

URBAN COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO 2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

PROGRAMS COVERED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG); AND
CARES ACT - CDBG & ESG

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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

The Urban County of San Luis Obispo allocated U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds to support agencies throughout the County in addressing highest priority needs. Needs identified during community engagement to be addressed with Program Year (PY) 2021 funds included affordable housing, rental assistance/ eviction prevention, homelessness services, public services, economic development, and public facility updates.

CARES ACT: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD allocated supplemental CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (CDBG-CV) funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The Urban County of San Luis Obsipo received a total of \$2,976,704 in CDBG-CV funds. 20% of these funds were used for administatrative support. Priorities set for these funds included supporting and rehabilitating emergency shelters, providing financial assistance, and funding supportive housing programs.

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

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

Goal	Category	Source /	Indicator	Unit of	Expected	Actual –	Percent	Expected	Actual –	Percent
		Amount		Measure	_	Strategic	Complete	_	Program	Complete
					Strategic	Plan		Program	Year	
					Plan			Year		
Create suitable living envir: Public Services	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$45,478	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	600	98	16.33%	350	98	28.00%

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Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$865,172 / HOME: \$818,128	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	100	39	39.00%	95	39	41.05%
Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	30	0	0.00%			
Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$35,541 / HOME: \$0	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	10	0	0.00%	4	0	0.00%
Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$26,550 / HOME: \$0	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	35	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%
Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	20	0	0.00%			
Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	

Create, preserve, maintain housing/shelter opps	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Improve educational and job readiness	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	30	0	0.00%			
Infrastructure in support of affordable housing	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2700	0	0.00%			
Prevent, reduce, and manage homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0 / ESG: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5435	1538	28.30%	0	1538	
Prevent, reduce, and manage homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$39,267 / HOME: \$0 / ESG: \$40,700	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	270	0	0.00%	23	19	82.60%
Prevent, reduce, and manage homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$217,319 / HOME: \$0 / ESG: \$88,490	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	632		3635	632	17.39%

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Prevent, reduce, and manage homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0 / ESG: \$0	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	6380	0	0.00%	0	0	
Prevent, reduce, and manage homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0 / ESG: \$12,394	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	19		0	19	
Stabilize and revitalize diverse neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$299,587	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	20000	3081	15.41%	0	3081	

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

Goal	Category	Source /	Indicator	Unit of	Expected –	Actual –	Percentage
		Amount		Measure	Program Year	Program Year	Complete
Prevent,	Affordable	CDBG-CV1:	Public service	Persons	1,861		
Prepare for,	Housing	\$879,840 /	activities other	Assisted			
and Respond	Homeless	CDBG-CV3:	than				
to COVID-19		\$1,501,524	Low/Moderate				
			Income				
			Housing				
			Benefit				
Prevent,	Affordable	ESG-CV1:	Public service	Housholds	189		
Prepare for,	Housing	\$322,158 /	activities other	Assisted			
and Respond	Homeless	ESG-CV2:	than				
to COVID-19		\$5,047,387.29	Low/Moderate				

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		Income		
		Housing		
		Benefit		

Table 2 – Accomplishments – CARES Act Funds to Date

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

The Urban County of San Luis Obsipo's 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Goals include the following, in order of highest priority to lowest priority:

1. Create, preserve, and maintain diverse housing/shelter opportunities (high)

The need to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing increases each year. The allocation of funds is accomplished through 1) competitive funding; 2) preservation of existing rental units for income eligible households; 3) housing repairs for income eligible homeowners; and 4) innovative housing models. The Urban County supports fair housing strategies and initiatives designed to affirmatively further fair housing choice and to increase access to housing and housing programs.

2. Prevent, reduce, and manage homelessness (high)

The Urban County invests in projects that ensure homeless persons from all sub-populations (families, youth/young adults, veterans, and adults without children) are treated with dignity and respect. Goals of funded projects include providing shelter, providing strength-based services that emphasize recovery, supporting clients through proactive and consistent case management, etc.

The Urban County values working with collective impact to develop a cohesive and coordinated homeless system grounded in the principle of Housing First and shared outcomes. Goals of funded programs that address this priority include gaining permanent housing for clients, providing transitional housing and supportive services, and providing homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing payments.

- 3. Infrastructure in direct support of affordable housing (high)
- 4. Improve educational and job readiness (med)
- 5. Create suitable living environment through public services (low)

Access to public services is important for every community. During program year 2021, the Urban County funded projects like the Adult Day Center, Youth Activity Scholarships, and Supportive Housing Programs.

6. Stabilize and revitalize diverse neighborhoods (low)

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Goals in italics were not funded during the 2021 Action Plan.



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CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
White	4,613	4	0
Black or African American	138	0	0
Asian	157	2	0
American Indian or American Native	45	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12	0	0
Total	4,965	6	0
Hispanic	1,371	0	0
Not Hispanic	3,594	6	0

Table 3 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

	CDBG-CV	Hispanic	ESG-CV	Hispanic
White				
Black or African American				
Asian				
American Indian of Native American				
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				
Total				

Table 4 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

Table 3 is generated by IDIS and lists the numbers of beneficiaries by race and ethnicity assisted with HUD-Funded programs during FY 2021-2022 for PY 2021 expenditures only.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	Federal	\$	
HOME	Federal	\$	\$535,746.48
ESG	Federal	\$	
CDBG-CV	Federal – CARES Act	\$2,976,704	
ESG-CV	Federal – CARES Act	\$6,048,254	

Table 4 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The table above outlines the 2021 grant funding resources made available and total funds expended during this report period.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

	Target Area	Planned P Allo	ercenta; cation	ge of	Actu	rcentage of cation	Narrative Description
N/A		0			0		below

Table 5 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

CDBG program funds are allocated to the participating jurisdictions of the Urban County (cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, and San Luis Obispo) but does not target resources to geographic areas. The cities receive funding based on a formula allocation considering population and income level percentages. The County of San Luis Obispo also has unincorporated areas with communities in need and eligible for funding. During application review, review panels consider the level of support a specific area in the County has received. If there is an application for an agency in a part of the County that hasn't been receiving steady funding and the application is competitive, that application receives extra points.

Leveraging

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

The CDBG program does not require matching funds, but CDBG funds are leveraged by many other resources within the community. These funding sources provided leverage from private and public sources for the CDBG projects undertaken in FY 2021-2022. Typically, subrecipients that received CDBG funding also received funding from federal, state, local, and other resources.

The HOME program requires that 25% of the project costs be accounted for by matching funds. The County's HOME match requirement for this reporting period is \$109,999.17. HOME funds were leveraged using local matching sources like the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund, in-lieu fees from the City of San Luis Obispo and the County and the State Low Income Housing Tax Credits. This match is reported in the HOME Match Report to HUD.

ESG funds were leveraged, in part, by selecting subrecipients that are established homeless service providers with strong connections to funding sources. ESG subrecipients are required to match ESG funding with other funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis. ESG subrecipients used County General Funds, private and public grants, as well as donated property to match the requirement.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	
3 .Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	\$109,999.17
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	

Table 6 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

			Match Contrib	oution for the Fe	ederal Fiscal Yea	r		
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructur e	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 7 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period					
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$	

Table 8 – Program Income

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Minority Bu	ısiness Enterpri	ises and Women	Business Enter	rprises – Indicat	te the number	and dollar
value of cor	ntracts for HOM	IE projects comp	leted during the	e reporting peri	od	
	Total		Minority Busin	ess Enterprises		White Non-
		Alaskan	Asian or	Black Non-	Hispanic	Hispanic
		Native or	Pacific	Hispanic		
		American	Islander			
		Indian				
Contracts						
Number	0					
Dollar	\$0.00					
Amount						
Sub-Contra	cts					•
Number	0					
Dollar	\$0.00					
Amount						
	Total	Women	Male			•
		Business				
		Enterprises				
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Amount						
Sub-Contra	cts					
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Amount						

Table 9 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

	Total		Minority Property Owners					
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic		
Number	0							
Dollar	\$0.00							
Amount								

Table 10 - Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of
relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired	0	0
Businesses Displaced	0	0
Nonprofit Organizations	0	0
Displaced		
Households Temporarily	0	0
Relocated, not Displaced		

Households	Total	<u> </u>	Minority Property Enterprises						
Displaced		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic			
Number	0								
Cost	\$0.00								

Table 21 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	104	39
Number of Special-Needs households to be		
provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	104	39

Table 32 - Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through		
Rental Assistance	0	19
Number of households supported through		
The Production of New Units	95	39
Number of households supported through		
Rehab of Existing Units	9	0
Number of households supported through		
Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	104	58

Table 43 - Number of Households Supported

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

None of the affordable housing projects funded during the 2021 Program Year were completed during the reporting period. Affordable housing projects typically take 18 months to complete and occupy, so it is anticipated that projects funded will complete within six months.

The pandamic also created a multitude of challenges for projects. These challenges include(d) an increase in material costs, supply chain delays, labor shortages, etc. Homeowner rehabilitation projects had to be put on pause to allow for safety procatuions, i.e. limit entry into occupied homes.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

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The County is committed to affordable housing opportunities and providing safe and decent housing for all residents through its 2020 Consolidated Plan. Due to the challenge to fund, commit, construct, and occupy new housing units within a reporting period, it is expected that new housing will be carried over and completed in a subsequent year and reported in the associated annual report.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	48	0
Low-income	10	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	58	0

Table 54 - Number of Households Served

Narrative Information



During PY 2021, the Urban County funded Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention activities that assisted 19 people. Additionally, a previously funded project completed this year and provided a direct benefit in housing 39 income-eligible individuals.



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

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

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

The County Department of Social Services (DSS) is the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) in the county. The Department of Planning and Building collaborates with DSS and the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) to address homeless needs and funding priorities, particularly in funding recommendations for the CoC, CDBG and ESG funds to address homelessness needs.

HSOC consists of city council members, a County Board member, local leaders, non-profit organizations (service providers and affordable housing developers), educators, the business community, health providers, and others. This group is responsible for the implementation of the County's plan to address homelessness.

In July 2022, HSOC voted to approve a five-year update to the plan. The update was developed in consultation with local governments, homeless services agencies, the local Public Housing Authority, people with lived experience of homelessness and other community stakeholders.

The CoC uses its Coordinated Entry services agencies and street outreach programs to help engage and assess unsheltered persons who are experiencing homelessness and make referrals to the appropriate level of intervention. The CoC also uses the Vulnerability Index-Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool to assess level of housing barriers and to make referrals to the CoC's permanent supportive housing programs. Coordinated Entry services are offered by shelters that receive ESG or CDBG funding and referrals may be made to the shelters from those services as well.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

ESG and CDBG funding will continue to be utilized for rental assistance, services, and emergency shelter needs for homeless individuals and families. As the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act was implemented, the Urban County, in coordination with the CoC, addressed the need for re-housing activities through utilizing ESG funding.

In 2021, the Urban County allocated \$220,521 in CDBG funds to support the operation of both the EI Camino Homeless Organization's (ECHO) Homeless Shelters in the North County, the 40 Prado Homeless Shelter (day use and overnight shelter) located in San Luis Obispo, and subsistence payments for homeless or at-risk of homelessness clients from the 5Cities Homeless Coalition Countywide.

Additionally, \$15,292 of 2021 CDBG administrative funds was allocated to the Department of Social Services to support administration of HMIS.

In 2021, the Urban County allocated \$147,483 in ESG funds to support homeless shelter operations and to provide security deposits and subsistence payments for eligible individuals and families.

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

Foster Care: Department of Social Services foster care social workers convene permanency team meetings with the court-dependent child, foster family, and all relevant service providers to help ensure a smooth transition out of the foster care system.

Health Care: Although no formal protocol exists, hospital discharge planners, public and private case managers, and care providers collaborate through the Adult Services Policy Council to meet the needs of medically fragile homeless adults being discharged from local hospitals. Limited-time accommodations are available through motel vouchers from a local non-profit, linked with nurse case management from Public Health.

Mental Health: Mental Health Services has a Psychiatric Health Facility Policy and Procedure Manual, specifically sections 2.18 (Criteria for Discharge), 2.19.1 (In-Patient Aftercare Plans), 4.00 (Treatment: General Considerations) and 4.14 (Referrals to Private Mental Health Practitioners). Mental Health Services uses a client-centered team approach to the utilization of community-based services, emphasizing the least restrictive environment and highest possible quality of life.

Corrections: Law enforcement entities have verbal agreements about discharge of inmates who will be homeless. State and Federal parolee re-entry is supported by a monthly orientation to community services including jobs, job training, housing, food, health care and mainstream benefits. Local jail discharge includes referrals for needed services.

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

The Urban County supports the transition of homeless persons to permanent housing by aligning with the Five-Year plan goals to provide support to Housing First strategies, including rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing. The Urban County and the HSOC both support the continued use of CDBG and ESG funds for homeless needs.

The formation of the San Luis Obispo Supportive Housing Consortium has improved coordination and collaboration among agencies helping the homeless and other persons with special needs to find housing and supportive services. The Consortium has become an important collective source of guidance in identifying programs and projects suitable for funding that help support clients to work

towards self-sufficiency. The Consortium's mission is to provide member agencies' clients with affordable housing units every year. The Paso Robles Housing Authority and several non-profit agencies operating in the north county area also utilize funds to expand resources to other areas of the county.

HASLO provides resources for homeless persons to obtain permanent housing through operating the Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Program on a countywide basis.



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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Each year, the Urban County allocates HOME and CDBG funds to affordable housing projects. The Urban County allocated \$818,128 in 2021 HOME funds and \$927,263 in 2021 CDBG funds towards affordable housing projects. These projects are scheduled to complete this upcoming program year.

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

HASLO encourages public housing residents to become more involved in management of their housing and to work toward acquiring ownership of the units, but with limited success. The authorities' Comprehensive Plans describe these efforts in more detail than is shown here.

HASLO has implemented the Family Self Sufficiency Program, the Work Incentive Program and have encouraged tenant/resident councils at their public housing developments, in addition to down payment assistance programs.

In addition, HASLO has received financial assistance for improving the management and operation of public housing, and a strategy for improving the living environment of public housing residents.

Additionally, HASLO directs low-income persons to agencies that help residents find better paying jobs, which often helps households build credit.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Public Housing Authorities are evaluated by HUD's Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) on their performance, annually or biennially. The frequency of performance evaluations is determined by how well they have performed historically.

The PHAS system uses a maximum score of 100 points for public housing authorities. Agencies that score 90 or higher are "High Performers," while 60 to 89 are "Standard Performers." "Substandard Performers" scored at least 60 points overall and 60 points or lower in one or more of other performance categories. An overall score of less than 60 points overall classifies a PHA as "Troubled."

According to the HUD website the PHAS Report was last updated in January of 2014. HASLO received a 93 PHAS score in September 2013.

Therefore, according to HUD, HASLO is not a troubled-PHA.

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

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (j)

The County's Fair Housing Plan has Action Steps regarding local land use controls, codes, and fees.

The Plan has two parts: 1) an evaluation of the fair housing issues in our area, and 2) recommendations on how to address those issues.

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

The 2020-2024 Con Plan identifies the limited availability of funding from federal, state, and other sources. The growing demand for housing units and the lack of funding has created significant barriers, especially considering the county is considered one of the least affordable places to live.

The Urban County is focusing on opportunities to combine both CDBG and HOME funds to develop affordable housing. CDBG funds continue to be used to assist with the acquisition of land where affordable housing projects will be developed using HOME funds.

The Con Plan also identifies the need to provide services and housing to homeless individuals. The Urban County is allocating additional CDBG funds for emergency shelter and services in comparison to prior years. In 2019, the Urban County funded the first application to provide subsistence payments to homeless or households at-risk of homelessness by providing security deposits and rent to provide or retain housing. This practice has maximized the allocation of public services funds, to 15% of the Urban County's annual CDBG allocation, to these needs and was continued in 2020.

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

The 2007-2011 ACS shows that of the 93,024 occupied housing units in the County there are 44,969 units that were built before 1980 and therefore are at risk of having lead-based paint. Lead poisoning levels for San Luis Obispo County are considerable low. Low and moderate-income household make up 24,186 (26%) of the total number of County households.

Proposed Actions to Reduce/Eliminate Lead-Based Paint Hazards

San Luis Obispo County has contracted with Community Health Centers (CHC) to operate public health clinics. Children in the public health programs such as WIC (Women, Infants & Children Program) and CHDP (Child Health Disability Program) come to the CHC clinics. Pursuant to program guidelines the CHC screens these children to check against elevated blood lead levels (EBLL). The results are posted on a website that is maintained by the California Department of Public Health/Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch. The state notifies the County's Public Health Department of all cases of children with 5 or more micrograms of lead in a deciliter of blood. The County voluntarily monitors children with

as little as 5 micrograms of lead in a deciliter of blood.

The County's Public Health Department has certified EBLL (elevated blood lead level) staff with a special XRF inspection device. The EBLL trained staff conducts home inspections and health monitoring for children with 20 or more micrograms of lead in a deciliter of blood. In 2020, there were 14 cases of EBLL between the 5-19 19 μ g/dL range.

The County Health Agency/Public Health Department has a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program which helps to educate the public on the lead hazards and resources available for prevention of lead-based poisoning. Testing for leaded paint hazards is provided. The Public Health Department distributes lead-based paint information pamphlets throughout the County. Such pamphlets are available at County's Planning and Building Department's front counter, where building permits are issued that might involve remodeling of pre-1980 dwellings. Also, the County Public Health Department also present a lead-based paint informational meeting with the parents of children enrolled in the local HeadStart Program

All public housing units in the county were modified as needed to remove / monitor for lead-based paint. All Section 8 residents receive a HUD pamphlet alerting them to the hazards of lead-based paint, and how to request health screening if they suspect contamination. The (HUD funded) locally operated tenant-based rental assistance program (TBRA) requires rental units to pass a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) / lead-based paint inspection before TBRA funds are used. County staff conducts a quarterly review to safeguard against possible matches between TBRA rental units and children who have EBLL (i.e., a child with an active EBLL case). This quarterly review is conducted by staff from the County Public Health Department and the County Planning & Building Department.

The County Planning & Building Department (PBD) administers the HUD funding programs for the County. When the public applies to the County for HUD funds, they must use application forms that reflect HUD's lead-based paint regulations (24 CFR 35, particularly Subparts J, K & M). Applicants must provide a programmatic description of all work proposed for pre-1979 residential structures.

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

The Urban County's public service and rental/owner-occupied housing programs are the primary output-oriented vehicles for reducing the number of poverty-level households. Associated goals outlined in the Action Plan include provisions of supportive services for homeless persons and families (ESG) as well as providing support to projects that implement strategies from the County's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness (CDBG). Several policies support these overarching goals. The County allocates the maximum amount allowable to support public services annually to further the anti-poverty efforts of many local area non-profits. The Urban County's support for projects that implement a Ten-Year Plan Strategy is carried out through awarding additional points during the application review process, thereby supporting and leveraging resources to address homeless and at-risk households.

The County of San Luis Obispo developed a countywide 10-year Plan to End Homelessness. The three main pillars of this plan include housing, services, and prevention. Under housing, the "Housing First"

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policy shapes the efforts to reduce the number of families in poverty. Programs include creation of regional basic housing assistance centers to facilitate access to housing and housing-related services, development of a range of housing, including affordable housing, permanent supportive, and interim and transitional housing, short term, and housing subsidies to help people regain and maintain housing. The services pillar aims to create a central access to comprehensive services by incorporating the triage approach and a single data system and streamlining paperwork to support coordinated service provision. For prevention, the 10-year Plan offers a variety of prevention programs such as the use of a comprehensive assessment tool during the intake process to identify people who are homeless or at-risk and designate a discharge planner at all publicly funded institutions, the creation of medical respite beds, and the provision of eviction prevention housing assistance and services. In summary, the 10-year Plan goals are to facilitate access to affordable housing to put an end to homelessness, stopping homelessness before it starts through prevention and effective interventions, ending and preventing homelessness through integrated, comprehensive, responsive support services, and coordinating a solid administrative and financial structure to support effective plan implementation.

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

There are strengths in the institutional delivery system. Collaboration, coordination, and communication are strong in San Luis Obispo County with relationships and advocacy in groups such as the San Luis Obispo Supportive Housing Consortium and the Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA).

The Consortium has improved coordination and collaboration among agencies helping the homeless and other persons with special needs find housing and supportive services. These groups work to ensure there is a continuum of housing and services for low-income households, the homeless and populations with special needs. Referrals are made between agencies and, oftentimes, housing providers reach out to service providers for on-site resident services or recruitment of tenants. The gaps in the institutional delivery system center on the difficulty in finding units for the hard-to-house populations. There are no overnight shelter beds for single men. There are a limited number of shelter beds for women. There are no respite homes.

Several nonprofit organizations work closely with different County departments (the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Public Health) to deliver programs and services targeted to low income and very low-income populations. CAPSLO is the largest nonprofit agency in the County of San Luis Obispo that provides services to low-income families including homeless services, health and preventions programs, and family support services. The Urban County continues to invest federal funds to the existing homeless shelters and homeless services operated by CAPSLO. Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) also provides housing and supportive services to very low-income persons with mental illnesses. Given that housing is important to special needs population, the Urban County will provide financial support to affordable housing projects by TMHA, when competitive.

The nonprofit agencies and public institutions have formed advisory groups to discuss and resolve

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issues, improve delivery structure systems, and partner together to house and provide supportive services to homeless individuals.

The strengths of the service delivery system for special needs populations and persons experiencing homelessness include the countywide resource and referral network that includes 211 info and the centralized assessment for homeless and at-risk households operated by the United Way. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a strength within the service delivery point because we now have real time data to assess gaps. For special needs populations, there are several agencies that provide services that are specific to special needs populations including persons with disabilities, exoffenders, seniors, farmworkers, persons with HIV/AIDS, domestic violence survivors, and persons with addictions. Many of these agencies provide both housing and supportive services for their clients. The gaps in the service delivery system include the fact that many of the supportive services are not targeted to homeless persons or those with HIV/AIDS. Funding is also erratic and inconsistent in meeting the needs within the service delivery system, especially given the needs.

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

There is a focus on connecting homeless persons to the mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services.

The Urban County coordinates with a variety of nonprofit organizations to inform and work with the community to enhance coordination between the public, private housing, health, and social services agencies during the Action Plan development process.

Urban County staff also maintains relationships with various local, state, and federal agencies including but not limited to, the County Departments of Drug and Alcohol Services, Health Agency, Mental Health Services, and Social Services to effectively link services to the targeted population.

Staff also maintains good relations and an open communication with nonprofits that provide needed services. For example, households seeking assistance are assessed for participation in mainstream resources, including TANF, SNAP, public health plans, employment, and housing services, and referred to programs for which they may be eligible. For health, case managers and agencies routinely look to enroll uninsured clients through the Affordable Care Act. Agencies such as the Community Health Centers of the Central Coast (CHC) look to fill the void in providing mainstream health care to homeless clients who may have chronic health conditions. For mental health, area agencies like San Luis Obispo Mental Health Services, TMHA, Community Counseling Center, San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services also work to enroll clients in health programs and link them with access to a mental health provider who can create an individualized plan to manage their mental health challenges. The mental health providers are actively involved in the Continuum of Care and work closely with homeless services providers to provide access to mental health services. These agencies not only work with these clients to address their supportive service needs associated with their mental health conditions but work diligently to house them through use of vouchers within a Housing First model that will help stabilize them.

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

The County does not have the same housing issues as high-density urban areas. However, the lack of affordable housing is the biggest barrier to fair housing choice.

The Fair Housing Plan includes: 1) an analysis of the obstructions and impediments to fair housing choice in the local housing markets, and 2) action steps that the County and its partner cities will take to address (and reduce) the identified impediments to fair housing choice. A summary of the Action Steps and progress being made is provided here:

- Action Step 1 Increase financial support for fair housing services: The County has executed a
 fair housing service contract with the local office of the California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA).
 CRLA has an in-house attorney and provides both counseling and legal representation for lowincome clients with housing and discrimination issues. CRLA also operates a Rental Clinic in the
 Superior Courthouse that helps landlords, tenants, and the public to deal with housing laws.
- Action Step 2 Encourage the development of affordable housing by: Increase the maximum
 allowable density in multi-family zoning districts. Prospectively rezone infill areas to allow for
 multi-family housing development. Expedite the process for approval of specific plans. Create
 opportunities for siting of tiny homes and other manufactured homes.
- Action Step 3 Encourage cities to use CDBG for affordable housing development: The county
 requires that cities prioritize the use of CDBG funds to support the development of affordable
 housing. Waive fees, or pay for fees using CDBG, for affordable housing developments.
- Action Step 4 Meet the Supportive Housing Needs of Persons with Disabilities: Require 25% of all affordable units in developments assisted with bond proceeds be set aside for persons with disabilities who need supportive services.
- Action Step 5 Increase Public Transportation: Advocate for greater state and federal resources for public transportation.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

The County adapts exhibits from the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Monitoring Handbook to monitor its subrecipients.

CDBG Program

Upon application review, a risk assessment is completed to help establish competitive projects eligible for funding. The results of the risk assessments dictates the monitoring schedule for the upcoming program year. Proposals are ranked as low risk, medium risk, or high risk based on the given set of parameters. High risk projects are monitored via desk-top monitoring and on-site monitoring, medium risk projects undergo desktop monitoring, and low risk projects are monitored through routine processes like processing invoices and progress reports.

HOME Program

HOME monitoring frequency is based on the HOME regulations, 92.504(d). Any active activity (i.e. contract is in effect), including development to occupancy, is monitored annually. Once the project enters the compliance period, or affordability period, the frequency of on-site visits depends on the unit count. 1-4 units are monitored onsite every 3 years, 5-25 unit developments are monitored on-site every 2 years, and a rental project with 26 or more units is monitored on-site annually.

ESG Program

Monitoring thresholds for ESG-funded projects are also dependent on the results of the application risk assessment. County staff conducts an annual desktop monitoring for the ESG subrecipients to ensure that the projects are meeting federal regulations through review of the agreement, processing invoices, and reviewing progress reports against HMIS data.

CARES Act Programs

Tools used for monitoring entitlement program projects were modified to reflect CARES Act waivers and guidance, while ensuring program compliance.

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

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

A notice was published in The Tribune on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, and gave information about providing comment on the posted draft 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER review and comment period was also advertised on the County of San Luis Obispo website. The 15-day notice also included the date, time, and location of the availability of staff to answer questions and receive comments relative to the County of San Luis Obispo's performance.

The 15-day notice period ended on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

The County did not receive comments related to the 2021 CAPER.

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CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

The County has not changed the objectives of its CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Funds continue to assist in leveraging resources that support infrastructure, homeless services, and housing development per the 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan.

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

No

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

Not applicable.

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CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

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

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

In 2016, County staff began submitting quarterly Affirmative Marketing reports to the HUD Civil Rights Compliance Division. County staff developed the reporting form and written procedures for data collection and submittal of the quarterly reports to HUD. Although the HUD Civil Rights Compliance Division no longer requires these reports, the County continues to generate the reports for the HOME rental housing projects.

These quarterly reports indicate that an underserved population may be Asians. When tallying the beneficiaries of HUD funded public services and housing projects / programs, it appears that a low number of Asians are being served. If this low count persists then County staff may advise agency program managers to increase their efforts to reach out to the local Asian population. Some possible explanations for the low count are: 1) Asians may have been counted in the "Other" category of ethnic groups, or 2) the County has a number of recent Asian immigrant groups that are not fully assimilated yet (Hmong, Laotian, Vietnamese and Thai).

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

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

Market factors such as the high costs of land suitable for residential development, high construction costs, and high interest rates prove to be significant constrains on the development of affordable housing in San Luis Obispo County and the participating cities of the Urban County. Efforts taken to mitigate barriers include hosting regular meetings with stakeholders like the Housing Trust Fund and subrecipients developing affordable housing. These meetings help identify current project-specific barriers and allow for corrective actions to be put in place.

CR-58 – Section 3 Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

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

Table 6 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are					
Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are					
Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).			_		
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or					
paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete					
for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section		P			
3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns					
understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate					
participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in					
seeking employment including: drafting					
resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job					
opportunities, connecting residents to job placement					
services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive					
services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive					
services that provide one or more of the following: work					
readiness health screenings, interview clothing,					
uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					

Table 7 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

Section 3 was not triggered by any projects that completed in 2021.

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

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in e-snaps

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Organizational DUNS Number 059227611

UEI

EIN/TIN Number 956000939
Indentify the Field Office LOS ANGELES

Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or

subrecipient(s) will provide ESG

assistance

ESG Contact Name

Prefix Mrs
First Name Kristin

Middle Name

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Last Name Ventresca

Suffix

Title Housing Programs Manager

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1 976 Osos Street

Street Address 2

City San Luis Obispo

State CA ZIP Code -

Phone Number 8057815701

Extension Fax Number

Email Address kventresca@co.slo.ca.us

ESG Secondary Contact

PrefixMrFirst NameTimLast NameSiler

Suffix

Title Program Manager
Phone Number 8057814195

Extension Email Address

tsiler@co.slo.ca.us

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date 07/01/2021
Program Year End Date 06/30/2022

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

Subrecipient or Contractor Name

City State Zip Code DUNS Number

UEI

Is subrecipient a vistim services provider

Subrecipient Organization Type

ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount

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CR-65 - Persons Assisted

4. Persons Served

4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in	Total	
Households		
Adults	0	
Children	0	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0	
Missing Information	0	
Total	0	

Table 17 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 18 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 19 – Shelter Information

4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 20 – Household Information for Street Outreach

4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 21 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Male	0
Female	0
Transgender	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 22 - Gender Information

6. Age—Complete for All Activities

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

Table 23 – Age Information

7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

Number of Persons in Households

Subpopulation	Total	Total Persons Served – Prevention	Total Persons Served – RRH	Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters
Veterans	0			
Victims of	0			
Domestic				
Violence				
Elderly	0			
HIV/AIDS	0			
Chronically	0			
Homeless				
Persons with Disabi	lities:			
Severely	0			
Mentally III				
Chronic	0			
Substance				
Abuse				
Other	0			
Disability				
Total	0			
(unduplicated				
if possible)				

Table 24 – Special Population Served

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

10. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units – Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units – Conversion	0
Total Number of bed - nigths available	0
Total Number of bed - nights provided	0
Capacity Utilization	0

Table 25 – Shelter Capacity

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

The CoC provides PIT data, HMIS data, and ESG subrecipient information for the development of performance standards. The CoC has a prevailing role in evaluating outcomes for ESG funded activities, i.e. determining how to allocate ESG funds for eligible activities and developing performance standards for ESG-assisted activities. The countywide HMIS also evaluated ESG providers through quarterly reports of HUD's system performance measures.

Measure: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless – Average of 57 days in ES

Measure: Extent to which Persons who Exit Homeless to Permanent Housing Returns to Homelessness (Recidivism) – 18%

Measure: Income growth for adults who exited with non-employment cash income – 45%

Measure: Income growth total for exiting adults – 64%

CR-75 - Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation &	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	\$3,328.29	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and	\$26,671.71	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation &	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021
Essential Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operations	\$90,088.00	\$0.00	\$179,110.00
Renovation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Major Rehab	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conversion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$90,088.00	\$0.00	\$88,490.00

Table 28 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

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Commented [HH1]: Includes PY 2020 funds (\$90,620.00)

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amour	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2019	2020	2021	
Street Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
HMIS	\$4,058.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Administration	\$12,174.08	\$0.00	\$9,993.78	

Table 29 - Other Grant Expenditures

Commented [HH2]: PY 2020 funds

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Total ESG Funds Expended	2019	2020	2021
	\$162,320.08	\$0.00	\$189,103.78

Table 30 - Total ESG Funds Expended

11f. Match Source

	2019	2020	2021
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds			
Other Federal Funds			
State Government		\$14,500.00	
Local Government	\$111,982.00	\$115,366.00	\$100,448.00
Private Funds		\$20,714.00	\$41,119.00
Other	\$50,338.08	\$12,700.00	\$17,874.00
Fees			
Program Income			
Total Match Amount	\$162,320.08	\$163,280.00	\$159,441.00

Table 31 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

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11g. Total

Total Amount of Funds	2019	2020	2021
Expended on ESG			
Activities			
	\$162,320.08	\$0.00	\$189,103.78

Table 32 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities

