraged an average of \$1,000,000 annually through its CHDO Program. These funds are used for the development, including acquisition and new construction, of single-family homes. Leveraged funding sources include other federal & state funds as well as private loans, CHDO proceeds, CHDO revolving funds and buyer's cash investments. Regarding the match requirements, the HOME statute provides for a reduction of the matching contribution requirement under three conditions: 1) fiscal distress; 2) severe fiscal distress; and 3) for Presidentially-declared major disasters covered under the Stafford Act. Due to Hidalgo County meeting the criteria for conditions #1 and #2, the HOME matching requirements have been waived.

ESG

For FY'25 ESG allocation, the requirements for matching ESG funds are described in section 576.201 of the ESG Interim Rule and the requirements for documenting matching contributions are described in section 576.500(o).

1. The matching funds contributed to the ESG program are generated through the sales of merchandise by the thrift stores, in-kind donations, fundraisers and local monetary donations.
2. The matching funds are used in accordance with all ESG grant fund requirements, except for the expenditure limits in 24 CFR 576.100. This includes requirements such as documentation, eligibility and eligible costs requirements.
3. The matching funds are expended after the date HUD signs the grant agreement and will be expended by the grant agreement deadline.
4. The matching funds have not been and will not be used to match any other Federal program's funds nor any other ESG Grant.
5. The recipient does not use ESG funds to meet the other program's matching requirements.
6. The recipient keeps records of the source and use of the matching funds, including the particular fiscal year ESG grant for which the matching contribution is counted.

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

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program does not intend to utilize publically owned land or property to address the needs identified in this plan.

Discussion

The CDBG Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. The primary objective of CDBG is the development of viable communities by: providing decent housing; providing a suitable living environment; and expanding economic opportunities. Any activity funded with CDBG must meet one of three national objectives: Benefit low- and moderate-income persons; Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; Meet a particular urgent need. The HOME Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), and has been amended several times by subsequent legislation. The three objectives of the HOME Program are: 1) Expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to very low and low-income individuals; 2) Mobilize and strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to very low- and low-income individuals; 3) Leverage private sector participation and expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers. The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) became law on May 20, 2009, and consolidated several homeless assistance programs administered by HUD. The ESG Interim Rule took effect on January 4, 2012. The change in the program's name, from Emergency Shelter Grants to Emergency Solutions Grants, reflects the change in the program's focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. ESG funded programs leverage state and local funds. Currently, the UCP does not have a Section 8 Program nor do we provide funding for any Section 8 Activities. The HOME allocation is \$1,935,538.48, however the system does not recognize the .48 cents, therefore we are including the total allocation here for compliance.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 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	1A: Improve Public Facilities	2023	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Alamo Alton Donna Edcouch Elsa Hidalgo La Joya La Villa Mercedes Palmview Penitas Progreso San Juan Sullivan City Weslaco Precinct No. 1 Precinct No. 2 Precinct No. 3 Precinct No. 4	Provide Neighborhood Revitalization Efforts	CDBG: \$505,788.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9825 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	1B: Improve Public Infrastructure	2023	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Alamo Alton Donna Edcouch Elsa Hidalgo La Joya La Villa Mercedes Palmview Penitas Progreso San Juan Sullivan City Weslaco Precinct No. 1 Precinct No. 2 Precinct No. 3 Precinct No. 4	Provide Neighborhood Revitalization Efforts	CDBG: \$4,570,493.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 121017 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	2A: Rehabilitate Existing Housing Stock	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	Alamo Alton Donna Edcouch Elsa Hidalgo La Joya La Villa Mercedes Palmview Penitas Progreso San Juan Sullivan City Weslaco Precinct No. 1 Precinct No. 2 Precinct No. 3 Precinct No. 4	Provide Decent Safe Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,231,985.48	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	3A: Provide Public Services	2023	2027	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Alamo Alton Donna Edcouch Elsa Hidalgo La Joya La Villa Mercedes Palmview Penitas Progreso San Juan Sullivan City Weslaco Precinct No. 1 Precinct No. 2 Precinct No. 3 Precinct No. 4	Provide for Special Needs Populations	CDBG: \$979,648.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 535667 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	4A: Provide Housing and Services for Homeless	2023	2027	Homeless	Alamo Alton Donna Edcouch Elsa Hidalgo La Joya La Villa Mercedes Palmview Penitas Progreso San Juan Sullivan City Weslaco Precinct No. 1 Precinct No. 2 Precinct No. 3 Precinct No. 4	Provide Housing/Supportive Services for Homeless	ESG: \$679,175.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 32 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 2500 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 7000 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 180 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	2B: Affordable Housing Development	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	Alamo Alton Donna Edcouch Elsa Hidalgo La Joya La Villa Mercedes Palmview Penitas Progreso San Juan Sullivan City Weslaco Precinct No. 1 Precinct No. 2 Precinct No. 3 Precinct No. 4	Provide Decent Safe Affordable Housing	HOME: \$600,000.00	Homeowner Housing Added: 6 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A: Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Public Facility Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing.
2	Goal Name	1B: Improve Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Pulic Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing
3	Goal Name	2A: Rehabilitate Existing Housing Stock
	Goal Description	Rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing housing stock for owner occupied or rental housing.
4	Goal Name	3A: Provide Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Services for special needs population.
5	Goal Name	4A: Provide Housing and Services for Homeless
	Goal Description	ESG Overnight Shelter, Homeless Outreach, TBRA- Rapid Rehousing and Admin.
6	Goal Name	2B: Affordable Housing Development
	Goal Description	Project will provide for area community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to construct new single-family housing units.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following is a list of all the projects being undertaken with the 2025 Annual Action Plan funds.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2025 Alamo Water/Sewer Improvements
2	2025 Alton Street Improvements
3	2025 Alton General Administration
4	2025 Alton Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
5	2025 Donna General Administration
6	2025 Donna Parks & Recreational Improvements
7	2025 Donna Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
8	2025 Donna Food Banks (Open Hand Community Charitable Services)
9	2025 Edcouch General Administration
10	2025 Edcouch Water/Sewer Improvements
11	2025 Edcouch Fire Station/ Equipment Improvements
12	2025 Edcouch Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
13	2025 Elsa General Administration
14	2025 Elsa Street Improvements
15	2025 Elsa Fire Station Equipment Improvements
16	2025 Elsa Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
17	2025 Elsa Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
18	2025 Elsa Food Banks (RGV Food Bank)
19	2025 Hidalgo Street Improvements
20	2025 La Joya General Administration
21	2025 La Joya Parks & Recreational Improvements
22	2025 La Joya Senior Services (La Joya Senior Center)
23	2025 La Villa General Administration
24	2025 La Villa Street Improvements
25	2025 La Villa Food Banks (RGV Food Bank)
26	2025 La Villa Transportation Services (Valley Metro)
27	2025 Mercedes General Administration
28	2025 Mercedes Street Improvements
29	2025 Palmview General Administration

#	Project Name
30	2025 Palmview Street Improvements
31	2025 Penitas General Administration
32	2025 Penitas Street Improvements
33	2025 Progreso General Administration
34	2025 Progreso Street Improvements
35	2025 Progreso Parks and Recreational Improvements
36	2025 San Juan General Administration
37	2025 San Juan Street Improvements
38	2025 San Juan Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
39	2025 San Juan Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
40	2025 Sullivan City General Administration
41	2025 Sullivan City Street Improvements
42	2025 Weslaco General Administration
43	2025 Weslaco Water & Sewer Improvements
44	2025 Weslaco Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
45	2025 Weslaco Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
46	2025 Pct. # 1 General Administration
47	2025 Pct. # 1 Street Improvements
48	2025 Pct. # 1 Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
49	2025 Pct. # 1 Handicapped Services (C.A.M.P University)
50	2025 Pct. # 1 Handicapped Services (Capable Kids)
51	2025 Pct. # 1 Transportation Services (Valley Metro)
52	2025 Pct.# 1 Services for Battered & Abused Spouses (Women Together)
53	2025 Pct. # 1 Health Services (Easter Seals RGV)
54	2025 Pct. # 1 Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
55	2025 Pct. # 1 Services- Abused & Neglected Children (Children's Advocacy)
56	2025 Pct. # 1 Services-Abused & Neglected Children (CASA of Hidalgo Co.)
57	2025 Pct. # 1 Food Banks (Food Bank of RGV)
58	2025 Pct. # 1 Food Banks (Open Hands Community Charitable Services)
59	2025 Pct. # 1 Other Public Services (Weslaco Boys & Girls Club)
60	2025 Pct. #1 Other Public Services (Monte Alto Recreation Center)
61	2025 Pct. # 2 General Administration
62	2025 Pct. # 2 Street Improvements
63	2025 Pct. # 2 Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
64	2025 Pct. # 2 Handicapped Services (C.A.M.P University)
65	2025 Pct. # 2 Handicapped Services (Capable Kids)
66	2025 Pct. # 2 Transportation Services (Valley Metro)
67	2025 Pct. #2 Health Services (Community Hope Projects)
68	2025 Pct. #2 Health Services (El Milagro Clinic)

#	Project Name
69	2025 Pct. # 2 Services for Battered & Abused Spouses (Women Together)
70	2025 Pct. # 2 Services Abused & Neglected Children (Children's Advocacy)
71	2025 Pct. #2 Services Abused & Neglected Children (CASA of Hidalgo Co)
72	2025 Pct. #2 Other Public Services(Boys & Girls-Pharr, San Juan, Valley View)
73	2025 Pct. # 2 Other Public Services (To Give International)
74	2025 Pct. #2 Other Public Services (VAMOS)
75	2025 Pct. # 3 General Administration
76	2025 Pct. #3 Street Improvements
77	2025 Pct. #3 Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
78	2025 Pct. #3 Senior Services (Area Agency on Aging)
79	2025 Pct. #3 Handicapped Services (C.A.M.P University)
80	2025Pct. # 3 Transportation Services (Valley Metro)
81	2025 Pct. #3 Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
82	2025 Pct. #3 Health Services (El Milagro Clinic)
83	2025 Pct. #3 Senior Services (Fueling Potential Coalition)
84	2025 Pct. #3 Senior Services (LRGVDC Aging & Disability)
85	2025 Pct. #3 Health Services (Community Hope Projects)
86	2025 Pct. #3 Other Public Services (To Give International)
87	2025 Pct. #3 Other Public Services(Boys & Girls Club of Mission)
88	2025 Pct. # 4 General Administration
89	2025 Pct. #4 Street Improvements
90	2025 Pct. #4 Senior Services (Amigos Del Valle)
91	2025 Pct. #4 Handicapped Services (C.A.M.P University)
92	2025 Pct. #4 Handicapped Services (Capable Kids)
93	2025 Pct. #4 Transportation Services (Valley Metro)
94	2025 Pct. #4 Health Services (Nuestra Clinica Del Valle)
95	2025 Pct. #4 Health Services (El Milagro Clinic)
96	2025 Pct. #4 Services for Battered & Abused Spouses (Women Together)
97	2025 Pct. #4 Services for Abused & Neglected Children (Children's Advocacy)
98	2025 Pct. #4 Services for Abused & Neglected Children (CASA of Hidalgo Co.)
99	2025 Pct. # 4 Food Banks (Food Bank of the RGV)
100	2025 Pct. #4 Other Public Services (Boys & Girls Club of Edinburg)
101	2025 Pct. #4 Other Public Services (To Give International)
102	2025 HOME General Administration
103	2025 Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation
104	2025 CHDO- New Homeowner Housing
105	2025 Emergency Solutions Grant
106	2025 UCP General Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Given the range of competing needs, the priorities were established from public comments and UCP's participating jurisdictions (cities/precincts). The most overwhelming obstacles to meet the underserved needs is the lack of funding and a general sense of apathy or detachment that is obvious from the lack of public participation during public hearings. Overall CDBG projects benefit Low-Moderate Income Families based on the HUD published ACS-2015-Low-Mod-Summarized-All-2021 Data for Census Tracts and Block Groups.

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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 Hidalgo County Urban County Program includes the Cities of Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Elsa, Granjeno, Hidalgo, La Joya, La Villa, Mercedes, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, San Juan, Sullivan City, Weslaco, and the unincorporated parts (Four County Precincts) of the County. All projects undertaken this program year will be within the boundaries of Hidalgo County.

Please note that the next question regarding "Geographic Distribution" is not filled out due to the fact that there are no targeted areas/geographic distribution for any UCP projects.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Alamo	
Alton	
Donna	
Edcouch	
Elsa	
Hidalgo	
La Joya	
La Villa	
Mercedes	
Palmview	
Penitas	
Progreso	
San Juan	
Sullivan City	
Weslaco	
Precinct No. 1	
Precinct No. 2	
Precinct No. 3	
Precinct No. 4	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The initial commitments between the cities and Hidalgo County to share the entitlement funds to

benefit all low-income areas of the county.

Discussion

N/A

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing is a critical priority for Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP). As such, UCP intends to rehabilitate ten (10) single-family housing units and construct six (6) single-family housing units this program year. These activities are intended to be funded by the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The UCP does not fund any activities for Emergency Transitional shelters nor Social Service activities with the HOME funding allocation.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	14
Special-Needs	2
Total	16

Table 9 - 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	6
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	16

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

Discussion

It is estimated that approximately one-third of the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program assisted households can be categorized as special needs, specifically elderly/frail elderly and/or disabled. Affordable housing specified meets the definition 92.254 for home ownership.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Due to insufficient funding for Public Facility Improvements and Public Service activities, the County of Hidalgo will not be able to address public housing needs. However, Hidalgo County staff continue to provide on-site presentations to Housing Authority (HA) residents regarding homeownership opportunities offered through the County and those provided by other County funded local non-profit organizations. These non-profits are also invited to present to HA residents outlining the process of becoming a homeowner; from credit counseling to the construction process, purchasing the home and finally maintenance and sustainability. Also, Housing Authorities conduct public hearings and hold discussion meetings with residents and stakeholders of future actions, goals, and policy revisions that can include management.

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

The County of Hidalgo will be supportive of all housing development plans benefiting low-and-moderate-income families. Support will be provided through letters of support for housing development.

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

As mentioned-above, annually, staff provides on-site presentations to Housing Authority (HA) residents regarding homeownership opportunities offered through the County and those provided by other County funded local non-profit organizations. These non-profits are also invited to present to HA residents outlining the process of becoming a homeowner; from credit counseling to the construction process, purchasing the home and finally maintenance and sustainability. Also on an annual basis, Housing Authorities conduct public hearings and hold discussion meetings with residents and stakeholders of future actions, goals, and policy revisions that can include management.

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

According the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published "Understanding Public Housing Assessment System (PHAs)", housing authorities that score below 60 on their PHAS performance management rating, are designated as troubled. As such, UCP staff performed a desk review of the HUD website as early as March 2024 and found the latest PHAS Scores report (released October 2023, which can be found at the Integrated Assessment Subsystem for Public Housing Assessment System (NASS-PHAS) website (located at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac/products/prodphasintrule), that provided the Donna Housing Authority received a PHAS score of 51 (their PHAS release date was

September 4, 2018), and that the La Joya Housing Authority received a PHAS score of 53 (their PHAS release date was July 15, 2019). Support will be provided through letters of support for housing development, however due to limited funding, UCP is unable to provide financial assistance. The UCP will reach out on a quarterly basis with technical assistance to assist with efforts in removing the troubled designation.

Discussion

N/A

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

Introduction

The Urban County Program is projected to receive a total of \$679,175 in ESG funds. These funds will be utilized to provide services for individuals or families who are literally homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as well as other special needs eligible activities.

Hidalgo County is a participating member of the Texas Balance of State (TxBoS) Continuum of Care (CoC). The task of UCP in collaboration with the CoC is to assess/identify homeless populations that meet HUD's definition of homeless, and also those who are imminently at risk of becoming homeless. Another duty of Hidalgo County and the CoC is to decide how funding sources and coordination are administered between all ESG subrecipients. That is obtained through Coordinated Entry process among other outreach sources including the annual homeless point in time count efforts.

When UCP becomes aware of its upcoming ESG funding, UCP staff reach out to and consult with local agencies that provide homeless and homeless prevention services. Included in these discussions are the subpopulations these agencies provide service to. More specifically, "Other Special Needs" population's such as elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and public housing residents. The agencies advise UCP that these populations are being provided services through their everyday operations. A more detailed look at UCP's ESG funding services can be found in this 2025 Annual Action Plan within Section AP-35.

Other Special Needs Activities are also being provided in both the CDBG and the HOME Programs. Annually, UCP publishes its Annual Action Plan public hearing(s) and public comment notices that informs Hidalgo County residents of the many services it provides that includes: 1) Senior Services, Handicapped Services, Youth Services and Housing Needs. Cities and Precincts fund agencies such as: 1) Amigos del Valley, 2) Nuestra Clinica del Valle, 3) Food Banks, 4) C.A.M.P. University, and 5) Easter Seals of the Rio Grande Valley. These agencies provide, but not limited to, the following services:

1. Meals for the elderly
2. Health services (dental, pharmacy, radiology, lab work, etc.)
3. Public Transportation
4. Food
5. Outpatient services, physical, occupational and speech-language therapy

Additionally, UCP's CDBG Program has funded the development of public libraries and public facilities throughout the county. These libraries and public facilities were built to comply with the American with the Disabilities Act (ADA) that prescribes newly-built facilities will provide reasonable access and accommodations for all disabled resident.

Lastly, UCP's HOME Program rehabilitates single-family housing units to a mostly elderly population.

Services provided includes handicap accessibility amenities that includes, but not limited to, wider doorways, wider hallways, lower light switches, toilet and shower grab bars.

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

Hidalgo County serves as an Entry point and lead agency that aids unsheltered persons an individual needs through the HMIS Clienttrack referral service system. This Coordinated Entry system has been in effect since January 21, 2018. As the sole recipient in Hidalgo County with ESG funds, the UCP will continue to fund the single emergency shelter for the general population in Hidalgo County. This shelter is operated by The Salvation Army and located inside the City of McAllen within Hidalgo County. Women Together Foundation Inc., an emergency shelter and a transitional housing complex, serves and operate for victims of domestic violence. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley does not operate a shelter but does provide homeless services and homeless prevention activities, primarily funded by the County's ESG program.

Hidalgo County utilizes its ESG subrecipients in order to assist with the annual Point-In Time Count. These count efforts inform us the current level of homelessness and gives the County and the (CoC) the opportunity to define and strategize assisting the most in need population. The county is currently awaiting final report from the (CoC) from this year's winter count efforts that also includes the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

The Texas Balance of State or (CoC) continues to update and strengthen the Coordinated Entry System tool that will ensure two things: streamlined entry of the homeless into a system and also uniform ways to refer and match the homeless with the services they need. The CoC encourages to fully maximize these new monies to reduce and end homelessness to those eligible participants. This year, the County is collaborating with two local PHA to participate in administering the Stability Voucher HUD program. This program also requires the PHAs to participate in coordinated entry with the County.

Hidalgo County will continue to support and partner up with the ESG Non-Profits so that they will be able to operate at maximum capacity and provide services and assistance to the all qualified residents of Hidalgo County in an effort to reduce or end homelessness.

This program year, the County anticipates funding two (2) non-profit organizations that will provide Rapid Re-Housing, and two (2) non-profits that will propose to provide Homeless Prevention services to an estimated 180 persons and 32 households who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless or whom are already experiencing homeless.

Hidalgo County will not fund the street outreach component. However, in an effort to reach out to all

homeless persons and assess their individual needs, the County continues to fund non-profit agencies and encourage them to continue with their outreach efforts as in the past years. The outreach efforts includes news media through television and presentations of their programs in local places such as the schools, designated area pop up events to help reach those individuals in the most need of assistance. The non-profits provides them with a referral if they are not able to assist them immediately or directly so that they can be properly assessed.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Hidalgo County is awarding funds to two non-profit partners that provide emergency shelter services to the homeless and transitional housing individuals. They provide services to families who are victims of domestic violence and/or experiencing homelessness. The County will also provide Rapid Re-housing funds in an effort to reduce the number of persons entering into emergency shelters or transitional housing facilities. Through eligible maintenance of the facilities and essential services, the shelter and transitional facility will provide supportive services to approximately 7,000 persons with emergency shelter services.

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

The County's has several priorities when addressing the homeless needs, one priority need, is the transition of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing. This goal is achieved by working together with all service providers, including the surrounding PHAs within the County. The ESG non-profit's mission is to help the homeless and special needs populations achieve permanent stable housing and maximize all available resources. With coordinated entry system in place, the County and its ESG grant partners are able to better assess the chronically homeless individuals and families and their children, veterans and their families, as well as unaccompanied youth. These agencies also provide guidance and counseling with regards to affordable housing units that are available and provide listings to clients while assisting them to find affordable housing and prevent homelessness. The Coordinated Entry VI-SPDAT and F-VISPDAT system tool the HMIS ClientTrack offers, is what the County ESG partners are utilizing to assess chronic homelessness. The Stability Voucher program is also assisting identify and service these individuals. Hidalgo County pursues to utilize any and all resources necessary in order to fully serve participants seeking homeless services. As the coordinated entry points, the Urban County Program and its agencies will continue to serve the veterans and unaccompanied youth through the ClientTrack Assessment System and with case management activities.

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.

Hidalgo County ESG Program will fund both the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing project activities. The County expects that the Rapid Re-housing funds will help those individuals living in health care, mental health, foster care and other institutions or facilities. The non-profits will continue to work with those agencies to obtain referrals through the Coordinated Entry System to assist those clients with financial rental assistance and utility assistance. Agencies include Texas Tropical Behavioral Health, Mid Valley Halfway rehab facility and several local health service providers.

Discussion

Through Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter project activities, the County will serve over 2,500 individuals in the community. Provide rental assistance to over 32 Chronic Homelessness individuals or households who are extremely low income, and provide over 7,000 beds to persons whom are literally homeless. The county and its partners will also prioritize those who transition from health care facilities or institutions.

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

Introduction:

UCP identified the following factors:

1. Limited access to decent, safe and affordable housing - The prevalence of colonias in Hidalgo County compared with the rest of the state as well as the number of households lacking plumbing and kitchen facilities raise great concern. In addition, rising housing costs and stagnant/low wages inhibit some homeowners and rental providers from readily making housing improvements. Further, overcrowding situations occur more frequently in the region due to cultural norms.
2. Limited access to publicly supported housing - Shortages in number of publicly supported units compared to waitlist currently exist for housing authorities in Hidalgo County. Communities have faced decreasing federal support related to homebuyer and rental subsidies over the past few years. Limited numbers of qualified low-income housing providers are located within the area. Rents, particularly in the MSA, reflect a steady increase. Private investment in affordable housing is limited or non-existent in some areas.
3. Limited access to transportation - While regional transportation routes have increased over the past few years, parts of Hidalgo County remain without access or with limited access. Areas of interests, such as health care, social service, educational and commercial facilities are becoming more increasingly accessible; however, the need for reliable and low cost transportation continues to exist.
4. Location and type of affordable housing - The region struggles with lack of appropriately sized units, particularly for families, large size families and multigenerational households. Further, compounding the issue is cost burden and severe cost burden concerns. Inequity exists between urban and rural areas in relation to availability of affordable housing.
5. Limited access to equitable financial services - In the recent past, predatory lending practices occurred in the area. Households who were victims of these lending practices continue to face the ramifications, including poor credit. Also, a lack of financial literacy has posed a hindrance to accessing traditionally available consumer credit. Further, credit agencies often compete for financially uninformed households. Lastly, high number/proportion of Spanish-speaking residents face challenges when reviewing and executing English-composed documents.
6. Lack of resources regarding fair housing - Housing practices and enforcement vary by community. Information regarding fair housing and the ability to purchase or access housing where one chooses may be impeded by socio- or economic factors. Further, apathy in fair housing issues exists within the region.
7. Limited access to proficient schools - Educational policies, such as open enrollment, may sway or, conversely, limit a person's ability to freely choose the location of their home. Educational inequities are most apparent in areas or jurisdictions where a higher number of non-English speaking persons reside. Some of the school districts within the area face dwindling population while others scramble to accommodate the influx of students.
8. Jurisdictional variations - Inequities in infrastructure, quality of buildings and housing construction, and emergency services are apparent between municipalities and rural locales. Social services and access to these services may be hindered by the distance of one's residence to the MSA. Jurisdictions

vary in implementation of policies, such as code enforcement, access to job training and job sites as well as availability of services for special needs populations.

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 County continues to analyze its local policies, standards and ordinances annually in order to identify any item that may adversely affect the access or availability of affordable housing opportunities. This is accomplished by staff meeting with County Planning Department staff and reviewing local ordinances and policies that have been instituted each year. This method of evaluation was chosen because the County Planning Department is responsible for the enforcement of housing related ordinances and any complaints or grievances resulting from these ordinances which are handled administratively by the County Planning Department. As such, planning staff is well positioned to provide insight into any areas of concern. In addition, a review of municipal public policies regarding housing is also performed.

In order to reduce any potential barriers to affordable housing, the UCP has identified the following areas where it could assist in limiting such barriers:

1. Continue to support and/or fund developments that provide affordable housing by providing funding opportunities through the annual “Request For Proposals (RFP)” process to increase the number of single-family and rental housing affordable units
2. Support foreclosure prevention counseling and home buyer education
3. Support legislation that promotes affordable housing
4. Support agencies seeking additional resources to reduce barriers (Fair Housing education grants, etc.)

The County also continues to pursue funding for areas known as colonias (i.e., Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs). Colonias are mostly rural subdivisions along the U.S.-Mexico border that lack adequate housing and public infrastructure. The County typically matches general revenue and CDBG funds to secure additional funding to address the housing and community development needs in these extremely impoverished areas.

Discussion:

In addition to the activities outlined above, the County of Hidalgo also addresses barriers to affordable housing through actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing choice, such as:

- Publish notices in one or more newspapers of general circulation, including Spanish-language newspaper(s)
- Posting notices at city halls, precincts, public libraries and County offices
- Providing fair housing complaint contact information (webpage & in office)

- Administering client applications by bilingual staff
- Advertise with the Equal Housing Logo
- Constructing/Rehabilitating housing that is handicap accessible for those household members that require it
- Perform house visit for those applicants who have a disability and/or have not means of transportation
- Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court approves an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Resolution every year during the month of April (Fair Housing Month)

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

As a fast-growing area, the County must balance a diverse array of housing and community development issues. Needs present in the Urban County far outweigh the amount of federal, state, and local government funding available to address them.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Hidalgo County is one of the fastest growing regions in the country. The Census Bureau provides that Hidalgo County's population grew 12.3% from the 2010 census of 779,091 to 875,200 in the 2020 Census. For comparison, the US population grew 6.5% during the same period. As such, Hidalgo County's population growth threatens to outstrip the existing capacity of local housing and community development organizations. With ongoing cutbacks to Public services, individuals and families will be hard pressed to meet their needs for affordable housing and other community development assistance.

- The Hidalgo County Urban County Program has a higher number of households living in poverty than the rest of the State. According to the 2020 Census, 23.9% of Hidalgo County's households are living below the poverty line, compared with 13.4% statewide, and 11.4% nationally.
- As a result of the region's lower income levels, few extremely low- and low-income residents can afford a median priced home, or the rent for a market-rate two-bedroom apartment. According to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach 2023 Report, the monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage is \$1,303 for an apartment.
- Much of Hidalgo County continues to struggle with high than average unemployment. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics provides that as early as February 2024 the average unemployment rate for the County of Hidalgo was 5.8%, compared to 3.9% statewide, and 3.7% nationally.
- A major contributor to the County's higher than U.S. and State average unemployment and poverty rates is its low educational attainment levels. According to the 2020 Census, 66.9% of Hidalgo County residents have graduated from high school, compared to 84.4% statewide and 88.5% nationally. Only 19.3% have an associate or bachelor's degree, compared with 30.7% statewide and 32.9% nationally. In order to overcome the identified obstacles, the County has designated social services, housing and infrastructure, public facilities and economic development activities as "High" priorities. As such, HUD-awarded funds will be utilized to further these types of activities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons and circumvent the obstacles of meeting underserved needs.

Particularly as it relates to underserved needs, CDBG and ESG funds are used to:

- Promote job training and self-sufficiency for persons of special needs through the C.A.M.P. University program

- Allow safety checks for homebound elderly persons through the Amigos Del Valle, Inc. program
- Support victims of domestic violence and abuse through Women Together Foundation, Inc., Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) programs.
- Prevent homelessness through rental and utility assistance provided by Catholic Charities of the RGV and The Salvation Army of McAllen-Hidalgo County.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County plans to foster and maintain affordable housing for jurisdictional residents by funding a variety of housing activities and services that have been previously discussed. Also, the County will support and/or take advantage of appropriate opportunities in the development or rehabilitation of multi-family, mixed income and mixed use housing projects which have an affordable component, using both federal and non-federal resources. In addition, the County will continue to fund our Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) partners.

During FY'25 the County will use HOME and ESG resources to undertake a number of actions intended to foster and maintain affordable housing. These actions were described in detail earlier, in section AP-55 – Affordable Housing. Included among those actions are:

- Providing the financing mechanisms and/or construction gap funding to help four moderate income and two low-income families purchase a home; and
- Providing financial assistance to 3 moderate, 3 low and 4 extremely-low income home owners to help them rehabilitate their homes; and
- Providing financial rental assistance to at least thirty-two homeless households; and
- Providing financial rental assistance to at least one hundred and eighty persons who are at risk of becoming homeless; and
- Providing at least seven thousand overnight housing beds at the emergency shelter; and
- Providing services to at least two thousand five hundred homeless persons at the emergency shelters

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County continues to inform each applicant in its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program about the hazards that lead-based paint present. This is accomplished through the dissemination of literature concerning the hazards of lead-based paint to all its applicants. Also, all housing units that the County rehabilitates or reconstructs are done so in accordance with the standards set under 24 CFR Part 92 and 24 CFR 570.608. As a matter of internal policy, all housing rehabilitation projects comply with the lead based paint requirements. If paint is disturbed, it is presumed to be lead paint and appropriate clean-up and dust-free practices must be followed. Consequently, contractors that are awarded projects where lead-based paint requirements must be followed must have the EPA Firm Certification to Conduct Lead-Based Paint activities and/or renovations. In addition, every employee must be trained in lead-safe

practices.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County will address reducing the number of poverty level families by:

1. Continuing to fund activities that provide decent, safe and sanitary housing;
2. Advancing the County of Hidalgo's Section 3 Economic and Employment Opportunities program which promotes a good faith effort for contractors to hire low- and moderate-income persons by certifying businesses and individuals to participate in the program;
3. Increasing financial literacy and wealth building through homebuyer education;
4. Continuing to provide funding to non-profit organizations that provide a direct service to poverty-level families;
5. Making lead hazard control a requirement for all applicable funded housing rehab activities; and
6. Providing technical assistance to housing services providers, non-profit housing partners, and contractors

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) will continue to work with various public service agencies, government departments, local municipalities, and special needs boards and commissions to find opportunities to better serve the citizens of Hidalgo County. These relationships are integral in streamlining the implementation of CDBG, HOME and ESG projects in a time of limited funding. The County collaborates with the surrounding entitlement communities in the provision of services as well as in the implementation of HUD program requirements. Through the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing, a collaboration was established with all Hidalgo County Housing Authorities. Annually, UCP participates in the Urban County Leadership Conference where all Hidalgo County, elected officials, civic leaders, State and Federal representatives come together where presentations are focused on grants, services and programs that are available to Hidalgo County residents. It is the intent of the County to continue working together on HUD related responsibilities.

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

Public outreach is conducted each fiscal year. One of the outreach marketing methods is through our partnerships with the Housing Authorities throughout the County. Staff provides on-site presentations to Housing Authority (HA) residents regarding homeownership opportunities offered by the County and others provided by County funded local non-profit organizations. These non-profits educate HA residents on the process of becoming a homeowner; from credit counseling to the construction process, purchasing the home and finally maintenance and sustainability. In addition to receiving this invaluable information and counseling regarding homeownership, the families are also exposed to other service

providers and subjects such as Workforce Solutions for job opportunities, Texas Rural Legal Aid for assistance with legal issues and their rights. Our partnership with local HAs is invaluable, as it allows the County to reach out to families in a small group setting on a one-on-one sessions. This effort provides the HA residents with a well-rounded concept of healthy, happy and independent living. Our mission is to assist the residents in becoming better informed in an effort to promote homeownership through our partnership with the HA's and other local agencies. Also, Hidalgo County Urban County Program conducts outreach throughout the year with other social service agencies, during the Point-In-Time Count and during the mandatory CoC - ESG trainings & meetings.

Discussion:

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) continuously refines its strategies to reduce the number of families in poverty, foster affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination. By enhancing coordination and developing greater collaboration, the UCP will work to create an environment in which affordable housing including supportive housing is sustained and encouraged.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following addresses the program specific requirements for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. It includes information for the CDBG, HOME and ESG grants. The Hidalgo County Urban County Program's CDBG 2024-2025 allocation is \$7,507,970 and the anticipated program income is \$61,469 for grand total of \$7,569,439.

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:	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.	100.00%

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

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

as follows:

Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) will use no other forms of investment other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b) in the administration of HOME funds. Regarding the match requirements, the HOME statute provides for a reduction of the matching contribution requirement under three conditions: 1) fiscal distress; 2) severe fiscal distress; and 3) for Presidentially-declared major disasters covered under the Stafford Act. Due to Hidalgo County meeting the criteria for conditions #1 and #2, the HOME matching requirements have been waived.

HOME	Program	Resources
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The Hidalgo County Urban County Program's (UCP) 2024 HOME Investment Partnerships Program financial resources are the: 1) annual allocation of \$1,935,538.48 and 2) estimated program income (PI) of \$100,000. The breakdown of the HOME annual allocation and HOME program income (PI) is as follows:

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program \$ 1,141,984.48
+ 90,000 (Program Income (PI))
CHDO Program 600,000
Administration 193,554
+ 10,000 (PI)

Regarding "repayment" and "recaptured" HOME funds, the UCP does not anticipate receiving or expending these types of funds. However, if these funds are triggered, the UCP will report the type of funds received (i.e. repayment or recaptured), the amount of funds received and the re-use of the funds in the associated UCP Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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:

The UCP has adopted a Recapture Policy that serves to address the continued affordability for homebuyer activities with HOME funds. When HOME funds are used, restrictions will be placed on the unit to ensure compliance with the recapture requirements described in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii). UCP has selected the "Owner Investment Returned First" recapture option for its CHDO Program. The following question and narrative sets forth the method that will be used to enforce the relative programs requirements.

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

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are used, restrictions will be placed on the unit to ensure compliance with the recapture requirements described in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii). UCP has selected the “Owner Investment Returned First” recapture option for its CHDO Program. *The Owner Investment Returned First option allows the homebuyer to recover the homebuyer’s entire investment (down payment and capital improvements made by the owner since purchase) before the County recaptures the HOME investment.*

Hidalgo County annually awards HOME funds to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), a private nonprofit, through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, to develop single-family housing units. The CHDO’s use the HOME funding to assist potential homebuyers to purchase homes otherwise available for sale in the private market.

Units are sold exclusively to moderate- to low-income eligible buyers with direct homebuyer subsidy, such as down payment assistance, closing costs, interest subsidies and/or other HOME eligible assistance that is provided directly to the homebuyer through the County of Hidalgo Urban County Program’s CHDO Program.

During the intake and eligibility of the homebuyer, the level of HOME assistance provided to a buyer is determined by the CHDO’s underwriting process that includes the homebuyer’s income, debt, and assets to acquire and sustain homeownership. The CHDO’s underwriting criteria is in accordance with Hidalgo County’s CHDO Policy. The underwriting process determines if HOME financial assistance is needed. The CHDO shall submit the homebuyer’s application and underwriting to the County for review and approval.

Depending on the level of homebuyer assistance provided, the homebuyer will be under obligation to comply with a regulatory requirement defined as an affordability period. The affordability period is the minimum period of time during which income-eligible households must occupy the property and comply with the HOME rules and regulations. The affordability period will be determined by the amount buyer assistance as follow:

Direct Homebuyer Subsidy Amount per unit	Period of Affordability
Under \$15,000	5 years
Between \$15,000 to \$40,000	10 years
Over \$40,000	15 years

During the period of affordability the homebuyer is required to occupy the property as their principal residence. A lien will be recorded in the amount of the direct homebuyer subsidy for the affordability period to ensure full compliance with all HOME requirements. The CHDO will have 1st lien position followed by the County taking a 2nd lien position.

All homebuyers will sign a HOME written homebuyer agreement with the CHDO outlining the affordability period and recapture provisions. During the housing construction, the homebuyer must attend an 8 hour HUD-certified counseling class where the recapture and refinancing provisions are

described. After the housing construction has been completed, the CHDO will perform the loan closeout for the homebuyer.

If during the affordability period, the CHDO becomes aware that the homebuyer intends to sell the home, the CHDO must notify the County, as triggered by the recorded instrument, the mortgage/lien document filed as part of the recapture provisions. The homebuyer may sell the property to any willing buyer at the market price. Any net proceeds recovered after the sale of the property must be distributed in accordance with the terms described herein.

1. Net proceeds will be calculated as the sales price minus superior non-HOME loan repayments and any owner-paid closing costs.
2. From net proceeds, the owner (seller) will be allowed first to recover their investment, which includes:
 - a. The owner's original down payment (not including any down payment assistance); plus
 - b. The principal that the owner has amortized on senior debt.
3. Then, to the extent net proceeds are available, the full amount of the homebuyer assistance amount, as recorded in the note, will be repaid. However, in cases where there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME funds as described above, the homeowner is not liable for payment of the HOME note beyond the amount of net proceeds that remain.
4. Finally, if any proceeds remain available after full satisfaction of the buyer assistance amount, these funds may be retained by the owner.

The affordability period will terminate upon transfer of title and payment of any amount due.

Failure to comply with the recapture requirements means that 1) the original HOME-assisted homebuyer no longer occupies the unit as his or her principal residence (i.e., unit is rented or vacant), or 2) the home was sold during the period of affordability and the applicable recapture provisions were not enforced. If this noncompliance occurs, the County must repay its HOME Investment Trust Fund with non-Federal funds. In cases of noncompliance under or recapture provisions, the County will repay to the HOME Investment Trust Fund, in accordance with §92.503(b), any outstanding HOME funds invested in the housing. The amount subject to repayment is the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing (i.e., any HOME funded direct homebuyer subsidy provided to the homebuyer and any HOME funds invested in the development of the unit) minus any HOME funds already repaid (i.e., payment of principal on a HOME loan). Any interest paid on the loan is considered program income and cannot be counted against the outstanding HOME investment amount. *Receipts received as a result of a sale or transfer, voluntary or involuntary, within the affordability period are recorded as "recaptured funds."*

The CHDO is responsible for ensuring that homebuyers maintain the housing as their principal residence for the duration of the affordability period. The CHDO will monitor compliance by conducting annual principal residency verification's (PRV) by sending out a letter to each household that requires their signature. Other proofs of residency are monthly mortgage statements, tax records, and appraisal district information. Annual PRVs Reporting is due to the County every July.

Owners may not refinance the loans without obtaining the prior written consent of the County, which may withhold such consent in order to preserve affordability or otherwise. In order for a refinance and resubordination to be approved, the County will review the terms of the new loan to ensure that the following applies:

1. New loan amount must not exceed the current principal amount due (closing costs may be included in the financing amount provided that the monthly payment is still reduced)
2. Interest rate must fixed and lower than current loan rate
3. Monthly payment must be lower than the current loan payment (including PITI)

The County will review any request for a Refinance or Home Equity loan during the affordability period. The County may accept the following circumstances as a valid reason for this request:

1. Home improvement repairs
2. Education
3. Temporary Emergencies, i.e. medical expenses, loss of employment, funerals etc.

Other unforeseen expenses will be reviewed on a case by case basis

The HOME Final Rule, 24 CFR 92.300(a)(2), allows County the option of permitting CHDOs to retain any "proceeds" resulting from the CHDO's investment of its CHDO set-aside funds or requiring the CHDO to return these proceeds to the participating jurisdiction – which will be categorized as program income. CHDO Proceeds include, but are not limited to, the permanent financing of a CHDO project which is used to pay off a CHDO financed construction loan; the sale of CHDO developed homeownership housing; the principal and interest payments from a loan to a buyer of CHDO developed homeownership housing. The County has opted to allow the CHDO to retain all CHDO proceeds in order that these funds be re-invested by CHDO and applied towards housing activities for low and moderate income individuals and families. These activities include, but not limited to, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation of home ownership projects, emergency repairs, project operating costs and reserves, housing refinancing costs, and homebuyer counseling.

Proceeds will be calculated on a per unit basis and submitted to the County at the loan closing for the sale of each unit. In addition, an annual CHDO proceeds report will be submitted.

Eligible Applicants and Process For Soliciting and Funding Applications/Proposals (as required by the HUD CPS checklist)

In compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan, the Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP)

informs the public of the intended uses and programs related to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant. This annual public notice advises residents that all program rules, regulations and policies can be found at the UCP website. The UCP website provides the public with a list of its housing programs, policies and guidelines that can be found at the following web address: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/2219/HOME-Investment-Partnership-Program>. The Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (Rehab.) webpage provides the public with the guidelines (English and Spanish) and policies that contain vital information on qualifications and selection process (first come, first serve), as well as contact information for any inquiries. Also, the UCP utilizes no less than fifteen percent (15%) of its HOME annual allocation to fund the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Program. HOME funds are allocated annually on an application basis to local nonprofits proposing CHDO eligible projects. The nonprofit applications are graded by a committee that assesses numerous factors such as, but is not limited to, the nonprofits qualifications, staff capacity and financial solvency.

HOME Affordable Homeownership Limits (as required by the HUD CPS checklist)

UCP intends to utilize the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued HOME affordable homeownership limits for our area.

Beneficiary Limit and Segment Preference (as required by the HUD CPS checklist)

UCP does not plan on limiting the housing beneficiaries or give preference to a particular segment of the low-income population.

4. 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:

UCP does not intend to refinance any existing debt secured by multi-family housing that is or has been rehabilitated with HOME funds.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

N/A

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

Written standards are included in the Grantee Appendices on IDIS. UCP certifies that the minimal standards are met. (24 CFR 576.400).

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

Hidalgo County participates with the Texas Homeless Network “Continuum of Care Program” approved by HUD. Hidalgo County as a member of the Texas Balance of State (BoS) is actively participating in a coordinated assessment system.

The Texas Balance of State (BoS) continuum of Care (CoC) as of January 2018 finalized the centralized or coordinated entry assessment tool system collaboration with Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County staff and sub-recipients continue to participate in monthly online meetings that incorporate progress with the established coordinated system. Most recently the Emergency Housing voucher program administered with collaboration with our local PHA's that are participating in this system. The primary goals for coordinated entry process are that assistance be allocated as effectively as possible and that it be easily accessible to everyone. Coordinated entry process helps our community prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs. This will ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner.

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).

The County utilizes a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process to solicit applications for the

funding of the ESG program. Eligible applicants include units of local government and nonprofit organizations including community and faith-based organizations. Funding is available for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, the Hidalgo County chooses to execute contracts with nonprofits up to a 24 month period. This process is utilized to ensure that funding to these nonprofits is expended in a timely manner.

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.

The County of Hidalgo/Texas Balance of State (BoS) actively works to involve currently and formerly homeless individuals in important decision-making elements of the Continuum including the ESG process and policy-making. Currently, the (CoC) and Hidalgo County ESG sub-recipients have homeless and formerly homeless individuals serving on the board, and attend/participate in regular (CoC) meetings to provide valuable feedback.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Hidalgo County has established performance measures and strategically conducts monitoring reviews of the programs to ensure that program services are carried out in a timely manner and in accordance with HIDALGO COUNTY'S five year strategic plan. The performance will be measured using the following indicators:

(a) On Site monitoring visits: Hidalgo County will ensure that the non-profits funded with ESG funding carry out their activities in accordance with the respective regulations and individual applications for funding and all relevant agreements. The monitoring process will ensure that funded projects and programs continue to follow the direction of the Consolidated Plan and any other relevant comprehensive plans developed by Hidalgo County. Specific areas of non-profits operations that will be reviewed by Hidalgo County staff include financial performance, project timeliness, record keeping procedures, compliance with federal regulations and applicable program guidelines. Staff will continually assess non-profits activity to determine organizational ability to carry out approved projects. At any time during the monitoring visit that potential problems are identified, the Hidalgo County staff will assist the non-profits by providing technical assistance and training.

(b) HMIS Reports: Hidalgo County staff will utilize the HMIS reports and similar reports during the monitoring visits to cross check the request for payments and the data entry of the participants' information is 100% accurate. HUD Sage report is also utilized as needed for all performance standards and measures.

(c) Accomplishments will be measured through HMIS reporting and reported on SAGE to HUD when completing the CAPER report. Performance standards include: the total number of households being served, the total number of people being served and total number of beds available to program

participants.

Hidalgo County did not complete any substantial amendments for the ESG program funds. The latest AI approved is the 2023 version.