# The City of SAN DIEGO

Draft Annual Action Plan
City Fiscal Year 2026, HUD Program Year 2025
For CDBG, HOME, ESG Programs

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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- **A. Attachment A: Citizen Comments and Public Notices** (Public comments from the City Council hearing on June 30, 2025 will be included in the final version of the plan)
- **B.** Attachment B: Grantee Unique Appendices (This attachment will be included in the final version of the plan)
- 1. Appendix 1: FY 2026 Activities by Con Plan Goal
- 2. Appendix 2: FY 2026 Funding Allocation by Con Plan Goal
- **C.** Attachment C: SF-424s Applications, Certifications, and Assurances (This attachment will be included in the final version of the plan)

#### **AP-05 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - 91.220(C), 91.220 (B)**

The Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) represents the second year of the City of San Diego Consolidated Plan for the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 (Consolidated Plan) as ratified by the City Council and approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan is the City's application for HUD entitlement grants, which identifies the proposed programs and projects to be funded during the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, which begins July 1, 2025. There are three\* primary HUD entitlement grants that are covered in the Action Plan:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing improved living environments, expanding economic opportunity, and providing suitable housing. Funds are intended to serve low- and moderate-income residents and areas.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): The HOME program is intended to increase the availability, quality, and access to affordable and decent housing for low-income households.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): The purpose of the ESG program is to aid individuals and families in regaining both temporary and permanent housing after they experience a housing crisis or homelessness.

\*Please note, the County of San Diego is the City's designated Alternative Grantee for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, therefore removing the City's responsibility for tracking allocations and outcome numbers for the HOPWA grant. Please visit the County of San Diego's Annual Action Plan for information about the HOPWA allocations, goals, and outcomes.

The San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) administers the HOME program and a portion of the ESG programs on behalf of the City. The Action Plan has been prepared by the City's Economic Development Department in partnership with Housing Commission.

The Annual Action Plan identifies how the City, working in partnership with the Housing Commission, proposes to utilize these funds in the upcoming fiscal year to address its community development, housing, and public services goals and priorities described in the Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan also outlines other projects and programs that leverage CDBG, HOME, and ESG program funds to further support the City's efforts to address its goals and priorities as identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Action Plan also includes activities to remediate impediments to Fair Housing as identified in the most recent San Diego Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (FY 2021 – FY 2025). The Fair Housing Center at the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. was selected using a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process as the service provider to provide Fair Housing outreach and education, investigate cases and assist with enforcement. The City continues to sponsor free, public educational workshops and produce multilingual informational resources for the public.

In accordance with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), certain public participation processes- such as public comment periods and community outreach – must be followed before the item can be considered by a City Council Committee. However, due to the time-sensitive urgency to submit the plan to HUD and ensure funding is approved prior to July 1, 2025, the start of the new Fiscal Year 2026, City Council, at its meeting on April 21,

2025, formally waived the committee provision of the CPP. . After HUD released the City's FY 2026 (HUD PY 2025) entitlement allocations, the final draft of the Action Plan was presented to Committee and City Council, as detailed in the Citizen Participation Plan.

**Goals and outcomes.** The five-year goals established to address housing and community development needs in San Diego include:

**Goal 1**: Increase, protect and preserve affordable rental and homeownership housing opportunities by improving access to a diverse set of affordable housing, accessible in design and energy efficient, with proximity to job centers, schools, parks, and services.

**Goal 2**: Invest in inclusive economic growth initiatives that develop and strengthen small businesses, support local entrepreneurs, expand employment and/or workforce development programs, and improve access to job opportunities.

**Goal 3**: Develop vibrant and equitable neighborhoods by investing in public facilities, critical infrastructure, and/or nonprofit facilities that provide increased accessibility, resiliency, and sustainability.

**Goal 4**: Improve housing stability for individuals and households with critical needs, including persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness by providing appropriate housing and service solutions grounded in best practices.

**Goal 5**: Improve community services by addressing critical needs and promoting equity through improved or increased access to community programming.

In developing the goals and outcomes of the Consolidated Plan, the City completed a "goals crosswalk" exercise to identify how goals in other, relevant City plans relate to the goals and needs in the Consolidated Plan. City departments discussed the shared goals and aligned actions at a goal-setting workshop. This exercise ensured that the Consolidated Plan goals align with and complement the City's overall Strategic Plan and department-level goals.

#### **AP-10 CONSULTATION - 91.100, 91.200(B), 91.215(L)**

#### Introduction

In developing the Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the City conducted an extensive citizen and community participation effort by engaging citizens and key partners. The City received input from elected officials, residents, City departments, nonprofit agencies, and community stakeholders. The City hosted a public meeting to kick off the community engagement process attended by more than 80 stakeholders representing local organizations. The City also hosted eight public forums in October 2023 to gather input on housing, community development, public service, and economic development needs and outcomes. The forums were predominantly held in low- to moderate-income communities to maximize participation from city residents most likely to benefit from these federal programs. In addition to the community and stakeholder consultation meetings, over 700 participants responded to an online Community Needs Survey. Input received informed the development of the priorities and strategies contained within the five-year plan.

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)).

The City's outreach and consultation strategies included coordination with community outreach partnerships for public and assisted housing, social-service agencies, and mental health providers; workforce and business developers; community advocates; and others. Through these efforts, the City was able to solicit input from the community at large and to encourage further collaboration in determining present and future needs.

Results of the valuable input received from community forums, and surveys were published on the City's CDBG webpage and reported publicly to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) and the San Diego City Council. Each segment of the community outreach and planning process was transparent to ensure the public knew their input was being collected, reviewed, and considered as part of the planning process.

The City collaborates with San Diego Housing Commission staff to implement policies, programs, and projects identified in the Consolidated Plan. Regularly scheduled quarterly meetings serve as the platform for discussing homeless priorities and strategies contained in the Annual Action Plan. The discussions further inform locally driven approaches for delivering services and housing options to homeless individuals and families within San Diego to ensure meaningful outcomes.

County of San Diego Housing and Community Development Services program staff convene the Joint City-County HIV Housing Committee to address the special needs concerns for HIV/AIDS individuals. The Joint City-County HIV Housing committee includes members of other HIV planning groups, affordable housing developers, service providers and members of the public. It provides meaningful citizen and community participation in the planning process associated with affordable housing and related support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Joint City-County HIV Housing Committee serves as an advisory body to the County of San Diego Housing and Community Development Services Director regarding the priorities and needs of the community affected by HIV/AIDS and housing.

The City's Community Development Division will continue collaborating with all partners, including the San Diego Housing Commission and the County of San Diego, to enhance inclusive economic development efforts and better meet the needs of low-to-moderate income residents.

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.

Under HUD's authorization, the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) serves as the infrastructure organization and lead agency for the Regional Continuum of Care (CoC). As the lead agency, RTFH annually submits a collaborative application for HUD funding for our region to support local efforts and programs designed to serve an array of homeless persons, with a focus that is rare, brief, and non-recurring. Programs serve the population's holistic needs by providing supportive services, housing solutions, and

referrals to resources geared toward housing stability and self-reliance. Coordinating efforts to prioritize the most vulnerable for limited resources is critical to the homeless response system.

The RTFH's jurisdiction includes all geographies within the County of San Diego, including 18 incorporated areas and all unincorporated areas. The synergy and informed coordination occurring within this structure benefit homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness by ensuring existing resources are leveraged to maximum potential, thus providing increased opportunities to serve greater numbers of people.

The RTFH is the regional planning body and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data system administrator. Providing annual reports and data to drive decisions, prioritization and performance of the homeless crisis response system.

The RTFH Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) evaluates and recommends changes to improve the Continuum of Care structure and ensure it meets the mission. The committee assesses and recommends improvements to the Continuum of Care's structure to ensure it aligns with its mission. The Governance Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations for the CoC Board of Directors and making recommendations to the Board. Additionally, it conducts an annual review of the Charter, providing recommendations to both the CoC Board and General Membership, and evaluates Board policies, offering suggestions for enhancements. The City has been represented by the San Diego Housing Commission and actively participates in several CoC Advisory Board committees such as the Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness Among Black San Diegans and the Aging, Health and Homelessness, and the Evaluation Committee. The City utilizes these partnerships to develop cooperative plans and strategies to effectively leverage resources for the provision of emergency shelters and rapid re-housing 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.

The RTFH coordinates the prioritization and use of ESG funds to meet the local needs of San Diegans experiencing homelessness. Funds are allocated to the San Diego Housing Commission, on behalf of the City, in order to design programs consistent with federal and local requirements while efficiently distributing funds. Effective administration of the ESG funds is ensured via an ESG Policy and Operations Guide, CoC written standards, and CoC policies such as the Rapid Rehousing policies, created by the RTFH, which serves as a practical guide to applying local standards and procedures for the utilization and distribution of ESG funds. Further, the guide includes federal, state, and local ESG policies and regulations to inform the administration of the funds.

The San Diego Housing Commission consults with the RTFH to establish standard outcomes for the homeless programs funded with ESG. The RTFH advises the San Diego Housing Commission on the expectations and responsibilities of administering the ESG funds. In turn, the San Diego Housing Commission translates the information into best practices, programmatic requirements, and goals as subrecipient contract elements.

#### **Setting Performance Outcomes**

The San Diego Housing Commission creates performance outcomes for subrecipient contracts according to evidence-based practices and RTFH community standards and considers regional factors that may impact performance. The San Diego Housing Commission outlines five outcomes that measure occupancy rates, exits to permanent housing placement, exits due to violations of terms of service (less than 15%), and average length of stay. Although outcomes inputs are important to determining compliance on a contractual level, the San Diego Housing Commission captures other critical data elements such as the number of persons served, demographics, other exits, meaningful outcomes detailing the impact on the client's journey toward improved overarching self-sufficiency, such as increased in earnings through employment or public benefits, non-cash benefits and health insurance. The subrecipient reports data on a monthly basis with a narrative to capture both quantitative and qualitative data on housing stability and the self-motivated utilization of community resources to maintain stability, providing a meaningful context for quantifying the impact of the programs on an individual and aggregate level.

#### **Operating and Administrating Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a HUD-mandated secured relational database used to collect and manage data on individuals and families experiencing homelessness. HMIS helps communities understand the scope of homelessness, improve service delivery and outcome, secure and maintain funding through accurate reporting and evaluate program effectiveness. RTFH produces multiple data reports from HMIS to assist with targeting services and housing solutions that are appropriate to the client's and the community's needs. These reports include an annual point-in-time count (PITC), housing inventory chart (HIC), annual Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA), individual program's annual performance reports (APR) and the HUD system performance measures. HMIS data dashboards are available on the RTFH website, and additional custom reporting can be supplied as needed. Government agencies and service providers utilize this data to inform advocacy efforts, develop innovative and strategic approaches, standardize reporting practices, and analyze the overall impact of programs on reducing homelessness in the City.

#### **AP-12 PARTICIPATION -- 91.105, 91.200(C)**

City staff continues to work with the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) to increase citizen participation and improve the FY 2026 CDBG grant funding application and evaluation process. Established in 2010, the CPAB serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on policy issues related to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, the year-end Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) reporting, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, and the allocation of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.

All the CPAB meetings are open to the public, and agendas are distributed via e-mail, internet posting, and hard copy posting. Meeting notes summarizing the discussion items and actions taken are posted online and made available at subsequent meetings to keep interested parties informed. The CPAB meetings provide a regular forum for citizens to participate in matters related to the City of San Diego's HUD Programs and an opportunity for staff to review policy issues and obtain public feedback. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CPAB met virtually using the Zoom software platform and live-streamed the meetings on YouTube. Members of the public were invited to join the Zoom webinars as participants to

give live public comments. Public comments were also shared during the CPAB meeting, provided the comment was received by 4 p.m., the day prior to the meeting. As of March 2023, CPAB meetings returned to in-person.

In addition to the CPAB process, City staff and partner agencies, such as the Housing Commission, regularly receive feedback from the public and other community stakeholders regarding the implementation of its HUD-funded programs. Feedback occurs through presentations and attendance at various public meetings, including the Regional Continuum of Care Council, the City Council's Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (EDIR), the City's Park and Recreation Board, and the Board of the San Diego Housing Commission. The City also distributes a survey to applicants, CPAB members and City staff to evaluate the application process and solicit suggestions for improving future application cycles.

The processes involved in allocating each entitlement grant are based on the goals and strategies outlined in the City's FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

#### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

					Summary of comments	
Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	not accepted	
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public	Non-	10-20 members of the	The public comments on	N/A	www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/cpab
	Meeting	targeted/broad	public attend	policies and procedures		
		community		are summarized in		
				meetings notes, available		
				on the City's website.		
2	CDBG	Non-	80-100 members of the	The workshop provides	N/A	N/A
	Interest/RFQ	targeted/broad	public attend	information to potential		
	Workshop	community		applicants on the City's	*	
				CDBG program.		
3	Internet	Non-	Approximately 1300	The CDD sends out regular	N/A	CDBG@sandiego.gov
	Outreach	targeted/broad	recipients	electronic emails advising		
		community		subscribers of any actions		
				related to the Consolidated		
				Plan, its implementation,		
				and pertinent public		
				hearings.		
4	Public	Non-	City Council hearings give	Vary	N/A	www.sandiego.gov
	Hearing	targeted/broad	the public an opportunity			
		community	to comment on all issues			
			related to the City.			

## **Expected Resources**

#### **AP-15 EXPECTED RESOURCES – 91.220(C)(1,2)**

#### Introduction

The City of San Diego anticipates an additional \$1 million in FY 2026 CDBG Program Income. This additional amount results from an agreement negotiated between the former Redevelopment Agency and HUD to repay the City's CDBG Program over several years. This program income amount may be adjusted prior in the final draft of the Annual Action Plan prior to its submission to HUD.

The City received its program allocations from HUD on May 14, 2025. For planning purposes, the City used estimates of the allocation for the budget in the Draft version of the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan. The budgets have been adjusted in the final version of the Action Plan and details can be found in sections AP-20 and AP-35.

#### **Anticipated Resources**



			I	Expected Amo	unt Available Year	. 2	Expected Amount
Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total:	Available Remainder of ConPlan \$
CDBG	Public Federal	Supportive Services Homebuyer Assistance Homeowner Rehabilitation Multifamily Rental Rehabilitation Homeless Support Public Services Nonprofit Facilities Public Improvements Public Facilities Public Infrastructure	\$11,028,872	\$1,000,000	\$169,685.43	\$12,198,557.43	\$62,598,568
HOME	Public Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer Assistance Multifamily Rental New Construction Multifamily Rental Rehab	\$4,876,750.94	\$1,652,978	\$22,332,645	\$30,362,374	\$11,443,456
ESG	Public- Federal	Financial Assistance Overnight Shelter Rapid Rehousing (Rental Assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional Housing	\$990,775	\$0	\$0	\$990,775	\$2,604,967

**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.

Leverage, in the context of the City's HUD entitlement programs, means bringing other local, state, and federal financial resources to maximize the reach and impact of these programs. Like many other federal agencies, HUD encourages the recipients of federal monies to demonstrate that

efforts are being made to leverage additional funds to achieve more significant results strategically. Leverage is also a way to increase project efficiencies and benefit from economies of scale that often come with combining funding sources for similar or expanded scopes. Funds will be considered leveraged if financial commitments toward the costs of a project from a source other than the originating federal source are documented. The City, through its Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, has incentivized the use of leveraged funds in specific Requests for Proposals by offering additional evaluation points based upon the percentage of the project budget reimbursed with non-entitlement federal sources. City staff will continue to explore additional leveraging opportunities, other federal resources, and local private investments.

SDHC uses CDBG funding set aside in Council Policy 700-02 and Housing Commission Housing Trust Funds. The Rapid Rehousing 100% match comes from Continuum of Care funding and in-kind match from subrecipients (case management and services). Also, the City commits general fund dollars to provide homeless services to better leverage the federal funds received.

#### Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Program of the Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH)

In FY 2023, HUD awarded San Diego CoC \$37,066,178 in CoC funds to homeless programs in San Diego, including permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services. Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 funds: SDHC administers the Section 8 program within the City of San Diego and will provide subsidies to approximately 17,000 San Diego households. In fiscal year 2024, SDHC assisted 19,026 low-income households through rental assistance programs. This figure includes turnover vouchers and households whose participation in the program has concluded.

Fiscal Year 2025 (as of March 18, 2024):

HUD VASH: In Fiscal Year 2025, SDHC continues to work to house homeless veterans in the City of San Diego through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program. In the FY 24 NOFA, SDHC, increased the VASH PBV allocation by 80. In December 2024, SDHC was awarded an additional allocation of 75 VASH tenant-based vouchers. The agency has a VASH allocation of 1,460, which includes 1,275 tenant-based and 185 Project-Based.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC): The federal 4% and 9% LIHTC is the principal funding source for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental homes. They are a dollar-for-dollar credit against federal tax liability. In FY 2024, SDHC projects 767 units utilizing these federal sources will be constructed.

HOME-25% MATCH REQUIREMENT

SDHC uses local Inclusionary Funds, Housing Trust Funds, coastal funds, state funds, and multi-family bond proceeds as contributions to housing pursuant to the matching requirements.

**ESG-100% MATCH REQUIREMENT** 

For the City-funded interim shelters, SDHC uses the CDBG set-aside funding per Council Policy 700-02 and the Affordable Housing Fund authorized by San Diego Municipal Code §98.0502. The Rapid Rehousing 100% match comes from VASH vouchers, subrecipient monetary leverage and in-kind match from subrecipients in the form of case management and supportive services. The match for prevention activities will be met with City general fund and other sources, as needed.



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

City Neighborhood Infrastructure Projects and Capital Improvement Projects (like parks, libraries, and recreation centers) will be carried out within City-owned real property and/or public right of way. Additionally, City-owned land may be utilized for emergency shelter programs. Refer to section AP-35 (Projects) for further information.

#### **Discussion**

In 2010, the City and the former Redevelopment Agency of the City (RDA) entered into a CDBG Repayment Agreement to address findings from the HUD Office of the Inspector General (OIG) about the City's CDBG Program. With the dissolution of redevelopment in California in 2012, the State of California Department of Finance (DOF) suspended approval of the payments to the City under the CDBG Repayment Agreement. Senate Bill 107, enacted in September 2015, permitted the Successor Agency to the former RDA to resume including repayments under the CDBG Repayment Agreement on its annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS). In addition to reinstating the CDBG Repayment Agreement payments, Senate Bill 107 resulted in the DOF authorizing the repayment of an additional \$151 million in CDBG Program Income from the Successor Agency under a separate Long-Term Miscellaneous CDBG Debt Agreement between the City and former RDA.

The final payment under the Repayment Agreement to address findings from the OIG was made in FY 2020. The Successor Agency Long-Term Miscellaneous CDBG Debt repayments continue and are subject to approval by the DOF as part of each annual Successor Agency ROPS process. The funds repaid are CDBG Program Income. After the FY 2026 payment is received, there is a remaining balance of \$31,993,522 in the Long-Term Miscellaneous Debt Agreement.

# Annual Goals and Objectives

**AP-20 ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** 

**Goals Summary Information** 



Sort Order	Goal Name	Fiscal Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2026	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless	Citywide	Affordable Housing Affordable	HOME: \$30,362,374 CDBG:	Financial assistance to homebuyers/homeowners: 10 Households (HOME)
			Special Needs		Housing and Public Services	\$4,987,985.59	Construction of new rental units: # of units = 32 HOME-Assisted Units, 229 total Affordable Units Acquisition and rehabilitation # of rental units = 49 Affordable Units
							Homeowner Housing Rehabbed: # of homes = 0
2	Economic Development	2026	Non-Housing Community	Citywide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$2,071,519.58	Businesses Assisted: 399
			Development Economic Development		Workforce Development		Persons Assisted:708
3	Infrastructure Improvements	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs City Infrastructure	Citywide	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$928,947.06	Facilities Improved: 4  Persons Assisted: 5,718
	4				Nonprofit Facility Improvements		
4	Homelessness	2026	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness and Supportive Services	CDBG: \$469,100.90 ESG:	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: Persons Assisted CDBG: 250, ESG: 175; Total: 425.
					Public Services	\$990,775	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid rehousing: Households Assisted: ESG: 6.
							The rapid rehousing program is sunsetting and will close out in FY26

							once all program participants have reached the maximum of 24 months for receiving rental assistance. Beginning in FY26, a prevention program will be implemented as rapid rehousing phases out.  Public service activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: Persons Assisted, CDBG: 10,000 Facilities (other): CDBG: 1.
5	Community	2026	Non-Homeless	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG:	Persons assisted: 5,568
	Services		Special Needs			\$1,340,024	
			Non-Housing				
			Community				
			Development				

**Table 2 - Goals Summary** 

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

All assistance will be provided to low-income households. (42 for Year 2 (2026) with HOME dollars households in total-breakdown pending).

#### **Goal Descriptions**

In developing the goals and outcomes of the Consolidated Plan, the City completed a "goals crosswalk" exercise to identify how goals in other, relevant City plans relate to the goals and needs in the Consolidated Plan. City departments discussed the shared goals and aligned actions at a goal-setting workshop. This exercise ensured that the Consolidated Plan goals are in alignment with and complement the City's overall Strategic Plan as well as department-level goals.

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Goal 5: Improve community services by addressing critical needs and promoting equity through improved or increased access to community programming.

## **Projects**

#### **AP-35 PROJECTS - 91.220(D)**

#### Introduction

Based on the Consolidated Plan goals described above, the table below describes the projects that will be funded in FY 2026.

#### **Projects**

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Affordable Housing
3	Economic Development
4	Infrastructure Improvements
5	Homelessness
6	Community Services
7	SDHC-HOME-Homeownership
8	SDHC-HOME-Rental Housing
9	HOME Administration
10	SDHC-ESG ALL

**Table 3 - Project Information** 

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

**CDBG:** Declared disaster or emergency events may require additional funding that can be used for immediate solutions. For example, homeowners and renters whose housing stability has been disrupted by disasters may encounter obstacles to housing stability in insurance payment delays or in being underinsured and/or in obtaining financing for needed improvements. Businesses impacted by emergencies may suffer lost income, lost equipment, or the ability to pay employee wages. When necessitated, the City intends to make CDBG available to address emergency needs that do not overlap with other federal funding sources (e.g., FEMA).

The City may determine to divert and utilize CDBG for disaster response and recovery should funds be available through reprogramming or unobligated (and not yet awarded to a subrecipient). The City may request waivers to certain CDBG regulations if they are made available. If not, the City must evaluate all available resources before utilizing CDBG. Short-term disaster response activities may include but are not limited to site clearance, security of property, neighborhood clean-ups, and emergency rental or utility payments. More long-term disaster recovery activities for residents and businesses that may not have the resources to fully recover without assistance may include housing or rental rehabilitation/reconstruction, home buyer assistance, acquisition, parks and neighborhood facilities, and small business grants and loans. A process for the reallocation decision(s) to utilize CDBG for a disaster is identified in the City's HUD-approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). Additionally, in the case that the City must divert CDBG funds for a Disaster during this 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan period, the City will utilize a 3-year calculation to ensure 70% of CDBG funds allocated benefit low and moderate-income persons.

**HOME:** HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that meet local housing needs and typically preserve or create affordable housing. Uses include tenant-based rental assistance, rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance and new construction. It is anticipated that funding will be allocated solely to the creation or preservation of affordable housing along with funding for homebuyer assistance.

**ESG**: The ESG program provides funding to (1) provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, (2) to rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families and (3) to provide homelessness prevention services.



## **AP-38 PROJECT SUMMARY**

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Creating and preserving affordable housing
		Homelessness Services/facilities serving vulnerable population
		Public infrastructure needs
		Job readiness and economic development
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing and Public Services
		Affordable Housing
		Homelessness and Public Services
		Public Services and Public Facilities
		Public Improvements and Infrastructure
		Public Services and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,405,774.40
	Description	City of San Diego administrative costs directly related to administering the CDBG Program to ensure compliance with all HUD planning and community development activities provided to City residents and businesses, as well as fair housing services. The Nonprofit Accelerator and Fair Housing Education and Legal Aid programs are also funded through administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number	n/a
	and type of families that will benefit from	
	the proposed	
	activities	
	Location Description	n/a

	Planned Activities	Includes: \$2,405,774.40 in administration.
2	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Development of Affordable Housing Affordable Housing Access and Stability
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,987,985.59
	Description	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to incentivize the production and increase the supply of affordable multifamily housing, remove barriers to housing at all income levels, and to participate financially in the creation of affordable housing by providing local, gap financing to be used as leverage for additional funding sources.  This activity will also include funding from the FY 2025 CDBG allocation
		of \$1,258,107 that was originally allocated to the Homekey+ program in the previous Action Plan.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Affordable Housing NOFA
3	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,071,519.58

	Description	Invest in inclusive economic growth initiatives that develop and strengthen small businesses, support local entrepreneurs, expand employment and/or workforce development programs, and improve access to job opportunities
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	708 individuals assisted, 399 businesses assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Accessity: \$222,300
		City Heights Community Development Corporation: \$215,000
		International Rescue Committee: \$244,130
		Mission Edge: \$224,556
		Partnership for Environmental Progress: \$105,549.06
		ACCESS: \$197,838
		Karen Organization of San Diego: \$97,739
		Logan Heights Community Development Corporation: \$114,510
		Southwestern Community College: \$377,193.52
		Somali Family Service of San Diego: \$272,704
4	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public facilities and Infrastructure, Nonprofit Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure, Nonprofit Facility Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$928,947.06
	Description	Develop vibrant and equitable neighborhoods by investing in public facilities, critical infrastructure, and/or nonprofit facilities that provide increased accessibility, resiliency, and sustainability.

	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families	5,718 persons assisted 4 facility improvements (other)
	that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	n/a
	Planned Activities	S.V.D.P Management Inc. (dba Father Joe's Villages): \$205,090
		San Diego LGBT Community Center: \$202,912
		Serving Seniors: \$304,145.06
		Urban Corps of San Diego County \$216,800
5	Project Name	Assisting Persons Experiencing Homelessness
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Supportive Services
	Funding	\$574,613.21 CDBG
	Description	Improve housing stability for individuals and households with critical needs, including persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness by
		providing appropriate housing and service solutions grounded in best practices.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number	6/30/2020
	and type of families	332 people assisted
	that will benefit from the proposed	332 people assisted
	activities	
	Location Description	n/a
	Planned Activities	City of San Diego Family Shelter Program: \$469,100.90 Serving Seniors: \$105,512.31

6	Project Name	Community Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public and Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,229,717.59
	Description	Improve community services by addressing critical needs and promoting equity through improved or increased access to community programming.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed	1,476 individuals
	activities	
	Location Description	n/a
	Planned Activities	Reality Changers: \$180,000
		Voices for Children: \$102,309.59
		Kitchens for Good: \$250,000
		Rise Up Industries: \$299,001
		Travelers Aid of San Diego: \$116,500
		Monarch School: \$120,000
		International Rescue Committee: \$91,907
		Mama's Kitchen: \$70,000
7	Project Name	SDHC-HOME-HOMEOWNERSHIP
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing

	Needs Addressed	Development of Affordable Housing
		Affordable Housing Access and Stability
		, ,
	Funding	HOME: \$1,500,000
	Description	Provision of financial assistance toward homeownership in the form of
		assistance toward down payment and closing costs. Funding for this
		activity includes \$500,000 of prior year HOME funds committed as a
		result of a legal settlement.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number	Up to 10 households
	and type of families	
	that will benefit from	
	the proposed	
	activities	
	Location Description	n/a
	Planned Activities	Direct financial assistance to homebuyers
8	Project Name	SDHC-HOME-RENTAL HOUSING
	Target Area	Citywide
		ACC 1111 11
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Development of Affordable Housing
		Maintenance of Owner-Occupied Housing
		Affordable Housing Access and Stability
		Affordable flousing Access and Stability
	Funding	HOME: \$27,600,372
	Funding  Description	
	Description Target Date	HOME: \$27,600,372
	Description	HOME: \$27,600,372  Rental units constructed
	Description  Target Date  Estimate the number and type of families	HOME: \$27,600,372  Rental units constructed  6/30/2026  32 HOME-designated units for homeless and non-homeless individuals, contributing to multifamily rental projects, creating a total of 229
	Description  Target Date  Estimate the number	HOME: \$27,600,372  Rental units constructed  6/30/2026  32 HOME-designated units for homeless and non-homeless individuals,
	Description  Target Date  Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed	HOME: \$27,600,372  Rental units constructed  6/30/2026  32 HOME-designated units for homeless and non-homeless individuals, contributing to multifamily rental projects, creating a total of 229
	Description  Target Date  Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from	HOME: \$27,600,372  Rental units constructed  6/30/2026  32 HOME-designated units for homeless and non-homeless individuals, contributing to multifamily rental projects, creating a total of 229
	Description  Target Date  Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed	HOME: \$27,600,372  Rental units constructed  6/30/2026  32 HOME-designated units for homeless and non-homeless individuals, contributing to multifamily rental projects, creating a total of 229

	Planned Activities	Rental units constructed
9	Project Name	SDHC-HOME-ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Development of Affordable Housing
		Maintenance of Owner-Occupied Housing
		Affordable Housing Access and Stability
	Funding	HOME: \$1,262,002
	Description	Administration costs of HOME program for City of San Diego and SDHC.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number	n/a
	and type of families	
	that will benefit from	
	the proposed activities	
	activities	
	<b>Location Description</b>	n/a
	Planned Activities	n/a
10	Project Name	SDHC-ESG-ALL
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Supportive Services
	Funding	\$990,775
	Description	Federal Fiscal Year 2026 ESG funds for the City of San Diego have been
		allocated to SDHC to operate shelters for the homeless and provide
		rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention strategies. The rapid
		rehousing program is sunsetting in FY26, allowing resources to be
		dedicated to homelessness prevention.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number	Emergency Solutions Grant funds will support 175 individuals from
	and type of families	emergency shelter services and also support the operation of a rapid

that wil	l benefit from	rehousing program for persons experiencing homelessness for up to 10
the proj	oosed	households.
activitie	es	
Location	n Description	
Planned	Activities	n/a



#### **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

In 2016, a section of San Diego was federally designated as the San Diego Promise Zone (SDPZ). The place-based initiative unites public and private agencies, community-based organizations, social service providers, nonprofits, and residents in a collective impact framework to attract federal funding and address critical need areas in the city's most under-resourced neighborhoods (more information available on the City's SDPZ website). The SDPZ stretches from East Village and Barrio Logan in the West to Encanto and Emerald Hills in the East. It has an estimated population of more than 80,000 residents. To better support development in the Promise Zone, the annual CDBG Request for Proposals considers whether projects are located within the Promise Zone and serve the Promise Zone residents. In 2018, 35 census tracts in the city were designated as federal Opportunity Zones. Opportunity Zones are economically distressed communities where new investments, under specific conditions, are eligible for preferential tax treatment. Although the Opportunity Zone has a similar boundary to the Promise Zone, the Opportunity Zone provides opportunities for organizations to provide services and critical resources to residents in the area. The Promise Zone and Opportunity Zone are factors in the application process, and organizations located in or providing services in these areas are awarded preference points during the evaluation process.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

**Table 4 - Geographic Distribution** 

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

n/a

Discussion

n/a

## **Affordable Housing**

#### AP-55 AFFORDABLE HOUSING – 91.220(G)

#### Introduction

It is not possible to delineate annual affordable housing goals by population type as requested in the tables below. Per HUD requirements, the totals for the two following tables must match, yet the second table may not capture all relevant activities identified in the first table. For example, homeless population housing needs are supported through overnight shelters, but that program type is not listed as an option in the second table.

Additionally, the population types are not mutually exclusive. Project outcomes by funding source used to support affordable housing needs within the City of San Diego have been provided in AP-20 above, with the number of households and individuals assisted itemized by funding source.

	One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported
Homeless: 21	
Non-Homeless: 21	
Special-Needs: 0	
Total: 42	

**Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement** 

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through
Rental Assistance
The Production of New Units: 32
Rehab of Existing Units: 0
Acquisition of Existing Units: 10
Total: 42

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### **Discussion**

The tables above capture units assisted in part with HOME funds. In FY 2026, it is anticipated that funding will support the construction of new affordable rental housing and promote homeownership through the HOME program.

HOME program regulations at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(2)(iii) provide guidance for the use of the City of San Diego's determined 95% of median area purchase price to determine eligibility for the HOME program rather than the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single-family program data for the San Diego area. The data supported a median sales price of \$929,500 for single-family housing of one unit. The City requests authorization from HUD to use the following as the maximum sales price amount for the City of San Diego's HOME-funded homebuyer assistance projects:

\$929,500 x 95% = \$883,025 maximum sales price for existing single-family housing of one unit.

#### AP-60 PUBLIC HOUSING - 91.220(H)

#### Introduction

SDHC owns and manages the public housing inventory in the City of San Diego and other affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units and ground leases within the city. Most units are restricted to low-income renters with incomes at 80% Area Median Income (AMI) or less. The number of units in SDHC's real estate portfolio, including its nonprofit affiliate Housing Development Partners (HDP), is 4,345 units across 177 residential properties, eight being Public Housing properties totaling 189 units. In addition to the units owned and operated, SDHC is the ground lessor on twenty properties that provide over 1,750 affordable units.

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

It is anticipated that in FY 2026, SDHC may expand its portfolio of affordable and permanent supportive housing units utilizing the Homekey program, subject to funding availability and final selection of properties to be identified. In addition, SDHC will continue the review of its portfolio to identify sites that can accommodate additional density for future redevelopment opportunities. Furthermore, in FY 2026, SDHC will continue to conduct rehabilitation work on a number of properties as a part of its multi-year capital renovation plan, informed by the Physical Needs Assessment completed in FY2025.

In FY 2026, HDP will explore expansion of its portfolio of affordable and permanent supportive housing units, with one new acquisition targeted for the fiscal year.

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

In order for a Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program participant to successfully complete the program, the head of household is solely responsible for completing his/her Individual Training and Services Plan (ITSP) and must be employed by contract expiration. In its 2015 Moving to Work Plan, SDHC requested the authority to provide FSS enrollment to "all adult family members by waiving the requirement for the head of household to join the program. Non-head of households who enter into a contract will be responsible for the completion of the ITSP and must be employed by the end of participation in order for the FSS family to successfully complete the program." This will result in "increased recruitment and enrollment into the FSS Program, thus providing incentives to families to become economically self-sufficient. The initiative will allow families to enroll in FSS in the event the head of household is unable or unwilling to participate in the program."

SDHC was awarded a Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency-Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) (three-year grant) to promote job development, financial stability and self-sufficiency for public housing residents. Our Resident Services Coordinator became a Certified Credit Counselor in 2020 and can now provide direct financial coaching and homeownership counseling to public housing residents. Similar to FSS, ROSS Service Coordinators work directly with public housing residents to assess their needs and connect them with

education, job training and placement programs, and/or computer and financial literacy services available in their community to promote self-sufficiency.

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

n/a.

#### Discussion

In 2018, HUD designated the SDHC Achievement Academy as one of eighteen EnVision Centers in 17 communities across the country. The EnVision Center demonstration program focuses on empowering individuals and families to leave HUD-assisted housing through self-sufficiency to become responsible homeowners and renters in the private market so that HUD will be able to help more individuals and families in need. Through the EnVision Center program, federal agencies, state and local governments, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, and private businesses will come together in a centralized location to provide comprehensive resources for low-income families that receive federal rental assistance. Achievement Academy partners include:

AccentCare Jewish Family Services

Access Center Job Corps

Alliance for African Assistance La Maestra Community Health Centers

Amazon Local Initiatives Support Corporation

AmeriMed Manpower

Biocom Introductory Life Sciences Experience Our Genetic Legacy

Center for Employment Training Rady's Children Hospital

Chase Bank Real Life Skills

Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center San Diego Futures Foundation

Citi Bank San Diego Public Library

County of San Diego San Diego Workforce Partnership

County of San Diego Public Libraries San Diego Zoo

Dalrada Career Institute Self-Help Federal Credit Union

First 5 San Diego SHARP Healthcare

International Rescue Committee South Bay Community Services

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

TransUnion

Union Bank

Urban Corps of San Diego County

US Bank

Wells Fargo

Western Medical Training Center

YMCA of San Diego County



#### **AP-65 HOMELESS AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS ACTIVITIES – 91.220(I)**

#### Introduction

The Community Action Plan on Homelessness for the City of San Diego is a comprehensive, 10-year plan that lays out short-term achievable goals and serves as a guide for long-term success in addressing homelessness. The Action Plan includes short-term goals within reach, key strategies, guiding principles, and crisis response and housing needs. In 2023, the Action Plan was updated to reflect an updated crisis response and housing needs assessment and financial modeling for the remaining six years of the Action Plan, based on the changing homelessness landscape in San Diego. Over the next year, the Implementation Team will begin engaging and receiving feedback on updated short-term goals and strategizing ways to enhance the performance of the homelessness assistance system.

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

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

The City of San Diego (City), in collaboration with SDHC, in fall 2024 developed and executed a short-term action plan on homelessness, informed by stakeholder feedback from persons with lived experience, living experience, frontline staff from shelters and outreach, and shelter operator leadership, to address the projected loss of shelter beds in the system. A consistent theme in the feedback was the importance of offering options that include programs directed at special populations or persons with special needs and shelter that offered a variety of settings, including non-congregate. It was also noted that smaller programs are preferred across all stakeholder groups, and co-located services are necessary.

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to foster a system-level approach to meeting the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, the City accepted the Community Action Plan on Homelessness in October 2019. The Action Plan provided a series of recommendations and identified three short-term goals:

Decrease unsheltered homelessness by 50%;

Finish the job of ending Veteran Homelessness; and

Prevent and end youth homelessness as outlined in the San Diego County Coordinated Plan to End Youth Homelessness.

On November 14, 2023, the Action Plan was presented to City Council as an informational item to provide updates on progress toward achieving Action Plan goals and present an updated analysis, including a revised needs assessment and updated financial modeling based on the changing homelessness landscape in San Diego. With the increased inflow of persons into the crisis response system and persons experiencing homelessness for the first time, the City, SDHC, and RTFH began to solicit feedback on the next steps to update the Action Plan, which included presenting the updated analysis to community groups and engaging and receiving feedback on short-term goals from stakeholders

The short-term action plan on homelessness that was implemented in the last 4 months of 2024 helped identify priorities and recommendations to the Implementation team on how to prioritize limited resources. Feedback gathered from stakeholder groups, including those with lived and living experience, has informed the development of new shelter programs coming online that offer alternative settings, such as non-congregate and focused beds for special populations such as Seniors, veterans and families. SDHC and the City will continue to host several quarterly feedback sessions with stakeholder groups in the next year.

Two distinct yet complementary teams were created as part of the program, each with a specific focus, set of duties, and outcomes:

Mobile Homelessness Response Team: Facilitates ongoing intensive engagement and connections to supportive services for unsheltered individuals identified as being prioritized for permanent housing resources. Staff provides street-based case management services for prioritized clients with an emphasis on fostering positive exits from homelessness to permanent and longer-term housing opportunities. Outreach services employ problem-solving practices, leveraging internal and external resources, to quickly resolve prioritized clients' instances of homelessness as well as to lead system navigation efforts on an as-needed basis to address any barriers clients may be experiencing in obtaining housing.

Rapid Response Team: Works closely with City staff to focus outreach activities in areas with high concentrations of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness as well as coordinating timely responses to various stakeholder referrals. This immediate response is orientated toward brief engagements and rapid housing-focused problem-solving, improving the client's sense of safety and assisting in meeting basic needs.

The City's Coordinated Street Outreach Program also supports regional efforts to employ best practices by taking action on the practices outlined in the "Policy Guidelines for Regional Response for Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments," adopted by the Regional Task Force on the Homelessness (RTFH). Multidisciplinary teams consisting of peer-support specialists, outreach specialists trained in street-based case management, and clinical-level staff are leveraged to address clients' needs, emphasizing transitions from homelessness directly to safe, stable housing opportunities. Staff also actively engage community stakeholders to foster trusting relations and open lines of communication while being proactive in addressing any potential or realized community concerns. Participating partners include eight service providers and the San Diego Police Department-Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

Downtown businesses fund the Downtown San Diego Partnership's (Downtown Partnership) Clean & Safe Program and Integrated Outreach Team. This team engages with homeless persons on the streets of downtown San Diego, refers them to services and beds, or helps them return to their homes in other areas of the country via the Downtown Partnership's Family Reunification Program. In addition, Connections Housing San Diego (a year-round, one-stop, interim residential and service center designed to reduce street homelessness by providing permanent housing to San Diegans experiencing homelessness in the surrounding downtown neighborhoods) has an outreach team that coordinates with the Downtown Partnership and other community outreach in the downtown area. Other agencies have their own outreach teams that engage homeless individuals sleeping on the street with the goal of connecting them with shelter and services.

As mentioned earlier, another resource is the San Diego Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), which reaches out daily to persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The HOT team is able to refer a individuals experiencing homelessness from the street and place the individual in a dedicated shelter beds. Once assigned a triage bed, the individual receives intensive case management to assist with immediate needs (such as health, substance abuse treatment, and income) and housing placement support.

The Coordinated Street Outreach Program leverages all City-funded outreach activities and is a critical component of the City's comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness. This innovative program aligns with national best practices and focuses outreach resources on a neighborhood-based approach, identifying concentrations of unsheltered individuals with an emphasis on diverting individuals from the homelessness response system and fostering connections to permanent housing placements while meeting basic needs and providing connections to bridge housing, emergency shelter and other supportive services. The program marks a new approach to conducting homelessness outreach in the City of San Diego by addressing gaps in the existing system and deploying outreach resources in alignment with the goals of the Action Plan.

In 2024, the City successfully launched two Encampment Resolution projects supported by State of California Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) grants. One of the projects is in collaboration with the County of San Diego and focuses on encampments along the San Diego River. The second project focuses on encampments along the I-15 corridor. These projects work to address encampments and provide resources, supportive services, and connections to housing for individuals residing in these areas. The city has three ERF grants in total, with the first one beginning in 2023, and is located in the East Village community of downtown. Overall, the City has been able to connect more than 100 individuals residing within these three encampment areas to housing.

The Homelessness Response Center has created better access for those experiencing homelessness by providing a wide array of co-located service providers to assist someone on their path from homelessness to housing. Staff assess each individual's needs and refer to appropriate resources, including street-based case management, coordinated shelter intake and basic needs services like those provided through the day center.

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

Access and placement into emergency shelters and interim housing are critical resources within the crisis response system to transition from places not meant for human habitation into shelter. Once enrolled,

programs can begin to address the barriers preventing program participants from moving into permanent housing and independent living.

The Coordinated Shelter Intake Program, operated by SDHC staff, facilitates access to the portfolio of shelter resources administered by SDHC, totaling 1,602 beds. Intake Coordinators, employed by SDHC, review referrals from more than two dozen approved referring partners, including social service providers, homelessness outreach teams, county departments and law enforcement. They then coordinate with shelter operators to facilitate the placement of clients into the most appropriate and available shelter accommodation. The program operates seven days a week, excluding recognized city holidays.

Case conferencing is another tool used by the RTFH and SDHC to facilitate targeted discussion with homelessness service providers to identify diversion opportunities and to facilitate exits to housing as quickly as possible to ensure instances of homelessness are brief.

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 City and SDHC subcontract with local service providers and also operate internal programs to assist persons experiencing homelessness with moving into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Within the City of San Diego, SDHC and the City administer and operate a variety of engagement, crisis response, and housing interventions to meet the unique needs of households experiencing homelessness. Recognizing that one size does not fit all, SDHC offers an array of different emergency shelter program serving single adults (many who are chronically homeless), unaccompanied and transitional-age youth, families, veterans, and seniors in congregate, semi-congregate, and non-congregate settings. Interventions operated in the City include, but are not limited to, Prevention and Diversion; Emergency Shelters and Interim Housing; Transitional Housing; Rapid Rehousing; Permanent Supportive Housing; and an array Homelessness Services such as Day Programs, Safe Parking and Safe Sleeping Programs, and Transitional Storage Centers. Within each intervention, appropriate supportive services and/or case management are provided and delivered in a housing-focused and person-centered manner and use Housing First principles and national best practices in the service delivery models. In 2024, the City served over 10,450 individuals across all of its homelessness programs with over 1,450 individuals exiting to permanent or other forms of long-term housing situations. The section below illustrates the approach used in San Diego's homelessness service system to support the efficient and effective transition from homelessness to housing or to prevent homelessness from occurring at all.

### **Engagement Services**

Persons experiencing homelessness are initially engaged through street outreach, housing navigation, day services, CES access points, and community-based services. Programs such as the Homelessness Response Center (HRC) centralize and streamline access to a spectrum of services and resources focused on assisting persons experiencing homelessness through all steps of the process from homelessness to housing. This includes providing system navigation services and co-locating partnering service providers on-site at the

HRC. The Service Coordination team, staffed by SDHC employees, focuses on identifying and resolving system-level barriers to access housing for people experiencing homelessness. The Service Coordination team takes a data-informed approach to evaluate how the system is operating, identifies barriers that clients encounter and collaborates with crisis response agencies and housing providers to resolve barriers and to streamline the process from homelessness to housing. In addition to the Service Coordination team, there is an on-site lead service provider to provide system navigation services and case management to individuals experiencing homelessness to identify and meet their needs during each stage in their pathway toward housing. The co-located service providers are able to serve a wide range of needs tailored to specific populations such as veterans, families and transition-aged youth. Additional system navigation activities include community collaboration efforts such as holding permanent supportive housing leasing fairs on-site that co-locate the service provider, property management, the RTFH, and SDHC to streamline the process for households referred to this resource.

Programs such as the Day Center are designed to meet the basic needs of persons experiencing homelessness. The Day Center is a drop-in center where adult men and women experiencing homelessness can access resources to meet basic needs and receive referrals to services and shelter. The Day Center is open daily, and services include laundry, restrooms, showers nearby, mail, phones, messages, computer access, and limited storage space. The Day Center serves as a critical access point to sanitation and hygiene resources, such as access to educational materials, personal protective equipment, masks and hand sanitizer, access to handwashing stations, restrooms, and laundry.

Both the Day Center and the HRC are access points for the Coordinated Entry System.

### **Housing and Services**

Matches to available permanent housing resources are facilitated through the Coordinated Entry System (CES), administered by the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH). CES considers the household's vulnerability while prioritizing permanent housing resources for households with the longest history of experiencing homelessness, persons actively fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking, and sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation.

Housing resources matched through CES include Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing:

Rapid Rehousing programs provide households with security and utility deposits and short- to medium-term rental assistance for up to 24 months. Program participants receive case management targeted to housing stability, budgeting, and increasing income.

Permanent Supportive Housing programs provide long-term rental assistance. Program participants receive ongoing case management and supportive services to maintain housing stability.

The City of San Diego and the SDHC operate a variety of housing programs outside of the Coordinated Entry System to meet the needs of the community.

SDHC's Diversion program offers assistance to individuals and families who are newly homeless within the City of San Diego. Diversion services for newly homeless individuals and families include case management,

housing search assistance, temporary rental assistance, financial assistance, conflict mediation, and connection to services and/or public assistance benefits. Assistance is individualized to each household's unique needs and may include short-term case management to assist households to stabilize in housing.

SDHC's Shallow Subsidy Program provides financial assistance, rental assistance, and case management services to help residents in the City's shelters, transitional housing, safe parking, and safe sleeping to move into permanent housing and maintain housing stability. The Shallow Subsidy Program serves individuals who are 55 years of age or older and are on a fixed income. The program provides light-touch case management to obtain and maintain housing with shallow subsidy rental assistance. Eligible financial assistance expenses include application fees, moving fees, security deposits, rental assistance, basic movein items, and other expenses related to removing barriers to obtaining housing.

A resource available to service providers operating housing programs within the City of San Diego is SDHC's Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP), which aims to increase access to the existing market of available units for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. LEAP works directly with landlords and property management companies within the City of San Diego to help move individuals and families into housing quickly. LEAP offers landlords incentives, a Landlord Contingency Fund, and landlord liaison services. Flexible funding used toward LEAP services helps to fund SDHC staff, support individuals and families to identify housing units, and provide financial assistance for move-in costs like security deposits, including holding fees, application fees, utility assistance, rent arrears, moving costs, storage costs, and vacancy loss.

Provisions at 42 U.S.C. 12755 and HOME Program regulations at 24 CRF 92.253(d) require that persons assisted in housing funded through the HOME Program be selected from a waiting list in chronological order; however, the waiting list process for HOME-funded units may defer to the process allowed by other federal regulations. Under the CoC Program, CoCs are required to create written standards, which include policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive Permanent Supportive Housing assistance funded with CoC Program funds (24 CFR 578.7(a)(9)(v)). The HOME Program requirement for selecting persons from a waitlist in chronological order defers to this CoC Program requirement. It allows for the establishment of a limited preference, such as one for persons experiencing chronic homelessness with the longest histories of homelessness and the most severe service needs.

The HOME Program requirement for affirmatively marketing units can be satisfied by the CoC CES if the CES includes all homelessness services providers in its system and provides a method for persons who decline assessment through the CES to be placed on a HOME Program-funded project waiting list.

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.

SDHC's Prevention program assists households who are at imminent risk of homelessness. Assistance may include case management services, housing search assistance, temporary rental assistance, rental arrears, financial assistance for move-in costs, landlord conflict mediation, and connection to services and public assistance benefits.

The Housing Instability Prevention Program (HIPP) helps pay rent and other housing-related expenses for households in the City of San Diego experiencing a housing crisis and at risk of homelessness. HIPP also provides case management focused on housing stability. Enrolled households receive assistance for up to 24 months. The program prioritizes seniors 55+, persons with a disabling condition, families with a child 17 or younger and transition-age youth 18-24 for enrollment in the program. HIPP focuses on connecting clients to senior and affordable housing wait lists to transition from rental assistance to long-term affordable units or other permanent housing options.

#### **Discussion**

SDHC's Prevention program provides assistance to who are at imminent risk of homelessness. Assistance may include case management services, housing search assistance, temporary rental assistance, rental arrears, financial assistance for move-in costs, landlord conflict mediation, and connection to services and/or public assistance benefits.

The Housing Instability Prevention Program (HIPP) provides financial assistance to households to maintain stable housing amid high rents and low and/or stagnant income in the San Diego rental housing market. HIPP pays rent and other housing-related expenses such as rental and utility arrears for households who are experiencing a housing crisis and at risk of homelessness. HIPP includes four (4) tiers of shallow subsidy for individuals and families, depending on their level of need and are eligible for assistance for up to 24 months. HIPP focuses on connecting clients to senior and affordable housing wait lists with the aim of transitioning from rental assistance to long-term affordable units or other permanent housing options.

SDHC's leasing of newly constructed developments with project-based units will continue throughout FY25. Ninety-six PBVs have opened at Southwest Village (34 low-income and 16 formerly homeless individuals). The Shores at North Beach (13 formerly homeless individuals with chronic disabilities), Ventana Al Sur (25 formerly homeless seniors), and Messina (8 low-income seniors), and 223 PBV's at Pacific Village (15 formerly homeless veterans and 47 formerly homeless individuals) and Presidio Palms (161 formerly homeless individuals) and expected to open and begin leasing by June 2025. SDHC also awarded 608 PBVs for Homekey projects since the first round of Homekey funding became available in 2020. SDHC now has 2,926 Project-based Vouchers dedicated to homelessness and 832 Project-based Vouchers to low-income families for a total of 3,758.

Sponsor-based subsidies assist individuals identified as homeless through the provision of permanent supportive housing while the sponsor organizations provide supportive services. Additionally, a transitional subsidy program provides a flat subsidy to partnering agencies to ensure homeless individuals are housed while appropriate housing solutions are identified. In FY25, SDHC has committed a total of 1,026 sponsor-based subsidies to sponsors. One hundred and eighty-two of these are attached to specific units and are included in the PBV numbers above. There are 47 transitional subsidies available.

In 2020, SDHC was awarded an allocation of Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers designated for youths between the ages of 18 and not more than 24 years of age and who have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless. SDHC collaborates with the Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Department of the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency, which provides referrals to SDHC. As of March 2025, 41 FUP youth vouchers are being utilized.

In December 2024, SDHC was awarded 10 Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers. These vouchers will provide rental assistance to transition-age youth (18-24) who exited foster care and are at-risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness.

Eighty-three of SDHC's Mainstream Vouchers are allocated to low-income households experiencing homelessness where at least one non-elderly household member is disabled. Households for this program are pulled from SDHC's tenant-based waitlist and receive rental assistance similar to participants in SDHC's Housing Choice Voucher program.

SDHC administers the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program, which was specifically designed to address the housing needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic of households experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness, as well as families fleeing dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. SDHC currently provides rental assistance to 457 households through this program. Unlike the traditional HCV program, the EHV program is term-limited, and funding from HUD will expire no later than 2035.

The Guardian Scholars program at San Diego State (SDSU) provides resources to students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. Many students at SDSU qualify for financial aid and government grants to cover their expenses, but housing is the last item to be covered by these funding resources, and this often results in a gap between the funding the student

receives and what they need for housing. The rental assistance provided by SDHC closes this funding gap and allows these students to live in on-campus housing both during and between school semesters. Up to 100 participants can participate in the Guardian Scholars program at one time, and the program has a 95% graduation success rate.

The Moving On program serves formerly homeless people who are transitioning out of permanent supportive housing and into living more independently and self-sufficiently. In addition to on-going rental assistance, SDHC also provides assistance with expenses that participants incur when moving into a new home, such as security deposit and first month's rent. Participants remain eligible to receive supportive services from community providers to address the

stresses involved with transitioning until housing stability is ensured. SDHC has awarded up to 50 vouchers to the Moving On program.

The Monarch School Project is a partnership between SDHC and Monarch School that offers affordable housing solutions to unhoused families with school-aged children who attend Monarch. Supportive services and work-readiness services are offered to parents through programs at Monarch and SDHC's Achievement Academy. Twenty-five families are assisted by the Monarch School Project.

SDHC administers the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program in conjunction with the local Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers. SDHC provides rental assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness while the VA provides both clinical services and case management at their Medical Centers and community events. One hundred eighty-five of these VASH vouchers are project-based, which combines the support of VASH case management with the stability of fixed housing and are included in the PBV numbers above. In December 2024 SDHC was awarded an additional 75 vouchers to the VASH program, bringing the total number of VASH vouchers to 1,460.

## AP-75 BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING - 91.220(J)

A variety of barriers exist that make increasing the affordable housing stock in San Diego difficult:

- 1. Income and wages are not keeping pace with rising housing costs and the overall cost of living.
- 2. Federal resources for programs, such as the federal Section 8 Program, do not match the evidenced need
- 3. Homeownership is out of reach for most residents.
- 4. Low housing vacancy rates are contributing to higher rents.
- 5. The cost of land is high, and there is a lack of vacant land for future growth. Development barriers in some communities, including permit processing times, height restrictions, outdated community plans, environmental review, and community opposition ("NIMBYism").
- 6. Lack of knowledge of availability, understanding of requirements of, or access to resources available to persons in need who may qualify for programs.
- 7. Backlog of infrastructure and public facilities investment needs.
- 8. Impediments to Fair Housing.

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

The City's 2021-2029 Housing Element outlines the following broad objectives to address the barriers to affordable housing by:

Implementing permitting process improvements,

Improving infrastructure systems to support infill development and promote affordable housing,

Set and evaluate annual housing capacity targets,

Support and engage in innovative methods for financing housing development,

Preventing displacement,

Support practices and programs that aim to reduce energy/resource consumption in existing homes,

Foster citywide discussion on housing needs, resources, and ideas, and

Make information more easily available.

Other specific Housing Element policies to address the barriers to housing include:

Update community plans regularly to provide certainty in the development process. Through these updates, the City—working with a broad coalition of community stakeholders—should:

- o Identify areas appropriate for increased infill, residential, and mixed-use development.
- Designate land for a variety of residential densities to meet housing needs for a variety of household sizes.
- Encourage location- and resource-efficient development whereby housing is located near employment, shopping, schools, recreation, transit, and walking / bicycling infrastructure.
- Allow for more floor area ratio (FAR).
- Adopt Programmatic Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) to allow EIR tiering for individual projects consistent with the updated plan(s).

Community plan updates provide the City with opportunities to add housing capacity in Transit Priority Areas (TPAs).

Require new development to meet applicable zone and land use designation density minimums to ensure efficient use of remaining land available for residential development and redevelopment.

Allow residential densities that exceed the ranges defined in the General Plan and community plans for projects using State density bonus provisions (including senior housing and affordable housing) and City housing incentive programs.

Identify and evaluate options to increase housing opportunities in areas planned and zoned for single-family residential densities.

Encourage affordable housing on publicly owned sites suitable (in terms of geology, topography, proximity to commercial areas) for development and not needed for public use by re-designating such properties with mixed-use land use designations and zoning.

Evaluate the benefit of implementing regulatory mechanisms that deter landowners from holding land off the market (i.e., vacant) by taxing it at a higher rate until housing is built.

Support developing a method that ensures an equitable distribution of supportive housing and facilities for people experiencing homelessness throughout the city, especially sites that are co-located with support services for health, mental health, and workforce development and that are located near transit.

Following the RHNA adoption process, identify housing production goals by Community Planning Area based on an analysis of feasible site suitability.

Develop and maintain policies and programs that identify obstacles to building affordable housing, infill housing, and smart growth housing development, and provide regulatory strategies and tools that will streamline the development process.

Pre-clear potentially historic sites or structures in exchange for a commitment to build housing that includes onsite affordable units.

Take affirmative actions to further fair housing choice in the city, and implement the solutions developed in the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to mitigate and / or remove fair housing impediments.

Evaluate the impact on housing affordability of all proposed regulatory, fee, and policy changes, as well as any means of mitigating adverse impacts that are identified.

Expand local, and support efforts to expand Federal and State, legal protections for lower-income renters who could be displaced by condominium conversions.

Utilize the City's regulatory powers (e.g., land use and fees) to increase affordable and accessible housing.

Apply, interpret, and enforce regulations equitably for building and housing permits and housing quality to protect public health and safety.

As a subrecipient of the City, SDHC is also addressing the barriers that hinder affordable housing and residential investment with the following strategies:

- 1. Strategic Priority 1: Increasing and Preserving Housing Solutions.
- 2. Strategic Priority 2: Helping Families Increase Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency and Quality of Life.
- 3. Strategic Priority 3: Investing in Our Team.
- 4. Strategic Priority 4: Advancing Homelessness Solutions Supporting the City of San Diego Community Action Plan on Homelessness.
- 5. Strategic Priority 5: Advocacy, Communication, Public Engagement.

More details related to SDHC's strategic priorities can be found in its <u>FY22-FY24 Strategic Plan</u>.

### AP-85 OTHER ACTIONS - 91.220(K)

#### Introduction

This section discusses the supplemental policies, programs, and initiatives that will support the housing and community development actions.

In addition to the efforts with the County, SDHC, the Regional Task Force on Homelessness and the Continuum of Care, as well as the Regional Alliance for Fair Housing, the City of San Diego will continue those activities to both help public and private housing and social service agencies to better serve San Diegans and to fully use their federal housing funds. This includes maintaining its current robust network of jurisdictional- and region-wide public and nonprofit services providers. Additionally, this includes understanding and assistance together with the Consolidated Plan Goals and Strategies, the City's competitive application processes and forms, requirements for grant implementation and reporting, and grant close-out and success.

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

In an effort to direct critical HUD resources and make demonstrable progress toward achieving the Consolidated Plan Goals, the City has outlined the following distribution of CDBG funds for Fiscal Years 2025 – 2029. The City anticipates a minimal reduction from FY 2024 to FY 2025 in entitlement funding. As such, the following budgetary priorities were established based on stakeholder input through virtual forums and one-on-one interviews; eight public forums attended by residents; a community survey available in 14 languages; and input from members of 10 City committees, advisory boards, coalitions, and workgroups:

Public Services [up to 15% annually]: This portion of the funds allows for public services to be delivered to the City's most vulnerable populations. Council Policy 700-02 establishes a portion of public services funding for services to assist the homeless population. Pursuant to San Diego City Council No. R-315633, adopted June 24, 2024, up to 25 percent, not exceeding \$1,000,000, in CDBG public service funds are dedicated to assisting with the costs of homeless programs and services.

Economic Development [up to 10%]: Activities funded through this program are intended to promote economic opportunities including job readiness and business/ microenterprise development. The new Consolidated Plan goal has a greater focus on small businesses and supporting local entrepreneurs.

Community Development (City Capital Improvement Projects/ Infrastructure / Nonprofit Facility Projects [up to 25%]). Funds here are dedicated to the investment in the City's critical public infrastructure needs to support neighborhood safety and improved livability and nonprofit facility projects that improve or expand services to the City's most vulnerable populations. Activities funded through this program are intended to improve the communities in which low- and moderate-income individuals or families reside. This includes, but is not limited to street improvements, park enhancements, public facility expansions/remodels, improvements or creation of facilities for nonprofit organizations that support the low- and moderate-income community, and ADA enhancements to make public facilities more accessible.

Affordable Housing Projects [up to 30%]. Housing remains a pressing issue in the City of San Diego and the City will continue to fund affordable housing opportunities throughout the Consolidated Plan cycle.

Administration and Planning [up to 20%]. It is important to note that, in addition to supporting staff salaries, office space and supplies, the City's administration budget supports the critical Fair Housing efforts on an annual basis, including a 24/7 hotline, education and enforcement. This budget will also support the renewal of the City's award-winning Nonprofit Academy to increase the capacity of smaller, neighborhood-serving nonprofit organizations.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing include the Strategies to remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing listed in section AP-55.

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

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, Lead Safety and Healthy Homes Program (LSHHP), serves as the City's primary liaison for connecting the community with resources to prevent lead poisoning since 2002.

In June 2002, the City of San Diego adopted Ordinance No. 19063 ("Abatement of Lead Hazards"). In April 2008, the City renamed and incorporated the previous ordinance into the San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 5 (Public Safety, Morals, and Welfare), Article 4 (Public Hazards and Public Nuisances), in Division 10, titling it as the "Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance" - Section 54.1001 et seq." Two other sections were added at the time of the incorporation into the Municipal Code. In February 2025, the City adopted Ordinance No. 21912, amending the Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance to add clarification, increase enforcement capabilities and incorporate regulations by reference. This ordinance is one of the most comprehensive local lead poisoning prevention ordinances in the nation.

Division 10 makes it unlawful to create or maintain a lead hazard. The purpose of Division 10 is to:

Prevent, identify, and remedy lead hazards in housing before children are poisoned;

Protect occupants and the public from exposures to lead hazards;

Provide standards to implement lead hazard control requirements;

Strengthen the authority of local agencies responding to lead paint poisoning cases; and

Establish and promote lead-safe work practice standards for owners, maintenance workers, and all persons involved in lead hazard control and activities such as remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, and repair that disturb lead paint, in order to protect occupants and the public from exposure to lead hazards.

In addition to requiring property owners to maintain their properties, the amended ordinance requires:

Contractors conduct renovation in a lead-safe manner and conduct visual verification and lead dust clearance testing.

Landlords to conduct a visual assessment and correction of potential lead hazards at unit turnover.

Home improvement and water pressure equipment rental stores required to make available lead education material to customers.

Childcare facilities to obtain proof of blood lead testing at enrollment.

The LSHHP has and will continue to respond to all tips and complaints related to violations of the Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance. In the most recent fiscal year end (FY2024), there were 168 active lead code enforcement cases. Specific activities conducted by LSHHP Code Enforcement Officers included responding to or issuing:

10 complaints related to substandard housing including 6 with lead poisoned children,

23 complaints related to unsafe work practices,

67 Notice of Violations for unsafe work practices in response to 654 unannounced visits to permitted construction job sites,

39 Notice to Comply letters (Voluntary compliance for deteriorated paint),

7 Abatement Notice and Orders related housing conditions,

8 Notice of Violations related to housing conditions, and

25 responses to General Information inquires.

### **Public Education**

The LHHSP, through the City's website, has extensive information about not only the Division 10 ordinance, but also:

A pamphlet related to planning or "do it yourself" home renovations, how to do the work correctly so as for avoid self- and household lead contamination "Don't Spread Lead" available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese,

Links to Blood Lead Testing Clinics,

Information to learn about lead and its dangers,

Preventing childhood lead poisoning, and

Other resources.

Since FY 2019, the LSHHP has utilized a case management system which has tools used to educate contractors on the need to utilize lead safe work practices and make them aware of the related regulatory requirements. This case management system allows LSHHP staff to send educational information to individuals who have registered with the City Construction and Demolition Debris Deposit Program. Registration is required for individuals to obtain permits for construction, demolition, and remodeling

projects. During FY 2024, 1,545 educational letters and e-mails were sent to contractors and 654 unannounced job site visits were conducted.

Key elements of this educational outreach effort include:

Disturbing lead-based paint can create hazards that are a serious threat to the health of children- and adultoccupants, workers, and their families,

Key elements of the City's Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance and the EPA Renovate, Repair and Painting Rule, and

A notification that a City Compliance Officer may visit the project site to determine if lead-safe work practices are being implemented.

In December 2013, the Santa Clara County Superior Court issued a judgment in The People of the State of California v. Atlantic Richfield Co, et al., that three paint manufacturers had actively promoted the use of lead-based paint as safe for the use in the interior of homes. After 16 years of litigation, the court ruled that these defendants were liable for damages arising out of the sale of lead-based paint before it was banned in 1978. As a result, multiple California jurisdictions were awarded a total \$409 million, with the City of San Diego's portion being \$17.3 million. Per the judge's decision, these funds will primarily eliminate lead hazards in privately owned residential housing.

The City utilized the funding to establish the San Diego Residential Lead Abatement Program (SDRLAP) in the Environmental Services Department. This program includes an education and outreach campaign, funding for lead-hazard remediation workforce development, and lead remediation in privately owned residences, with an emphasis on houses in low—and moderate-income areas. There is no deadline by which the funds must be expended.

During FY 2024 and FY 2025, the LSHHP established contracts for enrollment, inspection and abatement services needed to implement the program. As of the writing of this Plan, the City of San Diego has spent \$416,687.56 to date, with \$753,684.35 of the remaining funds currently encumbered for future work. The funds to date and moving forward are required and will be used for the San Diego Residential Lead Abatement Program effort to reduce or eliminate lead hazards in private residential homes throughout the City of San Diego.

The City plans to continue to focus its efforts and activities on risk assessments, unsafe work practices, violation enforcement, and similar activities.

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

Through its CDBG allocations, the City of San Diego funds a variety of projects under eligible economic development efforts.

The City's Economic Development Strategy 2023-2026, which is aligned with the foundational documents of the City's Strategic Plan, Equity Forward, and Climate Action Plan, contains four overarching Goals:

Support families and workers,

Support small and local businesses,

Bolster trade and innovation, and

Strengthen neighborhoods.

The success of economic development initiatives in reducing the number of poverty-level families is monitored through objectives and metrics of:

Support families and workers:

Number of jobs supported by the expansion, attraction and retention of employers working with the Economic Development Department.

The number of active childcare and family child care licensed providers in San Diego.

Number of apprenticeship, educational, and training opportunities supported through partnerships with employers, nonprofit partners, and educational institutions.

Number of individuals in under-resourced communities receiving financial and/or digital literacy training through Economic Development Department Programs.

Support small and local businesses:

Number of businesses assisted through small and neighborhood business programs.

Number of active small businesses.

Number of contacts with small businesses reached by current or new EDD programs, funds, and initiatives.

Strengthen neighborhoods:

Number of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units.

Number of public and private organizations engaged across under-resourced communities.

Number of persons assisted through public and private neighborhood investments (i.e., local, state, and federal funding).

Amount of investment committed/leveraged to increase housing affordability and supply.

### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City creates strategic partnerships to enhance the availability of resources and leverage services provided to low- and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods. For this Consolidated Plan period, the City, along with SDHC and social service partners, will actively participate in the Continuum of Care

(currently over 80 member organizations) to implement regional efforts and resources to address homelessness. City staff and SDHC participate in the general membership, but also serve on the Board and several committees, including the Governance Advisory Board, Veterans Consortium, and the Health and Homelessness Committee. At a minimum, the City will continue to sponsor training sessions on issues and topics of interest to other members and partner agencies in the areas of compliance with technical federal, state, and local affordable housing regulations.

The City of San Diego is also a participating jurisdiction in the San Diego Regional Alliance for Fair Housing (SDRAFFH). The SDRAFFH is a dedicated group of professionals working together to ensure that all residents in San Diego County have equal access to housing. It is comprised of government entities, the fair housing service providers and housing providers. As a member of the SDRAFFH, the City of San Diego served as the lead municipality for the development of the 2020-2025 San Diego Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (dated August 2020). The communities within San Diego County have established a commitment to providing equal housing opportunities for their existing and future residents. This report, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (commonly known as the "AI"), presents a demographic profile of San Diego County, assesses the extent of housing needs among specific income groups, and evaluates the range of available housing choices for residents. The AI also analyzes the conditions in the private market and public sector that may limit the range of housing choices or impede a person's access to housing. More importantly, this AI identifies impediments that may prevent equal housing access and develops solutions to mitigate or remove such impediments. The City of San Diego plans to continue in the monitoring and implementation of recommendations specific to San Diego, along with future updates to the Regional Fair Housing planning documents as a participating jurisdiction and pursuant to federal updates to Fair Housing planning requirements.

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

The City benefits from a strong jurisdiction and region-wide network of housing and community development partners, such as the County, the RTFH, and SDHC. The County's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) improves neighborhoods by assisting low-income residents, increasing the supply of affordable, safe housing, and rehabilitating residential properties in San Diego County. HCD leverages the City's HOPWA program funds with the County's Health and Human Services Agency and its own housing program income. The RTFH has approximately 80 members, comprised of a broad spectrum of the community, including providers of services, government agencies, and the private sector.

# **Program Specific Requirements**

## AP-90 PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - 91.220(L)(1,2,4)

**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	\$169,685.43
before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been	
reprogrammed	
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	
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	
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	
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	
Total Program Income	\$169,685.43

### **Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that	95%
will be used for activities that benefit persons of	
low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A	
consecutive period of one, two or three years	
may be used to determine that a minimum	
overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to	
benefit persons of low and moderate income.	
Specify the years covered that include this Annual	
Action Plan.	

### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

The City does not use HOME funds in any other manner than those described in Section 92.205. The City will occasionally submit waiver requests to HUD in accordance with applicable regulations to request to adjust the maximum purchase price for single family residences and condominiums.

1. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

SDHC will recapture that portion of HOME program investment unforgiven by the elapsed affordability period or recapture the maximum net proceeds from sale of property (whether recapture is affected through foreclosure or no foreclosure action). Net proceeds recovered will be used to:

- (1) Reimburse the HOME program (approved activity) for the outstanding balance of HOME funds not repaid or forgiven during the applicable affordability period at the time of recapture. (2) Reimburse the HOME program (administration) for "holding costs" or other costs associated with the recapture action (legal fees, insurance, taxes, realtor fees, appraisal/BPO costs, etc.)
- (2) If net proceeds recaptured are less than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested in the property (for all approved activities and holding costs incurred), the loss will be absorbed by the HOME program and all HOME program requirements would be considered to have been satisfied. If net proceeds recaptured are greater than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested in the property (for all approved activities and holding costs incurred), the balance of net proceeds would be distributed to the homeowner (or his/her estate). If the recapture of proceeds is effectuated through a completed foreclosure action, and the property is legally owned by SDHC, the balance of net proceeds recaptured will inure to SDHC.
- 1. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds. See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

For those cases where the affordability requirements are violated as a result of the death of the HOME beneficiary and there is an eligible person who qualified and is desirous of assuming the HOME assistance invested in the property, SDHC will permit sale of the HOME-assisted unit to the qualifying, eligible person, contingent upon SDHC's prior review and approval. The subsequent owner will be required to adhere to all applicable affordability requirements for the unexpired term of the original affordability period.

- 1. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:
- 2. The San Diego Housing Commission does not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

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

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

The City of San Diego and SDHC adopted performance standards in line with the regional Continuum of Care. These standards include: rapidly rehousing clients into permanent housing within 90 days after determination of eligibility; at least 56% of clients will exit to permanent housing; and least 75% of clients will maintain or increase income while participating in the program. The City of San Diego and SDHC also require programs use progressive engagement with clients to determine their financial need and receive just enough assistance to regain stability in permanent housing. The ESG Policies and Procedures can be found in Attachment B, Appendix 3.

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

Since the inception of Coordinated Entry, **San Diego's Coordinated Entry System (CES)** has evolved into a fair and equitable process that came together with the assistance of various providers and community leaders that make up the San Diego Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC established a Coordinated Entry working group with a representation of service providers from each region and based on sub-population they serve. In collaboration with RTFH's HMIS and CES team, this working group developed a new CES Prioritization Tool. The tool generates a composite score primarily based on client enrollment data from HMIS, ensuring the prioritization process aligns with San Diego's CoC Community Standards. With the establishment of the new CES Prioritization Tool, the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) score contributes only to 10% of the overall score assigned to the client for prioritization. San Diego's CES has produced this prioritization process, which will focus its limited regional housing resources to households with the greatest vulnerability in a timely and consistent manner.

The San Diego CES Prioritization tool aligned with the priorities identified on the Community Standards, which are households by the following four categories:

- 1. The longest history of experiencing homelessness and most needs.
- 2. The longest history of experiencing homelessness.
- 3. The most needs, particularly mental illness or substance use disorder.
- 4. All other: Non-Chronically homeless individuals, youth, and families.

Data is collected and entered by homelessness service providers within the San Diego HMIS database, adhering to HUD's standards for Coordinated Entry implementation and data collection. RTFH regularly updates data collection requirements to remain compliant with HUD's annual HMIS data standard changes.

Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City of San Diego and SDHC, as a subrecipient of the City's ESG allocation for homelessness services programs, issue competitive solicitations to procure subrecipients and contractors to operate programs funded with ESG as well as other federal, state, and local sources. Competitive solicitations are made available for download on the PlanetBids website through both SDHC's and the City of San Diego's portals. Notifications are sent through the PlanetBids system to register agencies and other organizations, as

identified by SDHC and the City. At the close of the competitive solicitation, a source selection committee evaluates and scores responses based on criteria contained in the competitive solicitation. Once a subrecipient is selected, the City or SDHC conduct contract and budget negotiations and seeks City Council or SDHC Board of Commissioners and Housing Authority approval, as applicable, before entering into a contract. The contract is executed between the City or SDHC and the subrecipient to conclude the process.

In certain circumstances, the City or SDHC may employ a non-competitive solicitation process if it determines eligibility under the San Diego Municipal Code or a potential change in program operator would disrupt the continuity of care for program participants; a competitive solicitation process would delay implementation of a program needed to address an immediate public health and safety concern such as an infectious disease outbreak; or the program model is specific to the degree a competitive solicitation would not yield a sufficient pool of applicants, such as the target population requires specialized services provided by only one agency operating in San Diego.

Under the approved Statement of Procurement Policy, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) has the authority to procure services from non-profit organizations and agencies without competition, advertisement, or approval by the Housing Authority. Section 9.1 of the Policy lists four specific requirements for awarding contracts/agreements in this manner.

- 1. The Chief Executive Officer has certified in writing that the contract furthers a specific public policy; and
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer has certified in writing that the contract is in the public interest; and
- 3. The contract does not exceed \$1,000,000 per year, which amount shall be indexed annually to the cost of living or as amended by the City in San Diego Municipal Code section 22.3210, whichever is greater; and
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer has considered all of the following, which are documented in the contract file: a) whether the non-profit organization or agency agrees to direct supervision of the worker; b) whether the non-profit organization or agency agrees to provide workers' compensation insurance for the workers; and c) whether the agency or non-profit organization agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and hold the SDHC, the Housing Authority and the City harmless against any and all claims alleged to be caused or caused by any act or omission of the worker or agency employee.

If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

SDHC does not have homeless or formerly homeless people on its Board of Commissioners nor does the City Council. However, the City and SDHC do consult with the Regional Continuum of Care which has formerly homeless individuals as members. Subcontractors who administer the shelters and the rapid rehousing programs have formerly homeless individuals in their organizations who help shape policies and

make decisions about services and programs that receive ESG funding. These organizations also provide opportunities and encourage homeless clients to give their input regarding homeless programs. SDHC also coordinates a quarterly stakeholder meeting with persons with lived experience to discuss policies and program design.

### Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City evaluates ESG-funded programs through an extensive monitoring process involving desk audits of reports and supporting documentation; on-site monitoring reviews; frequent telephone contacts; written communications; and meetings. Through regular monitoring of subrecipients, City staff ensures subrecipients abide by all applicable federal, state and local standards. The City provides technical assistance to subrecipients to increase efficiencies and augment performance. As part of this process, City staff watches for the potential of fraud, waste, mismanagement, and/or other opportunities for potential abuse. Contract provisions are in place that provide for the suspension of funds, termination of the contract, and disallowance of reimbursement requests at any time during the program year based on performance deficiencies. On an individual basis, staff works with subrecipients to correct identified deficiencies through discussion and/or technical assistance, prior to imposing any sanctions.

As part of the year-end requirements, subrecipients are required to submit fiscal reports based on contract terms. Governmental units and nonprofit organizations expending more than \$750,000 in federal funds during the given fiscal year are required to submit a copy of a Single Audit to the City to adhere to OMB Circular A-133 requirements. A Single Audit is required for desk review by the CDBG program, regardless of whether there were findings noted in the audit pertaining to CDBG funds, since it serves as an additional monitoring tool used to evaluate the fiscal accountability of subrecipients. As part of the closeout process, subrecipients expending CDBG funds are required to submit an Audited Financial Statement for desk review, if submission of a Single Audit is not applicable.

For homelessness services program contracts administered by SDHC, the Compliance Business Unit within the Homelessness Housing Innovations Division performs data analysis and reporting, provides technical assistance and conducts monitoring reviews, including, if applicable, file reviews, site visits, desk audits, and interviews with program participants and program staff. Monitoring reports are issued to document contract compliance and any deficiencies requiring mitigation, which may also be addressed through non-compliance noticing procedures such as performance improvement plans. A financial audit is also performed annually by SDHC's Fiscal Team to determine if funds are used according to state and federal regulations and local policies. Monthly submissions of requests for reimbursement for program expenses submitted by subrecipients undergo two levels of review by SDHC staff to determine if the expenses are eligible and in alignment with the approved program budget. Contracts also include performance standards in alignment with the RTFH performance standards. SDHC staff monitor outcomes on a monthly or quarterly basis to ensure outcome measures are being met by subrecipients. Lastly, SDHC staff regularly contact subrecipients, including facilitating quarterly fiscal and performance reviews and site visits, to evaluate program performance and areas requiring technical assistance.

# Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Draft Annual Action Plan Public Comments

The City will consider comments and views expressed by residents, public agencies, and other interested parties either in writing or orally at public meetings. In each 5-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, substantial amendment, or Citizen Participation Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City will provide as an attachment all written communications received and a summary of each oral comment during the applicable 15-30 day public review period; the City's subsequent action; and the reasons for non-action, if none was taken. This information will also be made available to the public as part of the final document.

Following are the questions and comments received on a 30-day public review period of the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan. Responses were provided by staff, where warranted. The Draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan was available through the City's website, City libraries, and the following publications: Daily Transcript, Voice and Viewpoint, and El Latino. The public was provided the opportunity to send comments via email to <a href="mailto:cdbg@sandiego.gov">cdbg@sandiego.gov</a>, and to make public comments at one of three public meetings: April 9, 2025, Consolidated Plan Advisory Board Meeting; April 21, 2025, San Diego City Council Hearing; and June 30, 2025, San Diego City Council Hearing.

During the public review period, the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP) was posted online for viewing at the City of San Diego's CDBG Program website: <a href="http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg">http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg</a>

Hard copies were made available for viewing at the following locations:

- City Heights/Weingart Branch Library (3795 Fairmount Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105)
- Central Library (330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101)
- Linda Vista Library, (2160 Ulric St, San Diego, CA 92111)
- Logan Heights Branch Library (567 South 28th Street, San Diego, CA 92113)
- San Ysidro Library (4235 Beyer Blvd, San Diego, CA 92173)
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114)



The notice was also posted in the following publications during the public comment period:

- San Diego Daily Transcript
- San Diego Voice and Viewpoint
- El Latino

The public was also provided the opportunity to send comments via U.S. Mail or hand-deliver to: **Draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan | 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400 | San Diego, CA 92101** or via email to: <a href="mailto:cdbg@sandiego.gov">cdbg@sandiego.gov</a>.

### **ORAL COMMENTS**

The following are the oral comments provided by members of the public, the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board meeting, the San Diego City Council meeting, and the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Meeting for the Draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan. Where warranted, the response from staff follows the comment.

### APRIL 9, 2025 - CONSOLIDATED PLAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

#### **CPAB** member Dr. Abena Bradford

 Bradford asked if the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) will be informed of the entitlement funds received by HUD for FY 2026.

### Staff Response:

 Melissa Villalpando, Community Development Coordinator, shared with the board that the HUD allocation amount for FY 2026 will be received in May. In addition, Villalpando added that if the CDBG allocation amount is more significant than anticipated, CPAB's recommendations on ranking and scoring the CDBG applications would be used to determine additional funding.

### **CPAB** member Nick Gulino

 Gulino asked about the allocation priorities presented in the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan presentation, specifically the \$12 million funding to HOME and ESG. Gulino inquired about the Homekey+ program.

### Staff Response:

Nadine Hassoun, Community Development Specialist, shared that
 "Homekey+" referred to CDBG funds is used for Affordable Housing programs.



• Gulino inquired about CPAB's role in the \$31 million in CDBG funding. Gulino shared that he would like clarification on what CPAB was being asked to approve.

### Staff Response:

- Ashley Gain, Project Manager, commented that CPAB's role was to score the competitive process of FY 2026 CDBG funding. Gain stated that CPAB is asked to approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan allocation recommendations.
- Angela Nazareno-Clark, HUD Program Manager, clarified that the City of San Diego is the grantee that receives HUD entitlement funding, which includes CDBG, HOME, and ESG. HUD requires HOME and ESG programs to be reported by the City in the Annual Action Plan, regardless if our office manages the two additional funding sources. Nazareno-Clark shared that the San Diego Housing Commission administers the HOME and ESG entitlement funds. Nazareno-Clark added that the SDHC must also complete a NOFA process and go to City Council to ensure the funds are appropriately administered.

### San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Response:

- Liliana Caracoza, SDHC, shared that yearly eligible participants apply during the NOFA process by including affordable housing funds, HOME and inclusionary funds. The HOME Program provides funds for the construction of affordable housing, rehabilitation, rental assistance, and first-time buyer programs. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) includes Outreach and Engagement, Shelter Operations, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. The total amount is disclosed to the applicants before the scoring process. Vouchers are also offered based on availability. Phase one ensures that all applicants meet the requirement threshold, and Phase two provides more in-depth information on the feasibility, capacity, and eligibility requirements. Once determined, they are preliminary recommendations and go through the Board and House Authority. Awards are then issued at the beginning of the year.
- Gulino asked what a ROPS repayment was.

### Staff Response:

 Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, explained that the City of San Diego's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) outlines how the city plans to repay its obligations through 2030. It is an agreement that the Regional Redevelopment Agency formerly owned, and currently, the



Successor Agency pays it. Marano noted that funds from previous loans have been repaid to the CDBG program and that \$1 million is scheduled to be included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

The CPAB moved to approve the Draft Fiscal Year FY 2026 CDBG Annual Action Plan, which was approved unanimously, 5-0.

### **APRIL 21, 2025 - CITY OF SAN DIEGO COUNCIL MEETING**

On April 21, 2025, City Council approved a portion of the staff-recommended actions and requested that staff return to Council to present the remaining action items concurrently with or following the Council's adoption of the FY 26 Budget and upon receipt of the final HUD allocations.

# Rebecca Rader, Chief Philanthropy Officer of Voices for Children (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

Rader thanked the San Diego City Council for the continuous CDBG funding provision
to Voices of Children. Rader added that this support goes to children who had been
removed from their parents and families. Rader asked council members to consider
and move forward with this item as requested by the EDD staff.

### Cesar Javier, (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

• Javier questioned council members regarding the needed actions to eradicate pollution at the Tijuana River and the lack of available shelter for the homeless community across the city. Javier added that the city is lacking capacity, leadership, and resources to deal with these issues.

### Mary Otero, (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

Otero favored the investment of CDBG funding for STEAM and Art programs. Otero
mentioned that without access to higher education, youth from neglected districts
will not afford homeownership in San Diego. Otero added that she used to work at
the San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Centers, supporting low-income
households in purchasing their homes. Otero also stated that during this time, the
City is expensive, so funding is crucial for affordability in San Diego.

# Aleta Barthell, Senior Grant Writer of Father Joe's Villages (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

 Barthell thanked EDD staff for the opportunity to apply for CDBG funding that will support the renovation costs for showers at the Paul Mirabile Center. Barthell



mentioned that Father Joe's Villages has been working to open a 44-bed new detox center that will be available for those who wish to live in a sober living area. Barthell added that about 71% of their neighbors would like to live in a sober choice area. Additionally, Barthell mentioned that Father Joe's Villages focuses on delivering services with compassion, respect, empathy, and empowerment to a vulnerable community in San Diego.

# Nao Kabashima, Executive Director of Karen Organization of San Diego (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

• Kabashima favored the Annual Action Plan recommendations for fiscal year 2026. Kabashima mentioned that the Karen Organization of San Diego is not included in the next fiscal year's funding but is grateful for past support. Karen Organization launched its Refugee Microenterprise Support project in 2021, thanks to CDBG funding, supporting small business owners from Korea and Myanmar (Burma). Kabashima reported that through last year's funding, Karen Organization supported 55 business owners or future business owners through 690 technical assistance services. Kabashima added that Karen Organization hosted 35 group workshops, learning about regulations, the permit process, and access to resources needed to succeed. Kabashima thanked the San Diego City Council for its support.

# Elissa Hill, Business Counselor of Somali Family Services (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

Hill thanked the City Council for considering the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan
presented by the EDD staff. Hill urged City Council's favor in supporting the passing
of the Annual Action Plan to fund community economic development projects,
including Somali Family Services, that will help small business owners. Hills
mentioned that through CDBG funding, Somali Family Services has provided
essential assistance, education, and vital resources to underserved communities
wanting to start or expand existing businesses. Hills stated that CDBG funding has
allowed these individuals to financially support themselves and their families and
contribute to the community.

### Julie Porter, Lived Experiences Advisers (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

 Porter shared that funding uncertainty exists in HUD and the Housing Commission due to the current administration. Porter is afraid that funding for affordable housing will be cut and will no longer be available for vulnerable communities in San Diego.



### Rachel Hayes, Lived Experiences Advisers (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

 Hayes is in favor of CDBG funding going toward affordable housing and supporting homeless communities. Hayes mentioned how crucial it is to continue providing services, assistance, and support to people who are homeless and in need of a shelter that will meet their needs. Hayes shared personally how hard it is to adjust and transition from living in a tent to affordable housing. Hayes added that housing provides healing and comforts those individuals who struggle with homelessness.

### Blair Beekman (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

 Beekman commented on how the San Diego City Council will continue dealing with and navigating budget issues through May 2025. Beekman mentioned that current HUD issues involve tech accountability and bridging the digital divide. Beekman added that this issue is close to Councilmember Moreno and her district. Beekman reminded that as the City is working to bridge the digital divide, teaching tech accountability, civil rights, and civil protections for decision-making processes is crucial.

# William Burties, Economic Development Director of Logan Heights Community Development Corporation (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

• Burties shared that Logan Heights Community Development Corporation provides direct technical assistance, financial coaching, permitting support, business plan development, and marketing assistance to small businesses in Logan Heights. Burties favored the Annual Action Plan and urged the City Council to fully fund the community economic development projects, which could potentially include Logan Heights Community Development Corporation. Burties added that if City Council approves the Annual Action Plan, it will significantly expand and support small businesses from historically underserved communities in Logan Heights. This funding will empower local entrepreneurs and strengthen commercial corridors. Burties highlighted one small business owner, Movement Matters, a yoga and fitness studio, who received advising, technical assistance, and tailored training that helped expand the business and hire one full-time employee. Burties commented that CDBG funding will be an investment to continue serving historically underserved communities.

### Natalie Roski, Lived Experiences Advisers (Submitted a speaker's slip in support)

 Roski urged that CDBG funding should provide the youth with spaces where they can thrive and keep them from becoming homeless. Roski shared personally that she



and her family are currently receiving emergency HUD vouchers but are worried that this funding could potentially be cut off.

### John Stump (Virtual attendance in opposition)

Stump favored the Annual Action Plan allocations supporting City Heights recipients, including Mama's Kitchen and Somali Family Services. However, Stump is concerned about the 20% administration costs found in the pie chart of the presentation. Given the current tight budget process the City of San Diego is undergoing, Stump has suggested that the San Diego City Council overlook this portion and see if they can reduce this percentage that can potentially go to other needed services for the new fiscal year.

### The Original (Virtual attendance in opposition)

 The Original shared that the City of San Diego has not done enough for the homeless population, even with all the funding they have received from HUD. The Original urged the San Diego City Council to pay close attention to the challenges and needs of the homeless population. The Original also added that there's a lack of resources, medical staff, and sanitation in homeless shelters, where some are experiencing overdoses and infestation of rats.

### Joy Sunyata (Virtual attendance in support)

- Sunyata inquired about EDD's staff report on the transfer and movement of funds that must be reported to HUD. Sunyata asked about EDD's internal control and monitoring policies in place to ensure compliance with HUD. Sunyata also questioned EDD's relationship with HUD regarding the approval of fiscal year 2026 activities and public comments that will be included in the Annual Action Plan, and why EDD is requesting a waiver in the citizen participation plan. Sunyata mentioned that HUD extended the submission deadline to 60 additional days after the City of San Diego receives the fiscal year 2026 allocations and asked EDD staff to clarify.
- Staff response: The City of San Diego's CDBG program ensures HUD compliance through four key components:
  - Project Implementation: Subrecipients attend a mandatory workshop covering CDBG requirements, federal regulations, and reporting procedures.
  - Contract Management: City project managers oversee contract execution and compliance with all HUD, state, and local rules, offering ongoing support.
  - Monitoring Compliance: Staff perform desk audits, site visits, and regular communications to ensure compliance and prevent fraud or misuse.



- Audit Review: Subrecipients submit year-end financial reports or Single Audits, which serve as additional tools for verifying fiscal responsibility and HUD compliance.
- All oral and written public comments received during the public comment period, including at City Council and Committee hearings, will be included in the final version of the plan.
- When there are delays in the publishing of the official funding allocations, grantees are not required to submit their Annual Action Plan until 60 days after HUD announces grant allocations. Since the City of San Diego received our HUD grant allocations on May 13, 2025, staff can submit the City of San Diego's Annual Action Plan (AAP) by July 13, 2025.

# Marcy Roke, President of Travelers Aid Society of San Diego (*Virtual attendance in support*)

 Roke shared that Travelers Aid is a 120-year-old nonprofit organization that provides low-income seniors living in the City with free transportation options for cancerrelated medical visits, dialysis appointments, and essential trips to grocery stores and pharmacies. Roke mentioned that CDBG funding is crucial for their programs and encouraged the San Diego City Council to support the fiscal year 2026 Annual Action Plan allocations.

### Consuelo (Virtual attendance in opposition)

• Consuelo did not favor the Annual Action Plan because the City is not involved in dealing with issues affecting communities across San Diego. Consuelo added that the city must start facing the challenges at the root of the problem.

### **Dorene Dias (Virtual attendance in opposition)**

Dias asked the San Diego City Council to look over other programs that are more
effective and successful, including Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Cape Cod,
Massachusetts. Dias shared that the home, section eight, and other housing-related
programs are based on a lottery system that ensures the right people get these
services. Dias mentioned that their programs had been successful and could be
replicated here in the state of California. Dias added that it's crucial that the City of
San Diego research what other cities have proposed so the process is fair and
accessible for those who need housing urgently.

The City Clerk noted that the Agenda Comment Form for Item S400 received 1 vote in opposition for this item.



### **Councilmembers Comments**

### Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, District 9

- Councilmember Elo-Rivera thanked the Economic Development Department for their presentation. Councilmember Elo-Rivera noted that last year, there was a similar item docketed: the Draft Fiscal year 2025 Annual Action Plan, with 25 proposed actions. The Annual Action Plan was pushed back due to the budget adoption for the next fiscal year. EDD staff returned on June 24, 2024, to present it again to San Diego City Council after they received the actual CDBG allocations. Councilmember Elo-Rivera added that EDD staff were using estimates again and the AAP was not being considered within the context of the budget for new fiscal year. Councilmember Elo-Rivera added that EDD staff usually respect the Citizen Participation Plan and go to the ED&IR committee before presenting to the San Diego City Council.
  Councilmember Elo-Rivera shared that reviewing and approving all 25 proposed actions is rushed and unnecessary. Councilmember Elo-Rivera recommended that councilmembers defer approval of the Annual Action Plan until the Fiscal Year 2026 CDBG allocation funds are determined, and after the City Budget process, as was done in the previous fiscal year.
- Councilmember Elo-Rivera proposed a revised motion, which included approving EDD staff's recommendation with the amendment to return the following Actions Items in the Staff Report to staff with the request to return them to Council concurrently with or following the Council's adoption of the FY26 Budget: 1 through 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 17.

### Council President Pro-Tem Kent Lee, District 6

Councilmember Lee seconded Elo-Rivera's proposed revised motion to ensure CDBG
allocations are received before coming back for council approval in June.
 Councilmember Lee praised all the proposed organizations and their work and
would wait to learn more about the proposed organizations in his district once the
budget process has been finalized.

### Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, District 7

 Councilmember Campillo thanked Elo-Rivera for bringing the proposed revised motion for approval. However, Councilmember Campillo noted that EDD staff could not present the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan at the ED&IR Committee due to quorum issues. Councilmember Campillo asked EDD staff if pulling 12 of the 25 proposed actions and returing to City Council in June would present an issue.



- o Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, clarified that there are a few concerns with timeliness. According to Marano, anytime there's a delay with decisions in the Annual Action Plan, there are delays with the execution agreements with subrecipients and partner organizations. Marano added that if a final decision is pushed back until June, organizations will struggle with reduced federal funding if there is no assurance on what type of funding they may receive by July 1, 2025. Additionally, Marano mentioned that the push back will also impact the City's ability to be timely in expending CDBG funds and the timeline provided for next year test with HUD. Marano asked the San Diego City Council to be cautious because CDBG funds cannot be used to supplant the City's general funds to fund programs that had been previously funded with general funds.
- Councilmember Campillo thanked Michele Marano for clarifying the potential significant burden and pointed out proposed action item one from the staff report.
  - Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, referred to proposed action item one as the grant agreements made available with HUD to the approved subrecipients.
- Councilmember Campillo asked Councilmember Elo-Rivera to clarify why proposed actions 1 through 7, 10 to 11, 14, 16 and 17 of the staff report were picked in particular.
- Councilmember Elo-Rivera responded that it was crucial to maintain the agility of the Council. Councilmember Elo-Rivera asked EDD staff to confirm if the Fiscal Year 2026 proposed allocations are estimates.
  - Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, confirmed that those proposed allocations are estimates. Marano added that this same process has been done in the past, where EDD staff present the Annual Action Plan with estimated allocations to the San Diego City Council due to the tight May 15 timeline of the public comment period, approval of proposed projects, and submission of the Annual Action Plan. Additionally, Marano mentioned that HUD issued a CPD notice back in January providing guidance to grantees on how to present contingency for estimated budgets in the Action Plan because there will be a delay in releasing the entitlement allocations.
- Councilmember Elo-Rivera assured Councilmember Campillo that approving only 12
  of the 25 proposed action items ensures flexibility within all the rules, restrictions
  and requirements. Councilmember Elo-Rivera added that the IBA, the City Attorney's



Office, and EDD staff had worked together previously to pass the Annual Action Plan amid the City's budget conversations every year. The councilmember highlighted how the Council rushes to approve the Annual Action prior to the City Budget. While it is true that the CDBG funding does not operate in the City's general fund, Councilmember Elo-Rivera shared that it could have an impact due to the City's current budget limitations. Councilmember Elo-Rivera asked City Council not to have two separate conversations and have real-time information during this challenging time. Councilmember Elo-Rivera also commented that it will help the City Council to approve proposed projects while looking at the finalized City's approved budget and Annual Action to ensure it matches all the broader decisions the council is seeking to approve.

- Councilmember Campillo questioned Councilmember Elo-Rivera's proposed motion because the Council is unsure of what the next two months will look like due to the City's Budget process. However, Councilmember Campillo worries about all the proposed organizations seeking funding for the next fiscal year.
- Councilmember Elo-Rivera added to Councilmember Campillo's point that the proposed organizations will not be funded immediately because EDD has not yet received the Fiscal Year 2026 CDGB allocations.
- Councilmember Campillo acknowledged Councilmember Elo-Rivera's comment but clarified that deviating from the EDD staff's proposed timeline could lead to significant obstacles and funding delays for these organizations.
  - Ostaff response: Christina Bibler, Director of Economic Development, thanked Councilmember Campillo for summarizing EDD's tight timeline regarding the Annual Action Plan. Bibler reinforced that backing up some proposed action items will duplicate efforts and delays with HUD and the City Attorney's Office. Moreover, Bibler added that Councilmember Elo-Rivera's proposed motion for the new fiscal year will impact the services provided to constituents. Bibler added that EDD has historically provided entitlement allocation estimates to the City Council to move forward and get the funding out to the nonprofits.
- Councilmember Campillo thanked Christina Bibler for explaining the roadblocks and delays that would occur if the Council decided to back up some proposed action items of the Annual Action Plan. Councilmember Campillo proceeded to ask if the Council should anticipate any additional recommendations for funding within the next 2-month period.



- Councilmember Elo-Rivera responded that there's uncertainty whether additional recommendations would come through. During last year's presentation on the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan proposed items, Councilmembers decided to push the Annual Action Plan until EDD received the final CDBG allocation. Councilmember Elo-Rivera further emphasized that the Council should maintain flexibility and authority in decisions regarding HUD federal funding as they relate to the City's ongoing budget process.
- Councilmember Campillo asked Councilmember Elo-Rivera to elaborate on the flexibility the Council previously exercised when the Annual Action Plan was presented after the city's budget process. While acknowledging the importance of maintaining Council authority, Councilmember Campillo emphasized that delaying the plan would disrupt the EDD's proposed timeline and process for providing CDBG funding to nonprofit organizations.
- Councilmember Elo-Rivera responded to Councilmember Campillo that the Council
  should preserve its authority and ensure that the entitlement allocations are
  received before fully funding the selected nonprofits, especially during a critical
  budget time for the City.

### **Charles Modica, Independent Budget Analyst**

Modica noted Councilmember Elo-Rivera desired to maintain flexibility and balance
to continue being informed by the next month or two in the context of the current
City's budget process. Modica added that the San Diego City Council is taking into
consideration every aspect to make a final decision about the budget. Modica
highlighted that EDD staff have been working on the timeliness issue and getting
funds out the door. Modica noted that the IBA recently reviewed EDD's budget
proposal and the departmental impacts on the organizations affected by the delay of
the timeline.

### Amy Li, Senior Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

• Li mentioned that the budget concern on the Annual Action Plan from last year was related to the \$6 million CDBG funding allocated for the Kettner & Vine project. Li added that since the funds were not used, the draft budget for this year reflects a difference in how the Housing Commission and the NOFA will be impacted. Li also mentioned that this comes up as an example where additional flexibility is helpful to make changes to the proposed Annual Action Plan for final budget actions from the San Diego City Council.



### Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, District 7

- Councilmember Campillo highlighted that the main concern presented by
  councilmembers is the \$6 million CDBG funds initially allocated for the Kettner and
  Vine project that would transition to the Housing Commission for the Homekey+
  funding. Councilmember Campillo understood that there should be flexibility, but
  many nonprofits and other organizations rely on this funding more than ever due to
  the uncertainty right now. Councilmember Campillo added that the higher priority is
  funding these organizations rather than the flexibility for the future. Councilmember
  Campillo made an alternative motion to approve staff's recommendations as
  proposed.
- Councilmember Jennifer Campbell seconded Councilmember Campillo's motion.

### Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, District 2

- Councilmember Campbell asked EDD staff if the deadline for the proposal submission to HUD is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, responded that the regulatory submission is on May 15th, but due to a delay in the federal budget, the new deadline, based on the notice from HUD, is 60 days from the release of the entitlement allocations. Marano added that the allocations have not yet been received, but the department is required to submit the Annual Action Plan within 60 days from when the funds are released. Marano mentioned that the department anticipates receiving the entitlement allocations sometime in mid-May in accordance with the instructions received from the Los Angeles HUD local office.
- Councilmember Campbell asked again about whether the entitlement allocations have already been voted and approved by Congress.
  - Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, mentioned that the overall national allocations for entitlement jurisdictions have not been released yet.
- Councilmember Campbell added that the City met with HUD's Assistant Secretary a
  couple of weeks ago in Washington, D.C., and the conversation went well.
   Councilmember Campbell mentioned that the \$6 million CDBG funding allocated to
  the Housing Commission has already been passed. Councilmember Campbell asked
  the City Council to move forward with this proposed motion.



### **Council President Pro-Tem Kent Lee, District 6**

- Council President Pro-Tem Lee mentioned that the difference between this year's budget and last year's is the significant deficit in the City's immediate budget outlook. Council President Pro-Term Lee highlighted that flexibility is crucial, given that last year, \$6 million was approved for the Housing Commission. Council President Pro-Term Lee mentioned that the City Council chose to align the CDBG funding allocation with the budget discussions during last year's conversations. Council President Pro-Tem Lee added that the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan went to the Community and Neighborhood Services Committee and the prior year to the Economic Development and International Relations Committee. Council President Pro-Tem Lee also mentioned that the FY26 Draft Annual Action Plan should have been taken to a committee before presenting to City Council in April as a draft for approval. Council President Pro-Tem Lee understands that in the past, allocations coming from the Federal government were continuous, but due to the current situation, those will be determined by May. Council President Pro-Term Lee commented that the anticipated CDBG allocations are subject to potential change regardless of what has been proposed. Allowing flexibility until the budget process is completed should not be a significant concern. Council President Pro-Tem Lee appreciates that the Homekey+ is another source of funding, and some remaining funding from 2025 is being taken back. Council President Pro-Tem inquired about the timeliness issue that has been brought up and asked for clarification if it refers to the dollars that have already been allocated for this year or previous years that need to be expended.
  - Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, responded that the timeliness test is based on the entitlement allocation for the fiscal year, required to have no more than one and a half times that entitlement allocation in line of credit at the May 2nd deadline. This May 2nd deadline will be based on the allocations received back in 2025.
- Council President Pro-Tem Lee added that the conversation is about the allocations for the upcoming fiscal year 2026, which should be distributed fairly and in a timely manner in accordance with the City's Budget.

### Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert, District 5

• Councilmember Von Wilpert thanked the EDD staff for their presentation and work on the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan. Councilmember Von Wilpert asked EDD staff to clarify the funding availability column for the proposed FY26 Community Economic Development (CED) projects, found on Attachment 2 of the Staff's Report.



Councilmember Von Wilpert inquired about why some of the CED projects have a "no" in the funding availability column.

- Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, clarified that funding availability is based on the budget released during the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Marano added that a specific budget category was issued for CED proposals of a certain amount, which is why 5 of the 10 projects have a yes in the funding availability column. This assumes what the department receives as final entitlement allocation for Fiscal Year 2026. Marano commented that in the staff report and actions, EDD staff are proposing to allocate the leftover funding from the Nonprofit Capital Improvement Projects (NCIP) to fully fund all 10 CED projects. Since there are no regulatory caps for NCIP and CED projects, staff will allocate the additional funding to the 5 CED projects if approved by the City Council. Marano mentioned that this will strategically support additional small businesses who may be severely affected by cuts.
- Councilmember Marni Von inquired if funding is available right now or once the entitlement allocations are received.
  - Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, confirmed that funding is available based on the budget estimates of the entitlement allocation. Not right now, but when the department receives the entitlement allocations.
  - Christina Bibler, Director of Economic Development, mentioned that the department releases the anticipated entitlement amount through the RFQ and RFP process in September and October. Bibler added that due to the leftover allocations in the NCIP projects, internal staff and CPAB are asking City Council to allocate the funds to fully support the 10 CED projects.
- Councilmember Von Wilpert added that since the allocations had not been received yet, the Council should wait until a final budget decision has been made.
  - O Staff response: Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, commented that the City Council has already approved a 5-year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029, with budget proportions for the entitlement grants, specifically for CDBG. Marano added that the regulatory caps are 20% for administration and 15% for public services. Based on the Consolidated Plan, the remaining budget would be distributed as follows: 30% for affordable housing, 10% for community economic development activities and 25% for infrastructure projects. Marano commented that the yes/no on Attachment 2 is based on the assumption that 10% of CDBG entitlement going to CED projects, estimated previously on the Consolidated Plan allocations or appropriations.



## **Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, District 3**

 Councilmember Whitburn highlighted that it is difficult to evaluate the current situation but understands why the Council wants to maintain flexibility. Councilmember Whitburn highlighted the work of the City of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission, addressing similar issues. Councilmember Whitburn proposes to move forward and allocate the funds that will continue the work of the City and the Housing Commission.

## **Council President Joe La Cava, District 1**

- Council President Joe La Cava thanked EDD, the Housing Commission and the Mayor's Office for the efforts in the Homekey+ program and usage of CDBG funding during a difficult and uncertain time. Council President La Cava mentioned that the public comment period is still open until May 7<sup>th</sup>, so there's no rush in moving forward with the proposed action items until a finalized version and allocations have been received. Council President La Cava thanked Councilmember Campillo and other councilmembers for the concern toward the nonprofits who will be severely affected by the delay in moving forward with the allocations. Council President La Cava added that right now is a difficult time, as much of the City funding for nonprofits will be cut.
- Council President La Cava added that if the proposed motion by Councilmember
  Campillo does not pass, the City Council will provide any additional support, so EDD staff
  can present the final FY 26 Annual Action Plan on June 15th. Council President La Cava
  hopes that CDBG and HUD funding do not get cut, and added that the conversation with
  HUD went well.

The motion to proceed with staff's recommendations by Councilmember Campillo and seconded by Councilmember Campbell did not pass. 4 Councilmembers voted in favor, and 5 Councilmembers voted in opposition to this motion.

## Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7

• Councilmember Campillo mentioned that the City Council has 25 items as proposed in the staff's report, where 12 items are being pulled out so the Council can maintain flexibility. Councilmember Campillo addressed that it will be hard to communicate the delay of the entitlement allocations to the nonprofits, especially Reality Changers, Kitchens for Good, Rise Up Industries, Travelers Aid Society of San Diego, the Monarch School, International Rescue Committee, Mama's Kitchen, Serving Seniors, Voices of Children, and many other nonprofits who depend on this funding. Councilmember Campillo added that there's a lack of understanding on why the Council has decided to



pull off 12 action items to only favor Councilmember Elo-Rivera's proposed motion to move forward with the remaining 13 action items.

## Council President Pro-Tem Kent Lee, District 6

- Council President Pro-Term Lee emphasized that the nonprofits can reach out for
  conversations regarding the Council's flexibility and delays in the entitlement allocations.
  Council President Pro-Tem Lee commented that as long as the funding comes through,
  the City Council will ensure that the selected and additional organizations get funded.
  Given that there were 25 proposed action items, these should have gone through the
  Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations (ED&IR) Committee.
- Councilmember Campillo noted that staff attempted to present to the Economic
   Development and International Relations Committees in April, but a meeting could not
   take place due to a lack of quorum.

## Council President Joe La Cava, District 1

• Council President La Cava mentioned that if the final HUD entitlement allocations come in sooner, the City Council will ensure that staff is prepared to submit the Annual Action Plan before the 60-day deadline submission.

The motion to approve staff's recommendation with the amendment to return the following Action Items in the Staff Report to staff with the request to return them to Council concurrently with or following the Council's adoption of the FY26 Budget: 1 through 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 17 proposed by Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera and seconded by Council President Pro-Term Kent Lee was passed. 6 Councilmembers voted in favor and 3 Councilmembers voted in opposition to this motion.

## June 30, 2025, City Council Meeting

Public comments received at this meeting will be included in the final version of the Annual Action Plan.

## May 7, 2025 - Fiscal year (FY) 2026 CDBG Written Public Comments

Applicants who submitted an RFP or RFP during the FY 2026 NOFA cycle were invited to participate in a survey and submit a public comment on the FY26 Annual Action Plan: The following are public comments from the survey respondents:



- "My organization and I strongly support the recommendations made by the City of San Diego staff and the CPAB volunteer members."
- "I encourage the City to continue prioritizing investments in economic resilience, workforce development, and access to affordable housing, especially in underresourced communities like City Heights. These efforts have a meaningful impact on low-income residents and small business owners. Many of them are still recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic and ongoing displacement pressures."
- "I support continued funding of technical assistance programs that help communitybased organizations and small businesses navigate city resources and build longterm sustainability."
- "Thank you for your dedication to inclusive and community-centered planning."
- "We are very grateful that the City of San Diego CDBG program has traditionally addressed the critical needs of youth in foster care and promoted equality for the vulnerable population through improved or increased access to community programming through the public services portion of the CDBG process. This population will be increasingly vulnerable in years to come due to funding challenges. We respectfully remind the City of San Diego, CDBG program, that investments in supporting youth in foster care pay off over the long term in lower rates of homelessness, underemployment, and incarceration. Thank you!"
- "We are grateful for the City's continued support and opportunity. If available, we
  implore the City of San Diego to offer more funding opportunities for public services
  providers, as the drastic changes in federal and education funding will impact San
  Diegans, who need the most support."
- "Microenterprise support is very important for the City of San Diego. Business ownership can lead to generational wealth."
- "Our frustration lies with the federal government and the prioritization of some areas and not others. It is insulting to the nonprofit sector doing public services and stepping in where the government and society have failed, only to have HUD cut the budget and throw just over a million dollars into one of the nation's largest cities. We call it the hunger games of nonprofits, and it sucks. We are fighting for scraps against other incredibly deserving organizations who are doing phenomenal work and deserve every penny, too. However, the City can prioritize public services, and we are all ears. We are so grateful for the organizations and programs that are funded and doing good work in the public service sector, but we have to find ways to get more funds into this pool."



- "Rise Up Industries greatly appreciates CDBG support! This empowers us to enhance and expand job training services in advanced manufacturing for LMI individuals recently released from incarceration."
- "We appreciate the City's attention to services for individuals experiencing homelessness."

## **Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan Written Comments**

## **Patricia**, (Submitted a written comment)

• The funding can be used for Youth & Family Services in the City of San Diego. Many families benefit from these services such as youth programs, homework help, and other resources for youth development. These programs within Youth and Family Services are in high demand in the City of San Diego.

## **Phyllis Speer,** (Submitted a written comment)

• Support cultural institutions like the San Diego Museum of Art.

## **Leilani Bruce,** (Submitted a written comment)

• I appreciate the thoughtful direction of the FY 2026 Draft Annual Action Plan and the continued prioritization of affordable housing, homelessness prevention, and community services. In particular, I want to highlight the important role of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in this year's plan. It's encouraging to see the City leveraging approximately \$10.9M in CDBG entitlement funding plus \$1M in program income to support a wide array of community priorities—from small business growth to public infrastructure and services. The CDBG allocations supporting affordable housing—especially for populations with mental health or substance use challenges—are promising. I also support the \$4.7M allocated to Homekey+ and related housing initiatives that provide critical shelter and long-term stability.

## That said, I encourage more clarity on:

- The number of affordable units directly supported by CDBG funds vs. leveraged sources.
- How the City will track and report progress on project completion timelines and actual housing outcomes funded by CDBG.
- Whether the shift in ESG funds (from rapid rehousing to prevention) might also impact CDBG allocations or require coordination to fill service gaps.

The use of CDBG for economic development (over \$2M) to support 399 businesses and over 700 individuals is also a smart investment. I'd like to see additional details on how these funds are being distributed to BIPOC-owned businesses, immigrant entrepreneurs, or those operating in Promise Zone communities. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to seeing how these CDBG-funded projects move forward and



how the City will ensure transparency, accountability, and inclusive access throughout FY 2026.

## **Susan Dennis,** (Submitted a written comment)

• I'd like to see funding continue (ideally, surpass) for parks and libraries.

## **Thomas Avery Canant,** (Submitted a written comment)

- This proposed \$44 million in federal funding could be life-saving—if it's used right. But too often, these plans look good on paper while the people they're meant to help are left out in the cold. Literally.
- We don't need another slick document; we need dignity, shelter, and real opportunity. I
  ask the City of San Diego to move from symbolic outreach to transformational
  investment in the people you claim to serve—especially the unhoused, the working poor,
  and those of us in perpetual survival mode.
- Here are my key recommendations and demands:
  - o Fund housing, not just shelters.
    - Shelters can offer temporary relief, but housing is the solution. Prioritize funding for actual housing construction and access—especially Permanent Supportive Housing, transitional units, and programs that remove barriers like credit checks and ID requirements. Every dollar spent on emergency beds should be matched or exceeded by dollars for long-term housing solutions.
  - Cut the red tape—before it strangles us.
    - The competitive grant process favors established nonprofits with the time and resources to navigate bureaucracy. That leaves grassroots organizations—and people with lived experience—on the sidelines. Set aside a portion of CDBG and ESG funds specifically for community-led, low-barrier initiatives. Make it possible for people doing the work on the ground to access resources without having a grant writer on staff.
  - o Pay people with lived experience to design solutions.
    - Don't just ask for public input and call it "engagement." Bring unhoused and low-income community members to the table as compensated stakeholders. We know where the system fails because we live it. Include us in planning, monitoring, and reviewing funded programs.
  - Ensure public transparency and feedback loops.
    - Make all recipient organizations publicly accountable. Share clear outcomes—not just "number of people served," but how many were housed, how many remained housed, how many got jobs that paid a living wage. And when things don't work, don't bury it—fix it in public.



- Invest in mental health and trauma-informed care.
  - Many of us have been battered by more than poverty. We need therapists, case managers, peer support workers, and healing spaces—not just another warehouse with mats on the floor. Trauma-informed services should be a baseline for all funded programs.
- Stop criminalizing poverty.
  - The same city departments that issue press releases about helping the homeless are clearing encampments and seizing people's survival gear. This is morally bankrupt. No public funds should go to agencies or nonprofits that participate in criminalizing the people they're supposed to serve. Redirect those funds toward harm reduction, conflict mediation, and street outreach that treats people with respect.
- o Protect vulnerable youth and elders.
  - The mention of services for seniors and youth is encouraging. Let's see bold investments here. Too many elders are aging into homelessness, and too many young people are aging out of support. Prioritize intergenerational programs that provide housing, mentorship, and safe community spaces.
- Treat housing as a human right—not a market commodity.
  - We've had enough of trickle-down promises and market-based bandaids. If we want to end homelessness and poverty, we need to decommodify shelter. That means rent control, land trusts, social housing, and guaranteed housing as a civil right—not just something you might win in a nonprofit lottery.
- If you're really listening to public input, then hear this: I am not an outlier. I am the face of your failed housing policies. And yet I'm still here, showing up, speaking out, and fighting for something better. Don't let this plan be another polished document that collects dust while our people die on the streets.
- Use these funds to build something that can't be measured only in statistics—a city
  where everyone matters, where survival isn't a full-time job, and where compassion
  leads policy, not just press releases.

## **Zia Sinclar**, (Submitted a written response)

• Dear Community Development Division,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan for the City of San Diego's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. I



appreciate the City's continued investment in programs that serve low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities and support workforce development, cultural equity, and youth empowerment.

I write on behalf of Pacific Arts Movement (Pac Arts) to express strong support for continued funding of community-based programs that align with the City's CDBG objectives, particularly those that enhance youth services, expand public access to meaningful community programs, and improve quality of life in historically underserved neighborhoods. Pac Arts operates year-round programming that directly supports these CDBG priorities, including:

- Reel Voices is an 8-week paid documentary filmmaking internship for high school students, many from LMI communities and immigrant households. Participants receive mentorship in storytelling, digital media, and creative technologies, building workforce readiness skills such as project planning, communication, and technical proficiency. Many students continue to stay involved, interning with Pac Arts, supporting programs as volunteers, or being hired as editors, videographers, and content creators, creating a lasting pathway into San Diego's creative workforce.
- Through free screenings such as Free Films at Four, Youth Day, and Shorts for Shorties, we provide intergenerational access to culturally rich and inclusive arts experiences. These programs welcome youth, families, and community members of all ages and backgrounds, making the arts more accessible while fostering empathy, dialogue, and cross-cultural understanding, particularly within LMI communities that often face barriers to participation.
- We actively serve and conduct outreach in historically underserved neighborhoods such as City Heights, National City, Linda Vista, and Mira Mesa, reflecting our citywide commitment to equity, access, and community-based engagement.
- Beyond community impact, programs like these also give back to the City in measurable ways. According to the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) study by Americans for the Arts in partnership with the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, San Diego's nonprofit arts and culture sector generated more than \$1.18 billion in economic activity in FY 2022, supported 16,900 jobs, delivered \$878 million in personal income, and contributed over \$275 million in tax revenue at local, state, and federal levels. These numbers reflect the broader economic value of continued investment in local, community-based arts programming.

Programs like ours not only meet CDBG objectives but also contribute to San Diego's



broader community development efforts by investing in creativity, belonging, and opportunity for those who have historically had less access to such resources. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to equity and opportunity in our city.



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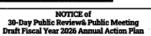
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To be considered for potential processing toward status as an "Identified Casual" longshore worker in the Port of San Diego, CA, all public applicants must complete the Online Application at https://sandiego.casualdrawingapp.net/public. The Online Application requires that each applicant provide the applicant's first and last name (middle name is not required but recommended if there is one), mailing address, telephone number with Area Code, month of birth, numerical day of birth, and a valid email address. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and a possible process will not be accepted and any in present and applications. ted. Phone calls regarding the process will not be accepted, and any in-person or written applications submitted through a mailing service of any kind will not be accepted. Applications can be submitted online beginning 800 a.m. PDT on April 9, 2025. Applicants will be sent an email confirming the submission of their

On or about May 6, 2025, a drawing will be held from a combination of timely received public applications and "Interest Card" applications. If the number of timely public applications received exceeds that of the timely Interest Card applitimely public applications received exceeds that of the timely Interest Card appli-cations received, a preliminary drawing will be held just among the public appli-cations to collect a number equal to the amount of interest Card applications. To be eligible for consideration, public applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT, April 16, 2025. A sequenced list of those selected for processing will be posted for 30 days at WWW.PMANET.ORG. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license with a photograph, have no disquali-fying convictions, have a sufficient knowledge of English to speak and unders-tand written and verbal safety warnings in English, and be eligible to work in the U.S. Those selected for processing will be advised of additional requirements. U.S. Those selected for proce ing will be advised of additional requirement

Only one application per person. Anyone attempting to submit more than one application (of any type) will be disqualified. Those submitting an Interest Card application may not submit a public application as described here. Duplication, sale, or trade for the value of an Interest Card or Interest Card code is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the applicant as well as discipline and punishment of the seller or trader, up to and including possible as discipline and punishment of the seller or trader, up to and including possible deregistration or termination of longshore employment and dispatch privileges. There is no fee or charge for applying. No money should be paid to any person or organization related to this recruitment program. Casual longshore workers are not eligible to receive benefits provided under the collective bargaining agreement only to registered workers (for example, health insurance, pensions, holiday pay, vacation pay). There is no guarantee of casual processing, employment, continued employment, or advancement; casual work is sporadic and never guaranteed, but casuals must nonetheless work sufficient available hours to retain longshore dispatch privileges.

A TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) is required by the De-partment of Homeland Security to enter all marine facilities. Applicants are ur-

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1-866-347-8371 are resources (not PMA, ILWU, or the Joint Port Labor Relations

Submitting an application does not guarantee processing or employment in the longshore industry. The procedures by which longshore processing and employment may be offered can be changed at any time and without notice at the discretion of the joint parties to the governing collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants are responsible for keeping the JPLRC advised of their current contact information. All contact information updates must be made in writing. Please send all contact information updates to San Diego JPLRC – Casual Processing, 1 World Trade Center 1700, Long Beach, California 90831.

Disputes or claims about any aspect of this casual process are subject to the collective bargaining agreement and its grievance procedures, must be in writing, and must be received by the JPLRC (San Diego JPLRC – Casual Processing Grievance, 1 World Trade Center 1700, Long Beach, California 90831) within ten (10) days of the source of the complaint. No extensions. JPLRC's decisions on grievances are final and binding.

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Reporte Preliminar del Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2026 Reporte Preliminar del Pian de Acción Anual del Ano Fiscal 2026
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APP está sujeto a revisión y aprobación por parte del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés). El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) exige que las jurisdicciones locales preparen un Plan Consolidado para recibir los fondos del programa de prestaciones federales. El Plan Consolidado debe abordar las metas y los objetivos de la Ciudad para cuatro programas de prestaciones federales: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions

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POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el AAP para el año fiscal 2026 estará disponible para revisión del público por un período de 30 días a partir del 7 de abril del 2025, El documento mencionado está disponible en ciertas bibliotecas públicas (Central, Valencia Park/Malcom X, San Ysidro, Logan Heights, Linda Vista y City Heights/Weingart). El AAP para el año fiscal 2026 también estará disponible en el sitio web de la ciudad (www.sandiego.gov/odbg). Favor de dirigir cualquier pregunta o comentario con respecto al AAP para el año fiscal 2026 por escrito a codhg@sandiego.gov o por correo postal a la siguiente dirección: City of San Diego, Economic Development, Attention: Annual Action Plan Comments, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101. El período de comentarios cerrará el 7 de mayo de 2025 a las 500 p.m.

POR LA PRESENTE TAMBIEN SE NOTIFICA que el documento mencionado se debatirá durante una audiencia pública del Consejo Asesor del Plan Consolidado (CPAB, por sus siglas en inglés) el 9 de abril de 2025. La audiencia del CPAB comenzará a las 10:00 a m en persona en Civic Center Plaza, 1200 Third Ave, piso 14, en la sala de conferencias grande.

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## **City of San Diego EDD - Community Development Division E-Blast Newsletter Publication** April 7, 2025



## **Community Development Division**

## Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

## **Public Comment**

The draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan is now available for a 30-day review and public comment. The draft AAP will be discussed and available for public comment during the following meetings:

- The Consolidated Plan Advisory Board
- San Diego City Council meeting

The first meeting will be during a public meeting of the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, Large Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92101.

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Hard copies of the draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP) will be available for review at the following City libraries:

- Central
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X
- San Ysidro
- Logan HeightsLinda Vista
- · City Heights/Weingart

The referenced document is available for review on the City's website. Please direct inquiries and/or comments regarding the draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan in writing to <a href="mailto:cdbg@sandiego.gov">cdbg@sandiego.gov</a> or to the City of San Diego, Economic Development Department, Attention: Draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101. Please note that the public comment period will end on May 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.



## City of San Diego/SD Promise Zone E-Blast Newsletter Publication April 18, 2025

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## **Notice of Public Hearing: Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan** San Diego Daily Transcript (English)

June 12, 2025

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## City of San Diego Notice of Public Comment Period *April 15, 2025*

## City of San Diego's post





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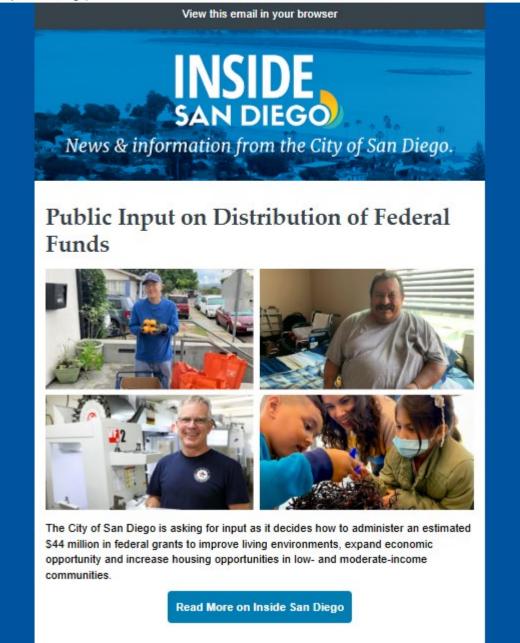
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City of San Diego, California sent this bulletin at 04/15/2025 02:55 PM PDT







FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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"This federal funding is important to help improve the quality of life for so many people, especially for those who are low- and moderate-income," said Economic Development Director Christina Bibler. "These funds can reach every aspect of people's lives, including making sure they have a safe and healthy place to live, accessing workforce training, getting them to medical appointments or even having after-school care. Public input will help us ensure we are utilizing the funding in the best way possible."





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The City is monitoring the situation with federal grant funding and how it may impact the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant funds. It expects to receive the finalized number for these grants from HUD in May.



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## The City of San Diego's Post



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