



# VENTURA COUNTY

**DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION  
FY 2021-2022**

*Ventura County CDBG Entitlement Area, Emergency  
Solutions Grant Grantee, HOME Participating Jurisdiction  
and HOME Consortium*



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
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## CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

### **Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)**

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

#### Goals:

- Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing
- Enhance Economic Stability
- Increase Social Services
- Work to End Homelessness
- Create Quality Neighborhoods
- Effective Administration

The goal of Improving the Supply of Affordable Housing was met during the reporting period through the completion of three units of HOME-assisted housing in a 50-unit senior affordable housing complex, Willett Ranch, that was funded during the 2019-20 Action Plan.

The San Pedro affordable homeowner development project that was funded with 2019-20 funding is anticipated to have residents move in during summer 2022. It includes five constructed homes, one of which is a HOME assisted project. The project was not completed per the definition at 24 CFR §92.2 so its completion will be reported in the 2022-23 CAPER.

People's Place, an affordable housing development, that was funded during the 2021-22 Action Plan began construction in 2021-22. The project will have seven units of HOME-assisted housing in a 68 unit affordable housing complex. Another affordable housing development, Villages at Westview Phase II, funded during the 2018-19 Action Plan also began construction in 2021-22. This project will have five units of HOME-assisted housing in a 50-unit senior affordable housing complex.

Improving the Supply of Affordable Housing also included housing rehabilitation and code enforcement. Although the homeowner housing rehabilitation goal was not met (only three out of a goal of 15 units were rehabilitated), 159% of the code enforcement goal was met.

The goal of providing Direct Financial Assistance to 12 Homebuyers was also missed, with only one low-to-moderate income household receiving assistance. Although several households were deemed eligible, the spike in interest rates has impacted purchase prices, making their dreams of homeownership even more difficult to realize.

For the goal of Economic Development, which is carried over from the prior year, a total of seven businesses were served in the current program year. In combination with the six businesses served during the prior year, for 13 businesses total, the overall goal of 17 businesses was 76% achieved. It should be noted these 13 businesses encompass training provided to 24 residents with 25 jobs being sustained.

Social Services consisted of domestic violence education, youth services, a food pantry, and supportive housing. Collectively, these activities achieved 93% of their goals, with decreased accomplishments primarily affected by the impact of coronavirus.

Services to the Homeless were provided using CDBG and CDBG-CV. CDBG was used for homeless shelter services, meeting 75% of our annual goal. The main obstacle for shelter service performance is that a very small, but enthusiastic local non-profit (Spirit of Santa Paula) has been single-handedly and very passionately attempting to meet their overly ambitious goal. CDBG-CV was used to support non-congregate shelter for the non-FEMA funded recuperative care program.

The goal of Creating Quality Neighborhoods was nearly achieved (82%) by funding the eighth and final lease payment for Fillmore's fire engine. One other project funded in the current year, the rehabilitation of a wastewater treatment plant in Saticoy, is ongoing and expects to be completed next program year. The expansion of the Fillmore Library, funded in a prior year, is also nearly complete.

Administration was funded with CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME administrative allowances, which do not set goals or report beneficiaries. Fair housing services were funded with CDBG administrative allowances.

See more details in Attachment 1.

**Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)**

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

| Goal                                     | Category                          | Source / Amount                | Indicator   | Unit of Measure        | Expected – Strategic Plan | Actual – Strategic Plan | Percent Complete | Expected – Program Year | Actual – Program Year | Percent Complete |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Create Quality Neighborhoods             | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$                       | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted       | 33020                     | 16510                   | 50.00%           | 20100                   | 16510                 | 82.14%           |
| Effective Administration                 | Administration                    | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$  | Other   | Other                  | 5                         | 0                       | 0.00%            | 1                       | 1                     | 100.00%          |
| Enhance Economic Stability               | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$                       | Businesses assisted   | Businesses Assisted    | 50                        | 7                       | 14.00%           | 0                       | 7                     |                  |
| Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing                | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$0 | Rental units constructed  | Household Housing Unit | 106                       | 0                       | 0.00%            | 9                       | 3                     | 33.33%           |
| Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing                | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$0 | Rental units rehabilitated  | Household Housing Unit | 250                       | 0                       | 0.00%            |                         |                       |                  |

|  |                            |                                |  |                        |       |      |        |      |      |         |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------|------|--------|------|------|---------|
| Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing         | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$0 | Homeowner Housing Added  | Household Housing Unit | 4     | 0    | 0.00%  |      |      |         |
| Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing         | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$0 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated  | Household Housing Unit | 5     | 3    | 60.00% | 15   | 3    | 20.00%  |
| Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing         | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$0 | Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers                                | Households Assisted    | 0     | 0    |        | 12   | 1    | 8.33%   |
| Improve the Supply of Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing         | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$0 | Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care                        | Household Housing Unit | 5000  | 0    | 0.00%  | 225  | 358  | 159.11% |
| Increase Social Services                 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | CDBG: \$                       | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted       | 22975 | 2774 | 12.07% | 2980 | 2774 | 93.09%  |
| Increase Social Services                 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | CDBG: \$                       | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter  | Persons Assisted       | 0     | 0    |        | 0    | 0    |         |
| Increase Social Services                 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | CDBG: \$                       | Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added              | Beds                   | 0     | 0    |        | 0    | 0    |         |

|                          |          |                    |  |                     |     |     |         |     |     |        |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|--|---------------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|--------|
| Work to End Homelessness | Homeless | CDBG: \$ / ESG: \$ | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 82  | 0   | 0.00%   |     |     |        |
| Work to End Homelessness | Homeless | CDBG: \$ / ESG: \$ | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter                | Persons Assisted    | 142 | 182 | 128.17% | 242 | 182 | 75.21% |
| Work to End Homelessness | Homeless | CDBG: \$ / ESG: \$ | Homelessness Prevention                          | Persons Assisted    | 257 | 0   | 0.00%   |     |     |        |

**Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date**

**Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

Each year, the Ventura County Entitlement Area and each entitlement jurisdiction separately prepare and submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, which reports upon the progress each jurisdiction made towards the goals set forth in the 2020-24 Regional Consolidated Plan. Due to the creation of the Ventura County HOME Consortium in 2020, each Entitlement Area continues to report individually on their CDBG activities, while all HOME activities for the HOME Consortium (Ventura County Entitlement Area and the Cities of Camarillo, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks) are reported in this CAPER. A more complete understanding of the 2020-24 Regional Consolidated Plan accomplishments achieved to-date may be obtained by combining the results reported by the County EA and each of the four entitlement jurisdictions.

CDBG funds were used to address high priority needs as follows:

- Housing Support and Stability: \$22,293 was used for our fair housing services contractor.
- Homeownership Opportunities: \$25,000 was expended for a Down Payment Assistance program for low- to moderate-income households.
- Rehabilitation and Preservation of Existing Housing Units: \$46,662 was expended for a homeowner repair program; \$26,352 was

expended in support of a code enforcement program.

- Social Services: \$80,000 was expended for three different social services activities.
- Homelessness: \$92,273 was expended in support of homeless services programs.
- Remaining expenditures were for low-priority needs activities such as micro-business training, youth services, and infrastructure improvements in low- to moderate-income areas, as well as administrative expenses.

HOME funds were awarded to a 50-unit affordable housing project with five HOME-assisted units, which was not completed during the reporting period due to the lengthy nature of affordable housing development; however, three units of HOME-assisted affordable housing in a 50-unit senior affordable housing development, funded during previous Action Plans, was completed during the reporting period.

Federal ESG funding was not received in this program year.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

|   | CDBG         | HOME     | ESG      |
|---|--------------|----------|----------|
| White                                     | 2,568        | 3        | 0        |
| Black or African American                 | 14           | 0        | 0        |
| Asian                                     | 12           | 0        | 0        |
| American Indian or American Native        | 272          | 0        | 0        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 1            | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>2,867</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Hispanic                                  | 2,517        | 0        | 0        |
| Not Hispanic                              | 350          | 3        | 0        |

**Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds**

### Narrative

The CDBG numbers in Table 2 do not include acquisition and housing related activities, nor an additional five race categories required to be collected for CDBG. After incorporating these other groups, a total of 2,980 persons were served with CDBG, of which 2,667 reported their ethnicity as Hispanic. A total of 4 households were served, 3 of which identify as Hispanic.

In addition, 77 individuals were assisted with CDBG-CV funds, of which 29 reported their ethnicity as Hispanic.

There were no active County ESG subrecipient projects during the reporting period. The only ESG funding received during this program year was passed through the State of California Housing and Community Development department to the Ventura County Continuum of Care.



## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

| Source of Funds | Source           | Resources Made Available | Amount Expended During Program Year |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CDBG            | public - federal | 1,910,420                | 1,062,427                           |
| HOME            | public - federal | 1,491,022                | 616,693                             |
| ESG             | public - federal | 0                        | 0                                   |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

### Narrative

Program year expenditures have been updated for CDBG to reflect correct amounts. In addition, \$244,133 of CDBG-CV funds, made available in a prior program year, were expended during the current program year.

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

| Target Area | Planned Percentage of Allocation | Actual Percentage of Allocation | Narrative Description |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
|             |                                  |                                 |                       |

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

### Narrative

The Ventura County Entitlement Area did not identify any geographic target areas.

CDBG program funds were allocated to programs within the Entitlement Area (Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, and Santa Paula) and the unincorporated area according to the three-year Cooperation Agreements that address geographic distribution and programmatic use of funds.

HOME funds are distributed to projects that are responsive to priority needs, are timely, and meet other evaluation factors that indicate a strong probability that the project will come to fruition. HOME funds must be used for eligible projects within the Ventura County HOME Consortium's boundaries (Entitlement Area plus the Cities of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Camarillo), or for joint projects within the boundaries of contiguous local jurisdictions which serve residents from both jurisdictions. To the extent possible, efforts are made to allocate funding to projects located in each of the HOME Consortium communities.

One project was completed during the reporting period, located in the City of Ventura. Additionally, one home-owner project located in the City of Port Hueneme completed construction and three of the four developed homes were purchased by residents. However the project was not completed per the definition at 24 CFR §92.2 or closed-out during the program year so its completion will be reported in

the 2021-22 CAPER. As of the end of the reporting period, two HOME-assisted projects, located in the Cities of Ventura and Santa Paula were in construction and one project had a reservation of HOME funds and is in predevelopment, to be located in the City of Fillmore.

No ESG funds were awarded for 2021-2022.

## **Leveraging**

**Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

### HOME Program

FY2020-21 HOME funds were preliminarily reserved to Fillmore Terrace, which is expected to leverage more than \$30 million in other private, state and local funds. FY2021-22 HOME funds for People's Place and Westview II each leveraged more than \$35 million in private, state and local funds.

### ESG Program

No ESG funds were awarded for 2021-2022.

### Publicly Owned Land

The County of Ventura owns property throughout the County, most of which is currently used to house County operations or is deed-restricted, limiting its feasibility for new uses. The County has been evaluating the land it owns, as it becomes available, for the purpose of providing affordable housing and will continue to consider land that is deemed as surplus for the needs identified in the Regional Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the County's Behavioral Health Department issued a Request for Qualifications and selected a development team to develop a County-owned property with a 50-unit affordable housing project for seniors, with a set-aside of permanent supportive housing units for seniors with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and be completed in 2023.

### HOME Match, Program Income and MBE/WBE Report

Data reported reflects the Federal Fiscal Year (10/1/2021 – 9/30/22) received to-date. Per the waiver of matching contribution requirements under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Memorandum dated September 21, 2021, titled "Additional Revision, and Extension of December 2020 and April 2020 Memorandum-Availability of Waivers and Suspensions of the HOME Program Requirements in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic", HUD relieved PJs of the need to identify matching contributions to HOME projects for funds expended between 10/1/2019 and September 30, 2022. Despite the waiver, match was realized during the program year.

| <b>Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match</b>  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year                                 | 21,053,693 |
| 2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year                        | 35,716     |
| 3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)  | 21,089,410 |
| 4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year                             | 0          |
| 5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4) | 21,089,410 |

**Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report**

| Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year |                      |                            |                               |                              |                         |   |                |             |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|-------------|
| Project No. or Other ID                        | Date of Contribution | Cash (non-Federal sources) | Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges | Appraised Land/Real Property | Required Infrastructure | Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor | Bond Financing | Total Match |
| People's Place                                 | 03/03/2022           | 35,716                     | 0                             | 0                            | 0                       | 0   | 0              | 35,716      |

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

### HOME MBE/WBE report

| Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period |   |   |                                |  |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period<br>\$              | Amount received during reporting period<br>\$ | Total amount expended during reporting period<br>\$ | Amount expended for TBRA<br>\$ | Balance on hand at end of reporting period<br>\$ |
| 55,650  | 15,000  | 70,650  | 0                              | 0  |

Table 7 – Program Income

| Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period |       |                                   |                           |                    |          |                    |
|--|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
|  | Total | Minority Business Enterprises     |                           |                    |          | White Non-Hispanic |
|  |       | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic |                    |
| Contracts  |       |                                   |                           |                    |          |                    |
| Dollar Amount  | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         | 0                  | 0        | 0                  |
| Number   | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         | 0                  | 0        | 0                  |
| Sub-Contracts  |       |                                   |                           |                    |          |                    |
| Number   | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         | 0                  | 0        | 0                  |
| Dollar Amount  | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         | 0                  | 0        | 0                  |
|  | Total | Women Business Enterprises        | Male                      |                    |          |                    |
| Contracts  |       |                                   |                           |                    |          |                    |
| Dollar Amount  | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         |                    |          |                    |
| Number   | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         |                    |          |                    |
| Sub-Contracts  |       |                                   |                           |                    |          |                    |
| Number   | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         |                    |          |                    |
| Dollar Amount  | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         |                    |          |                    |

**Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises**

| <b>Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted</b> |              |  |                                  |                           |                 |                           |
|--|--------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Minority Property Owners</b>          |                                  |                           |                 | <b>White Non-Hispanic</b> |
|  |              | <b>Alaskan Native or American Indian</b> | <b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b> | <b>Black Non-Hispanic</b> | <b>Hispanic</b> |                           |
| Number   | 0            | 0  | 0                                | 0                         | 0               | 0                         |
| Dollar Amount  | 0            | 0  | 0                                | 0                         | 0               | 0                         |

**Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property**

| <b>Relocation and Real Property Acquisition</b> – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition |       |                                   |                           |                    |          |                    |
|--|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Parcels Acquired   |       | 0                                 |                           | 0                  |          |                    |
| Businesses Displaced   |       | 0                                 |                           | 0                  |          |                    |
| Nonprofit Organizations Displaced  |       | 0                                 |                           | 0                  |          |                    |
| Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced  |       | 0                                 |                           | 0                  |          |                    |
| Households Displaced   | Total | Minority Property Enterprises     |                           |                    |          | White Non-Hispanic |
|  |       | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic |                    |
| Number   | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         | 0                  | 0        | 0                  |
| Cost   | 0     | 0                                 | 0                         | 0                  | 0        | 0                  |

**Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition**

## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

|  | One-Year Goal | Actual   |
|--|---------------|----------|
| Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units      | 2             | 3        |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units  | 44            | 4        |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units | 0             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>46</b>     | <b>7</b> |

Table 11 – Number of Households

|  | One-Year Goal | Actual   |
|--|---------------|----------|
| Number of households supported through Rental Assistance             | 0             | 0        |
| Number of households supported through The Production of New Units   | 9             | 3        |
| Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units       | 27            | 3        |
| Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units | 12            | 1        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>48</b>     | <b>7</b> |

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

**Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.**

Because the development of affordable housing is a lengthy process, the project that was identified in the FY2020-21 Annual Action Plan to receive an allocation of HOME funding was not completed before the end of the program year. One HOME new construction affordable housing development, funded in previous year's Action Plans, was completed and included three (3) HOME-assisted units for extremely low-income households experiencing homelessness and all. These units are reported in the tables above.



No ESG funds were awarded for 2021-2022.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

Due to the nature of affordable housing development, it is very challenging to commit funds to a project and complete construction before the end of a single program year. Thus, it is anticipated that housing developments funded in any given Annual Action Plan year will be carried over and completed in subsequent year's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER).

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

| Number of Households Served | CDBG Actual | HOME Actual |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Extremely Low-income        | 2           | 3           |
| Low-income                  | 0           | 0           |
| Moderate-income             | 2           | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>4</b>    | <b>3</b>    |

**Table 13 – Number of Households Served**

**Narrative Information**

One (1) HOME assisted project was completed and closed-out (for HOME, per 24 CFR §92.2) in Program Year 2021-22.

One HOME assisted project completed construction during the reporting period but was not completed per the definition at 24 CFR §92.2 or closed-out so its completion will be reported in the 2021-22 CAPER.

CDBG was used to fund a first time homebuyer down payment assistance program, providing funds to 1 low- to moderate- income household. In addition, a home repair program assisted 3 households.

Deeply targeted units ( $\leq 50\%$  AMI) provide opportunities for the most vulnerable households, including those paying more than 30% of their income for rent, those living in substandard housing and those who are homeless, disabled or who have been displaced, to obtain clean, safe and affordable housing.

Please see CR-50 for information on other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing in the community.

## **CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)**

**Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:**

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

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) provides oversight and coordination for homeless services in the county. The Coordinated Entry System (CES), provides referrals to resources through a "no-wrong door" approach. The VC CoC partners with healthcare providers and community partners to link-in to the CES for increased access to housing, shelter and other resources. The Homeless Management Information System hosts the CES and referral process. VC CoC has grown to 34 provider agencies and 194 licensed HMIS users. There were 2,416 new entries into the CES during FY21-22. A total of 6,740 persons were assisted by the network of services providers. Forty-eight (48) households were placed in Permanent Supportive Housing with a total of 2,412 persons assisted with permanent housing and 517 assisted with temporary placements.

The CoC adopted an updated regional plan to address homelessness in January 2019. Since the adoption "VC Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness" the CoC, in partnership with local jurisdictions, utilized State funds to build up the crisis response system including opening three permanent year-round shelters and increasing street outreach.

Street Outreach engages individuals in services and creates a path to housing. Outreach efforts are targeted to people through the Whole Person Care (WPC) program with the County Healthcare Agency and its OneStop program. The WPC program mobilizes care pods with showers, healthcare and social services to locations near homeless encampments. The WPC team is partnering with Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) and a backpack medicine program to engage this population. During Program Year 2021-22, street outreach was expanded in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure eligible clients were connected to non-congregate shelters and other resources, including vaccines.

Outreach efforts include partnerships with law enforcement, businesses, faith-based organizations, nonprofit homeless service providers, Veterans' services, youth services, and 2-1-1. Outreach has been expanded in the cities of Oxnard and Ventura. Additionally, the Mobile Veteran's Outreach program bolsters outreach to unsheltered veterans.

The CoC has a Youth Collaborative of 21 local youth service providers to assist with the collaboration and coordination of services among homeless youth and those youth who are at-risk of homelessness, ages 12 to 24. This includes participation from the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) provider and Ventura County Office of Education to ensure youth are connected to resources countywide.

The CoC utilizes a Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) as a screening tool to identify and prioritize

vulnerable persons for available housing. The CoC contracts with 2-1-1 to assist with screenings for determining the appropriate referral to services and housing. The CoC developed the VAT as a local prioritization tool that better meets the needs of the community to ensure equitable access for underserved populations.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Ventura County has increased capacity in its crisis response system to shelter people experiencing homelessness. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, 320 non-congregate shelter beds were added through local motels for clients who were highly vulnerable to COVID-19. Year-round congregate shelters continue to operate in the cities of Ventura, Oxnard and Santa Paula. A minor youth shelter and Transitional Aged Youth sheltering efforts have continued with State funds through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant funding (HHAP). State ESG funding provides a critical source of funding for small scale emergency shelters for priority populations. To address funding challenges of supporting emergency shelters, the County Board of Supervisors has offered to match any city establishing a shelter with construction/renovation and ongoing operational costs for best practice shelter programs. Shelter resources in East County cities continue to be limited to only nighttime winter shelter options.

The CoC's Coordinated Entry System helps prioritize limited shelter resources for individuals and families that are the most vulnerable, including those who have been homeless for the longest time and those with the highest service needs. The CoC is focused on system performance outcomes including reducing the length of time persons are homeless and increasing exits to permanent housing placements.

The Rescue Mission is a privately funded shelter provider in Ventura County that operates outside of the coordinated entry system and HMIS.

Current shelters and transitional housing programs operating in the County include:

- Turning Point Safe Haven Shelter: 14 emergency shelter beds for individuals with severe mental illness. Turning Point also operates River Haven, providing temporary shelter to individuals and couples with up to 20 beds, and a Veteran's Transitional Housing Program for 15 veterans
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter: provides emergency shelter to 12 homeless individuals, a safe sleep program and 5 Transitional Housing beds for veterans
- RAIN, TLC: Transitional Housing with 65 beds for families and individuals
- The Kingdom Center: Transitional Housing and an Emergency Shelter with 39 beds for women and children
- Rescue Mission programs: Emergency Shelter with 58 beds for men, Emergency Shelter for women and children with up to 35 beds, as well as Transitional Housing recovery programs
- The City Center: Transitional Housing for families with 67 beds
- Tender Life: Transitional Housing for 12 pregnant women and their babies
- Coalition for Family Harmony & Interface Children and Family Services: provide emergency

shelter and transitional housing for persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking

- Mercy House Oxnard Navigation Center provides 110 beds for single adults (reduced capacity to 80 beds during the COVID-19 pandemic)
- Mercy House ARCH Shelter in Ventura provides 55 beds for single adults (reduced capacity to 32 beds during the COVID-19 pandemic)
- Santa Paula Harvard Shelter in Santa Paula provides 25 beds for single adults and some families
- Seasonal winter shelter is provided in Ojai, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks with 98 beds total
- Interface Children and Family Services provide 5 beds for minor homeless and runaway youth
- California State Channel Islands University provides emergency housing for homeless students
- National Health Foundation provides 32 recuperative care beds for unsheltered homeless clients who are discharged from the local hospitals.
- County of Ventura provided 320 non-congregate shelter beds through motel vouchers during the COVID-19 pandemic for those who were unsheltered and highly vulnerable to COVID-19.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

The Ventura County CoC is partnering with publicly funded institutions such as hospitals, mental health facilities, foster care systems, and correctional facilities to prevent discharges into homelessness. The National Health Foundation operates a 32-bed recuperative care program over two locations with partnership and funding from all hospitals within the county to provide a place to discharge patients who are homeless and need additional care to prevent readmission to hospitals and link them to shelter and housing options. Hospitals and behavioral health facilities use motel vouchers for short-term emergency placement while linking persons to permanent housing options.

The Ventura County CoC is prioritizing permanent supportive housing for highly vulnerable chronically homeless individuals which include high utilizers of emergency services and those cycling through the public institutions as a result of their lack of housing. The CoC has fostered partnerships with these various systems of care to have the systems serve as points of entry into the homeless services system. The system has challenges with lack of housing resources and needs for more data sharing across systems. All partners are working together to improve the system process and prevent discharges to homelessness.

**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 Ventura County CoC is focusing efforts on homeless subpopulations including individuals and families, veterans, chronically homeless persons, and unaccompanied youth. During the last fiscal year, the VC CoC reported 67% of persons served through the regional system were permanently housed with only a 3% rate of return to homelessness.

Chronically homeless persons and families with the longest time homeless and most significant service needs are prioritized for permanent supportive housing resources and moved into housing using a housing first approach with supportive services.

Individuals and families are primarily assisted with Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing dollars from CoC, ESG, CalWORKS, local government funding, and private dollars. Veterans are prioritized for VASH and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) funding. The CoC has one funded permanent supportive housing project dedicated to Transition Age Youth. Youth providers have been engaged in coordinating and increasing resources for youth.

The CoC is evaluating system performance data including 1) length of time homeless; 2) exits to permanent housing; 3) returns to homelessness and implementing strategies to improve in these areas. The CoC Board has adopted a Strategic Plan to increase housing inventory and services and implement a full countywide coordinated entry system to improve system outcomes.

The Ventura County CoC has funded the United Way of Ventura County's Landlord Engagement Program to recruit landlord partners to accept housing vouchers and increase utilization of voucher programs while increasing housing placement options for persons experiencing homelessness. In program year 2021-22, 110 households were placed in permanent housing. In addition, ESG-CV funding has been allocated to offer landlord incentives to increase housing placement options in program year 2021-22.

The efforts to build capacity in creating new emergency shelter beds and more housing opportunities is closely tied to the system performance goal of reducing the length of time a person is homeless in Ventura County.

## **CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)**

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

#### **Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (AHA)**

The AHA owns and operates 355 units of public housing in seven complexes which serve Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Three of the complexes (165 units) are located within the Urban County - the Roth Apartments (a family development in Meiners Oaks), Whispering Oaks (a seniors/disabled project in the City of Ojai), and Tafoya Terrace (senior project in Moorpark). The AHA received and administered Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance (HCV Program) during the reporting period.

In addition to owning and operating seven public housing sites, the AHA serves low-income residents through other programs and housing. In the entitlement area, the AHA also operates Colina Vista, a low-income tax credit project in Piru with 35 rental units (two are handicapped accessible), a 15-unit apartment complex known as Summerwind Apartments located in the unincorporated area outside Fillmore, and a 24-unit low-income tax credit project in the City of Moorpark. Additionally, the AHA, in partnership with Many Mansions, has completed construction on 77 units of affordable, family housing in Fillmore (Mountain View Apartments). These are not public housing and receive no operational HUD subsidy.

The AHA actively coordinates with other local organizations to develop new housing, preserve existing housing, and expand the supply of assisted housing for families in low-income ranges. The overriding goal for the AHA is to promote affordable housing that the communities will not only accept but also respect. AHA continues its efforts to enhance affordable housing through collaborative efforts with other local agencies.

#### **Port Hueneme Housing Authority (PHHA)**

The PHHA administers 90 public housing units, consisting of 30 family units that range from 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. The remaining 60 units consist of 40 studio apartments and 20 one-bedroom units occupied by persons who are 62 years or older or disabled.

The PHHA partnered with the Port Hueneme Police Department and non-profit organizations to bring informational classes to residents living in public housing. Nutrition, Smoking Cessation, Elder Abuse, Fraud Alert and Security educational classes were offered. The PHHA will supported ongoing programs such as Meals on Wheels and the senior nutrition program.

#### **Santa Paula Housing Authority (SPHA)**

Although the SPHA does not own or operate any public housing units, it does own and operate seven affordable housing complexes with a total of 77 units for seniors and families. The SPHA also act as

Administrative Managing Partner of the Harvard Place Apartments, a 40-unit affordable rental development for seniors & persons with special needs. Actions were initiated to exercise a First Right of Refusal on the Harvard Place Apartments, which when completed will bring the total number of affordable units owned by the Santa Paula Housing Authority to 117. We are currently in the process of getting permission from HCD to change the entity to make SPHA the sole owner of Harvard Place. The other partners are no longer involved in the entity. However, SPHA cannot become the sole owner until approved by HCD. They have given us verbal approval, but we are waiting for written approval from HCD. Once done, a new Deed of Trust will be filed for the property.

The SPHA administered subsidized rental housing programs for Housing Choice Voucher Tenant Based Vouchers (Section 8), Project Based Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers, and affordable housing owned by the Authority. Under the Section 8 Voucher Program, the Authority provides affordable housing for 624 families, with an additional 1,116 applicants on the waiting list.

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

The AHA provides four opportunities for Public Housing residents to participate in management: 1) Site-based Resident Councils, 2) Advertising activities of the resident councils, 3) Participating in the Resident Advisory Board; and 4) becoming a Resident Commissioner on the AHA's Board of Commissioners. Due to the Covid-19 declared health emergency, in-person activities were not allowed but are anticipated to start up when deemed safe to gather. The AHA encourages clients who have been assisted under the Section 8 Program for at least one year in becoming homebuyers through HUD's Section 8 Homeownership Program. Participants must be first-time homebuyers, with no one in the household having owned a home within the past three years. The program requires that a participant have a minimum down payment of 3% of the home's purchase price and good credit.

The Port Hueneme Housing Authority has established its resident council. A five-member board is now available to address the concerns of the Mar Vista Residents. The PHHA encouraged Public Housing residents to become Resident Commissioners and encouraged their participation with other organizations. The PHHA continued to inform Public Housing Residents of options available for First Time Homebuyers.

The Santa Paula Housing Authority encouraged resident interaction with social services and staff through quarterly events, and provided portability opportunities for program participants in other jurisdictions. As Successor Housing Agency to the City of Santa Paula Redevelopment Agency, the SPHA continued to administer the First Time Home Buyer and Housing Preservation Programs. In addition, SPHA will be applying for HUD Funding to implement the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to provide additional financial literacy to help Housing Choice Voucher Families prepare for homeownership.

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

There were no troubled PHAs identified in the County.



## **CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)**

**Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

### *County of Ventura*

The County of Ventura took several actions to help ameliorate barriers to affordable housing and accommodate State Laws:

- Staff created a streamlined ministerial multifamily housing permit application, along with public education materials, and website inclusion. Staff prepared guidance on the determination of objective standards in the County's General Plan, Area Plans and Zoning Ordinances. No ordinance amendments were developed for this project.
- Staff created a checklist and application, and public information materials for development of additional units and lot splits, allowed with a ministerial permit in certain single family residential zones in the unincorporated county.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the 2021-2029 Housing Element, which accommodates the projected regional housing needs. Out of the 26 Programs included in the County's Housing Element, 10 Programs assist the County with providing more affordable housing options to residents.
- The following programs were initiated or completed by Planning Division staff during the program year:
  - Waived the fee for a pre-application Development Review Committee meeting for proposed 100% affordable housing projects.
  - Published clear permit approval procedures on the website in English and Spanish identifying ministerial permitting pathways for new state law provisions which exempt certain housing development from discretionary review.
  - Developed homeowner website education tools and public information to make the zoning and permitting process for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) more user-friendly.

The County's Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance allows certain farmworker units to be approved "over the counter" by zoning clearance.

### *City of Moorpark*

The City of Moorpark is preparing to allow use of similar standardized plans for ADUs in 2022. Currently, Moorpark negotiates for affordable housing through development agreements in market rate developments at an average rate of 15% or to provide fees to offset the construction of affordable units. The City is also preparing a comprehensive fee study to address fees and costs associated with development.

The City of Moorpark continues to advance the construction of ADUs. Permit activity has increased for ADUs over the course of the past several years. The following applications and building permits have been submitted this past reporting year:

- 2021, 15 applications submitted, 15 permitted

This will be aided by Moorpark initiatives to support ADU development including improved counter resources, pre-approved architectural plan templates that will be made available to the public, and other policies that will be recommended with the update to the City's Housing Element.

#### *City of Port Hueneme*

The City of Port Hueneme adopted a comprehensive update of its General Plan that includes revised Land Use and Housing Elements, which include new policies to promote streamlining and to promote the construction of a variety of housing units. Once the Housing Element is certified by HCD, the City will immediately commence work on updates to the Zoning Ordinance to provide revised regulations. This will include provisions for encouraging missing middle housing opportunities, a revised ADU ordinance, reviewing parking standards for certain types of residential uses, etc.

#### *City of Ojai*

The City of Ojai's new ADU standards remove the minimum lot size and create greater leniency for parking requirements. The City of Ojai is in the process of exploring the possibility of providing standard plans for ADU applications.

### **Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

During the reporting period, the following actions were taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs:

- County CDBG funds were used to continue to fund the County's fair housing services program.
- Moorpark is updating its General Plan, which may implement zoning and development standards that will contribute to the creation of more housing.
- As a part of Moorpark's recent Housing Element Update, the City plans to include an inclusionary housing program, affordable housing trust fund, funding for affordable housing projects, retooling the home ownership program, updating specific plans, creating objective design standards, and improved developer outreach..
- The Cities of Santa Paula, Fillmore and Ojai are working on updating their housing elements.
- In October, 2021 the City of Ojai adopted a two year Pilot Program for moveable tiny houses as ADU's.
- Ojai's existing Second Dwelling Compliance Program legalize dwellings that were constructed without permits has been extended into 2023. Approximately 88 units have been completed under this program.
- The City of Ojai allows "Home-Splitting", or the division of a single-family home into two

separate units. Physical expansion to accommodate kitchen and bathroom facilities is allowed.

- The City of Port Hueneme updated its General Plan, which includes a new Social Equity Element, and policies within this new element, to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
- The City of Port Hueneme entitled the Surfside Motel and Apartments project, a request to rehabilitate a portion of an existing motel into 41 apartment units, eight of which will be reserved for low-income households and one of which will be reserved for extremely low-income households.
- The City of Port Hueneme issued building permits for the 5-unit Habitat for Humanity project. All five units are reserved for low-income households. The units were issued occupancy permits in July 2022 and are now occupied.

#### *Ventura County Behavioral Health Department (VCBH)*

VCBH has increased the availability of housing and residential options by utilizing funds provided through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in partnership with non-profit agencies that developed affordable housing units. Supportive services are provided by VCBH and MHSA funded projects. VCBH continues to increase affordable housing stock for low-income and homeless clients and clients at risk through its community based partnerships.

Through its HUD Continuum of Care projects for the chronically homeless and community partnerships, VCBH is committed to the Housing First approach by establishing a low barrier model toward homelessness. Partnerships with Property Managers who have made their properties accessible to VCBH's clients. Clients in these properties have had a great success in maintaining housing with an average stay of 5 years.

VCBH played an active role in serving people at the County's year-round emergency shelters by providing housing navigation services in addition to mental health treatment. Field based services have been directly impacted by the worldwide pandemic.

VCBH worked closely with a non-profit and a private company to acquire and rehabilitate two Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) that were set to close due to a sale of the properties and businesses. VCBH agreed to lease back the properties and contracted with the non-profit to operate the ARFs thereby preventing 62 extremely vulnerable clients from returning to homelessness.

#### **Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) provides services to the community for the purpose of increasing awareness regarding the hazards of lead exposure, reducing lead exposure, and increasing the number of children assessed and appropriately blood tested for lead poisoning through education of the public, identification, and case management of children with elevated blood lead levels (BLL), and the prevention of environmental exposures to lead. CLPPP collaborates with Healthy Homes Ventura County (HHVC), the program that provides grant funded lead-based paint assessment and

repairs to eligible homes in the county's high-risk areas.

Children in publicly supported programs such as Medi-Cal, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and CHDP are required to be tested for lead at both 12 months and 24 months and to perform catch up testing for children aged 24 months to six (6) years old who were not tested at 12 and 24 months. CLPPP program in collaboration with Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program works with pediatric providers ensuring risk assessment is done which includes a question related to houses built in 1978, lead testing referral, and anticipatory guidance. Both programs outreached 114 medical clinic providers and staff and distributed 2280 lead prevention related educational materials.

CLPPP provides case management and follow-up of children with elevated BLLs and that meets the criteria set by California Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB). CLPPP continued to follow children with BLLs as low as 4.5 mcg/dL and provided enhanced state case management to those children with persistently elevated venous confirmed BLLs of 9.5 to 14.4 mcg/dL and a single venous BLLs at 14.5 mcg/dL and higher. PHN case management home visits and needed environmental visit has resumed in person approach following COVID -19 infection prevention protocol. With the guidance from CLPPB, the program is preparing and planning the follow-up on BLLs set by the CDC updated the blood lead reference value (BLRV) to 3.5 µg/dL, which according to CDC will provide an opportunity for additional progress in addressing longstanding disparities in lead exposure and BLLs in children.

The CLPPP continues to work on proactive lead prevention activities. The program planned to resume active collaborations with local building departments, housing departments, code enforcement groups, environmental agencies, and other groups to see that lead hazards are properly identified and eliminated after being not active related to COVID-19.

Another CLPPP and HHVC programs' activities is to provide education on lead prevention which includes paint related sources and prevention information during interagency meetings, community - based organizations (CBO) collaborative meetings and community outreaches via health fairs. This reporting year, the programs participated in 19 collaborative CBO meetings and reaching over 5,620 individuals in Ventura County through various outreach efforts via health fairs, presentations, mailers and delivering educational materials in the community. We launched a social media campaign, which reached 15,216 people.

The Healthy Homes Ventura County continue to provide lead paint inspection and abatement services to eligible and qualified homes and recipients. Within the reporting fiscal year, 93 lead paint inspections were conducted, and 33 homes were made lead safe by the program. The program also secured an additional abatement funding as a sub recipient of the California Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch The grant is expected to fund additional lead inspections and abatement work.

### **Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The Workforce Development Board of Ventura County offers a free resource for employers and job

seekers. WDB provided guidance for individuals with job readiness, job placement or job transitions, and for employers seeking support for business services, recruitment, retention, or layoffs. In addition to providing services through two American Job Centers in the County, WDB contracted to provide job training and support services to youth ages 14-24 as well as linking previously incarcerated individuals to on-the-job training subsidies and supportive services. The WDB also has programs for people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, and those interested in pre-apprenticeship training in construction trades.

The Economic Development Collaborative-Ventura County promotes a vibrant regional economy through public and private sector collaboration to support business growth, expansion and attraction. EDC-VC provides small business support, job training and enhances economic development opportunities. Due to the multi-layered economic, environmental and civil disruption, EDC adopted the following approaches to engage and deliver service to the business community in Ventura County:

To assist the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) California statewide network, EDC SBDC created a data dashboard to assist with performance tracking and outcome reporting, the first in the nation.

In partnership with the County of Ventura and the Workforce Development Board, EDC built a comprehensive business resource, retention and attraction website (<https://businessforwardvc.com/>) to expand the county's efforts to deliver economic development support and prioritize investments.

In partnership with the County of Ventura and others EDC helped distribute more than 10,000 business grants.

EDC created industry specific reporting templates that facilitated rapid reopening and helped ensure employer compliance and worker safety.

EDC distributed more than one million units of PPEs to businesses in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, serving approximately 1,500 businesses and 17,000 employees.

Supported businesses to create and retain 446 jobs.

Facilitated business access to capital totaling more than \$105 million.

Secured contributions in new loan capital for a total of \$2.45 million.

Made direct loans to businesses of \$1,005,000, contributing to the creation and retention of 140 jobs.

Conducted a survey of 22,000 firms that revealedn first that firms that innovated new products and services were best able to survive and thrive through the pandemic and second that small, women and minority owned firms in the hard-hit sectors of retail, hospitality and personal services, were among the least likely to secure federal aid. As a response to this data, EDC-VC established strategies to respond to these impacts.

CDBG funds supported the Micro Business Development Program through Women's Economic Ventures and offered online business planning courses. A total of 15 low- to moderate-income residents received full or partial scholarships, assisting 7 small businesses and supporting 10 local jobs.

### **Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The County of Ventura serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the countywide Continuum of Care (CoC), bringing together diverse entities and organizations with a vision of ending homelessness. In addition to being awarded \$2,394,014 in CoC, \$5,550,475 in Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) and \$1,108,491 in California Emergency and Supportive Housing (CESH) funding, CoC operations are improving public information about the need for affordable housing.

The CoC website hosts agendas and minutes for CoC Board, subcommittee and Alliance meetings to help engage interested parties about in the discussion. In addition to the CoC, local organizations – including economic development entities, tourism entities, and the Ventura Council Organization of Governments are exploring non-traditional options to increase the supply of housing for persons of no-, extremely low-, and low-income, recognizing its importance to the quality of life in our County. The CoC funded the United Way's Landlord Engagement Program to assist with increasing landlord partnerships in efforts to end homelessness in Ventura County assisting 40 households so far with permanent housing by recruiting landlords to accept housing vouchers and rental subsidies.

All cities within Ventura County, as well as the County, have donated to the Ventura County Housing Trust Fund (VCHTF). As a local 501(c)(3) organization they continue to not fund and advocate for more affordable housing attending local hearings when affordable housing projects are up for discretionary approval. Their annual fundraiser raises important issues and funding for the organization's programs.

The Annual Action Plan identified an unmet need in the availability of year-around sheltering and housing options. In March 2018 the Board of Supervisors' offer to match infrastructure and operational funding for cities that developed year around shelters, coupled with HEAP funding from the State of CA and local taxes, launched the cities of Oxnard and Ventura into action. Both cities have dedicated funding to pursue permanent year-round navigation centers. The three jurisdictions jointly released an RFP and selected Mercy House as the operator for both year-round shelters. Two surplus County buildings in the Cities of Ventura and Oxnard are being considered for affordable housing, interim shelter and/or recuperative care. The City of Oxnard broke ground in summer 2022 for a local navigation center and the County has committed funding for operational support. Oxnard continues to use a city owned building near the airport as their interim 24-hour shelter. Financial sharing agreements have been approved with the City of Ventura with one anticipated with the City of Oxnard post County negotiation.

Progress continues to be made by members of the City Managers' committee on an MOU for developing localized shelters and housing solutions and to support Pathways to Home, coordinated entry system. The MOU has been approved by the County and cities of Oxnard, Ventura, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Paula, Port Hueneme and Fillmore. This collaboration means new institutional structure to address a significant unmet need.

**Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The County of Ventura and all ten cities collaborated on its first countywide Regional Consolidated Plan (RCP) for the 2020-24 cycle. Coupled with the County's administration of the Countywide Continuum of Care (CoC), new and improved coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies have developed. Housing developers and property managers are committing, through the CoC grant program, to prioritize units for permanent supportive housing by coordinating services with social service agencies.

The County applied for, and was awarded, \$2.2 million from the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) under the Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative, a collaborative program between the DOJ and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to promote housing stability, reduce justice involvement and inappropriate utilization of high-cost health care services through permanent supportive housing. After a delay in project launch due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program, entitled "Venture Home" is getting back on track. A consultant has been hired to assist staff in preparing project deliverables for DOJ approval prior to program launch, anticipated in early 2023. The grant term expires in September 2024 although we intend to apply for a one-year extension as authorized by the program.

In November 2017, the County approved its first Economic Vitality Strategic Plan (EVSP). This document identified 30 actionable steps the County has taken to support shared prosperity, equitable access to economic opportunities, and a high quality of life for all residents. In June 2019, the County published the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan Progress Update, adding recovery and resilience efforts as essential activities in the EVSP implementation in response to recent natural disasters affecting our community.

A key action item from that effort calls for the establishment of a Housing Solutions Coalition to raise awareness of housing affordability and availability issues. Entities coordinating that effort include the Economic Development Corporation, the Ventura County Civic Alliance, local Housing Authorities, and the Center for Economic Research at California Lutheran University. This group will also address, though collaboration with the CoC, the social and business impacts resulting from homelessness. Progress on these and other initiatives are outlined on pages 9-11 in the EVSP Update.

In 2020, consistent with our EVSP plan to address housing affordability and homelessness, and in response to the immediate threats to housing stability posed by the coronavirus pandemic, the County of Ventura took several additional steps directly related to housing. On March 31 of 2020, the County of Ventura issued an eviction moratorium for both residential and commercial properties. In partnership, most local cities did as well. The County of Ventura then created a rental assistance program that distributed \$11.4 million dollars and paid three months rent for over 5,400 renters experiencing impacts from COVID-19. Later in 2020, a Farmworker Rental Assistance Program was established that provided an additional \$4 million in rental assistance to farm workers in our community. Combined with the County's participation in Project Room Key and Project Homekey, this year has included unprecedented levels of support for housing in our community.

The Ventura County CoC Public Information and Outreach committee assists with the collaboration and communication between public and private housing and social service agencies. Outreach materials

have been developed to educate the public about the coordinated entry system, as well as the need for permanent supportive housing units and rapid re-housing leasing.

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

The County contracts with the Southern California Housing Rights Center (HRC) to assist in the administration of the County's Fair Housing Program. During Program Year (PY) 2021-22, HRC assisted 614 Ventura County residents with housing concerns, including landlord-tenant relations and housing discrimination. One hundred eighteen individuals (19.2%) presented the agency with questions regarding, and allegations of, housing discrimination. HRC's staff resolved 83 of these matters through appropriate counseling, referred six matters to outside agencies for further review, and was reviewing an additional 18 matters at the close of the program year. HRC opened discrimination investigations into the remaining 11 allegations.

Of the 11 cases opened, three (27.3%) involved allegations of discrimination based on mental disability, two (18.2%) alleged discrimination based on physical disability, two on race, and two on source of income, with the remaining two cases alleging discrimination based on familial status and gender, respectively. By the conclusion of the program year, HRC had successfully conciliated five of these cases, referred one to HRC's Litigation Department, referred one to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and closed two cases for lack of a meaningful enforcement option or upon the complainant's withdrawal. An additional two matters were pending further investigation at the end of the Program Year.

The balance of 496 client contacts during the program year addressed a wide variety of general housing concerns, with the emphasis on notices and evictions (27.4%), rent increases (18.3%), repairs and substandard conditions (15.3%), and issues raised by individuals seeking housing (8.5%). HRC resolved 267 (53.8%) of these landlord/tenant inquiries and made appropriate referrals for the remainder.

Of the 614 Ventura County residents served during the program year, all were of moderate to extremely low income, with 98.5% not exceeding low income. Nineteen (3.1%) were female heads of households, 73 (11.9%) were seniors, and 93 (15.1%) were individuals with disabilities. A total of 150 individuals served by HRC (24.4%) reported their ethnicity as Hispanic/Latino.

During PY 2021-22, HRC conducted extensive outreach activities of interest to and impacting residents throughout HRC's Los Angeles and Ventura County service areas, aimed primarily at the prevention of incidences of housing discrimination. Selected activities and events of highest relevance are reported quarterly to the County, with additional details available from HRC upon request.



## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

Planned monitoring of CDBG-funded projects varies depending upon a risk analysis of the subrecipient and type of project or program (i.e. construction, economic development, public service, etc.). While monitoring is almost always intended to ensure program compliance, it may also entail measures to improve performance. Monitoring may be fiscal or performance monitoring, Fair Labor Standards Act compliance (Davis-Bacon) and/or environmental review compliance.

**Financial Monitoring:** The County reviewed monthly Expense Summary (ES) documents received from the participating jurisdictions and subrecipients. Expenditures were reviewed to ensure compliance with cost eligibility and allocation regulations. Single audits are provided by subrecipients and reviewed as necessary. All projects are routinely monitored for expenditures to ensure no more than 1.5 times the annual CDBG grant is in the line of credit on April 30 of each year.

**Performance Monitoring:** In addition, County staff reviewed Quarterly Status Reports (QSRs) for the CDBG program each quarter to ensure performance is adequate and timely compared to the goals stated in the Annual Plan and five-year goals stated in the Regional Consolidated Plan. These reports were completed by all subrecipients and include information on milestones, status and accomplishments. Progress delays were addressed and resolved. Additional technical assistance was provided to subrecipients as needed to ensure proper beneficiary collection and reporting.

**HOME Monitoring:** All HOME-funded projects are monitored at the following times for compliance with HOME program requirements: 1) during construction; 2) upon completion of construction; and 3) annually during the affordability period, with on-site monitoring occurring for each project every three years. See CR-50 for more detailed information on HOME-assisted projects monitored during the reporting period.

**ESG Monitoring:** The Ventura County CoC has adopted written standards for CoC and ESG funding. CoC and ESG staff monitored programs through desk monitoring, on-site monitoring and by providing technical assistance to funded providers. ESG projects are monitored on a quarterly basis and at a minimum annually. All funded projects provided quarterly status reports which include performance data and narrative on successes and challenges within the program.

**CDBG-CV:** Staff monitored programs through desk monitoring, on-site monitoring and by providing

technical assistance to funded providers. Projects are monitored on a quarterly basis and at a minimum annually. All funded projects provided quarterly status reports which include performance data and narrative on successes and challenges within the program.

#### **Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**

##### **Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(d), citizens were provided with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The public comment period was opened from September 1, 2022 through September 18, 2022. The public notices included in Attachment 3 were published in the Ventura County Star on September 1, 2022 and in a local Spanish publication, *VIDA*, on September 1, 2022. The draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) was also made available on the County webpage: <https://www.ventura.org/county-executive-office/community-development/hud-plans-reports/>.

## **CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

**Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

The previous 2020-21 program year was exceptionally difficult for our Public Service subrecipients as they faced unprecedented difficulties in continuing operations during the continued COVID-19 pandemic. These high-touch, in-person service providers were frequently unable to engage their clientele. During the past program year, however, they have been very successful in adapting and recovering in this new and ever changing environment.

In contrast, all construction related grants have continued to struggle. They have faced a variety of challenges including staff turnover, materials shortages, and difficulty in procuring consultants and contractors. Some of this is likely due to the continuing aftermath of the devastating fires in recent years, but the pandemic has most certainly compounded existing problems while creating new ones.

Two significant construction grants were cancelled during the year – renovations for both the Spirit of Santa Paula homeless shelter, and the One Step A La Vez drop-in/teen center. Spirit of Santa Paula was able to secure a grant from the State of California, which had far less requirements and restrictions than CDBG funding. Teen service provider One Step A La Vez also found the CDBG construction requirements too difficult to navigate, despite repeated technical assistance from staff. Together, \$475,000 had to be deobligated.

Rising housing costs and inflation have also nearly halted our Down Payment Assistance program. Despite having funds available to assist 12 households, and with several families approved for assistance, only one buyer was able to find and close on a home at the very end of the program year. \$275,000 remains allocated for this activity as of year end, which severely impacts our ability to meet HUD's timeliness goals.

The County continues to evaluate the reasons behind reprogramming needs to better allocate funds in future cycles. As evidenced by prior year experiences, a major obstacle has been identifying affordable housing projects that are able to move forward in a timely fashion. Such developments address an extremely high priority need, and we are committed to identifying those projects and subrecipients that can most efficiently use these funds.

We also have many nonprofit service provider organizations that would like to use funds to renovate or expand their facilities. Unfortunately, the CDBG requirements (environmental reviews, procurement processes, labor standards, etc.) are too extensive and onerous, ultimately prohibiting these agencies from being able to use available CDBG funds. We are therefore currently shifting focus to support rehabilitation of aging affordable housing developments.

The County also continues to emphasize subrecipient capacity as related to CDBG regulations and

reporting requirements.

Nearly every CDBG activity has been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic:

- Housing construction and rehabilitation have experienced not only delays, but also cost increases due to supply chain issues for building materials. Public facilities construction projects have faced similar difficulties.
- Public services that provide generally “high touch” services, such as food banks, youth services, DV outreach, etc., have also had to adapt their programs to reach and engage their clientele.
- Homeless services providers and shelters are still heavily impacted by an increase in homelessness, coupled with a decrease in shelter space available due to the need for indoor physical distancing.

**Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?**

No

**[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.**

## **CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)**

### **Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations**

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

Completion Inspections: One HOME-assisted project was substantially completed, fully leased, and closed-out during Program Year 2021-22. A physical inspection of the property occurred on March 2, 2021, followed by a close-out review of the project files. There were no significant findings identified.

Ongoing Monitoring of HOME-Assisted Housing: All completed HOME-assisted projects were reviewed as part of the annual desk monitoring process. County staff completed monitoring of HOME-assisted properties by the end of the reporting period with no significant findings.

On-site inspections are required of all HOME-assisted properties every 3 years, with two (2) site inspections scheduled during the reporting period. Between March 2020 – September 2021, HUD waived on-site inspections due to the impacts of COVID-19. The County contracted out services to perform onsite inspections in early spring 2022. However, due to staffing challenges with the company, continued surges of COVID-19 impacting the region and staff contracting COVID-19, on-site inspections were delayed and were not performed within 21-22. It is anticipated on-site inspections will conclude in fall 2022.

### **Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)**

All HOME subrecipients are required to adopt affirmative marketing procedures for HOME-assisted housing project(s). Subrecipients are also required to report annually on their affirmative marketing activities.

During the reporting period, a variety of methods were used to reach out to potential beneficiaries of the HOME program including: posting of the Fair Housing Poster and Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan in offices; display of the HUD approved Equal Housing Opportunity logo at the entrance to HOME-assisted properties and on all materials for public distribution related to the property(ies); coordination with civic and community contacts/organizations to promote the housing opportunity to low-income households and any populations identified as under-served; and advertising in electronic and print media.

### **Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects,**

## **including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics**

During the reporting period (the federal fiscal year), in the amount of \$15,000.00 was received and \$70,649.80 in program income was expended, leaving a balance of \$0. Program income was allocated to a HOME-eligible activity (development of affordable rental housing) during the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan, People's Place.

## **Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)**

During the reporting period, one 50-unit senior affordable housing complex, Willett Ranch, was completed which included three (3) County HOME-assisted units. San Pedro Affordable Housing Development in the City of Port Hueneme concluded construction and four of the five homes were sold in summer 2022 and includes one HOME-assisted home. However, the project was not completed per the definition at 24 CFR §92.2 or closed-out during the program year so its completion will be reported in the 2022-23 CAPER. People's Place, an affordable housing development, that was funded during the 2021-22 Action Plan began construction in 2021-22. The project will have seven (7) units of HOME-assisted housing in a 68 unit affordable housing complex that will serve families and farmworkers. Another affordable housing development, Villages at Westview Phase II, funded during the 2018-19 Action Plan also began construction in 2021-22. This project will have five (5) units of HOME-assisted housing in a 50-unit senior affordable housing complex.

The project funded during the 2020-21 Action Plan, Fillmore Terrace, a 50-unit affordable housing complex with five (5) County HOME-assisted units for very low-income households remains in pre-development.

The County of Ventura partners with local housing authorities and private developers to promote and develop affordable housing in the community. The HOME funds available for the development of affordable housing are often used by developers to leverage other financing, including Low Income Housing Tax Credits, private investments, state and local funds.

In May of 2015, the County Board of Supervisors approved a one-time appropriation of \$1 million for the development of farmworker housing. In February of 2016, three projects were approved for funding; however, one project returned its allocation so funding was reserved for a new project in May 2021. One project is completed and leased and another project began construction in spring 2022. The remaining project is in pre-development.

The newly formed Ventura County HOME Consortium went into effect in 2020, which increased the amount of HOME assistance available to support local affordable housing projects.

The CA Building Homes and Jobs Act established the Permanent Local Housing Allocation program,

provides an ongoing permanent source of funding to local governments to address the state's housing crisis. The County will administer this funding for the Ventura Urban County Entitlement Area jurisdictions and the City of Thousand Oaks. During the 2021-22 program year, 30 percent of the allocation supported the Housing Trust Fund Ventura County and the remainder was reserved for a proposed 50-unit new construction senior housing development in the unincorporated County. The County of Ventura also received CDBG-Disaster Recovery Multifamily Housing Program (CDBG-DR MHP) funds in response to the Thomas and Woolsey Fires in 2017 and 2018. During the 2021-22 program year, three affordable housing projects received 2017 CDBG-DR MHP funds and construction began on two of the projects in spring 2022 and the third in summer 2022. The County reserved funding for one project with the 2018 CDBG-DR allocation and it should begin construction in fall 2022.

Finally, during the 2021-22 program year, the County received State of California Homekey funds to acquire and construct tiny homes in unincorporated County outside the City of Ojai. The project will provide thirteen units of transitional housing for transitional age youth. In addition, the County served as lead applicant for Homekey funding in spring 2022 to rehabilitate three cottages to create 27 units of transitional housing for transitional age youth. The County partnered with the City of Thousand Oaks for a Homekey project that will bring 77 units of permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness.

## CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

| Total Labor Hours                     | CDBG | HOME | ESG | HOPWA | HTF |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Total Number of Activities            | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0     | 0   |
| Total Labor Hours                     |      |      |     |       |     |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours          |      |      |     |       |     |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours |      |      |     |       |     |

**Table 14 – Total Labor Hours**

| Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program   | CDBG | HOME | ESG | HOPWA | HTF |
|---|------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).  |      |      |     |       |     |
| Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).  |      |      |     |       |     |
| Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.  |      |      |     |       |     |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services. |      |      |     |       |     |
| Held one or more job fairs.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.          |      |      |     |       |     |
| Assisted residents with finding child care.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.  |      |      |     |       |     |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.   |      |      |     |       |     |
| Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.  |      |      |     |       |     |



|        |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Other. |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--|

**Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program**

## **Narrative**

The County enforced its Section 3 Policy on all construction related projects assisted with federal funding. Section 3 fosters local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency and ensures that employment and other economic opportunities generated be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

For projects awarded or committed prior to July 1, 2021, the County's 2015 Section 3 Plan (24 CFR Part 135) applies; for those awarded or committed on or after this date, the County's 2021 Section Plan (24 CFR 75) will apply.

During the program year, three (3) projects subject to the 2015 Plan were awarded contracts under the CDBG program. Under the HOME program, one project was completed and one is wrapping up construction. The remaining HOME-assisted projects will be subject to the County's 2021 Section 3 Plan and will report data in the CAPER in the year each project was completed.

## **CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)**

### **ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps***

#### **For Paperwork Reduction Act**

#### **1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete**

##### **Basic Grant Information**

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Recipient Name</b>  | VENTURA COUNTY                       |
| <b>Organizational DUNS Number</b>  | 066691122                            |
| <b>UEI</b>   |                                      |
| <b>EIN/TIN Number</b>  | 956000944                            |
| <b>Identify the Field Office</b>   | LOS ANGELES                          |
| <b>Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance</b> | San Buena Ventura/Ventura County CoC |

##### **ESG Contact Name**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| <b>Prefix</b>      | Ms       |
| <b>First Name</b>  | Jennifer |
| <b>Middle Name</b> |          |

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Last Name</b> | Harkey          |
| <b>Suffix</b>    |                 |
| <b>Title</b>     | Program Analyst |

**ESG Contact Address**

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Street Address 1</b> | 800 S. Victoria Ave. L#1940 |
| <b>Street Address 2</b> |                             |
| <b>City</b>             | Ventura                     |
| <b>State</b>            | CA                          |
| <b>ZIP Code</b>         | 93003-                      |
| <b>Phone Number</b>     | 8056584342                  |
| <b>Extension</b>        |                             |
| <b>Fax Number</b>       |                             |
| <b>Email Address</b>    | Jennifer.Harkey@ventura.org |

**ESG Secondary Contact**

|                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Prefix</b>        | Ms                              |
| <b>First Name</b>    | Christy                         |
| <b>Last Name</b>     | Madden                          |
| <b>Suffix</b>        |                                 |
| <b>Title</b>         | Senior Deputy Executive Officer |
| <b>Phone Number</b>  | 8056542679                      |
| <b>Extension</b>     |                                 |
| <b>Email Address</b> | Christy.Madden@ventura.org      |

**2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Program Year Start Date</b> | 07/01/2021 |
| <b>Program Year End Date</b>   | 06/30/2022 |

**3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient**

**Subrecipient or Contractor Name**  
**City**  
**State**  
**Zip Code**  
**DUNS Number**  
**UEI**  
**Is subrecipient a victim services provider**  
**Subrecipient Organization Type**  
**ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount**

## CR-65 - Persons Assisted

### 4. Persons Served

#### 4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

| Number of Persons in Households | Total    |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults                          | 0        |
| Children                        | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other        | 0        |
| Missing Information             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>0</b> |

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

#### 4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

| Number of Persons in Households | Total    |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults                          | 0        |
| Children                        | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other        | 0        |
| Missing Information             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>0</b> |

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

#### 4c. Complete for Shelter

| Number of Persons in Households | Total    |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults                          | 0        |
| Children                        | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other        | 0        |
| Missing Information             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>0</b> |

Table 18 – Shelter Information



#### 4d. Street Outreach

| Number of Persons in Households | Total    |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults                          | 0        |
| Children                        | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other        | 0        |
| Missing Information             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>0</b> |

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

#### 4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

| Number of Persons in Households | Total    |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults                          | 0        |
| Children                        | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other        | 0        |
| Missing Information             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>0</b> |

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

#### 5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

|                          | Total    |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Male                     | 0        |
| Female                   | 0        |
| Transgender              | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0        |
| Missing Information      | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>0</b> |

Table 21 – Gender Information

## 6. Age—Complete for All Activities

|                          | Total    |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Under 18                 | 0        |
| 18-24                    | 0        |
| 25 and over              | 0        |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0        |
| Missing Information      | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>0</b> |

Table 22 – Age Information

## 7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

| Number of Persons in Households   |       |                                   |                            |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Subpopulation                     | Total | Total Persons Served – Prevention | Total Persons Served – RRH | Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters |
| Veterans                          | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| Victims of Domestic Violence      | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| Elderly                           | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| HIV/AIDS                          | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| Chronically Homeless              | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| <b>Persons with Disabilities:</b> |       |                                   |                            |  |
| Severely Mentally Ill             | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| Chronic Substance Abuse           | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| Other Disability                  | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |
| Total (Unduplicated if possible)  | 0     | 0                                 | 0                          | 0  |

Table 23 – Special Population Served

## CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

### 10. Shelter Utilization

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of New Units - Rehabbed       | 0     |
| Number of New Units - Conversion     | 0     |
| Total Number of bed-nights available | 0     |
| Total Number of bed-nights provided  | 0     |
| Capacity Utilization                 | 0.00% |

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

### 11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

NA

## CR-75 – Expenditures

### 11. Expenditures

#### 11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

|   | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year |          |          |
|---|---|----------|----------|
|   | 2019  | 2020     | 2021     |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance  | 0   | 0        | 0        |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance | 0   | 0        | 0        |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services               | 0   | 0        | 0        |
| Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program           | 0   | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Subtotal Homelessness Prevention</b>   | <b>0</b>                                      | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

#### 11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

|   | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year |          |          |
|---|---|----------|----------|
|   | 2019  | 2020     | 2021     |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance  | 49,426  | 0        | 0        |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance | 0   | 0        | 0        |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services               | 12,356  | 0        | 0        |
| Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program           | 0   | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing</b>  | <b>61,782</b>                                 | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

#### 11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

|                    | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year |      |      |
|--------------------|---|------|------|
|                    | 2019  | 2020 | 2021 |
| Essential Services | 17,184  | 0    | 0    |
| Operations         | 57,529  | 0    | 0    |
| Renovation         | 0   | 0    | 0    |



|                 |               |          |          |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Major Rehab     | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| Conversion      | 0             | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>74,713</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

**Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter**

#### 11d. Other Grant Expenditures

|                 | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year |      |      |
|-----------------|---|------|------|
|                 | 2019  | 2020 | 2021 |
| Street Outreach | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| HMIS            | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Administration  | 11,067  | 0    | 0    |

**Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures**

#### 11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

| Total ESG Funds Expended | 2019    | 2020 | 2021 |
|--------------------------|---------|------|------|
|                          | 147,562 | 0    | 0    |

**Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended**

#### 11f. Match Source

|                         | 2019   | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Other Non-ESG HUD Funds | 89,198 | 0    | 0    |
| Other Federal Funds     | 40,000 | 0    | 0    |
| State Government        | 22,000 | 0    | 0    |
| Local Government        | 61,782 | 0    | 0    |
| Private Funds           | 20,000 | 0    | 0    |

|                           |                |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Other                     | 0              | 0        | 0        |
| Fees                      | 0              | 0        | 0        |
| Program Income            | 0              | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total Match Amount</b> | <b>232,980</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

**Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities**

**11g. Total**

| <b>Total Amount of Funds<br/>Expended on ESG<br/>Activities</b> | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 380,542     | 0           | 0           |

**Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities**

# Attachment

## Attachment 1

### **County of Ventura FY 2021-22 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Attachment 1**

Highlights from this year include the following accomplishments:

#### CDBG

Programs included activities in support of Affordable Housing, Homeless Services, Housing Rehabilitation, Code Enforcement, Small Business & Micro Enterprise Technical Assistance, Senior Services, Public Facilities, Planning and Administration, and Fair Housing Services. A summary of the status of each project is included below.

Projects funded and completed in the current program year:

- Big Brother Big Sisters – “Keeping Kids Connected” Program: New for 2021-22, this program provides youth mentoring in Fillmore, Santa Paula, and the surrounding unincorporated areas. Youths are matched with a positive role model, and have access to drop in support as well as lunchtime and afterschool programs. This year, 481 of the goal of 500 youth were served.
- Habitat for Humanity – Home Repair Program: This program reaches out to owner occupied low- to moderate-income households that have home rehabilitation needs and are otherwise not able to perform the work on their own or pay full cost for a general contractor and is essential in preserving the County’s aging affordable housing supply. This year, a total of 3 of the goal of 15 households were assisted.
- Code Enforcement: The City of Port Hueneme received funds to administer their code enforcement program. A total of 363 violations were issued over the course of the year, with 358 of those being corrected.
- Moorpark Community Service Center (Moorpark Pantry Plus): This program provides essential safety net services and outreach programs for low-income individuals in the Moorpark area. The Center offers supplemental food, clothing, eviction prevention assistance, utility assistance, and information and referrals. 1,906 persons were served, which was 91% of the 2,100-person goal.
- Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) – Domestic Violence Education for the Mixteco/Indigenous Community: The program uses promotoras (women leaders) to conduct outreach and education about general domestic violence

awareness to Mixteco and other indigenous communities that are difficult to reach with traditional community education and outreach methods. During the year, 145 of the 150 persons goal were served (97%).

- One Step A La Vez – One Step Home: This drop-in center for teens serves homeless and transitional age youth with services that include daily hot meals, a food pantry, mentoring, tutoring & homework, help, college & career counseling, job skills training, referrals to services, wellness and life skills, access to showers and laundry, assigned case management to provide referrals and assistance to access services, transportation, and life skills classes. During the year, 209 of their 200-person goal were served (105%).
- El Patio Hotel: This facility offers single-room, furnished efficiency studios for individuals who are disabled, chronically homeless, and/or very low-income, providing a combination of supportive services along with permanent affordable housing creating an environment where formerly homeless individuals become stable in housing and continually increase their independence and self-sufficiency. A total of 33 persons were served during the year, which is 110% of the 30-person goal.
- Spirit of Santa Paula – Homeless Services: This program provides operational support for Santa Paula’s only year-round homeless shelter. A total of 131 persons were served, representing 57% of their lofty 230-person goal.
- Turning Point Foundation – Our Place Safe Haven. This year-round emergency shelter in the City of Ventura provides housing navigation, case management, and other supportive services for homeless, mentally ill adults and TAY, as well as other homeless services such as street outreach and drop-in services. During the program year, they served a total of 51 persons, achieving nearly 425% of their 12-person goal.
- Fire Engine: The City of Fillmore received funding for lease payments of a new fire engine, enabling their department to provide improved critical emergency fire and medical services to their community of 16,510 residents.
- Planning, Administration, and Fair Housing Services: Administration allowance funds were used to provide administration and compliance guidance for CDBG activities, including technical support to subrecipients. Funds were also used for the County’s fair housing services program, which is administered by a consultant.
- Ventura County Community Development Corporation – Hope to Home. This program provides first-time homebuyer Down Payment Assistance (DPA) to low- to moderate-income Entitlement Areas residents. Due to rising interest rates and housing prices, only 1 household received DPA during the current program year, falling considerably shy of the 12-household goal.

Continuing projects funded in the current program year:

- Saticoy Sanitary District – Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation: Funds are being

used to provide improvements to the Jose Flores Wastewater Treatment Plant, serving the unincorporated areas of Saticoy. Originally funded in 2020-21, this project received an additional allocation in the current year to help cover rising construction costs as well as to begin funding for a second phase of work. After experiencing a materials-related delay, construction on the first phase should be completed by August or September 2022. A second phase is anticipated to be completed by June 2023.

Continuing projects funded in prior years:

- Many Mansions – Mountain View Apartments: CDBG funds were used in 2019-20 for property acquisition in support of this new development, which will provide 76 units of affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households in the City of Fillmore. The development will include a community room, laundry room, office space and on-site resident manager. At the close of this program year the project had achieved a temporary Certificate of Occupancy (COO). A full COO is expected in September or October 2022.
- Community Economic Development Corporation – Montgomery Oaks Apartments Rehabilitation: Funded in 2019-20, projects will include additional attic insulation, flooring replacement, tree removal, and smaller projects as specifically approved by the County. The Environmental Review was completed in 2020-21. The project will be put to bid in August 2022, with anticipated completion during 2022-23.
- Community Economic Development Corporation – Santa Paulan Apartments Rehabilitation: Originally funded in 2019-20, projects will include installation of ADA accessible security doors and a security camera system, as well as sewer system repairs. The Environmental Review was completed in 2020-21, and a contractor was selected in late 2021-22 for the sewer and security camera system work. Once permits are obtained, construction will commence and is expected to be complete in late 2022. A second RFP will be performed for the ADA security doors and related upgrades, with that work expected to be complete during the 2022-23 program year.
- Fillmore Library Expansion: Although CDBG funds were allocated in 2020-21, construction did not begin until the current program year. Construction is nearing completion, with an anticipated grand reopening scheduled for November 2022.
- Micro Business Development Program: Women’s Economic Ventures assists individuals in developing skills to start a business of their own via their online business and marketing planning courses. Funded in Program Year 2020-21 but unable to expend their full allocation due to pandemic-related challenges, this program was continued into 2021-22. During the year a total of 15 low- to moderate-income residents received full or partial scholarships, assisting 7 small businesses and supporting an additional 10 local jobs.

## HOME

### *Completed Project(s)*

- The goal of Improving the Supply of Affordable Housing was met during the reporting period through the completion of three (3) County HOME-assisted units funded in a previous Action Plan (2019-20). Based in the City of Ventura, Willet Ranch is a 50-unit affordable housing complex for seniors.
- The San Pedro affordable homeowner development project located in the City of Port Hueneme that was funded with 2019-20 funding is anticipated to have residents move in during summer 2022. It includes five constructed homes, one (1) of which is a HOME assisted project. The project was not completed per the definition at 24 CFR §92.2 or closed-out during the program year so its completion will be reported in the 2022-23 CAPER.

### *Projects in Construction*

- People's Place in the City of Santa Paula, an affordable housing development, that was funded during the 2021-22 Action Plan began construction in spring 2022. The project will have seven (7) units of HOME-assisted housing in a 68-unit affordable housing complex. The project has 21 units targeted to serve farmworker households.
- Villages at Westview Phase II located in the City of Ventura, that was funded during the 2018-19 Action Plan also began construction in spring 2022. This project will have five (5) units of HOME-assisted housing in a 50-unit senior affordable housing complex.

### *Projects in Pre-Development*

- In FY 20-21, the County made a preliminary reservations of HOME funding to Fillmore Terrace, a 50-unit affordable housing complex with five (5) County HOME-assisted units for very low-income households. Due to the lengthy nature of affordable housing development, the project was not completed.

All HOME-assisted housing developments further the Regional Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan goals of improving the supply of affordable housing.

## ESG

No ESG funds were awarded in 2021-22.

#### CDBG-CV

Program Year 2021-22 was the second year using these funds, all of which were allocated in 2019-20 to support non-congregate homeless shelter operations and administrative efforts.

- Mercy House – Project Homekey Non-Congregate Shelter Operations: This service provider has not yet expended CDBG-CV funds, as other sources which expire earlier have been sufficient to meet their needs at this time.
- National Health Foundation (NHF) – Project Homekey Non-Congregate Shelter Operations / Recuperative Care: This program began in February 2021, and has successfully provided temporary housing to 77 persons this program year, for a combined total of 129 over the course of its operations. The program was completed and funds expended in 2021-22.
- Program Administration: Administration allowance funds were used for both the administration of NHF's program as well as general administration of the CDBG-CV program, including technical support to subrecipients.