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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-263** 

#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2024 FY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE RELATED SUBRECIPIENT AND HUD GRANT AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, in 1974, the U.S. Congress enacted the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (the "Act"), permitting and providing for the participation of the federal government in a wide range of local housing and community development activities and programs which activities and programs are administrated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of Title I of the Act is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, mainly for persons of low- to moderate-income, this objective to be accomplished by providing financial assistance in the form of block grant funds to state and local governments for the conduct and administration of housing and community development activities and programs as contemplated under the Act; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County, Colorado (the "County") is qualified to participate in the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program as an Urban County for Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has established and appointed members to the Community Development Advisory Board to make funding recommendations for these federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County has solicited applications from non-profits and local governments ("Subrecipients") to carry out CDBG activities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Board has reviewed and ranked the 2024 applications and has prepared thoughtful funding recommendations as attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is required by HUD from all jurisdictions receiving CDBG entitlement funds to outline the annual objectives and activities to be undertaken.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Community Development Advisory Board's funding recommendations, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are hereby approved in substantially the form submitted.

Section 2. The 2024 Annual Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is approved in substantially the form submitted.

Section 3. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the Application for Federal Assistance and accompanying certifications, HUD Grant Agreements and Subrecipient Agreements, as per this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 9th day of July, 2024.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_



The 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Recommendations Packet includes 2024 program year funding recommendations from the CDBG Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) for the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners.

Prepared for

El Paso County Board of County Commissioners

#### Prepared by

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## **Community Development Advisory Board**

#### **Background**

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) is comprised of 12 voting, dedicated community volunteers with representation from all parts of the County. The members are appointed by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and by the participating municipalities. The members' backgrounds are impressive, and many members of CDAB have prior experience in dealing with community development needs.

CDAB was established to review matters of importance regarding El Paso County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDAB's mission is to review funding applications, prioritize each of the proposed programs and projects, ensure compliance with federal regulations, and accomplish the objectives in the County's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This document outlines the 2024 project funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

To accomplish its mission, CDAB held numerous public meetings to review and rank each of the individual programs and projects. Each application was assessed based on its overall consistency and ability to achieve the goals within the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. Additionally, CDAB assessed each application's benefit to low- to moderate-income residents and the amount of supplementary funding and leveraging capabilities. CDAB was also asked to consider the overall benefit or impact on the community and the applicant's experience and capacity.

All applications were reviewed individually within their designated categories and within the Community Development Block Grant program holistically. Public Services, Public Facilities, Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Development are the five main categories in the program. A total of 18 applications were received, and 10 are recommended for funding.

# **2024 Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations**

#### **Public Services**

#### 1. Community Partnership for Childhood Development (CPCD) - Early Childhood Education for **Disadvantaged Children**

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide supportive behavioral health and developmental services for 8 children and their families.

**Proposed Number of Residents Served: 8** 

Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

#### 2. Forge Evolution - Expansion of Behavioral Health Services

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide behavioral health and adjudication services for 60 at-risk teens.

Proposed Number of Residents Served: 60

**Funding Recommendation: \$50,000** 

#### 3. Project Angel Heart - Home-Delivered, Medically Tailored Meals Service

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide free home-delivered meals for 42 foodinsecure eligible residents.

Proposed Number of Residents Served: 42

Funding Recommendation: \$38,641

#### 4. Serenity Recovery Connection – Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide peer recovery support services for 30 eligible substance abuse victims and their families in rural areas.

Proposed Number of Residents Served: 30

Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

#### **Economic Development**

#### 1. Exponential Impact - Survive & Thrive Program

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide education, mentorship, and networking services to create 25 jobs for eligible residents.

Proposed Number of Jobs Created: 25

**Funding Recommendation: \$55,000** 



#### **Public Facilities**

#### 1. Ellicott Open Door Church - ADA Accessible Restroom Renovations

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide ADA-accessibility upgrades to improve the public restroom facilities at Ellicott Open Door Church's Community Center.

Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County

**Funding Recommendation: \$203,500** 

#### Infrastructure

#### 1. City of Fountain - Bonita Drive Sidewalk Improvements (Phase II)

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide additional ADA-accessibility upgrades to improve pre-existing sidewalks in Fountain.

Proposed Service Area: Fountain

**Funding Recommendation: \$148,000** 

#### 2. El Paso County Parks & Community Services - Widefield Community Park ADA (Phase III)

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide additional ADA-accessibility upgrades to improve sidewalk pathways at Widefield Community Park.

Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County

**Funding Recommendation: \$195,000** 

#### 3. Town of Ramah - Street Drainage Improvements

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide drainage and runoff improvements along multiple municipal streets in Ramah.

Proposed Service Area: Ramah

**Funding Recommendation: \$65,000** 

#### Housing

#### 1. Brothers Redevelopment - Home Repair Program

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide emergency and accessibility rehabilitation services for 11 eligible households.

Proposed Number of Households Served: 11

**Funding Recommendation: \$108,956** 



# **Funding Recommendations Summary**

PROJECT CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FUNDED	AMOUNT FUNDED
PUBLIC SERVICES (15% cap)	4	\$138,641
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1	\$55,000
PUBLIC FACILITIES	1	\$203,500
INFRASTRUCTURE	3	\$408,000
HOUSING	1	\$108,956
Sections in the section		

# **Funding Statistics**

18	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
10	ACTIVITIES RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING
56%	OF APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING
\$25,000	SMALLEST GRANT
\$203,500	LARGEST GRANT
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# **2024 Application List**

#### 2024 El Paso County CDBG Applications

Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Rec	quest Amt	Mir	n. Amount	Awar	d Amt
Community Partnership for Childhood Development	Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children	05L Child Care Services	\$	25,000	\$	20,000		
Forge Evolution	Expansion of Behavioral Health Services	05D Youth Services	s	50,000	\$	30,000		
Fountsin Valley Senior Center	Senior Citizen Programming	05E Transportation Services	\$	60,000	\$	20,000		
Pikea Peak United Way	Transportation Connection Services	05E Transportation Services	\$	23,479	\$	20,000		
Project Angel Heart	Home-Defivered, Medically Tailored Meals Service	05Z Other Public Services	\$	38,641	\$	30,000		
Serenity Recovery Connection	Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas	05F Substance Abuse Services	\$	50,000	\$	25,000		
The Place	Street Outreach Program	05D Youth Services	\$	50,000	\$	20,000		
			\$	297.120	\$	165,000	\$	

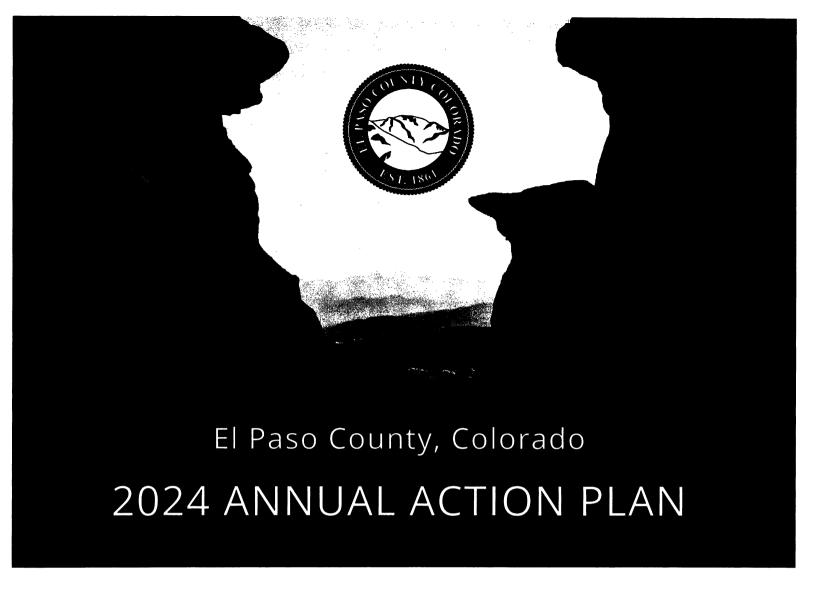
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Req	uest Amt	Min. Amo	unt	Award Am	t
Exponential Impact	Survive & Thrive Program	18B Technical Assistance	\$	55,000	\$ 40	,000		
			\$	56,000	\$ 40	.000	\$ -	

Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Re	quest Amt	Min	. Amount	Award Ar
City of Fountain	Bonita Drive Sidewalk Improvements (Phase II)	03L Sidewalks	\$	148,000	\$	90,000	
I Paso County Parks & Community Services	Widefield Community Park ADA (Phase III)	03L Sidewalks	\$	195,000	\$	175,000	
Ellicott Open Door Church	ADA Accessible Restroom Renovations	03E Neighborhood Facilities	\$	203,500	\$	100,000	
llicott Open Door Church	ADA Accessible Parking	03E Neighborhood Facilities	\$	105,000	\$	32,950	
own of Green Mountain Falls	Urban Trail & ADA Improvements Project	03L Sidewalks	\$	300,000	\$	240,000	
own of Monument	ADA Sidewalk Accessibility (Pastimes Subdevelopment)	03L Sidewalks	\$	254,100	\$	127,000	
own of Ramah	Street Drainage Improvements	03K - Street improvements	\$	65,000	s	30,000	
			\$	1,270,600	•	794.950	•

Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Red	quest Amt	Min	. Amount	Award	Amt
Brothers Redevelopment	Home Repair Program	14A Rehab: Single-Unit Resid.	s	125,000	s	60,000		
			\$	125,000	\$	60,000	\$	-

Estimated Allocation- NOT FWU	U. NUMBERS	(final numbers will come from HUD in	May/June)			Request	D	ifference	Awarded	Re	maining
Allocated to Public Service	\$166,000					\$ 297,120	5	(131,120)		\$	166,000
Allocated to All Other	\$748,097	_				\$ 1,450,600	\$	(702,503)	-	S	748,097
Total Project Budget	\$914,097					\$ 1,747,720	\$	(833,623)		5	914,097
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Ineligible Applicants: Bring It Home, Inc. (PS year of rest) Upwards (WeeCare, Inc.)



The 2024 Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive strategic plan to support the goals of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administration for the 2024 program year.

#### Prepared for

United States Department of Housing & Urban Development El Paso County, Colorado Residents

#### Prepared by

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### **Executive Summary**

#### AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.22(b)

#### 1. Introduction

Since 1974, the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has provided a flexible source of annual funding to communities nationwide. The CDBG program offers local governments, in conjunction with citizen participation, the opportunity to address a wide range of unique community development needs. An Annual Action Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from all jurisdictions receiving Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). El Paso County is submitting its 2024 Annual Action Plan as the third Annual Action Plan of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan was developed in accordance with HUD guidelines 91.220. This document addresses the general issues relating to citizen involvement and planning necessary to address community needs. The Action Plan also includes information on the anticipated \$1,113,333 in CDBG funds allocated for the 2024 program year, which runs from April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025, as well as an additional \$23,430 which will be pulled from prior year resources.

Additionally in 2024, 2020 CDBG-CV funds will be reallocated from El Paso County's discretionary budget to Tri-Lakes Cares in the amount of \$70,515. These additional CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds will be utilized to meet a residual/present need within Tri-Lakes Cares' Utility and Rental Assistance program which is an activity that was identified in the FY20 Annual Action Plan.

The CDBG activities, which are outlined in this plan, strictly adhere to the three main national objectives established by HUD. Those objectives include:

- Activities principally benefitting low- and moderate-income residents
- Aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- · Meeting an urgent community need

All activities in this Plan are based on defined priorities and quantified by level of need. By addressing these priorities, the County hopes to meet the local objectives stated in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. Additionally, El Paso County's CDBG goals are consistent with the federal CDBG goals and the County's Strategic Plan. The County's CDBG goals aim to develop viable communities by ensuring a range of affordable housing choices, supporting essential services, strengthening the local economy, and mobilizing community resources to enhance collaboration and community partnerships. Additionally, the County's CDBG program aims to provide effective and efficient planning and program administration.

The approach that the County will take in meeting its goals is not singular, rather it is a comprehensive and holistic approach that realizes that all housing, community, and economic development elements are interconnected. Meeting the needs of the community must be addressed holistically in efforts to create a vibrant community, a vigorous economy, and a healthy environment. This document, along with the Consolidated Plan, will assist the County in completing its CDBG programmatic goals. Specifics about the County's strategies and goals are noted throughout this Plan.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

After much analysis leading to the creation of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, the following ten high priority needs with accompanying goals and strategies were developed:

 H1: Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities

- Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to annually fund activities related to transportation accessibility which will serve to strengthen regional collaboration and transportation connections that increase access to opportunity
- H2: Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices
   Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to annually fund activities that rehabilitate income-eligible, owner-occupied housing and publicly supported housing to increase the number of accessible units
- H3: Increase fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement
   Strategy: El Paso County CDBG staff will regionally coordinate semi-annual fair housing outreach and educational opportunities
- HM1: Assist in ensuring that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring
   Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to fund activities that assist eligible residents who are experiencing homelessness
- SN1: Help special needs residents obtain housing and remain housed while living independently as they choose
   Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to fund activities that assist special needs residents with housing needs
- SN2: Reduce accessibility barriers (ADA compliance)
  - Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to fund activities that reduce accessibility barriers and assist with ADA compliance
- SN3: Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations

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  - Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations
- CD1: Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenities
   Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to improve infrastructure which fosters accessible and livable neighborhoods and improves access to public amenities
- CD2: Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and specials needs populations
  - Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and special needs populations
- CD3: Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents
   Strategy: Utilize CDBG allocation to expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

In evaluating past performance, CDBG program staff were able to determine the following:

- Subrecipients of infrastructure activity dollars were generally pleased with the results and sought funding again in subsequent years, although rural projects typically struggle to attract a variety of contractors during the open RFP process.
- Subrecipients of public facility activity dollars were generally pleased with the results but rarely seek similar
  funding in subsequent years. This is because many public facility projects have been focused on ADA compliance
  and no longer require additional funds once the public facility has become ADA compliant.
- The Public Service allocation cap restricts many potential applicants yet remains El Paso County's most popular
  category for applications received. Subrecipients of the public service activity dollars were generally pleased with
  the results, but some subrecipients find the requirements of federal funding to be too onerous, specifically
  clientele tracking and activities related to homelessness.
- CDBG subrecipients continue to praise our program for providing extensive technical assistance and frequent
  public meetings, including one-on-one consultation meetings with agencies and in-person training opportunities.
  Additionally, Community Outreach initiatives have proven successful within underserved areas of El Paso County.
  This external-focused approach allows our program to be easily accessible and readily open to public feedback
  and collaborative opportunities with community stakeholders.

Feedback from subrecipients has helped the El Paso County CDBG program develop a deeper understanding of which projects are the most mutually beneficial for all parties involved. After extensive community outreach efforts and in conjunction with evaluation of past program years, community needs, and goals met, it was determined that three main areas of focus needed to continue: housing goals and priorities, homelessness and special needs goals and priorities, and community development needs goals and priorities. Particular attention was given to creating tangible,



measurable strategies to attain goals in these three main areas—with a lens of ensuring equitable rural development was also considered.

#### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The 2024 Annual Action Plan is a result of comprehensive public outreach efforts. These efforts include Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) meetings, citizen participation meetings, solicitation of funding proposals from throughout El Paso County, and a public review of the Annual Action Plan, with a 30-day comment period. In addition, the County consulted with staff of the participating jurisdictions, as well as various local agencies and organizations to discuss program priorities, available funding, and the proposal process. The following groups and organizations summarized below participated in the development of the Annual Action Plan and are involved in various aspects of the CDBG program.

- The Public: To make the program as responsive as possible to local community needs, the public was encouraged to participate in all phases of program and Plan development.
- Participating Jurisdictions, Various Non-Profits, and Service Organizations: These groups were fundamental in determining the needs of the community. Their participation in the development of the Plan was essential and beneficial. Public Outreach events, promoting housing and community development, were also hosted in outlying communities.
- Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB): CDAB was established as a volunteer community board to make
  recommendations on matters pertaining to the CDBG program, such as community needs, issues, and fund
  allocations. The board was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and is composed of one member
  from each of the participating jurisdictions and one member chosen from each Commissioner District (12 members
  total). CDAB is a dedicated, hard-working volunteer group and an integral part of the program.
- El Paso County Economic Development Department (CDBG Staff): The El Paso County Economic Development Department is the lead agency and administers the County's CDBG program.
- El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC): The County is the recipient of CDBG funds and, as such, is responsible for program administration and the use of funds. The BoCC has the final approval for the CDBG plans and makes final decisions on funding allocations.

In addition to standard publications and consultations as delineated in our Citizen Participation Plan (in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan), the El Paso County CDBG program has taken advantage of our website to increase outreach. The El Paso County CDBG webpage continually undergoes staff improvements to create a streamlined, efficient experience for the user. The first page that is automatically displayed when the user reaches the CDBG pages pertains to public notices, public comment periods, and upcoming public meetings. The website was intentionally redesigned to ensure visitors are immediately informed of any participation opportunities coming up or currently in progress.

Another way in which El Paso County has increased participation outreach is with the use of Constant Contact email campaigns. These email campaigns utilize one-page flyers created within Canva, giving notice of different CDBG events to County constituents and stakeholders. These email flyers provide all participants with easily accessible ways to be involved in the CDBG process.

#### 5. Summary of public comments

Please see Appendix B for a full record of public comments received during the Annual Action Plan open comment period.

# 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them No comments were refused.

#### 7. Summary

Efforts to educate citizens and empower their participation were a continuous part of the planning process.

Opportunities to comment on and participate in the creation of this plan were provided throughout the County. The

following public notification, outreach efforts, and opportunities for citizen involvement were employed during the process:

- All public notices were published in newspapers of general circulation prior to all public hearings and other meetings. These notices were also made available online in advance. Additionally, coordinated email campaigns were distributed to community partners, constituents as well as past subrecipients about upcoming public events.
- Handouts were created which gave general information on the CDBG program, the planning process, opportunities
  for participation, and available funding. Interested parties were able to utilize the handouts to request further
  information and notification on CDBG activities. The handouts were available at each public meeting and online
  during public comment periods. Additionally, the Plan was shared with all available municipalities, to encourage
  localized citizen participation.
- Our Annual Action Plan and associated materials were arranged in a display in the main lobby of the El Paso County Economic Development Department, located at 9 E Vermijo Ave. See Appendix A for additional examples.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency		
Lead Agency	El Paso County, CO			
CDBG Administrator	El Paso County, CO	Economic Development		

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

#### **Narrative (optional)**

El Paso County's Economic Development Department is the CDBG Administrator for this program. Contact information is listed below:

#### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

Any residents or agencies interested in learning more about our Consolidated Plan have access to the plan online at www.elpasoco.com and in person at our office located in downtown Colorado Springs at 9 E Vermijo Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Note this location is open during normal business hours, five days a week, is ADA-accessible, and open to the public.

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#### AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### 1. Introduction

The County, through its Economic Development Department and CDBG staff, will act as the lead agency for the El Paso County CDBG program and for the development of the 2024 Annual Action Plan. El Paso County's housing and community development strategies are only feasible through the variety of public, private, and nonprofit organizations that work collaboratively in our region. Throughout the Annual Action Plan, lists of actual and potential partners for the CDBG program are mentioned as they play key roles in delivering and managing housing and community development programs throughout the County.

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

As the lead agency, the administration of the CDBG program is performed by the El Paso County Economic Development Department. The program is administered with other local governments, nonprofit agencies, and both public and private entities. This department also provides technical assistance to nonprofits and other local governments that receive CDBG funds from the County. The County is dedicated to taking the appropriate steps, within HUD guidelines, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and requirements. All public and assisted housing providers, governmental health, mental health, and service nonprofit agencies are invited to participate in our annual action planning process and apply for funding on an annual basis. Not all organizations choose to participate, which may be due in part to the fifteen percent cap on public services. Insights and consultations with these organizations are described in detail later in AP-10.

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

Randi Davis, Housing Analyst at the El Paso County Economic Development Department, serves on the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care board. As a member, she works to create the 3-year Strategic Plan to make homelessness in our community rare, brief, and nonrecurring. This community-wide group meets monthly to review goals and objectives and to create a flexible fund that leverages existing funding sources, such as CDBG. This support can be crucial to nonprofit agencies as they build their programs and services.

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

Currently, El Paso County does not receive ESG funds. With Economic Development staff on our local COC Board, we are quickly able to see any issues with the funding and operation of the HMIS system. Staff can provide technical assistance and support if necessary.



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

		ing, social service agencies and other entities
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Ascending to Health Respite Care Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
		Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Venita Pine with Ascending to Health attended our
	consulted. What are the anticipated	public meeting on January 18, 2024. We hope that continued invitations to
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	for improved coordination?	agencies.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Bring It Home, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this
	consulted. What are the anticipated	invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective
	for improved coordination?	agencies.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Brothers Redevelopment Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	, regensy, croup, organization type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
		Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	-	Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Kathyrn McMichael with Brothers Redevelopment
	Agency/Group/Organization was	did express appreciation for the information. We hope that continued
	consulted. What are the anticipated	invitation to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	agencies.
	for improved coordination?	
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Calhan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
		PHA Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
		This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Briefly describe how the	sent out in a mass email. The Calhan Housing Authority and El Paso County
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated	CDBG program continue to enjoy a strong working relationship.
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	
	for improved coordination?	Center for Employment Opportunities Inc
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education
		Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was	Economic Development
	addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	auuresseu by Consultation:	· ····       - · · · · · · · · · · · ·

	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Baz Nixon with CEO attended a first-time applicant
	consulted. What are the anticipated	1:1 on January 24, 2024, as well as our public meeting on January 18, 2024.
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	for improved coordination?	
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Colorado Springs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
1	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
		Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
Ì		Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact
	Agency/Group/Organization was	information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community
	consulted. What are the anticipated	development. Additionally, we meet several times a year to discuss
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research
	for improved coordination?	we have found.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	The City of Fountain
'	Agency/Group/Organization Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources
		Agency - Emergency Management
		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Carl Spengler with the City of Fountain did express
	consulted. What are the anticipated	appreciation for the information. We hope that continued invitation to
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our agencies
	for improved coordination?	
8	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Manitou Springs
"	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	Agency Group Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
		Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
		Agency - Emergency Management
		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact
	Agency/Group/Organization was	information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community
	consulted. What are the anticipated	development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research
	for improved coordination?	we have found. The last such meeting occurred on November 28, 2023, to
		determine viability of their application for 2024.  CDAB- Community Development Advisory Board
9	Agency/Group/Organization	
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Volunteer Board

	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
		Public Housing Needs
	addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Emolically Homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
1		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Market Analysis
1		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
İ	Briefly describe how the	The Community Development Advisory Board is the all-volunteer board that
	Agency/Group/Organization was	reviews and recommends CDBG applications to the Board of County
	consulted. What are the anticipated	Commissioners for final approval. The volunteers reviewed the 2024
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	program year applications in February and March of 2024. Their
	for improved coordination?	recommendations are included in the Annual Action Plan and were brought
	ior improved coordination:	to the Board of County Commissioners during a regularly scheduled meeting
		for approval.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CPCD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
		Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Amanda Rogers with CPCD took advantage of this
	consulted. What are the anticipated	invitation to view materials online, as well as participate in the January 18,
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	2024, webinar. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster
Ì	for improved coordination?	a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	EL PASO COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
ŀ		Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
		Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
ļ		Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas
		Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources
		Agency - Emergency Management
		Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was	Resilience/Emergency management/Broadband
	addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the	Consultation with El Paso County Public Works, Community Services,
	Agency/Group/Organization was	Emergency Management, and Public Health departments is ongoing for our
	consulted. What are the anticipated	program as we stay in communication regarding floodplain/wetland issues
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	and major improvements to public lands and natural resources. Greg
	for improved coordination?	Stachon with the Community Services Department asked for consultation
	•	multiple times, as well as attended our January 18, 2024, public meeting. El
		Paso County has also developed a regional emergency management system that continues to grow and respond proactively to potential threats. Our
		program also had the opportunity to review the Pikes Peak Regional
		Emergency Management Plan.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	El Paso County Economic Development
'-	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
L	Agency/Group/Organization rype	Outer government - county

	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
		Public Housing Needs
	addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
İ		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
1		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
1		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
1		HOPWA Strategy
İ	·	Market Analysis
1		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	El Paso County's Economic Development Department is responsible for the
	Agency/Group/Organization was	administration of the entitlement funding from HUD for the CDBG program.
	consulted. What are the anticipated	As such this office is heavily involved and consulted during all plan
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	preparations.
1	for improved coordination?	
13	Agency/Group/Organization	El Paso County Housing Authority
'-	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	Tigettey/ Croup/ Crigatillation Type	Service-Fair Housing
ŀ	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	dual cooca by consultation.	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
}		Market Analysis
ļ		Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the	The El Paso County Housing Authority was consulted several times during
	Agency/Group/Organization was	the preparation of the 2024 Annual Action Plan. While the Authority remains
	consulted. What are the anticipated	focused on providing access to homeownership through the Turnkey
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	Program, the CDBG program will remain committed to maintaining already
	for improved coordination?	existing homeownership and assisting senior residents with aging in place.
	•	Randi Davis, staff liaison to the Housing Authority, also attended the 2024 Annual Action Plan public meetings.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Exponential Impact
14		Services-Education
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was	Economic Development
	addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	1	sent out in a mass email. Rachael Maxell with XI attended our public meeting
	Agency/Group/Organization was	on January 18, 2024. We hope that continued invitations to participate will
	consulted. What are the anticipated	bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	O 1
	for improved coordination?	
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Forge Evolution
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
		Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Morgan Mote with FE attended our public meeting
	consulted. What are the anticipated	on January 18, 2024. We hope that continued invitations to participate will
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	for improved coordination?	
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Fountain Valley Senior Center
10	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	Agency/Group/Organizacion Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	addressed by Consultation:	Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Mark Bowers with the FVSC requested consultation
	consulted. What are the anticipated	on their 2024 application on multiple occasions. We hope that continued
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our
	for improved coordination?	respective agencies.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Goodwill Industries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was	Homelessness Strategy
	addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	•	Market Analysis
		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Jessica Jenkins & Kirstin Howley with Goodwill of CO attended a first-time applicant 1:1 on January 5, 2024, as well as our
	consulted. What are the anticipated	public meeting on January 18, 2024. We hope that continued invitations to
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective
	for improved coordination?	agencies.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. We hope that continued invitation to participate
	consulted. What are the anticipated	will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	
	for improved coordination?	
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Palmer Lake
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
		Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. We hope that continued invitations to participate
	consulted. What are the anticipated	will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	
	for improved coordination?	
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
1	· · ·	Services-Persons with Disabilities

	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	audressed by Consultation:	Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Economic
	Agency/Group/Organization was	Development staff reached out to PPACG about Fair Housing resources
	consulted. What are the anticipated	specifically for the local senior population. They provided several Yellow
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	Books for Seniors. We hope that continued invitations to participate will
	for improved coordination?	bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Pikes Peak Housing Network
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
		Services-Persons with Disabilities
		Service-Fair Housing
İ	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
1	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Economic
	Agency/Group/Organization was	Development staff attend monthly meetings for the Network to hear
	consulted. What are the anticipated	specifically about workforce housing initiatives. We hope continued participation will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective
1	outcomes of the consultation or areas	agencies.
	for improved coordination?	agencies.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Pikes Peak United Way
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	i.	Services-Education
		Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was	Homelessness Strategy
	addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Driefly describe how the	Anti-poverty Strategy  This approximate in public most in all mubble m
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Amy Husted with PPUW was consulted multiple
	Agency/Group/Organization was	times on their areas of funding eligibility. We hope that continued invitations
	consulted. What are the anticipated	to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective
1	outcomes of the consultation or areas	agencies.
	for improved coordination?	Drainet Appel Hourt
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Project Angel Heart
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was	Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
	addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Nic Soucy with PAH attended a first-time applicant
	consulted. What are the anticipated	1:1 on January 4, 2024, as well as our public meeting on January 18, 2024. We
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger
	for improved coordination?	partnership between our respective agencies.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Serenity Recovery Connection
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
		Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	•	Economic Development
1		Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were			
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Trudy Hodges with SRC attended a 1:1 meeting on			
	consulted. What are the anticipated	February 9, 2024, as well as our public meeting on January 18, 2024. We			
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger			
	for improved coordination?	partnership between our respective agencies.			
27	Agency/Group/Organization	The Place			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities			
		Child Welfare Agency			
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment			
	addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs			
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were			
1	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this			
	consulted. What are the anticipated	invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitation to			
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective			
	for improved coordination?	agencies.			
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Calhan			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local			
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment			
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs			
		Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless			
		Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans			
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth			
		Homelessness Strategy			
		Market Analysis			
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were			
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. Marna Booker with Ellicott/Calhan attended a 1:1			
	consulted. What are the anticipated	meeting on January 8, 2024, as well as our public meeting on January 18,			
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	2024 We have that continued invitations to participate will helptor a			
	for improved coordination?	stronger partnership between our respective agencies.			
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Green Mountain Falls			
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local			
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment			
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs			
	•	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless			
		Homeless Needs - Families with children			
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans			
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy			
		Market Analysis			
	Briefly describe how the	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact			
	Agency/Group/Organization was	information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community			
	consulted. What are the anticipated	development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss			
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research			
	for improved coordination?	we have found. The last such meeting occurred on February 7, 2024, to			
30	•	determine viability of their application for 2024.  Town of Monument			
30	Agency/Group/Organization Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local			
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment			
		Public Housing Needs			
	addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless			
		Homeless Needs - Families with children			
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans			
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth			
لــــا		Market Analysis			

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research we have found.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Ramah
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
		Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
		Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact
	Agency/Group/Organization was	information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community
	consulted. What are the anticipated	development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research
	for improved coordination?	we have found.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Tri-Lakes Cares
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
		Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was	Housing Need Assessment
	addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were
	Agency/Group/Organization was	sent out in a mass email. We hope that continued invitations to participate
	consulted. What are the anticipated	will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
	outcomes of the consultation or areas	
	for improved coordination?	

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All agencies within the Pikes Peak region were welcome to comment and submit a suggestion, and no organizations were categorically or singularly excluded. If an agency did not participate, it was of their own volition and not through any selective exclusion.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Community Health Partnership	Both agencies seek to end homelessness in the Pikes Peak region. Shared tactics include the support of the rapid transition from unsheltered to permanent supportive housing, as well as preventative measures to act as safety nets for persons at high risk of entering homelessness for the first time or returning to it.
Pikes Peak Regional Emergency Management Plan	Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management	The PPROEM plan covers a variety of environmental, chemical, and other hazards and the plans associated with potential emergencies in the area. The PPROEM goal to develop a resilient community overlaps with our program's goals to build resilient, self-sufficient communities.

Table 3 – Other local/regional/federal planning efforts

#### Narrative (optional)



#### **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

#### 1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

For the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, the El Paso County CDBG program has continued to build upon grassroots efforts to encourage community engagement and involvement. The additions of hybrid meetings and multi-media outreach have resulted in increased participation and community involvement as seen through attendance at events and public comments submitted. Please note that proofs of publication, agendas, website printouts, and copies of emails are attached in the citizen participation section of the appendix.

**Citizen Participation Outreach** 

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response / attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	An email was sent to community partners on December 15, 2023, and January 29, 2024, reminding potential applicants about the 2024 CDBG open application cycle and how to submit an application between January 2 and February 2. Between 230 and 360 individuals received each email.	No comments received	No comments refused
2	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	Public webinars were held on January 18 to provide assistance to any potential CDBG applicants. 6 individuals attended.	No comments received	No comments refused
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non- targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	On February 6, the Fair Housing event notice was published via El Paso County's internal and external channels, posted on our website, and distributed via email to inform the public about the event and provide housing and CDBG-specific resources. 414 individuals received the email.	No comments received	No comments refused
4	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	The Community Development Advisory Board met on February 21, March 20, and April 17 to review all CDBG applications, hear any potential public comments, and provide recommendations for funding. All CDAB meetings were publicly posted ahead of time, and agendas and meeting minutes were made public afterwards. 11 CDAB members attended, in addition to EPC staff liaisons.	No comments received	No comments refused
5	Public Meeting	Minorities Non- targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	On February 27, EPCED partnered with the Southeast Sand Creek Library and Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. to host to the Fair Housing event, providing education and resources related to housing and community outreach in alignment with the goals of our Annual Action Plan. 14 individuals attended the event.	No comments received	No comments refused
6	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	A public notice was published in the Gazette and shared with neighboring municipality partners on February 28, notifying the public of the upcoming Annual Action Plan public hearing dates and times. The notice was published in both English and Spanish.	No comments received	No comments refused

		Non- targeted/broad community			
7	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	A public notice was published on the El Paso County CDBG website and distributed via email to community partners on February 28, notifying the public of the upcoming Annual Action Plan public hearing dates and times. 426 individuals received the email.	No comments received	No comments refused
8	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broad community	Two public hearings were held on March 15 for community members to learn about the Annual Action Plan goals and provide insights into community priorities. These meetings were hybrid (virtual and in-person) to provide accommodations to individuals with disabilities and those in need of translation services. Due to weather, these hearings shifted to virtual only.	No comments received	No comments refused
9	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non- targeted/broad community	A public notice was published in the Gazette and shared with neighboring municipality partners on March 27, notifying the public of the upcoming Annual Action Plan public hearing dates and times. The notice was published in both English and Spanish.	No comments received	No comments refused
10	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	A public notice was published on the El Paso County CDBG website on March 22 and distributed via email to community partners on March 28, notifying the public of the upcoming Annual Action Plan public hearing dates and times. 433 individuals received the email.	No comments received	No comments refused
11	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non- targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	On April 1, the Fair Housing event notice was published via El Paso County's internal and external channels, posted on our website, and distributed via email to inform the public about the event and provide housing and CDBG-specific resources. 438 individuals received the email.	No comments received	No comments refused
12	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broad community	Two public hearings were held on April 15 for community members to learn about the Annual Action Plan goals and provide insights into community priorities. These meetings were hybrid (virtual and in-person) to provide accommodations to individuals with disabilities and those in need of translation services.	No comments received	No comments refused
13	Public Meeting	Minorities Non- targeted/broad community	On April 22, EPCED partnered with the Hanover Community Center and Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. to host to the Fair Housing event, providing education and resources related to housing and	No comments received	No comments refused

		Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	community outreach in alignment with the goals of our Annual Action Plan. 15 individuals attended the event.		
14	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non- targeted/broad community	A public notice was published in the Gazette and shared with neighboring municipality partners on May 1, notifying the public of the upcoming Annual Action Plan public hearing dates and times, as well as the open comment periods for the 2023 CAPER and 2024 AAP. The notice was published in both English and Spanish.	No comments received	No comments refused
15	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	A public notice was published on the El Paso County CDBG website and distributed via email to community partners on May 1, notifying the public of the upcoming Annual Action Plan public hearing dates and times, as well as the open comment periods for the 2023 CAPER and 2024 AAP. 449 individuals received the email.	No comments received	No comments refused
16	Public Comment Period	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The public comment periods for the 2023 CAPER and the 2024 AAP were widely distributed via email, website, and newspaper ad to ensure accessibility and accommodations for any public member wishing to submit a comment. Comments were collected virtually and in-person. The CAPER open comment period was from May 8 to May 24, and the AAP open comment period was from May 8 to June 7. 1 comment was received for the CAPER. No comments were received for the AAP.	No comments received	No comments refused
17	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non- targeted/broad community	Two public hearings were held on May 17 for community members to learn about the 2024 Annual Action Plan, recommendations for CDBG funding, and to provide public comments. These meetings were hybrid (virtual and in-person) to provide accommodations to individuals with disabilities and those in need of translation services. 2 individuals attended these hearings. No comments received for the AAP.	No comments received	No comments refused
18	Board of County Commission ers Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	The El Paso County Board of County Commissioners met on July 9 to formally approve the submission of the 2024 Annual Action Plan via Resolution TBD.	No comments received - TBD	No comments refused

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## **Expected Resources**

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

#### Introduction

CDBG funds are a primary funding source for El Paso County's housing, community, and economic development needs throughout the County. This grant will be used to address the priority needs, goals, and objectives outlined in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The funds support activities consistent with the National Objectives for the CDBG program, as established by HUD. No program income is anticipated to be created from prior year projects.

**Anticipated Resources** 

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amour	Expected	Narrative		
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,113,333	0	93,945	1,207,278	2,226,666	This is the third year of our 2022- 2026 Consolidated Plan.

Table 1 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

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

The CDBG allocation on its own will not be able to address all the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. It is important to leverage both financial and intellectual resources to accomplish the goals of the program. In addition to utilizing the sources mentioned above, the County will take prudent actions to assist other agencies and organizations in applying for all available funds and leveraging other resources to implement the strategies and programs. Also, while there is no Federal match requirement for the CDBG program, the County will find more weight in applications that do propose to match funds. Smaller applicants who do not have the financial resources necessary to provide match funding will often provide in-kind services through the donation of staff time, equipment, or leftover resources from other projects.

# If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan Not applicable.

#### **Discussion**

The County will take financially prudent actions to assist other agencies and organizations in applying for all available funds and leveraging other resources to implement the strategies and programs. Also, while there is no federal match requirement for the CDBG program, the County will find more weight in applications that do propose to match funds. For the 2024 program year, \$1,113,333 will be allocated to our program from HUD. An additional \$23,430 will be pulled from prior year resources as a result of projects coming in under budget or being canceled. Together, the total budget for the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program Year will be \$1,136,763. Additionally in 2024, 2020 CDBG-CV funds will be reallocated from El Paso County's discretionary budget to Tri-Lakes Cares in the amount of \$70,515. These additional CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds will be utilized to meet a residual/present need within Tri-Lakes Cares' Utility and Rental Assistance program which is an activity that was identified in the FY20 Annual Action Plan.

# **Annual Goals and Objectives**

# **AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives**

#### **Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing 1 Goal	2022	2026	Affordable Housing		H1 Transportation Needs		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
2	Housing 2 Goal	2022	2026	Affordable Housing		H2 Housing Rehabilitation Needs		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
3	Housing 3 Goal	2022	2026	Affordable Housing		H3 Fair Housing Education Needs		Other: 2 Other
4	Homelessness 1 Goal	2022	2026	Homeless		HM1 Homelessness Need		Homelessness Prevention: 100 Persons Assisted
5	Special Needs 1 Goal	2022	2026	Non- Homeless Special Needs		SN1 Special Needs (Housing)		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
6	Special Needs 2 Goal	2022	2026	Non- Homeless Special Needs		SN2 Special Needs (ADA)		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
7	Special Needs 3 Goal	2022	2026	Non- Homeless Special Needs		SN3 Special Needs (Special Needs Populations)		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
8	Community Development 1 Goal	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development		CD1 Improve Infrastructure		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
9	Community Development 2 Goal	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development		CD2 Improve Facilities		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
10	Community Development 3 Goal	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development		CD3 Expand Economic Opportunities		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40 Persons Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

#### **Goal Descriptions**

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1	Goal Name	Housing 1 Goal			
	Goal Description	No applications were received in support of this goal.			
	Goal Name	Housing 2 Goal			
2	Goal Description	Brothers Redevelopment – Home Repair Program intends to provide emergency and accessibility rehabilitation services to 11 eligible households within El Paso County.			
,	Goal Name	Housing 3 Goal			
3	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal is internally tracked; no applications were received in support of this goal.			
4	Goal Name Homelessness 1 Goal				
4	<b>Goal Description</b>	No applications were received in support of this goal.			
_	Goal Name	Special Needs 1 Goal			
5	<b>Goal Description</b>	No applications were received in support of this goal.			
	Goal Name	Special Needs 2 Goal			
6	Goal Description	No applications were received in support of this goal.			
	Goal Name	Special Needs 3 Goal			
7	Goal Description	Community Partnership for Childhood Development (CPCD) - Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children program intends to provide supportive behavioral health and developmental services for 8 clients and their families.  Forge Evolution (FE) – Expansion of Behavioral Health Services program intends to provide adjudication services to 60 eligible, at-risk individuals.  Project Angel Heart (PAH) - Home-Delivered, Medically Tailored Meals service intends to provide free home-delivered meals to 42 eligible/food-insecure residents.  Serenity Recovery Connection (SRC) - Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas program intends to provide peer recovery support services to 30 rural EPC residents and families who are victims of addiction and substance abuse.			
	Goal Name	Community Development 1 Goal			
8 Goal Description		City of Fountain - Bonita Drive Sidewalk Improvements (Phase II) project intends to improve ADA-sidewalk accessibility, removing barriers, while providing 1,400 LMI individuals with greater access. El Paso County Parks & Community Services – Widefield Community Park ADA (Phase III) project intends to create additional ADA sidewalk pathways and provide greater accessibility for 825 LMI individuals.  Town of Ramah – Street Drainage Improvements project intends to utilize CDBG funds to provide street drainage improvements throughout the municipality, benefiting 70 individuals.			
	Goal Name	Community Development 2 Goal			
9	Goal Description	Ellicott Open Door Church - ADA Accessible Restroom Renovations project intends to improve ADA-restroom accessibility, removing barriers, while providing 1,248 LMI individuals with greater access to their community center.			
	Goal Name	Community Development 3 Goal			
10	Goal Description	Exponential Impact - Survive & Thrive Program intends to create 25 LMJs through small-business owner mentorship, education, training, community network and capital campaign programming.			

## **Projects**

#### **AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)**

#### Introduction

The 2024 program year is the third year that the El Paso County CDBG program selected projects under the guidance of the 2022-2026 El Paso County Consolidated Plan. All ten projects selected for the 2022-2026 program years meet at least one of ten goals listed in the Consolidated Plan and address the associated priority need.

- Community Partnership for Childhood Development (CPCD): Initial request \$25,000. Allocation \$25,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 8 LMC will be served in Unincorporated EPC.
- Forge Evolution (FE): Initial request \$50,000. Allocation \$50,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 60 LMC will be served in Unincorporated EPC, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, and Monument.
- Project Angel Heart (PAH): Initial request \$38,641. Allocation \$38,641, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 42 persons will be served in Fountain, Manitou Springs, Calhan, and Monument.
- Serenity Recover Connection (SRC): Initial request \$50,000. Allocation \$25,000, 50% of requested amount. Approx. 30 persons will be served in Fountain, Calhan, and Ramah.
- Exponential Impact (XI): Initial request \$55,000. Allocation \$55,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 25 LMJ clients will be served in Unincorporated EPC, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Ramah, and Monument.
- City of Fountain: Initial request \$148,000. Allocation \$148,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 1,400 persons will be served in Fountain.
- El Paso County Parks and Community Services: Initial request \$195,000. Allocation \$195,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 825 persons will be served in Unincorporated EPC.
- Ellicott Open Door Church: Initial request \$203,500. Allocation \$203,500, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 1,248 persons will be served in Unincorporated EPC.
- Town of Ramah: Initial request \$65,000. Allocation \$65,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 70 persons will be served in Ramah.
- Brothers Redevelopment: Initial request \$125,000. Allocation \$108,956, 87% of requested amount. Approx. 11 LMH clients will be served in Unincorporated EPC, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Ramah, and Monument.



#### **Projects**

#	Project Name			
1	2024 PY: Public Services			
2	2024 PY: Public Facilities			
3	2024 PY: Housing			
4	2024 PY: Public Infrastructure			
5	5 2024 PY: Economic Development			
6	2024 PY: Administration			

Table 3 – Project Information

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

The County will take prudential action to assist other agencies and organizations in applying for all available funds and leveraging other resources to implement the strategies and programs. While there are no federal match requirements for the CDBG program, the County will find more weight in applications that do propose to match CDBG funds. For the 2024 program year, \$1,136,763 was allocated to our program from HUD.

A frequent obstacle to addressing underserved needs is a lack of applicants willing to apply for federal funding. Prospective applicants have echoed similar concerns regarding hesitation to undertake federal funds that require them to restructure client intake processes and implement extensive documentation and reporting requirements. As a result, some eligible agencies choose not to submit applications. Additionally, agencies that meet underserved needs will often seek non-federal sources as their first choice, only utilizing federal funds as a last resort. For this reason, our program continues to offer extensive technical assistance to reduce the administrative burden of the funding, as well as seek out new agencies of CDBG applicability.

# **AP-38 Project Summary**

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1	Project Name	2024 PY: Public Services	
	Target Area		
	Goals Supported	Special Needs 3 Goal SN3 Special Needs (Special Needs Populations)	
	Needs Addressed		
	Funding	CDBG: \$138,641	
	Description	Public Service Projects	
	Target Date	12/31/2025	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	140 persons	
	Location Description	Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Calhan, Ramah, Palmer Lake, Monument, and Manitou Springs	
	Planned Activities	Community Partnership for Childhood Development (CPCD) - Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children HUD Matrix Code: 05L Child Care Services Projected Allocated Funds: \$25,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 8 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County  Forge Evolution - Expansion of Behavioral Health Services Projected Allocated Funds: \$50,000 HUD Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services Households/Persons Assisted: 60 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Monument  Project Angel Heart - Home-Delivered, Medically Tailored Meals Service HUD Matrix Code: 05Z Other Public Services Projected Allocated Funds: \$38,641 Households/Persons Assisted: 42 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Monument  Serenity Recovery Connection - Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas HUD Matrix Code: 05F Substance Abuse Services Projected Allocated Funds: \$25,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 30 clients Service Areas: Fountain, Calhan, Ramah	

2	Project Name	2024 PY: Public Facilities	
	Target Area		
	Goals Supported	Community Development 2 Goal	
	Needs Addressed	CD2 Improve Facilities	
	Funding	CDBG: \$203,500	
	Description	Public Facilities Improvements	
	Target Date	12/31/2025	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,248 persons	
	Location Description	Unincorporated El Paso County	
	Planned Activities	Ellicott Open Door Church – ADA Accessible Restroom Renovations HUD Matrix Code: 03E Neighborhood Facilities Projected Allocated Funds: \$203,500 Households/Persons Assisted: 1,248 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County	
3	Project Name	2024 PY: Housing	
	Target Area		
	Goals Supported	Housing 2 Goal	
	Needs Addressed	H2 Housing Rehabilitation Needs	
	Funding	CDBG: \$108,956	
	Description	Housing Projects	
<b>Target Date</b> 12/31/2025		12/31/2025	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	11 households	
	Location Description	Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Ramah, Monument	
	Planned Activities	Brothers Redevelopment – Home Repair Program HUD Matrix Code: 14A Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential Projected Allocated Funds: \$108,956 Households/Persons Assisted: 11 households Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Ramah, Monument	

4	Project Name	2024 PY: Public Infrastructure	
	Target Area		
	Goals Supported	Community Development 1 Goal	
	Needs Addressed	CD1 Improve Infrastructure	
	Funding	CDBG: \$408,000	
	Description	Public Infrastructure Projects	
	Target Date	12/31/2025	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,295 persons	
	Location Description	Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Ramah	
	Planned Activities	City of Fountain - Bonita Drive Sidewalk Improvements (Phase II) HUD Matrix Code: 03L Sidewalks Projected Allocated Funds: \$148,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 1,400 clients Service Areas: Fountain  El Paso County Parks and Community Services - Widefield Community Park ADA (Phase III) HUD Matrix Code: 03L Sidewalks Projected Allocated Funds: \$195,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 825 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County  Town of Ramah - Street Drainage Improvements HUD Matrix Code: 03K Street Improvements Projected Allocated Funds: \$65,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 70 clients Service Areas: Ramah	

5	Project Name	2024 PY: Economic Development	
ŀ	Target Area		
	Goals Supported	Community Development 3 Goal	
	Needs Addressed	CD3 Expand Economic Opportunities	
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000	
	Description	Economic Development Projects	
	Target Date	12/31/2025	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities  25 persons/jobs		25 persons/jobs	
	Location Description	Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Ramah, Monument	
	Planned Activities	Exponential Impact – Survive & Thrive Program HUD Matrix Code: 18B Economic Development: Technical Assistance Projected Allocated Funds: \$55,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 25 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Ramah, Monument	

6	Project Name	2024 PY: Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	•
	Funding	CDBG: \$222,666
	Description	
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

#### AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.220(f)

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

Geographic areas of entitlement are based on HUD recognized low-to-moderate income area (LMA) census tract block groups within the jurisdiction. Geographic areas where multiple LMA groups are identified are given higher priority than smaller, isolated ones. A summary of these high priority areas is as follows:

- Security-Widefield: The unincorporated area of El Paso County has several LMA block groups, many of them
  immediately adjacent to the Fort Carson Army Base or the city of Fountain. An unincorporated portion of the
  county, it has some of the highest percentages of persons of Black and Hispanic race/ethnicity, as well as elderly
  persons.
- City of Fountain: This municipality south of Colorado Springs has several LMA block groups, including a large elderly population. Additionally, some of the block groups are located relatively close to the Security-Widefield area. Racial/ethnic minority representation is higher in this municipality than in the majority of the county.
- Cimarron Hills: This community on the east side of Colorado Springs, in relatively close proximity to the Colorado Springs Airport and Schriever Air Force Base, consists of pockets of unincorporated El Paso County of varying size and nature (some commercial, some residential). Our jurisdiction's highest low-to moderate income area is also located here.

Examining the newest LMSID data and comparing it to past datasets revealed that the areas mentioned above have not seen significant improvement since the last round of data was released.

**Geographic Distribution** 

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The rationale behind priority locations in El Paso County is based on the number of LMA block groups in the area, and the amount of special population concentrations. Other LMA block groups in the county are also considered of strategic importance, specifically in improving ADA-accessibility and transportation. However, priority locations are considered our highest needs areas. During deliberations of the El Paso County Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), the determination was made to distribute funding across the county, rather than focusing all funding exclusively on one geographic area of entitlement. This process allows for projects in areas such as Fountain or Security-Widefield to be phased in over time across multiple funding years. This typically results in a more holistic approach to community development and increases support from residents and local agencies, allowing for public feedback between phases. Projects aimed to improve low-to-moderate income area block groups are given priority.

#### **Discussion**

Given that El Paso County is over 2,000 square miles, spreading out an annual allocation to address a wide variety of issues can be a daunting task. This technical obstacle is further complicated by the unique makeup of each community's strengths, obstacles, and underserved needs. Some areas of the county face issues of substandard or lack of affordable housing, while other areas face overcrowding and lack of access to quality schools. By distributing funds across El Paso County within multiple communities, we hope to improve the quality of life for all low-to-moderate income and special needs persons within the county. To ensure the needs of low-to-moderate income residents continue to be addressed, the El Paso County CDBG program utilizes our Assessment of Fair Housing goals when prioritizing projects in these geographic areas of entitlement. This increases access to economic opportunities and acts as a catalyst for long-term improvements for designated areas. Key investments in public infrastructure, public facilities, public services, and housing will have multifaceted, far-reaching improvements for the areas served.

### Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)

### Introduction

Given the high cost of construction in our community, it would be cost prohibitive for the El Paso County CDBG Program to build new affordable housing units. There is simply not enough CDBG funding available. Support of affordable housing continues through our program in a variety of ways to include homeowner rehabilitation assistance, emergency rent and utility assistance, and infrastructure improvements in affordable housing areas. Homeowner rehabilitation assistance helps maintain affordable homes in our community so low-income homeowners continue enjoying the benefits of homeownership. Emergency rent and utility assistance provide struggling families with a support system to prevent homelessness. Infrastructure improvements help affordable housing areas maintain serviceability for disabled persons while increasing their access to transportation and other opportunities.

Additional educational housing efforts have been made with El Paso County residents through Community Outreach events. The Community Development Analyst and Housing Analyst have been tasked with providing outreach events within each County Commissioner District, providing information on housing options and Fair Housing resources as needed. Flyers about Affordable Housing options are also disseminated, with contact information. Our office feels that meeting the public in their own districts is the best way to learn their specific needs and provide the most relevant information.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported		
Homeless	100	
Non-Homeless	400	
Special-Needs	210	
Total	710	

Table 6 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported Through		
Rental Assistance	10	
The Production of New Units	0	
Rehab of Existing Units	5	
Acquisition of Existing Units	0	
Total	15	

Table 7 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

### **Discussion**

Affordable housing is an ongoing need in our community. Through the strategic use of funding, the El Paso County CDBG Program aims to address the need in a holistic, multi-pronged approach. Continued collaboration with municipalities and public housing agencies is necessary to increase the leveraging power of CDBG dollars. This is especially true since our CDBG program lacks the financial and regulatory capacity to develop new units. Regional collaboration and investment in key areas of the community are important aspects of our continued success.

Since the start of the El Paso County CDBG Program, we have worked closely with the El Paso County Housing Authority (EPCHA). This collaboration will continue in the 2024 program year. In 2023, the EPCHA issued \$1,910,970 in low-interest loans as gap financing for the development of 348 affordable multifamily units. This includes 80 units of Senior housing at Paloma Gardens, 50 units of housing for homeless youth at The Launchpad, 50 units of Senior housing at Silver Key Apartments, and 168 new units of family housing at Bentley Commons II. Another \$1,500,000 has been committed in 2024 for 232 units of family housing at Royal Pine Apartments, 104 units of family housing at Homewood Point Apartments, and 83 units of Senior housing at Village at Homewood Point II. The EPCHA staff has also been in talks with developers for Private Activity Bond financing for large multifamily projects but does not have anything currently in the pipeline.

### AP-60 Public Housing - 91.220(h)

### Introduction

Public housing is a scarce resource in El Paso County, specifically outside of the Colorado Springs city limits. For this reason, maintaining a good working relationship with the Calhan Housing Authority has been an ongoing commitment of ours. By providing technical assistance for both the agency and their subcontractors, the El Paso County CDBG program is able to support the extremely low-income seniors who reside at the Calhan Housing Authority's Silvercrest Villas.

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

The El Paso County CDBG program has partnered with the Calhan Housing Authority to increase ADA accessibility in public areas. It is both an accessibility and a safety concern to allow seniors to live independently and access all areas of the building. Although the CHA did not apply for funding in 2024, improving the quality of public housing in El Paso County is still an important step to ensuring low-income individuals have equitable access to safe and quality homes in our jurisdiction.

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

Due to the increasing cost of homeownership in our community, there is not enough funding to make market rate homes affordable. As such, the El Paso County CDBG program does not undertake any specific actions to assist public housing residents in participating in homeownership. However, the El Paso County Housing Authority offers the Turnkey Plus Down Payment Assistance program, which provides a 0% deferred loan that is fully forgivable after 30 years. Many El Paso County residents interested in homeownership are well within the income eligibility requirements of the Turnkey Plus program.

The Calhan Housing Authority's board has open public meetings as part of its processes, and residents can attend if they so wish. Residents also enjoy an open line of communication with Barry Richards, the director of the Calhan Housing Authority. Barry has shared with the CDBG program that residents of the community are always open to sharing any concerns they have regarding the housing authority and communicate current events with them on a regular basis.

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

There is currently no PHA designated as troubled in our jurisdiction.

### Discussion

There are a very limited number of public housing authorities in El Paso County. These public housing authorities are also limited in scope and capacity, which hinders their ability to manage additional federal funding. While the El Paso County CDBG program continues to offer extensive technical assistance to subrecipients, not all projects are a good fit for CDBG funding. We will continue to seek best-fit opportunities with local public housing authorities to ensure their residents receive quality amenities and housing.

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

### Introduction

The El Paso County CDBG Program continues to support homeless outreach and homelessness prevention. However, we do not receive a large volume of homelessness-related applications due to the nature of the programs and our region. The majority of homeless assistance providers are located within the City of Colorado Springs, and the majority of homeless clients remain within the city as well to be close to those providers. As our funds cannot be used to serve clients within Colorado Springs city limits, our efforts are limited to providers who are willing to adjust their client intake process and increase outreach to outlying areas.

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

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

The El Paso County CDBG program typically partners with a service provider called Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center, which provides outreach and vocational training for Veterans to help them avoid experiencing homelessness long-term. We also meet with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care monthly to discuss the large spectrum of efforts currently being undertaken to address homelessness. We seek opportunities to fund homeless services that are focused on the needs of outlying areas and rural residents. As discussed in our Consolidated Plan, rural homelessness can be difficult to identify as it does not present in the same format as urban homelessness. We continue to meet with regional homeless support providers and advocates to develop new relationships with agencies that may eventually have the capacity to focus more intentionally on rural homelessness.

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

The El Paso County CDBG program typically does not partner with emergency shelter and transitional housing programs, mostly due to their location within the city of Colorado Springs. This limits our program's ability to assist with the operating expenses and other aspects of emergency and transitional housing. Fortunately, the city of Colorado Springs has been a continued partner in supporting homeless service providers.

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

Long-time partner of the El Paso County CDBG program, Bring It Home Inc., provides services at an affordable housing development for formerly homeless Veterans. These services include individual/group counseling, nutrition training, personal hygiene and self-care, crisis intervention, and educational/physical evaluations. Their programs seek to stabilize the living situations for Veterans and help them transition to independent living. Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center, another partner agency, was created to prevent homelessness for the most at-risk Veterans by providing intensive care management, employment assistance, and vocational training. This is a safety net for Veterans so they, and their families, may avoid experiencing homelessness long-term. The El Paso County CDBG Program continues to work with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care to find new programs and assistance providers that are working in more rural locations. We intend to work with these agencies throughout 2024.

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

El Paso County uses two methods to help low-income individuals and families, including those discharged from publicly funded institutions of care, to avoid becoming homeless: provide affordable units for them to live in and provide assistance and services through local partnerships. By working with developers, like Greccio Housing and the Colorado Springs Housing Authority, and funders, like the El Paso County Housing Authority, we can increase the number of units provided to extremely low-income households. The El Paso County CDBG program also partners with several organizations to provide resources to various groups at risk for homelessness and those seeking a home after time spent at institutions of care. Mt. Carmel Veterans Center works with the local veteran population, providing not only housing, but also offering educational programs, case management, mental health services, and employment training. Tri-Lakes Cares and Catholic Charities are partners who assist families in danger of losing their home due to a missed payment and who would otherwise become homeless. Many of the veterans, youth, and families helped by these partnerships also receive assistance from public or private agencies.

### Discussion

Homeless needs are described in detail in El Paso County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The main obstacle to meeting all the identified community needs is a lack of funding and resources. In addition, the high cost of housing, lack of knowledge of social services, few service providers in the County for low-income residents, and lack of living wage jobs are also challenges in meeting needs. Our program will continue to collaborate with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care and other community partners to further the discussion on best addressing the needs of homeless persons in the region.

### AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.220(j)

### Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing generally include restrictive policies, administrative rules and regulations, market conditions, public or private systems, and economic conditions that impede access. Two barriers to affordable housing in El Paso County that were identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan are:

- Market constraints such as land costs, construction costs, and access to financing. The County and individual
  jurisdictions have little influence over market constraints but can provide incentives or assistance to overcome the
  impacts.
- Social constraints such as various social beliefs and standards that impede affordable housing, including social perceptions, industry standards, and discrimination.

El Paso County has little influence over social perceptions and industry standards, but we try to educate the community about discrimination through our Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing efforts and outreach events.

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

We do not have the ability to remove or control market forces or eliminate social perceptions that act as barriers to affordable housing. We can, however, lead by example in reforming public policies and regulations that serve as barriers. Some steps that have been taken in El Paso County include:

- Creating a streamlined permitting system to make reviews more user-friendly without diminishing environmental, public health, or safety standards
- · Adopting an expedited system to process permits for affordable housing projects
- Supporting programs that provide Fair Housing education and services

Currently, El Paso County has a permit process that has received national attention and awards, which is the Electronic Development Application Review Process (EDARP). This process has not only resulted in a more user-friendly process but also a more transparent process for all. This process:

- Allows the public to view online, both active and archived development applications
- Enables a registered applicant login access to their application review project(s)
- Allows applicants to initiate both major and minor development applications online
- Allows for Early Assistance Meetings (EA) to make major applications run smoothly

Additionally, the El Paso County CDBG Program provides semi-annual fair housing events throughout the county. The content of these fair housing events is derived from the needs identified in our 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. These events are designed to make safe, accessible, and affordable housing easier for residents to obtain through education and empowerment. The events are a successful tool for public outreach and engagement, gaining more attendance year over year.

### Discussion

El Paso County addresses barriers to affordable housing by offering programming and funding that ensures our region is leveraging state and federal resources. This approach is done by looking at the entire housing continuum and offering programming to address multiple areas. In addition to the federal CDBG funding, the El Paso County Economic Development acts as staff to the non-traditional El Paso County Housing Authority which administers a local housing trust fund. The federal resources, as well as the local housing trust fund resources, provide incentives and assistance to overcome the impacts of market constraints. Recent examples of this assistance are:

 Loan commitments that help leverage federal and state housing tax credits for the development of new affordable rental housing



- Grant rental assistance, utility assistance, and grants for homeowners needing emergency housing rehabilitation
- Continuation of a down payment assistance program that has ensured residents can still attain the dream of homeownership

Social constraints are also being positively impacted by the CDBG Program's continuous outreach through semi-annual fair housing events as well as the partnership with Colorado's Housing Connects Program.

Specifically, when looking at the barriers to affordable homeownership, the market conditions of El Paso County are still overwhelming. Interest rates have held steady since the summer of 2023, but that has caused real estate prices to only drop about 1% in the past year. The median sales price is still \$450,000, which is out of reach for many low-income families. Developers are buying land as fast as possible and trying to build homes even faster. El Paso County continues to be a top-ranked location to live with families moving to the region from all over the country. The result of this movement is an ever-increasing number of working-class families being priced out of homeownership. Homeownership is the foremost way families build equity and wealth; rather than putting money into a rental, a homeowner can get a portion of their monthly payment back when they sell.



### **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.229(k)**

### Introduction

The CDBG allocation on its own cannot address all the needs identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. It is important to leverage both financial and intellectual resources to accomplish the goals of the program. The County will work with a network of representatives from the private lending community, financial experts, and private and non-profit developers and consultants who can provide technical expertise as needed. CDBG program staff will also note programs of exceptional merit and competency to the Community Development Advisory Board in the interest of maintaining an effective, efficient program.

The County will continue to focus on HUD-designated Opportunity Zones as well. The potential economic benefits of working in these Opportunity Zones:

- · Promoting economic vitality in areas that experienced uneven recovery over the past few years
- Funding the development of workforce and affordable housing
- Supporting new infrastructure or broadband to support population and economic growth
- Investing in startups businesses that have the potential for rapid increases in sales
- · Upgrading the capability of existing underutilized assets through capital improvement investments

For the 2024 Annual Action Plan, we will continue to review the Opportunity Zones in the area and see how we can effectively leverage their use in partnership with our program. Our program has also participated in phone calls with HUD staff in Washington, DC to discuss any suggestions or best practices recommended by their experts. We await future guidance from HUD regarding changes to economic development projects and how we can use those changes to leverage Opportunity Zones.

### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

An ongoing, underserved need in our community is providing accessible opportunities for persons with disabilities. All public facility and infrastructure activities for 2024 will be directly addressing ADA improvements, providing access to neighborhood amenities, transportation, and schools.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The El Paso County CDBG program has a long-standing partnership with Brothers Redevelopment to help low-income residents age in place and address emergency repairs in their homes. This allows seniors to fix things, such as broken water heaters or inaccessible entryways, while still maintaining the current affordability of their home. Homeowner rehabilitation programs like this allow residents to address health and safety issues within the already affordable home, rather than having to move to a new (and potentially not as affordable) home. It also helps keep the residents rooted in their already existing community, which has been shown to help communities maintain resiliency and even slows the onset of dementia in the elderly.

We also have a long-time relationship with the Calhan Housing Authority to improve their 20-unit public housing complex for extremely low-income seniors in rural Calhan, Colorado. CDBG funds have allowed this Housing Authority to make their facility ADA compliant and assist residents in aging in place while addressing important safety concerns.

### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

We plan to continue support of the Brothers Redevelopment Homeowner Rehabilitation Program as the primary form of reducing lead-based paint hazards in the county. Necessary abatement work is completed as needed, depending on the scope of the project, cost of the project, and age of the structure. An ideal aspect of this program is that it helps those who are least able to handle the lead-based paint abatement on their own. The El Paso County CDBG program will also continue to participate annually in the National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, which is typically held in October.

### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

While poverty cannot be fully eliminated, El Paso County strives to make every effort possible to reduce poverty through partnering with agencies to effectively serve the community.

Our poverty level families are significantly impacted through the tireless efforts and hard work of our subrecipients and their community-based programs. CDBG activities/projects provide a better quality of life for many and support our overall goals of economic growth. Our Public Service projects and activities will serve several rural areas to include Calhan, Green Mountain Falls, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Monument, Ramah, and Unincorporated El Paso County.

Project examples include:

- Community Partnership for Child Development provides disadvantaged children with behavioral health services.
- Forge Evolution provides behavioral health programs for low-income families with troubled teenagers.
- Project Angel Heart, a new subrecipient in 2024, delivers medically tailored meals for families living with cancer, kidney disease, HIV/Aids, and other severe illnesses.
- Serenity Recovery Connection provides peer recovery support services in rural areas of our community for those being treated for addictions.

All of these activities work to ensure vulnerable populations are given resources to better their lives and lift their families out of poverty.

### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

El Paso County's housing and community development strategies will be implemented by a variety of public, private, and non-profit organizations. There is, overall, good coordination and little duplication of services locally, in part because subrecipients are mostly small communities. The local nonprofit infrastructure is diverse and active in the community. The local public housing authorities are reputable and provide leadership in the community. Additionally, there is strong coordination and cooperation between the public housing providers in the County. There also are coordinated efforts for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless, as well as streamlined information services, such as the United Way 2-1-1 information system. Furthermore, El Paso County works closely with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care to coordinate policy, addressing homelessness and developing coordinated intake/assessment procedures.

There is, however, always room for improvement in eliminating barriers to access services, and in better outreach and communication to residents and providers. The service delivery structure is also weakened by the year-to-year unpredictability of operational funding and the uncertainty of state and federal funding. There are needs and demands that exceed available resources/funding, which is regionally disproportionate. Differing levels of management and development experience from agency to agency contribute to a weakened delivery system. Private sector partners, who are not always well informed on low-income and poverty issues, can exacerbate the problem.

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

CDBG staff is accountable for the necessary coordination and communication to identify and manage the CDBG program. It is essential that staff coordinate with other agencies to implement, enhance, and bring success to the County's CDBG program. To enhance overall coordination, CDBG staff will continue consultations, opening lines of communication, and attending meetings that will enrich the program. While all funds are allocated according to program requirements, dialogue with agencies, advisory committees, subrecipients, and the public will ensure the program goals are in line with community needs. We will maintain an accessible program that is readily available to all agencies, and any new housing and social services agencies that emerge will have the opportunity to coordinate as well.

### **Discussion**

The El Paso County Economic Development Department has developed a robust partnership across the county, including nonprofits, local government agencies, and public housing authorities. Moving forward, the CDBG program

will continue to pursue new partnerships to increase the effectiveness of our program, leveraging new sources of funding, and fulfilling our obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. Seeking new resources for quality projects to serve LMI residents and special needs populations is critical to improving the county as a whole. This year the El Paso County CDBG program received new interest from nonprofits seeking to expand into El Paso County, as well as nonprofits interested in increasing outreach to rural areas. Not all nonprofits are a good fit for a program, but it is a promising sign to see so many new agencies express interest.



### **Program Specific Requirements**

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

### Introduction

The County's CDBG activities are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents and the underserved communities within the County by addressing affordable housing, homelessness, and non-housing community development needs. These activities seek to provide decent affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities. Expected outcomes include: (1) new or improved affordability through creation or maintenance of affordable housing; (2) availability or improved accessibility of infrastructure, public facilities, housing, or shelter to low- and moderate-income residents, including persons with disabilities and special needs populations; and (3) sustainability resulting from improved communities or neighborhoods, making them livable or viable, thereby providing benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.

# Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

- 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed: \$0.00
- 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan: \$0.00
- 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements: \$0.00
- 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan: \$0.00
- 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities: \$0.00

Total Program Income: \$0.00

### **Other CDBG Requirements**

- 1. The amount of urgent need activities: 0
- 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income: 80%

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

Specific annual objectives and priority needs that will be addressed by activities using CDBG funds, including proposed accomplishments and outcomes, are discussed earlier within this AAP. The projects and programs that will take place during the program year to address priority needs and goals are detailed in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan.

# Appendix A

# Citizen Outreach & Public Hearing Notices

### **Application Cycle**

**Constant Contact Email** 

Webpage Flyer

Webinar Slides

### **CDAB Meetings**

February 2024 - CDAB Agenda, Posting, & Minutes

March 2024 – CDAB Agenda, Posting, & Minutes

April 2024 – CDAB Agenda, Posting, & Minutes

**CDAB Webpage** 

### **Affordable/Fair Housing Events**

February Event - Constant Contact Email & Webpage Flyer

April Event - Constant Contact Email & Webpage Flyer

**Presentation Slides** 

### **Public Hearing 1**

English/Spanish Notice, Proof, Affidavit, & Gazette Publication

**Constant Contact Email** 

Webpage Flyer

### **Public Hearing 2**

English/Spanish Notice, Proof, Affidavit, & Gazette Publication

**Constant Contact Email** 

Webpage Flyer

Presentation Slides (Public Hearing 1 & 2)

### **Public Hearing 3 & CAPER/AAP Public Comment Period**

English/Spanish Notice, Proof, Affidavit, & Gazette Publication

**Constant Contact Email** 

Webpage Flyer

On Site Comment Period Display

**Presentation Slides** 

### **BoCC Public Meeting**

**BoCC Public Meeting Agenda & Posting** 

**CDAB Recommendation Packet for BoCC** 

**BoCC Resolution** 



### **EL PASO COUNTY**

Department of Economic Development

# Community Initiatives Newsletter 2024 CDBG Application Cycle & Goals

### LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR EPC CDBG FUNDING!

The El Paso County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application cycle opened

January 2, 2024, and will close at 5 pm on February 2, 2024.

As a reminder, El Paso County CDBG funds cannot be used for projects occurring within the city limits of Colorado Springs. Areas eligible for EPC CDBG funding include unincorporated El Paso County and our seven municipalities: Calhan, Fountain, Green Mountain Falls, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, and Ramah.

### 2024 CDBG Application Cycle



The El Paso County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is excited to announce that our 2023 application cycle opened on January 2, 2024, and will close at 5 pm on February 2, 2024.

All applications and materials must be sent to <u>CDBG @elpasoco.com</u> and <u>received by February 2, 2024, at 5 pm.</u>
The <u>full application and instructions</u> have been posted <u>on our website</u>.

### ATTENTION FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:

If you are a first-time applicant to our program, youMUST schedule a meeting with a CDBG staff member prior to submitting an application.

Request a Meeting with a CDBG Staff Member

### **CDBG Program Goals**

Before submitting an application, ensure your project aligns to one or more of El Paso County's <u>CDBG Program Goals for 2024</u>. Alignment to these goals is a requirement of funding eligibility, in addition to HUD federal eligibility requirements.

To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the **CDBG Applications & Eligibility** section of our website!

### Housing



H1: Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities

H2: Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices

H3. Increase fair housing education, outreach and enforcement

### Homelessness & Special Needs

HM1: Assist in ensuring that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring

SN1: Help special needs residents obtain housing and remain housed while living independently as they choose



SN2: Reduce accessibility barriers (ADA compliance)

SN3: Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations

# Community Development



CD1: Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenifies

CD2: Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and specials needs populations

CD3: Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents



Thank you for your valuable time, as well as applying within EPC's CDBG!

Sincerely,

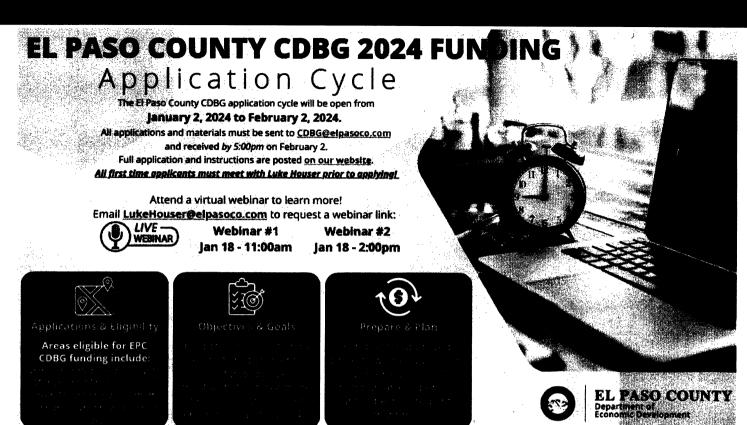
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# El Paso County CDBG Program

2024 CDBG FUNDING APPLICATION CYCLE

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# The Basics of the El Paso County CDBG Program

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federally funded, flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.
- Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest running U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs.
- El Paso County was designated as a CDBG community in 2009.



# The Basics of the El Paso County CDBG Program

### Purpose:

 To assist low to moderate income El Paso County residents through the programming of these federally funded dollars to address community, housing and economic development.

### **Accomplishments:**

• Since the program's inception in 2009, 225+ community programs/projects have been assisted.

### Why can't this money be used inside Colorado Springs city limits?

 Colorado Springs receives its own funding from HUD, which means that for El Paso County to receive funding, we cannot allow Colorado Springs residents to 'double dip' into both sources of assistance.



# Geographic Areas Covered

- Calhan
- Fountain
- Green Mountain Falls
- Unincorporated El Paso County
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah
- Manitou Springs
- Monument



# Who is Eligible in El Paso County?



### **2023 HUD INCOME LIMITS**

2023 Median Family Income for El Paso County, CO \$105,100								
			Income by	Size of Hous	ehold		¥	
income Level	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Extremely Low Income (≤30%)	\$20,500	\$23,400	\$26,350	\$30,000	\$35,140	\$40,280	\$45,240	\$50,560
Very Low Income (≤50%)	\$34,150	\$39,000	\$43,900	\$48,750	\$52,650	\$56,550	\$60,450	\$64,350
Low Income (≤80%)	\$54,600	\$62,400	\$70,200	\$78,000	\$84,250	\$90,500	\$96,750	\$103,000



# **National Objectives & Goals**

### **National Objectives:**

- Serve persons of low to moderate income (**LMI**)
- Urgent Need
- Slum & Blight

### **National Goals:**

- · Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Establish and Maintain Suitable Living Environments
- Expand Economic Opportunities



# El Paso County Goals

In addition to the national goals, the El Paso County CDBG Program has 10 local goals to address some of the needs identified in our 5-year strategic plan, known as the Consolidated Plan.

Each project funded by our program must meet at least 1 of the 10 goals and be able to demonstrate measurable success at the conclusion of the project.

These selections inform the development of our Annual Action Plan, which must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and HUD in order to receive our annual allocation of funding.



# El Paso County Goals

Housing

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CD3 Goal - Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents.





# **HUD Project Categories**

### **Public Service**

### (15% allocation cap)

 Services such as meals on wheels, housing counseling

Eligibility: Must live in the eligible area, income qualify, and provide appropriate demographic data (**LMC**)

### **Public Facilities**

 Improving or building neighborhood community centers, parks, or ADA accessibility to said facilities

Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (based on HUD data) or address ADA issues (**LMA/LMC**)





# **HUD Project Categories** (continued)

### Infrastructure

 Sidewalks, drainage improvements, sewer lines

> Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (**LMA**) (based on HUD data) or specifically address ADA issues

### Housing

 Owner-occupied housing rehab, public housing accessibility

Eligibility: households must income qualify (**LMH**)

### **Economic Development**

Activities that create jobs or encourage business development

Eligibility: must provide jobs for income eligible persons (LMJ)





# Who May Apply?

- Municipalities
- Non-Profits
  - 501 (c) (3) status
- Faith-Based Organization
  - · Inclusive, non-denominational
  - 509 (a) status
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs)
- Microenterprises
  - Five or fewer employees
  - Only 'For-Profit' business exemption

All applicants must be equal opportunity employers and be able to provide proof of status.

Note that first-time applicants **must** schedule a meeting with CDBG staff prior to submitting their application.



# **Application Process**

- The application cycle opens on <u>January 2, 2024, and will close on February 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm</u>.
- The Community Development Advisory Board will set application recommendations and the Board of County Commissioners will make the final approval.
- Applicants will be notified of their award/denial status in July 2024.
- Work must not begin until AFTER funding has been awarded.



# 2023 CDBG Funding

- The CDBG HUD Allocation for 2023 was just over \$1,000,000.00
- Minimum request amount is \$20,000. Maximum Request \$300,000.
- For construction projects, be sure to build in the additional costs anticipated by the requirement of Davis-Bacon wages.
- Visit our website to view previous years of funding if you'd like to see historical funding data.





# CDBG Funding Eligibility Considerations

- 1. Is the activity within the appropriate and eligible El Paso County CDBG geographic area?
- 2. Is the activity serving low-to moderate income residents?

If it is a nubbe service housing, or repropose development project, does the agency have a way of tracking demagraphic information to prove and import this?

If it is a locality or infrastructure project, is it within a low-to moderate income area?

- 3. Is the activity eligible according to HUD CDBG CFR (review section 570.201- 570.207)?
- 4. Does the activity align with a HUD Matrix Code?
- 5. Does the activity align with our Consolidated Plan Goals?
- 6. Will the activity be able to answer all questions outlined in the application?





# CDBG Funding Ineligible Expenses

• Supplies that can be used past the life of the grant program are ineligible (computers, fridges, etc.).

Note that supplies used up during the program are digible (food for food portries, facemasks for employees wille working with clients, etc.).

- Staff time spent with ineligible clients or working on a different project
- General government operations and functions
- Political and religious activities



# 2024 CDBG Application Walkthrough

### PRIOR to completing your application:





El Paso County, Colorado **CDBG Application** Program Year: 2024

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# 2024 CDBG Application Walkthrough

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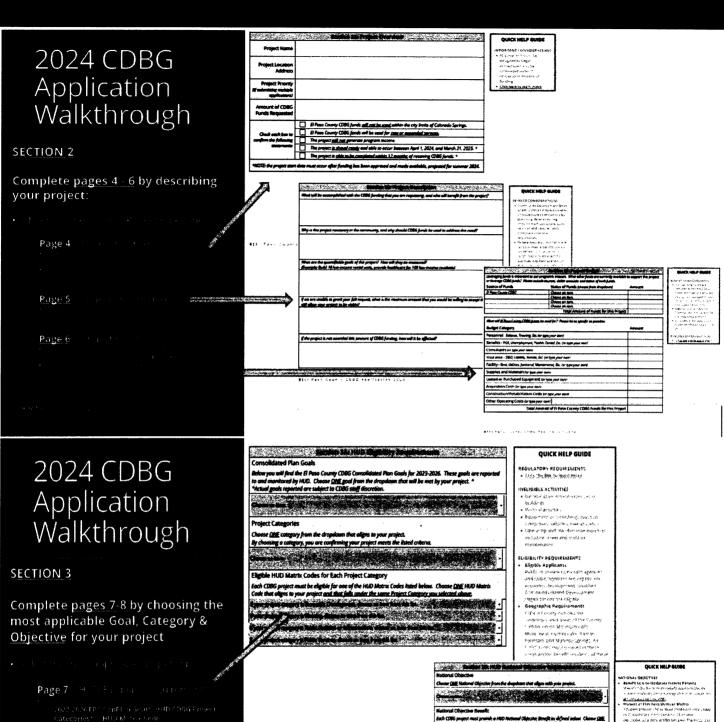
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Please submit your completed application <u>via email</u> no later than 5:00pm on Friday, February 2, 2024. Submit applications <u>via email</u> to: <u>CDBG@eloasoco.com</u>

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Include clear, measurable outcomes for your project.



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### **AGENDA**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

In-Person Meeting • 9 E. Vermijo Ave.

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- I. Welcome & Introductions (12:30-12:40)
  - A. EPC Staff
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- II. Consideration of October 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes (12:40-12:45)
- III. Sunshine Law (12:45-12:50)
- IV. 2024 PY CDBG Application List/PY 2024 Budget (12:50-1:05)
- V. 2024 CDBG Application Review (1:05- 1:50)
  - A. Review of 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals
  - B. Review of **Public Facilities/Infrastructure/Housing/Economic Development** Summary Sheets
  - C. Any Action on Reviewed Categories Removal from Consideration, Continue to Final Discussion
- VI. Other Business (1:50 2:00)
  - A. Upcoming Meetings:
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- 02/28/2024 at 8:30 AM for Public Health
- 02/28/2024 at 1:00 PM for El Paso Teller County 9-1-1
- 02/28/2024 at 1:00 PM for Child Fatality Review Team
- 03/05/2024 at 9:00 AM for Board of County Commissioners
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- 03/07/2024 at 9:00 AM for Planning Commission
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### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2024

### I. <u>Call to Order & Roll Call</u>

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) met on February 21, 2024, at 12:30 PM, via a hybrid model including in-person (at 9 E. Vermijo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903) and the virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. Board Chair, Mr. Tyler Stevens, called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

### Roll Call

The Community Development Advisory Board members present were:

- Emily Peacock (D3)
- Tamara Estes (D4)
- Denise Howell (Manitou Springs)
- Rachel Starr (D1)
- Cindy Tompkins (Calhan/Ramah) (Vice Chair)
- Madeline VanDenHoek (Monument)
- Tyler Stevens (GMF) (Chair)
- Todd Evans (Fountain)
- Samantha Padgett (Palmer Lake)
- [via Microsoft Teams] El Paso County Commissioner, Holly Williams (EPC Board of County Commissioners Ligison)

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- Matt Buffington (D2)
- Robert Null (D5)

Other persons present at the meeting were:

- Luke Houser (Community Development Analyst, Economic Development Department & Staff Liaison)
- Randi Davis (Housing Analyst, Economic Development Department)
- Natasha North (Project Manager, Economic Development Department)
- Crystal LaTier (Executive Director, Economic Development Department)

### II. Approval of October 18. 2023. Meeting Minutes

 Ms. Howell moved to approve the minutes from October 18, 2023, as presented, and, upon a second by Mr. Evans, the motion passed unanimously.

### III. Approval of Sunshine Law

Mr. Houser explained and read the Sunshine Law: On an annual basis, the Community Development Advisory Board votes to continue to use the El Paso County agenda suite (<a href="https://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso">https://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso</a>) as the location for Community Development Advisory Board agendas and public notices. They also vote to continue to use El Paso County's Economic Development Department as the custodian of meeting minutes, posting, and retaining all meeting minutes for the Community Development Advisory Board.

Ms. Tompkins motioned to approve (as-so-read), Ms. Howell seconded, and it was approved
unanimously with no additions, deletions, or revisions.

### IV. 2024 PY CDBG Project List Overview/PY 2024 Budget

Mr. Houser provided a comprehensive overview of the 'CDBG Application List 2024.xls', explaining that this meeting will focus on Public Facilities, Infrastructure, Housing & Economic Development review. Ms. LaTier provided a comprehensive overview of the projected PY2024 Budget, and answered questions about carry-over from previous years.

### V. 2024 CDBG Application Review

Mr. Houser shared the El Paso County 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals, asking for the consideration of these ten goals by CDAB members as they review/discuss applications. In alphabetical order, then order of category, Mr. Houser provided a comprehensive overview of each applicant within **Public Facilities** and **Infrastructure**, **Housing** & **Economic Development** categories:

### **Summary of Discussions:**

- <u>Ellicott Open Door Church (EODC)</u> (<u>Application 1</u> Community Center Restrooms & <u>Application 2</u> Community Service Parking Lot):
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of both applications, emphasizing that <u>Application #1</u> was the Ellicott Open Door Church's top priority. Ms. Tompkins asked for clarification on the 'minimum requested amount' and what granting that amount would entail. Ms. Davis answered that EODC would remove portions of the project, based upon the amount granted. Ms. Tompkins explained that she and EODC had spoken about 'sole source' contractors and the difficulties of making a CDBG project viable. Mr. Evans confirmed that this was Ellicott's first time applying within EPC's CDBG, and it was explained that there is no municipality and Ellicott is 'unincorporated'-status.
- El Paso County Widefield Park (Phase III)
  - Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application; an expansion of previous ADAaccessibility at Widefield Park. This is the third phase of that project. No questions.
- <u>City of Fountain</u> Bonita Drive Sidewalks (Northside)
  - Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application; additionally, it was highlighted that Fountain removed their 2023 application from consideration so that other applicants could utilize CDBG funding. No questions.
- Green Mountain Falls Urban Trail (Pass/American Trail Re-route +) ADA Accessibility
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including the use of the Army Corp of Engineers to raise/lower the riverway water levels. Ms. Howell asked Mr. Stevens (GMF) if the municipality was eligible for PPRTA [CAC] or TOPS Funding. Mr. Stevens acknowledged that the amount eligible for funding was negligible. Ms. Howell suggested that additional 'match funds' be acquired, and the project reapplied in 2025 citing that the request amount is sizeable. Ms. Estes raised concerns about the Army Corps'

involvement in the project. Ms. LaTier expressed HUD-timeliness concerns about the allocation request amount. Ms. Howell indicated her concerns about the involvement of a MOU/agreement for land-transfer for the bridges. Mr. Stevens cited previous easement/agreements for such permissions.

- Town of Ramah Street Drainage Improvements
  - Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application; street drainage improvements along 5-7 streets. No questions.
- Town of Monument ADA Sidewalk Accessibility (Pastimes Subdevelopment)
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including the creation of 66 ADA-accessible public crossings within the Pastimes Subdevelopment. Mr. Houser explained that this is a project of 'presumed benefit' and it must be ADA-specific to be viable (located within a non-LMA zone). Mr. Houser raised pre-review group concerns that the neighborhood (Pastimes) being newly built (less than 20 years old, \$500K ~ home price average). Ms. LaTier reiterated her concerns for national objective being met and the 'neighborhood' development, and how the grant historically assists connecting a community not a subdevelopment.

### • Brothers Redevelopment - Home Repair Program

 Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including the proposed rehabilitation of 11 eligible clients' (LMCs) households throughout El Paso County. Mr. Houser also reemphasized the importance of the Brothers/EPC partnership when looking to meet the County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals, specific to Housing. Ms. LaTier reemphasized the \$20,000.00/household internal policy, and how this type of rehabilitation work is linked with the property and not the individual client.

Ms. Howell asked for clarification on our internal [EPC] 'risk assessments.' Ms. LaTier provided a detailed overview of why and how El Paso County assesses the risk of their Subrecipients, what those parameters of risk are, and what an assessment of risk entails (when selected for an audit).

- Exponential Impact (XI) Survive and Thrive Program
  - Mr. Houser provided an overview of XI's application, including the 'Survive & Thrive' program, which proposes to train small/underserved business owners within El Paso County through an 8-week training program - allowing for the subsequent creation of 25 low-moderate income jobs (LMIs). Ms. LaTier explained why this is the first Economic Development application the EPC CDBG program has received in several years providing context into the Nationwide difficulties of tracking LMJ creation (income verification, self-reporting, etc.). Ms. LaTier also explained that XI is already involved similarly with the City of Colorado Springs, which includes receiving Federal (ARPA) funding. Mr. Stevens asked Ms. LaTier if the County has worked with XI before, and she indicated that the County has worked in partnership with XI through other County programming and that XI is in a position of good faith (not having received direct funding). Many concerns about the funding, tracking and eligibility of this project were raised by multiple CDAB members. The CDAB agreed that all documented questions and concerns would be asked directly to XI, in hopes of granting a better understanding of the work they hope to accomplish through the EPC CDBG. EPC staff would reach out to XI to acquire this information for the next CDAB meeting.

### VI. Other Business

- A. Upcoming Meetings
  - i. March 20, 2024, at 12:30 pm
  - ii. April 17, 2024, at 12:30pm

### **B.** Other Business

- <u>i.</u> Comments from Board members *None*
- ii. Comments from EPC staffers

Mr. Houser acknowledged that this would be Rachel Starr's last term on the CDAB due to redistricting. Mr. Houser also acknowledged that it would be Madeline VanDenHoek & Tamara Estes second (final) term on the Board. Mr. Houser also highlighted that the EPC A/V team will be present at the March 20, 2024, CDAB meeting.

iii. Public Comment

Commissioner Holly Williams (present virtually via Microsoft Teams) expressed her appreciation for the CDAB, as well as acknowledged those members' ending and renewed terms.

### VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens at 1:42 PM.

Tyler Stevens, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board, presided.

Public notice for the meeting posted online via the El Paso County Agenda Suite, February 16, 2024.





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Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

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- IV. 2024 CDBG Public Service Application Review (12:55-1:40)
  - A. Review of 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals
  - B. Focus on Public Service Requests
  - C. Any Action on Reviewed Categories Removal from Consideration, Reduction of Request
- V. Other Business (1:40-1:55)
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- 03/13/2024 at 1:30 PM for Park Advisory Board
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- 03/11/2024 at 8:00 AM for Board of Retirement
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MARCH MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2024

### I. <u>Call to Order & Roll Call</u>

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### Roll Call

The Community Development Advisory Board members present were:

- Matt Buffington (D2) via Microsoft Teams
- Emily Peacock (D3)
- Tamara Estes (D4)
- Denise Howell (Manitou Springs)
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The Community Development Advisory Board members absent were:

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Other persons present at the meeting were:

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- Natasha North (Project Manager, Economic Development Department)
- Crystal LaTier (Executive Director, Economic Development Department)
- Nancy Nelsen (Channel & Audio/Visual Team Lead, Communications Department)

### II. Approval of February 21.2024 CDAB Meeting Minutes

Ms. Estes moved to approve the minutes from February 21, 2024, as presented, and, upon a second by Ms. VanDenHoek, the motion passed unanimously.

### III. Consideration of the 2024 PY Application List

Ms. Davis provided a comprehensive overview of the 'CDBG Application List 2024.xls' with Mr. Houser explaining that this meeting will focus on Public Service applications. Ms. LaTier provided a comprehensive overview of those Public Facilities, Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development applications that were reviewed and considered at the February 21, 2024, CDAB meeting.

### IV. 2024 CDBG Public Service Application Review

Mr. Houser shared the El Paso County 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals, asking for the consideration of these ten goals by CDAB members as they review/discuss applications. Ms. LaTier provided a detailed explanation for why we adhere to the ten EPC ConPlan Goals. In alphabetical order Mr. Houser provided a comprehensive overview of each applicant within the Public Service category:

### **Summary of Discussions:**

- <u>Community Partnership for Childhood Development</u> Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children
  - Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, as well as a detailed description of ARPA funding (as it applies to each individual applicant). Ms. LaTier provided a detailed explanation for ARPA funding and how it applies to El Paso County.
- Forge Evolution Expansion of Behavioral Health Services
  - Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, as well as an overview of the COS Teen Court. Ms. LaTier explained the involvement of Forge Evolution within the EPC community, and how they have established trackers in place for monitoring clientele from outside the City of Colorado Springs. Ms. VanDenHoek inquired about what their ARPA funds were utilized for in the past, and Ms. LaTier explained that programmatic support was the specificity.
- Fountain Valley Senior Center Senior Citizen Programming
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, as well as a detailed overview of the partnership that FVSC has with EPC. Additionally, Mr. Houser explained that the services outlined within their 2024 application would not fall under the "new or expanded services" requirement for CDBG eligibility, as it only maintains currently established programming. Ms. Tompkins explained that there were past situations where FVSC's capacity to procure CDBG was limited. Ms. Estes disclosed that she serves the FVSC Board, agreeing that the issues that EPC staff outlined are concerns shared by the Board...
- Pikes Peak United Way Transportation Connection Services
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including how transportation services will be provided (i.e., gas cards, bus passes, and lyft/uber vouchers). The board had questions related to duplication of services of other known providers in their outlying areas and how the stringent client tracking information could be accomplished as the residents home address and income would be required for qualification
- Project Angel Heart Home-Delivered, Medically-Tailored Meals Service
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including the status of ARPA funding. Ms. Tompkins asked for an explanation of the transportation cost as it applies to the outlined volunteerism. Ms. VanDenHoek indicated that the cost per client appeared high. Ms. Tompkins asked for an explanation for the number of meals provided, which is detailed as 7-14 meals (+ bread, fruit & dairy) per week, or 1-2 meals/day.
- Serenity Recovery Connection Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas

- o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including the status of ARPA funding. Mr. Houser explained that previous staff notes indicated that in 2022, SRC's deliverables were submitted late, due to staff turnover. Ms. Howell asked for clarification on the (soon to be resigning) President of SRC, indicating her support from years previously. Ms. Howell also highlighted that SRC may receive a significant grant amount to combat opioid addiction within El Paso County.
- The Place Street Outreach Program
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of the application, including the status of ARPA funding (including associable concerns that were reiterated by EPC staffers). Mr. Houser also explained that funding was withheld by the EPC BoCC in 2023. Ms. LaTier reiterated severe ARPA concerns, which include non-retention of goals and staff knowledge due to high staff turnover. Ms. LaTier explained that contractual County commitments require that ARPA funds be spent on COVID-related services by the end of 2024, which does not seem achievable. Commissioner Williams spoke on behalf of the BoCC, explaining her hesitancy and that there are still concerns for funding (which includes their non-drawdown of ARPA).

From a funding perspective, CDAB discussed which applications are ineligible and non-viable. A review of the updated Application List, as well as additional discussions about specific details of applications, was conducted. Specifically, how to reduce the non-applicability/redundancy/duplication of services among all applications was discussed. No definitive funding decisions were made at the conclusion of these discussions.

- Exponential Impact Survive & Thrive Program
  - o Mr. Houser provided an overview of questions that were asked (and answered) from the previous (February 21, 2024) CDAB meeting. While the CDAB was excited about the potential of an Economic Development application, the question of viability of their application remains. CDAB did not think an in-person presentation from XI was warranted at this time.
- V. Other Business
  - A. Upcoming Meetings
    - i. April 17, 2024, at 12:30 pm
  - B. Other Business
    - i. Comments from Board members
      - 1. No Additional Comments Received
- VI. <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens at 1:39 PM.

**Tyler Stevens,** Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board, presided.

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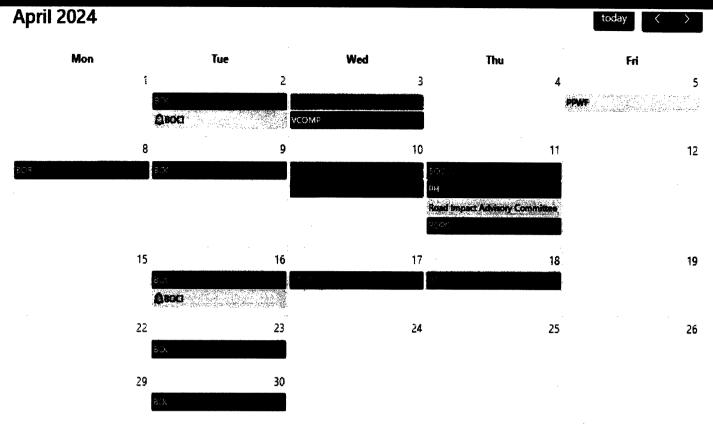
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- III. 2024 PY CDBG Application List (12:45-1:50)
  - A. Review Application List Updates
  - **B.** Finalize Funding Recommendations
- IV. Other Business (1:50-1:55)
  - A. Next Steps; A Verbal Update/Review of the Annual Action Plan
- V. Adjournment





Additional information: See tooltip

X = Meeting is cancelled

#### Upcoming meetings (next 30 days)

Category	Number	Date	Time	Organization	
Board	EPCHA - 3/2024	04/10/2024	12:00 PM	Housing Authority	Details   ICal
Board	PAB - 3/2024	04/10/2024	1:30 PM	Park Advisory Board	Details   ICal
Board	BOCLU - 8/2024	04/11/2024	9:00 AM	Board of County Commissioners (Land Use)	Details   (Cal
Board	PH - 4/2024	04/11/2024	1:00 PM	Public Health	Details   (Cal
Committee	- 2/2024	04/11/2024	1:30 PM	Road Impact Advisory Committee	Details   ICal
Board	ROPC - 7/2024	04/11/2024	2:00 PM	Region 16 Opioid Policy Council	Details   ICal
Board	BOC - 15/2024	04/16/2024	9:00 AM	Board of County Commissioners	Details   ICal
Board	8OCI - 7/2024	04/16/2024	9:30 AM	Board of County Commissioners (Informal)	Details   (Cal
Board	CDAB - 3/2024	04/17/2024	12:30 PM	Community Development Advisory Board	Details   (Cal
Commission	PC - 7/2024	04/18/2024	9:00 AM	Planning Commission	Details   ICal
Board	BOC - 16/2024	04/23/2024	9:00 AM	Board of County Commissioners	Details   ICal
Board	BOC - 17/2024	04/30/2024	9:00 AM	Board of County Commissioners	Details   (Cal
Board	BOC - 18/2024	05/07/2024	9:30 AM	Board of County Commissioners	Details   ICal



#### **Economic Development Department**

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#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2024

#### I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) met on April 17, 2024, at 12:30 PM, via a hybrid model including in-person (at 9 E. Vermijo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903) and the virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. **Board Chair, Tyler Stevens called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM.** 

The Community Development Advisory Board members present were:

- Matt Buffington (D2)
- Emily Peacock (D3)
- Tamara Estes (D4)
- Todd Evans (Fountain)
- Robert Null (D5)
- Tyler Stevens (GMF) (Chair)
- Madeline VanDenHoek Monument (Monument)

#### The Community Development Advisory Board members absent were:

- Rachel Starr (D1)
- Denise Howell (Manitou Springs)
- Cindy Tompkins (Calhan & Ramah) (Vice Chair)
- Samantha Padgett (Palmer Lake)
- El Paso County Commissioner Holly Williams (Commissioner Liaison)

#### Other persons present at the meeting were:

- Crystal LaTier (Economic Development Executive Director)
- Luke Houser (Community Development Analyst, Economic Development Department & Staff Liaison)
- Randi Davis (Housing Analyst, Economic Development Department)
- Natasha North (Project Manager, Economic Development Department)
- Samantha Kelly (Project Coordinator, Economic Development Department)
- Theresa Null (Wife of Robert Null, Public Observer)

#### II. Approval of March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Estes motioned, Mr. Evans seconded, and the board unanimously approved the March 2024 meeting minutes.

#### III. 2024 PY CDBG Application List

Ms. Davis provided a comprehensive overview of the 'CDBG Application List 2024.xls' with Ms. LaTier providing additional organizational context for those applicants under review. Ms. LaTier also gave a comprehensive overview of the Annual Action Plan (AAP), as well as the 'next steps' for approval of the Board's funding recommendations including the projected CBDG budget for 2024. The Board discussed applicants' history with El Paso County CDBG funding, applicants' history with EPC ARPA funding, how applicants addressed needs observed in the community, and if applications were in alignment with El Paso County's Consolidated Plan goals. The Application List was reviewed in its entirety, including those discussions that occurred (and were highlighted) during previous meetings. The Board reviewed the application list first with Public Service, Economic Development, Public Facility/Infrastructure and finally Housing (in that order). In her absence, Ms. Howell requested that her support and recommendation be put behind the City of Fountain's 2024 project.

Mr. Evans motioned to approve the funding draft recommendations as presented, and Mr. Buffington seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Funding Recommendations:**

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Community Partnership for Child Develope	ment Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children	05L Child Care Services	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	1 25,000
Forge Evolution	Expansion of Behavioral Health Services	05D Youth Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 38,000	3 80,000
Project Angel Heart	Home-Delivered, Medically-Tailored Meals Service	05Z Other Public Service	3 38,641	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,041
Serenity Recovery Connection	Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas	05F Substance Abuse Se	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	3 26,600
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Exponential Impact	Survive & Thrive Program	188 Technical Assistance	\$ 55,000	\$ 40,000	3 84,000
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City of Fountain	Bonita Drive Sidewalk Improvements (Phase III)	03L Sidewalks	\$ 148,000	\$ 90,000	1 146,000
EPC Dept of Parks and CS	Widefield Park Sidewalk improvements (Phase III)	D3L Sidewalks	\$ 195,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 105,000
Efficiet Open Door Community Church	Community Center - ADA Restrooms Renovation	03E Neighborhood Facilit	\$ 203,500	\$ 100,000	8 203,000
Town of Remail	Street Drainage Improvements	03K - Street Improvemen			
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Request Amt	Min. Amount	Award Amt
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Home Repair Program	14A Rehab: Single-Unit F	\$ 125,000	\$ 60,000	3 154,550
				Total	

#### IV. Other Business

Ms. LaTier updated the board on the next steps of the process regarding the development of the 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP), and the logistics to present the Board's recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for approval, followed by final approval from HUD. Ms. LaTier also explained the public comment period process. Ms. LaTier ensured that the Board will be notified about the comment period to share with their constituents as well as when the BoCC meeting will be held. Typically, subrecipients receive a Notice of Award in July and a Notice to Proceed in September. Ms. LaTier also updated the Board on the AAP and CAPER processes noting that an email would be sent indicating an availability to receive public comments. It was noted that the next CDAB Board meeting would likely occur in October 2024.

<u>Public comments</u>: Ms. Null indicated her support for Widefield Park. She also asked for clarification on why certain projects were/weren't chosen, specifically FV5C. Ms. LaTier provided an explanation to Ms. Null, who expressed her support for that organization, as well as the programming they provide EPC Seniors.

#### I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens at 1:04 PM.

Tyler Stevens, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board

Public notice for the meeting posted online via the El Paso County Agenda Suite, April 10, 2024

#### The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB)

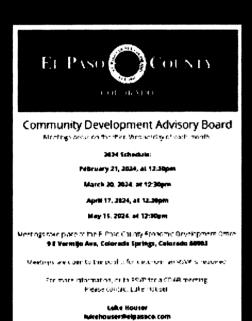
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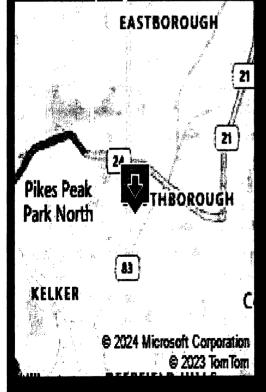
## El Paso County Southeast Outreach Event

#### When

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM MST Add to Calendar

Where

Sand Creek Library Meeting Room 1821 S Academy Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80916



Come hear program highlights from the Economic Development Office. Featured topics include:

- · Community Development Block Grants
- Fair Housing
- · Community Needs Chat

Special guests from Brothers Redevelopment will be there to speak about their housing rehabilitation programs.



The event is FREE and open to the public.

Seating is limited.

Register Now!





**With Special Guest Speakers from** 



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Housing • Home Modification & Repair • Housing Counseling

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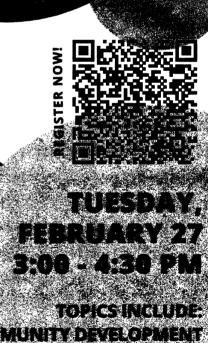
## **SOUTHEAST** COMMUNITY **OUTREACH EVENT**



THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE **PUBLIC** 

Randi Davis **Housing Analyst** (719) 520-6481

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## April is Fair Housing Month and April 10-14 is Community Development Week





## Please join us for a FREE Fair Housing & CDBG Event



Friday, April 14, 2023 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Hosted by Fountain Valley Senior Center (5745 Southmoor Drive, Fountain CO 80817)

FREE to the Public Refreshments Provided

#### Get more information about:

- Your Fair Housing Rights
- Community Development Block Grants and the projects they fund
- Brothers Redevelopment's NEW Rehab Program helping seniors age in place: CAPABLE

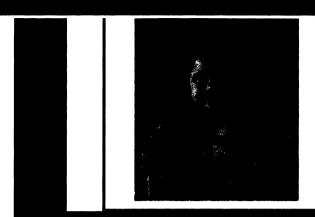


El Paso County is committed to serving our community's housing needs. Let me know if you have any questions about this Fair Housing event or any other housing-related matters.

Sincerely,

Randi Davis





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## What laws protect us?



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Fair Housing Act of 1968
7 Protected Classes:

race

(White, Black, Native American, Asian, etc)

color

national origin / ancestry religion

sex

disability (physical & mental) familial status (children)

CO Anti-Discrimination Act of 1957
sexual orientation
marital status
creed (shared beliefs)
income (2020)



#### What is not protected?

Smoking Lack of Income Past Evictions Criminal History Active Users of Illegal Substances



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Department of topic mile, be reformed.



Persons on a sex offender registry or charged with making meth can be banned from federal housing programs

Fair Housing Act is only for landlords with 4+ units or who use a management co.

# Discrimination can happen in a variety of ways.....



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Advertising

"English speakers only."

**Application Rejection** 

"Foreign nationals have to pay a higher deposit."

Steering

"You don't want to live here - there are no other Hispanic families in this neighborhood."

Lying About Availability

"I know you called 2 minutes ago, but I just rented this apartment."

Refusal to Make Reasonable Accomodations

"Absolutely no one gets an assigned parking spot."

## Disability Defined by the ADA

Limits at least one life activity

Not always obvious

Does not always require an assistive device

Must be stated (do not guess)

Medical records are not required (HIPAA violations)
Referral letters could be required





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#### Reasonable **Accomodation**



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When policies or procedures can be altered to accomodate a disability

- · waiving a no pet policy for someone with a service animal
- · agreeing to meet in an accessible office
- explaining property rules in simplistic terms
- · reserving a parking spot close to an apartment

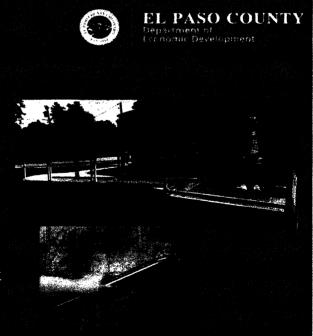


#### Reasonable Modifications

When the physical property is altered to accomodate a disability

- · non-slip grip applied to floor
- · auto shut off for a faucet/shower
- · flashing light smoke alarms
- · ramp added to front entrance
- · grab bars installed in a shower

Tenants may have to pay the cost Landlord may require removal of modifications when tenant moves out



#### Service Animals



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There is no certification or vest required · Beware of scams!

Must be trained (can be trained by owner)

Can be any size dog or small horse

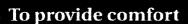
Has to be treated the same as any other assistive device (walker, cane, glasses, etc)

No pet deposit allowed!

Only 2 questions can be asked:

- · Is this a service animal?
- · What is it trained to do?

#### ESA



No certification or vests required

Can be any reasonable animal

Not allowed everywhere!

- · Are allowed in rental units with "no pet" policies
  - · No deposit required
- · Letter of recommendation could be required
  - · without medical records! (HIPAA violations)



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Department of Economic Development

	SERVICE ANIMALS	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS		
PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHTS	0	*		
AIR TRAVEL RIGHTS	0	×		
HOUSING RIGHTS	0	0		
TRAINED	0	×		
REGISTERED/CERTIFIED	X	×		







Pick up after your animal in common areas

Your animal will be asked to leave if it is aggressive or not potty trained

You have to pay for any damages caused by your animal



#### Important Contact Info:



EL PASO COUNTY



Denver Regional HUD Office (for info) (303) 672-5151

Denver FHEO Center (for complaints) (303) 672-5155

CO Civil Rights Division (303) 894-2997

CO Housing Connects (844) 926-6632

The Independence Center (719) 471-8181



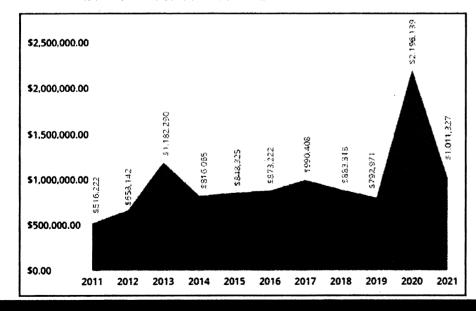
# Community Development Block Grant Program

EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LUKE HOUSER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST
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## 2023 CDBG Funds

CDBG Funding Impacts in El Paso County



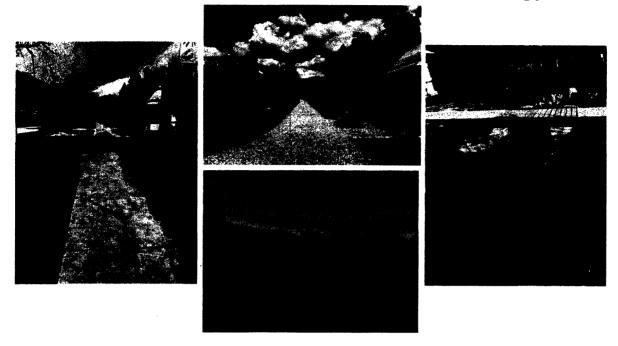
Since 2009, EPC has increased CDBG funding every year between 1-3%\* (\*declined funding between 2016 – 2020)

During COVID-19, we received our highest allocated amount

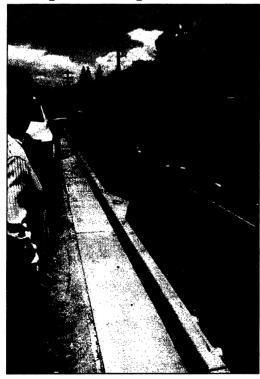
We receive just under \$1.1MIL annually, which we typically disperse between 11 (average) Subrecipients

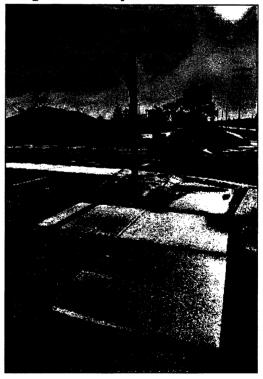


In 2022, El Paso County CDBG Funds were used to create ADA-accessible pathways at the Green Mountain Falls Lake Gazebo, including an accessible fishing pier



The life of a CDBG project can last over multiple project years. From <u>2021 - 2023</u>, the Town of Monument continues to improve its sidewalks and thoroughfares along Beacon Lite Rd - improving accessibility and infrastructure.







**Brothers Redevelopment:** Homeowner Rehabilitation Program has served 37 homes, removing barriers and providing accessibility improvements

**Envida** has provided thousands of free rides for eligible El Paso County Senior residents with their Access to Health (& other services) Program





**Tri-Lakes Cares** has helped over 500 individuals with rental and utility assistance through their Housing & Utility Assistance Program

**Silver Key** has also provided ridership accessibility for hundreds of citizens through their Health for Seniors Program – as well as provided thousands of meals through their Nutrition Assistance for Seniors Program



### EPC CDBG has partnered with many community programs to enrich the County:



The Place provides at-risk Youth with much needed services (housing, education, vocational) helping to ensure that homelessness is brief, and non-recurring

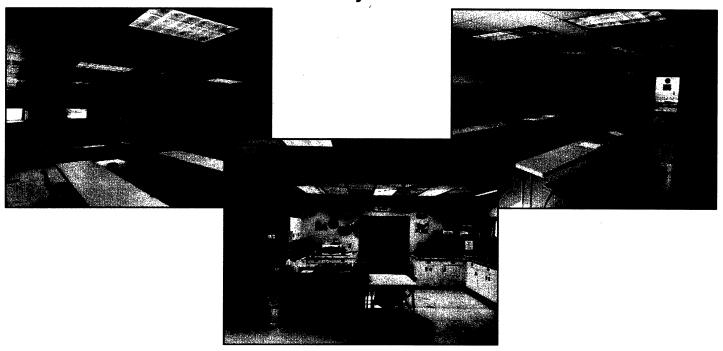
The Manitou Art Center grants



Mt. Carmel Veteran's Service Center serves Veterans (+ their families) within El Paso County with vocational, educational, housing and wrap-around services – helping to ensure longterm self-sustalnability & independence



## During 2020 (COVID) CDBG Funds were used to help facilitate the Fountain Valley Senior Center!





## Thank You!

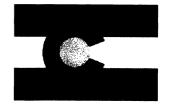
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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing



BRI provides housing and housing related services for Colorado's low-income, older adult and households with disabilities via the following services:

Home Modification and Repair, access, safety, deferred maintenance and aging related home rehabilitation

- Paint-A-Thon exterior painting and yard cleanup
- · Colorado Housing Connects helpline
- Aging in Place Senior Service Coordination and Case Management,
- HUD-certified Housing Counseling
- Housing placement through the Colorado Choice Transitions program
- · Rental, utility and mortgage assistance programming
- Affordable housing provision and property management.









#### Brothers Redevelopment Program Overview 2022

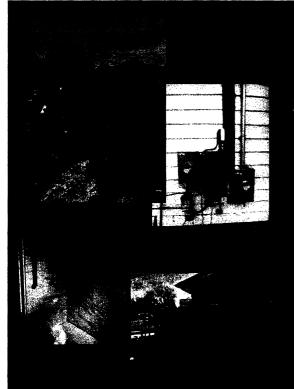


Brothers Redevelopment is a Colorado-based nonprofit organization that provides housing and a variety of housing-related services for the region's low-income, elderly and disabled residents.



- Colorado State licensed Medicaid Provider since 1984.
- Centennial Centennial Universal Design Home Rehabilitation program. Community Development Black Grant (CDBG)
- Denver (Slx County DRCOG area) Medicaid Home Modification program various private grant programs
- Broomfield Broomfield Home Rehabilitation Program, CDBG
- Thomton Thornton Help for Homes program CDBG
- Commerce City C3 Minor Home Repair program, CDBG
- Firestone Firestone Home Rehabilitation Program CDBG
- Westminster Westminster Emergency and Essential Home Repair program. CDBG
- Colorado Springs Colorado Springs Home Rehabilitation. Emergency Sewer and Water Assistance program. CDBG
- El Paso County El Paso County Home Rehabilitation program. Medicaid Home Modification program. CDBG
- Adams County Approved Contractor CDG8 Home Rehabilitation programs Medicaid Home Modification program
- Arapahoe County Help for Homes program. Emergency sewer and water line assistance program. CDBG
- <u>Arvada</u> Essential Home Repair Program CDBG. Sate Accessible Arvada. Arvada Help for Homes. Urgent Repair Program. City general funds.
- Sheridan Sheridan Home Repair Program. Housing Authority
- ► <u>Boulder County</u> CVNA CAPABLE program
- South Colorado Springs Park and Teller County BRI CAPABLE program





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Homeowners at or under 80% AMI, with homeowners' insurance and completed application

Up to \$20,000.00 in services available as needed on case-by-case basis













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OVERALL CAPABLE GOAL





**RECENT PROGRESS** 

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR EL PASO COUNTY'S **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)**

El Paso County, CO will conduct Public Hearings to obtain the community's views on HOUSING, COMMUNITY, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, and to offer the opportunity to provide comments or suggestions regarding project and activity considerations for funding through the 2024 CDBG Program.

Public hearings follow a "hybrid" model with an in-person option as well as a virtual option via Microsoft Teams. Virtual attendees may use a direct link on a computer/mobile device or call in via the number provided. Microsoft Teams automatically provides access to closed captioning for persons attending via the direct link.

#### **CDBG PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC HEARING 1** March 15, 2024 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

**PUBLIC HEARING 2** March 15, 2024 2:30 PM-3:30 PM

INFORMATION • Amount of anticipated CDBG funds to benefit low- to moderate-income persons

**VIRTUAL VIA LINK** 

- **PROVIDED TO THE** Overview of the CDBG program's Consolidated Plan goals
  - **COMMUNITY** Eligibility requirements of CDBG-funded activities and geographic regions served

OPTIONS TO **ATTEND** 

**IN-PERSON** 9 E Vermijo Ave,

Email LukeHouser@elpasoco.com for the virtual meeting link Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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El condado de El Paso, CO, llevará a cabo audiencias públicas para obtener las opiniones de la comunidad sobre las NECESIDADES DE VIVIENDA, COMUNIDAD Y DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO, y para ofrecer la oportunidad de proporcionar comentarios o sugerencias sobre las consideraciones de proyectos y actividades para la financiación a través del Programa CDBG 2024.

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#### **AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS DE CDBG**

#### **AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA 1**

15 de marzo de 2024 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

#### **AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA 2**

15 de marzo de 2024 2:30 PM-3:30 PM

- INFORMACIÓN Cantidad de fondos anticipados de CDBG para beneficiar a personas de ingresos bajos a moderados
- PROPORCIONADA Descripción general de los objetivos del Plan Consolidado del programa CDBG
- A LA COMUNIDAD Requisitos de elegibilidad de las actividades financiadas por CDBG y regiones geográficas atendidas

OPCIONES PARA ASISTIR **EN PERSONA** 

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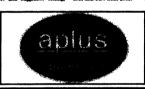
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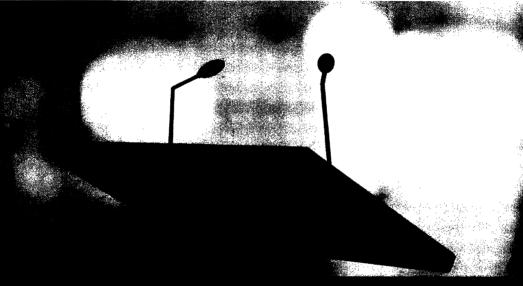


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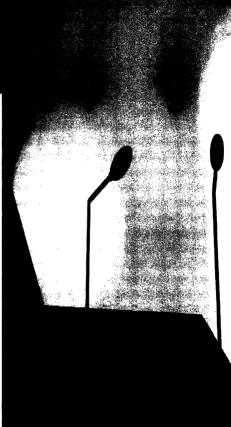
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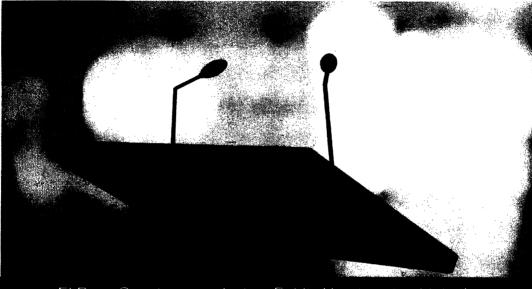


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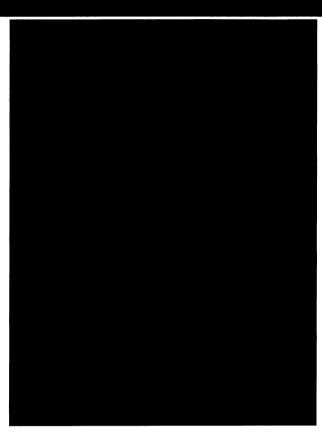
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EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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# CDBG Program Overview

## **CDBG Program Overview**

**Program History** 

1974

The CDBG program began in 1974 and is one of the longest running Housing and Urban Development programs.

2009

El Paso County was designated as a CDBG Entitlement Community in 2009.

2024

Today, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federally funded, flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

## **CDBG Program Overview**

National Objectives & Goals

### **National Objectives:**

- Serve persons of low to moderate income
- Urgent Need
- Slum & Blight

#### **National Goals:**

- · Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Establish and Maintain Suitable Living Environments
- Expand Economic Opportunities

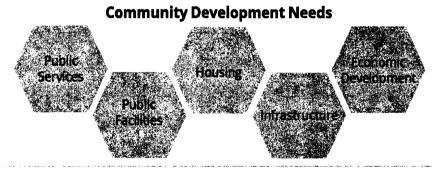
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Local CDBG Funds Fulfill Community Needs

#### **General Goals**

Provide
Decent
Affordable
Housing

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& Maintain
Sustainable
Living
Environments



- The County's CDBG goals are consistent with the federal CDBG goals and the County's Strategic Plan.
- The County's CDBG goal is to develop viable communities by ensuring a range of
  affordable housing choices, supporting necessary services, strengthening the local
  economy, and mobilizing community resources to enhance collaboration and
  community partnerships.
- Since the program's inception in 2009, 200+ community programs/projects have been assisted.

## **CDBG Program Overview**

Local & National Goals Align

In addition to the national goals, the El Paso County CDBG Program has 10 local goals to address some of the needs identified in our 5-year strategic plan, known as the Consolidated Plan.

Each project funded by our program must meet at least 1 of the 10 goals and be able to demonstrate measurable success at the conclusion of the project.

These selections inform the development of our Annual Action Plan, which must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and HUD in order to receive our annual allocation of funding.

## **CDBG Program Overview**

## El Paso County Consolidated Plan Goals

Housing

H1 Goal - Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities.



H2 Goal - Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices.

H3 Goal - Increase fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement.

Homelessness & Special Needs

HM1 Goal - Assist in ensuring that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.



SN1 Goal - Help special needs residents obtain housing and remain housed while living independently as they choose.

SN2 Goal - Reduce accessibility barriers (ADA compliance).

**SN3 Goal** - Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations.

Community Development

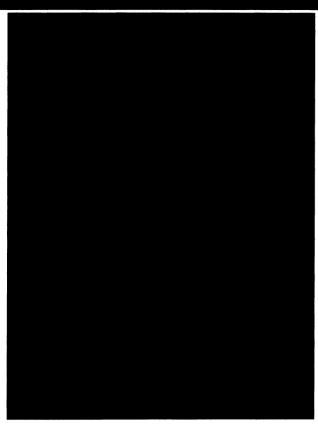
CD1 Goal - Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenities.



**CD2 Goal** – Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and specials needs populations.

CD3 Goal - Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents.





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- Calhan
- Fountain
- Green Mountain Falls
- Unincorporated El Paso County
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah
- Manitou Springs
- Monument

Why can't this money be used inside Colorado Springs city limits?

Colorado Springs receives its own CDBG funding, which means that for El Paso County to receive funding, we cannot allow Colorado Springs residents to 'double dip' into both sources of assistance.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Types of Eligible Projects

#### Who can apply?

- Participating Municipalities
- Non-Profits
- Faith Based Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- All applicants must be equal opportunity employers and be able to provide proof of status

## Public Service (15% allocation cap)

 Services such as meals on wheels, housing counseling

Eligibility: Must live in the eligible area, income qualify, and provide appropriate demographic data

#### **Public Facilities**

 Improving or building neighborhood community centers, parks, or ADA accessibility to said facilities

> Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (based on HUD data) or address ADA issues

# **Eligibility Requirements**

Types of Eligible Projects

#### **Infrastructure**

 Sidewalks, drainage improvements, sewer lines

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#### Housing

 Owner-occupied housing rehab, public housing accessibility

Eligibility: households must income qualify

#### **Economic Development**

 Activities that create jobs or encourage business development

Eligibility: must provide jobs for income eligible persons



## **Eligibility Requirements**

### Important Eligibility Considerations

- 1. Is the activity within the appropriate and eligible El Paso County CDBG geographic area?
- 2. Is the activity serving low-to moderate income residents?

If it is a public service, housing, or economic development project, does the agency have a way of tracking demographic information to prove and report this?

If it is a facility or infrastructure project, is it within a low-to moderate income area?

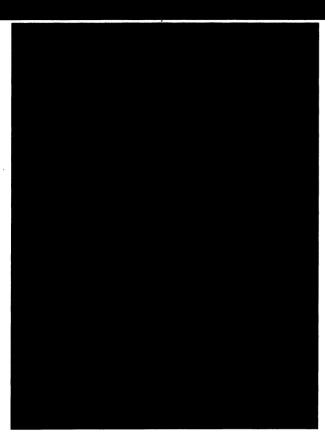
- 3. Is the activity eligible according to HUD CDBG CFR (review section 570.201- 570.207)?
- 4. Does the activity align with a HUD Matrix Code?
- 5. Does the activity align with our Consolidated Plan Goals?

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Ineligible Expenses

- Supplies that can be used past the life of the grant program are ineligible (computers, fridges, etc.).
  - supplies used during the program are eligible (food for food pantries, facemasks for employees while working with clients, etc.)
- · Staff time spent with ineligible clients or working on a different project
  - Can be used associable staff costs, specific to CDBG programming
- · General government operations and functions
  - · Includes the use of funds on Governmental Buildings
- · Political and religious activities
  - Programs that promote exclusivity are deemed ineligible





# 2024 CDBG Funds

## 2024 CDBG Funds

Funding for Low & Moderate Income Persons



#### **2023 HUD INCOME LIMITS**

2023 Median Family Income for El Paso County, CO \$105,100									
Income by Size of Household									
income Level	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person	
Extremely Low Income (≤30%)	\$20,500	\$23,400	\$26,350	\$30,000	\$35,140	\$40,280	\$45,240	\$50,560	
Very Low Income (≤50%)	\$34,150	\$39,000	\$43,900	\$48,750	\$52,650	\$56,550	\$60,450	\$64,350	
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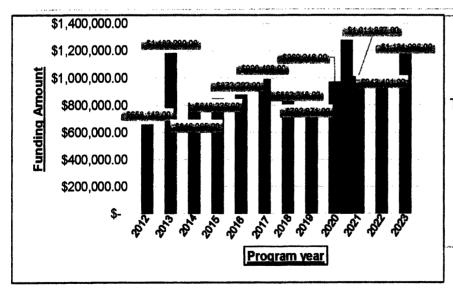
## 2024 CDBG Funds

### Funding Allocation for 2023

- In 2023, El Paso County was allocated \$1,184,998 for the CDBG program.
- EPC received **26** applications for this allocation.
- Minimum request amount is \$20,000.
- Minimum amount granted was \$23,714.00.
- Maximum amount granted was \$300,000.00
- For construction projects, applicants must build in the additional costs anticipated by the requirement of Davis-Bacon wages.
- Visit our website to view previous years of funding if you'd like to see historical funding data.

## 2024 CDBG Funds

CDBG Funding Impacts in El Paso County



### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for your commitment to creating and maintaining vibrant communities!

CDBG projects make a lasting, positive impact on our local economy and its residents.



# Thank You!

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#### AVISO DE PUBLICACIÓN DEL INFORME ANUAL CONSOLIDADO DE EVALUACIÓN DEL DESEMPERO 2024 PARA EL PROGRAMA DE SUBVENCIONES EN BLOQUE PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITÁRIO (CDBG)

Por la presente se notifica que el Informe Anual Consolidado de Evaluación del Desempeño (CAPER) de 2023 para el programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) para el Condado de El Paso, Colorado, estará disponible para su revisión y comentarios del 8 de mayo al 24 de mayo de 2024. CAPER es requerido por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de los Estados Unidos de todas las jurisdicciones que reciben fondos de CDBG, El CAPER del Condado describe los objetivos y actividades de vivienda, comunidad y desarrollo económico emprendidos en 2023 a través del programa CDBG. Este informe describe y evalúa los datos de logros para las actividades financiadas con dólares CDBG y demuestra la eficacia para satisfacer las necesidades de los clientes de ingresos bajos a moderados.

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EN CUAL QUIER MOMENTO DURANTE EL 8 DE MAYO DE 2024 AL 24 DE MAYO DE 2024.
El CAPER estará disponible a partir del 8 de mayo en: https://admin.alpascoc.or/leconomic-development/cdbg/
Las copias físicas estarán disponible en la siguiente ubicación:
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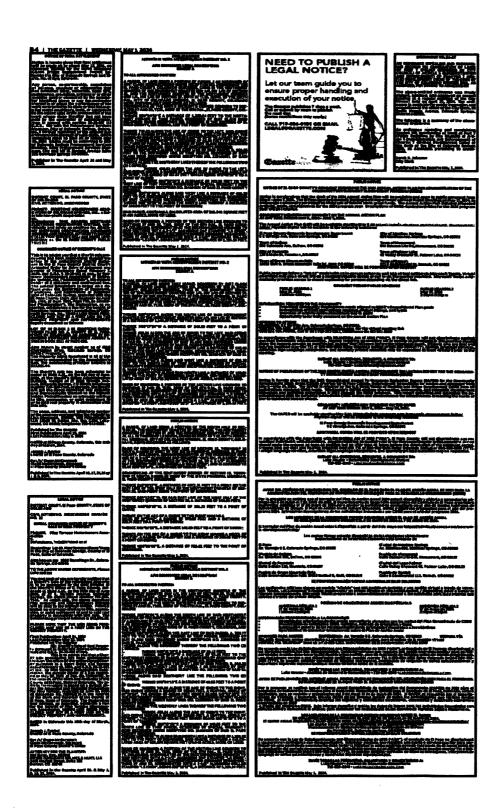
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We need your input on the Community Development Block Grant Program



### 2024 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

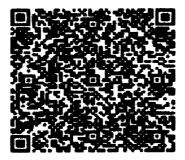
The Ei Paso County CDBG Annual Action Plan (AAP) includes proposed projects, goals, and objectives for the 2024 program year. Recommendations for projects were determined by the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). The 2024 AAP public comment period is open from May 8 - June 7, 2024. Public comments and CDAB recommendations will then be submitted to the EPC Board of County Commissioners for final approval and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).



Review the 2024 AAP Here

#### **Annual Action Plan Public Hearings**

Attend in-person at 9 E Vermijo Ave. or scan the QR code to join virtually via Teams.



The EPC Economic Development department will host public hearings to encourage community participation in the use of CDBG funds:

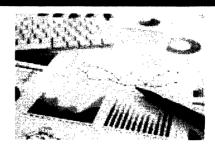
Public Hearing 1 Date: May 17, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Public Hearing 2**Date: May 17, 2024
Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

# 2023 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT

The CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaruation Report (CAPER) outlines the housing, community, and economic development objectives and activities undertaken in 2023 through the CDBG program. The 2023 CAPER public comment period is open from May 8 - May 24, 2024. Public comments will be included within the final report submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).



Review the 2023 CAPER Here

#### Comments about the 2023 CAPER or 2024 Annual Action Plan?

Feel free to add your voice and opinion during the open comment period!



#### Submit Comments to Luke Houser

#### Via Email or Phone: LukeHouser@eipasoco.com (719)-520-6249

#### **Via Mail or In-Person:** 9 E Vermijo Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Comments Must Be Submitted During Open Comment Period: CAPER: May 8 - May 24 AAP: May 8 - June 7



Thank you for your valuable time. For more information on Community Development initiatives and the CDBG program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerety,

Luke Houser
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#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

#### El Paso County Community Development Block Grant History

On April 1, 2009, El Paso County became an "entitlement community" and was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

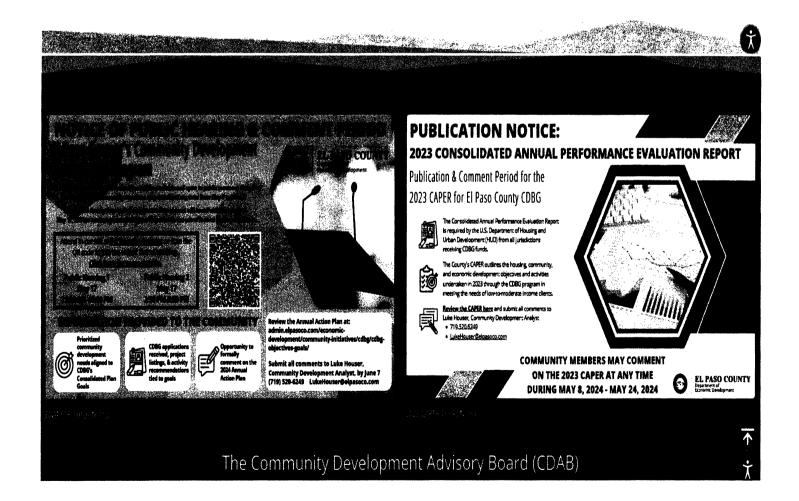
Before expending funds, projects must first be recommended by the El Paso County Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) and then approved by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners. Final approval comes from HUD. Projects are selected and submitted for approval on an annual basis, with the final approval from HUD usually occurring in July or August each year.



CDBG Objectives and Goals

CDBG Application Cycle

CDBG Subrecipient Resources







## 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing & Comment Period

EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LUKE HOUSER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST
LukeHouser@elpasoco.com



# CDBG Program Overview



## **CDBG Program Overview**

**Program History** 

**EPC Entitlement** El Paso County was designated as a CDBG Entitlement Community in 2009, qualifying for a direct CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG Purpose The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides decent affordable housing, establishes and maintains suitable living environments, and expands economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income residents.

**HUD Regulations** 

El Paso County develops several HUD-approved, long-range strategic plans for use of this funding. Funds may not be used within Colorado Springs city limits.

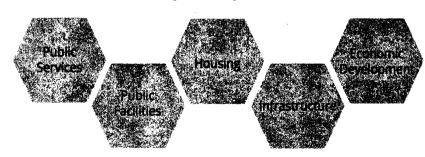
## **CDBG Program Overview**

National Goals & Local Community Needs

#### **National Goals**

### Provide Expand Decent Economic **Affordable** Opportunities Housing & Maintain Suitable Living Environments

#### **Community Development Needs**



- The County's CDBG goals align with the federal CDBG goals and the County's Strategic Plan.
- The County's CDBG goal is to develop viable communities by ensuring a range of affordable housing choices, supporting necessary services, strengthening the local economy, and mobilizing community resources to enhance collaboration and community partnerships.
- Since the program's inception in 2009, 215+ community programs/projects have been assisted.

## **CDBG Program Overview**

**Funding Recommendation Process** 

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#### **Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB)**

- Rachel Starr District 1
- Matt Buffington District 2
- Emily Peacock District 3
- Tamara Estes District 4
- Robert Null District 5
- Luke Houser Staff Liaison

- · Cindy Tompkins Calhan/Ramah
- Todd Evans Fountain
- Tyler Stevens Green Mountain Falls
- Denise Howell Manitou Springs
- Madeline VanDenHoek Monument
- · Samantha Padgett- Palmer Lake
- Holly Williams Commissioner Liaison

## **CDBG Program Overview**

El Paso County 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals

Housing

**H1 Goal** – Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities.



H2 Goal - Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices.

H3 Goal - Increase fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement.

Homelessness & Special Needs

HM1 Goal - Assist in ensuring that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.

SN1 Goal - Help special needs residents obtain housing and remain housed while living independently as they choose.



SN2 Goal - Reduce accessibility barriers (ADA compliance).

**SN3 Goal** - Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations.

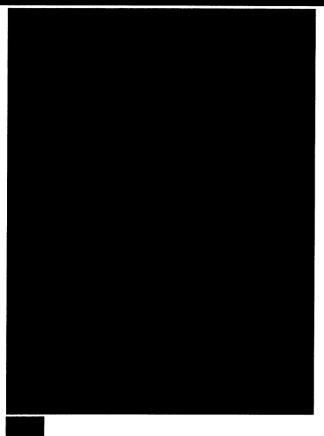
Community Development

CD1 Goal - Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenities.



CD2 Goal – Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and specials needs populations.

CD3 Goal - Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents.



## CDBG Funding Recommendations

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

**CDBG Funding Recommendations** 

## Community Partnership for Childhood Development (CPCD) - Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide supportive behavioral health and developmental services for 8 children and their families.

Proposed Number of Residents Served: 8 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

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Proposed Number of Residents Served: 60

Funding Recommendation: \$50,000

### Project Angel Heart - Home-Delivered, Medically Tailored Meals Service

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide free homedelivered meals for 42 food-insecure eligible residents. Proposed Number of Residents Served: 42 Funding Recommendation: \$38,641

#### Serenity Recovery Connection - Peer Recovery Support Services in Rural Areas

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide peer recovery support services for 30 eligible substance abuse victims and their families in rural areas.

Proposed Number of Residents Served: 30 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000



#### **INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

CDBG Funding Recommendations

#### City of Manitou Springs - Carnegie Library ADA

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide initial ADA-accessibility upgrades to the Carnegie Public Library, a Federal requirement for reopening.
Proposed Service Area: Manitou Springs

Funding Recommendation: \$300,000

Pikes Peak Library District – Fountain Library ADA
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide
renovations to pre-existing ADA-accessibility, removing barriers and replacing
impediments with modern ADA access. Proposed Service Area: Fountain

Funding Recommendation: \$20,000

#### Town of Monument - 3rd Street ADA

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide continued improvement to TOM's thoroughfares, expanding ADA-accessibility along its sidewalks - a continuation of a 2022 project. Proposed Service Area: Monument Funding Recommendation: \$73,000

Brothers Redevelopment – Housing Rehabilitation
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide 15 eligible
EPC residents with free at-home emergency/accessibility rehabilitation,
removing accessibility barriers and improving quality of life. Proposed Number of Households Served: 15 Funding Recommendation: \$125,000

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**CDBG Funding Recommendations** 

**Exponential Impact - Survive & Thrive Program**Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide education. mentorship, and networking services to create 25 jobs for eligible residents. Proposed Number of Jobs Created: 25 Funding Recommendation: \$55,000

#### Ellicott Open Door Church - ADA Accessible Restroom Renovations

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide ADAaccessibility upgrades to improve the public restroom facilities at Ellicott Open Door Church's Community Center.

Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County

Funding Recommendation: \$203,500

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

**CDBG Funding Recommendations** 

## City of Fountain - Bonita Drive Sidewalk Improvements (Phase II)

Funding from the 2024 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide additional ADA-accessibility upgrades to improve pre-existing sidewalks in Fountain. Proposed Service Area: Fountain Funding Recommendation: \$148,000

## El Paso County Parks & Community Services - Widefield Community Park ADA (Phase III)

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Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County

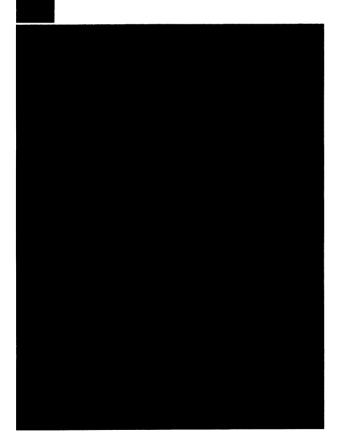
Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County Funding Recommendation: \$195,000

#### **Town of Ramah - Street Drainage Improvements**

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#### **Brothers Redevelopment - Home Repair Program**

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# Summary



# **Summary**

## Funding Recommendations

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1	\$55,000
PUBLIC FACILITIES	1	\$203,500
INFRASTRUCTURE	3	\$408,000
HOUSING	1	\$108,956
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# **Summary**

**Funding Statistics** 













#### 2024 El Paso County CDBG Applications

- 1. Bring It Home, Inc.
- 2. Brothers Redevelopment
- 3. City of Fountain
- 4. Community Partnership for Childhood Development
- 5. El Paso County Parks & Community Services
- 6. Ellicott Open Door Church (1)
- 7. Ellicott Open Door Church (2)
- 8. Exponential Impact
- 9. Forge Evolution
- 10. Fountain Valley Senior Center
- 11. Pikes Peak United Way
- 12. Project Angel Heart
- 13. Serenity Recovery Connection
- 14. The Place
- 15. Town of Green Mountain Falls
- 16. Town of Monument
- 17. Town of Ramah
- 18. Upwards

# Public Comments

# PUBLIC COMMENTS



Community members may comment on the Annual Action Plan during the open comment period of May 8 - June 7.

### **REVIEW THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT**

Digital Access: https://admin.elpasoco.com/economic-development/cdbg/

#### Printed Access:

El Paso County Economic Development Dept 9 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Town of Calhan 556 Colorado Ave, Calhan, CO 80808

City of Fountain

116 S Main St, Fountain, CO 80817

**Town of Green Mountain Falls** 10615 Unit B, Green Mountain Falls Rd, GMF, CO 80819 City of Manitou Springs

606 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs, CO 80829

**Town of Monument** 

645 Beacon Lite Rd, Monument, CO 80132

Town of Palmer Lake

42 Valley Crescent St, Palmer Lake, CO 80133

Town of Ramah

113 S Commercial St, Ramah, CO 80832

#### SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT

Email: LukeHouser@elpasoco.com

Call: 719.520.6249

In-Person: 9 E Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

All public comments received during the open period will be included in the final 2024 Annual Action Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.



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BoCC Agenda (July 9, 2024)





The 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Recommendations Packet includes 2024 program year funding recommendations from the CDBG Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) for the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners.

**Prepared for**El Paso County Board of County Commissioners

Prepared by

Economic Development Department 9 E. Vermijo Avenue Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903 www.elpasoco.com







#### **Community Development Advisory Board**

#### **Background**

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) is comprised of 12 voting, dedicated community volunteers with representation from all parts of the County. The members are appointed by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and by the participating municipalities. The members' backgrounds are impressive, and many members of CDAB have prior experience in dealing with community development needs.

CDAB was established to review matters of importance regarding El Paso County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDAB's mission is to review funding applications, prioritize each of the proposed programs and projects, ensure compliance with federal regulations, and accomplish the objectives in the County's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This document outlines the 2024 project funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

To accomplish its mission, CDAB held numerous public meetings to review and rank each of the individual programs and projects. Each application was assessed based on its overall consistency and ability to achieve the goals within the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. Additionally, CDAB assessed each application's benefit to low- to moderate-income residents and the amount of supplementary funding and leveraging capabilities. CDAB was also asked to consider the overall benefit or impact on the community and the applicant's experience and capacity.

All applications were reviewed individually within their designated categories and within the Community Development Block Grant program holistically. Public Services, Public Facilities, Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Development are the five main categories in the program. A total of 18 applications were received, and 10 are recommended for funding.





#### **2024 Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations**

#### **Public Services**

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#### **Public Facilities**

#### 1. Ellicott Open Door Church - ADA Accessible Restroom Renovations

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Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County

Funding Recommendation: \$203,500

#### Infrastructure

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### **Funding Statistics**

18	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
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### **2024 Application List**

#### 2024 El Paso County CDBG Applications

Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Re	quest Amt	Mic	s. Amount	Award Amt
Community Partnership for Childhood Development	Early Childhood Education for Disadvantaged Children	05L Child Care Services	\$	25,000	\$	20,000	
Forge Evolution	Expansion of Behavioral Health Services	05D Youth Services	\$	50,000	5	30,000	
Fountain Valley Senior Center	Senior Citizen Programming	05E Transportation Services	3	60,000	8	20,000	
Pikes Peak United Way	Transportation Connection Services	05E Transportation Services	\$	23,479	5	20,000	
Project Angel Heart	Home-Delivered, Medically Tailored Meals Service	05Z Other Public Services	\$	38,641	\$	30,000	
Serenity Recovery Connection	Peer Resovery Support Services in Rural Areas	05F Substance Abuse Services	\$	50,000	\$	25,000	
The Place	Street Outreach Program	05D Youth Services	5	50,000	5	20,000	
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2024 CDBG FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS PACKET

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 9/30/2021)

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BoCC Resolution (after July 9, 2024)

## Appendix B

## **Public Comments Received**

No comments received for the AAP during the comment period of May 8 – June 7, 2024



# Appendix C

SF-424 & Certifications

OMB Number: 4040-0004 Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for	or Federal Assista	ince SF-424	
* 1. Type of Subm	nission:	* 2. Type of Application:	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):
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* 3. Date Receive			
05/08/2024	u.	4. Applicant Identifier: El Paso County, Colo	rado
5a. Federal Entity	Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier:
HUD			B-24-UC-08-0005
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received	by State:	7. State Application I	identifier:
8. APPLICANT IN	NFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name:	El Paso County,	Colorado	
* b. Employer/Tax	payer Identification Nun	nber (EIN/TIN):	* c. UEI:
84-6000764			JNY4NXJ224J4
d. Address:			
* Street1:	9 E Vermijo A	ve	
Street2:			
* City:	Colorado Spri	ngs	
County/Parish:			
* State:	CO: Colorado		
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* Last Name:	aTier		
Suffix:			
Title: Executiv	ve Director		
Organizational Affi	illation:		
El Paso Count	ty, Colorado		
* Telephone Numb	per: 719-520-6484		Fax Number: 719-520-6486
- Email:  crysta	llatier@elpasoco	).com	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424
*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
B: County Government
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:
* Other (specify):
*10. Name of Federal Agency:
US Department of Housing and Urban Development
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
14.218
CFDA Title:
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:
B-24-UC-08-0005
* Title:
Community Development Block Grant
13. Competition Identification Number:
Title:
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
Public Services, Public Facilities, Infrastructure, Housing, Economic Development, Planning and
Administration
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424								
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#### **ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

OMB Number: 4040-0009 Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General
  of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
  the right to examine all records, books, papers, or
  documents related to the assistance; and will establish
  a proper accounting system in accordance with
  generally accepted accounting standards or agency
  directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- 6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- 10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race. color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex: (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29) U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records: (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statue(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statue(s) which may apply to the application.

- 11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- 12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
- 13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
- 14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- 15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of

- Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
- Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
- 18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
- 20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Chair, Board of County Commissioners
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
El Paso County, Colorado CDBG Program	

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- 3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.	(12

Date

Chair,	Board	of Count	ty Com	missio	ners

Signature of Authorized Official

#### **Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications**

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

- 1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).
- 2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.
- 3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

#### Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

- 1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
- 2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws It will comply with applicable laws.				
Signature of Authorized Official	Date			
Chair, Board of County Commissioners				

## **OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed	æd
to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR	
570.208(c):	

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-
assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular
urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the
community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Signature of Authorized Official	Date
Chair Board of County Commissioners	

#### APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

#### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.