

## **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

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

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

The City of Escondido received \$2,158,969 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The City also was allocated \$2,394,882 in Community Development Block Grant CV dollars to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.

The purpose of these funds is to ensure low- and moderate-income households have resources for affordable housing, suitable living environments and to expand opportunities. The City administers and provides funding for public services, fair housing and capital improvement projects addressing homeless services, neighborhood revitalization, basic needs, health and human development, economic development, public safety and affordable housing.

This is the fourth year of a five-year Consolidated Plan from 2020 – 2024. In this past year, CDBG funding was used to make significant investments and improvements to infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, and public services. The City completed the Boys & Girls Club playground structure and began work to improve the Washington Park Pool at a popular recreation facility in a LM community. This project is estimated to be completed in 2024. The City's Public Works Team removed 17,389 tags on private properties in eligible census blocks with a response time of less than 60 minutes to the support of CDBG funds. Code Compliance reviewed and opened code cases, violations were corrected with education and outreach. The City also conducted 14 neighborhood clean-ups and 18 NEAT Sweeps in our organized neighborhood groups. Low-mod income family child care providers in the City of Escondido received assistance with technology, business support, and coaching to expand economic opportunities. This program also created and provided 6 new jobs. Center for Community Solutions provided a emergency domestic violence shelter to prevent homelessness, provide shelter, meet basic needs, and connect domestic violence victims to mental health services. CDBG funds also allowed free fair housing services through Legal Aid Society of San Diego.

The City also invested in critical public services helping 151 unduplicated survivors of human trafficking and at risk of homelessness receive case management and service linkage, delivered 14,271 free meals to 36 Escondido residents with medical conditions like congestive heart failure, cancer, AIDS, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease, served 183 individuals with legal services such as referrals, advice or representative for fair housing issues, and helped 190 unduplicated seniors get connected to vital resources like food and housing at the Park Avenue Senior Center.

The HOME Program entered into an affordable housing agreement with Habitat for Humanity, allocating \$1,000,000 for the construction of 10 affordable housing units designated for homeowners earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The project was completed in June 2024, with all families successfully moved in by July 2024. Additionally, the City plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing.

The City released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for homelessness prevention and utility assistance for low-income residents using \$1.66M in CDBG-CV in April 2023. The City received five competitive proposals and is pending an award. City staff hopes to return to the City Council for approval of the contract in fall 2024.

Below is a summary of CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV accomplishments in FY 2023-24 and the City’s overall progress and achievements towards its five-year goals. It’s important to point out that HOME accomplishments are not reported to HUD until they are finalized. Administrative costs for CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV are not captured in the chart.

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Access to rec, ed and healthcare (inc mentl hlth)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		700		0.00%

Access to rec, ed and healthcare (inc mentl hlth)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	750	1628	217.07%	240	229	95.42%
Affordable ownership opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	10	10	100.00%	10	10	100.00%
Affordable ownership opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	5	2	40.00%	1	0	0.00%
Basic needs and case mgt to residents in shelter	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	400	0	0.00%			
Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	0.00%
Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	15	0	0.00%			
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1	0	0.00%	100	105	105%
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	1	0	0.00%	6	6	100%

Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	1	0	0.00%	19	20	105%
Engage/assess homeless indiv/families on street	Homeless	CDBG: \$213956 / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		250		%
Engage/assess homeless indiv/families on street	Homeless	CDBG: \$213956 / ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%			
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	38195		%	205770		%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	167575	0	0.00%			
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	200	0	0.00%	150	0	0.00%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	14540		20091	14540	72.37%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1000	0	0.00%	100	658	658.00%

Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0		100	131	131.00%
Increase public safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	81440	0	0.00%	81440	0	0.00%
Keep HH at risk from becoming homeless	Non-Homeless Special Needs	ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	217		0		
Keep HH at risk from becoming homeless	Non-Homeless Special Needs	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	80	0	0.00%			
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		2500	0	0.00%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		558	851	152.51%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1500	0	0.00%			

Provide perm hsg to homeless households	Homeless	ESG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	1	0	0.00%			
Provide perm hsg to homeless households	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%			
Support homeless shelter and other services	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	500	190	38.00%	320	304	95.00%
Temporarily house homeless residents	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	600	0	0.00%			

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

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

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

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
White	544	9	0
Black or African American	113	0	0
Asian	32	0	0
American Indian or American Native	31	1	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Other or Multi-Racial	111		
<b>Total</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
Hispanic	308	8	0
Not Hispanic	527		0

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

### Narrative

The City's CDBG programs served 835 households in Escondido of whom 65% reported they were White, 13% stated they were Black, 4% stated they were Asian, 4% reported they were American Indian or American Native, and 0.47% said they were Native Hawaiian, and 13% said they were Other or Multi-Racial. Sixty-three percent of households identified as not Hispanic and 36% identified as Hispanic.

The City did not receive funding for ESG in Program Year 2023-24.

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

### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	1,446,858	1,077,951.99
HOME	public - federal	712,111	376,991
ESG	public - federal	0	

**Table 3 - Resources Made Available**

### Narrative

The City spent \$1,454,942.99 for CDBG and HOME Programs for FY 2023-2024. The City staff used unspent HOME program income from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to drawdown funds for the Habitat for Humanity project.

The City spent \$36,173.66 CDBG-CV funds on administrative and senior nutrition. The City issued an RFP \$1,660,000 in CBDG-CV funds and it is pending award.

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Eligible Areas	100	100	
City of Escondido			
Neighborhood Groups			

**Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

### Narrative

The City focused its funding resources in neighborhood groups, low- and moderate-income census blocks and throughout the city.

## Leveraging

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

HOME Program grantees are required to contribute a 25% match for every dollar of HOME funds utilized for affordable housing projects. The City of Escondido has consistently leveraged federal housing funds with a combination of local, public, and private financial resources to meet this requirement.

During FY 2023-24, the City of Escondido did not utilize any publicly owned land or property to address affordable housing needs. However, housing staff is actively collaborating with the City's Real Property Manager and City Planner to assess vacant properties for their potential in future affordable housing development.

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

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

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

**HOME MBE/WBE report**

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
731,321.98	525,885	0	0	1,257,206.98

Table 7 – Program Income

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	320	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	10	10
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>10</b>

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	40	10
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

While the City continues to work toward its established goals, it has faced several challenges, including staffing changes within the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division, which have affected the timely release of key initiatives. The City plans to release an RFP for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to continue advancing its housing goals.

The City was approved for HOME-ARP funds to conditionally build 40 units for extremely low-income households. Prior to making any commitments, the City Council will review and approve the proposal.

Challenges in the First-Time Homebuyer Program have been encountered due to rising interest rates and increasing home prices. As a result, interest in the program has decreased, and no households were served under this initiative during FY 2023-24.

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

The demand for affordable housing remains significant, particularly as inflation continues to rise and wages fail to keep pace with the increasing cost of living. The City has conducted comprehensive assessments and evaluations of community needs, which have informed the goals and resource allocation in the current 2020 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). To ensure that the City’s housing strategies remain aligned with evolving community needs, RSG Consulting has been contracted to perform a thorough analysis of projected resources and housing demands in preparation for the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This assessment will guide the City’s efforts in addressing affordable housing challenges and identifying strategies to leverage HOME funds effectively.

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

<b>Number of Households Served</b>	<b>CDBG Actual</b>	<b>HOME Actual</b>
Extremely Low-income	453	0
Low-income	362	0
Moderate-income	20	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>10</b>

**Table 13 – Number of Households Served**

**Narrative Information**

Ninety-eight percent households served in the CDBG Program were extremely low income 54% or low-income 43% households. Less than 2% of the total number of households served had an income of 81% or above.

100 percent of the 10 families served in the HOME Program were considered low-income.

During FY 2023-24, many low-income households in Escondido benefitted from leveraged funds sourced from programs other than HOME. Of the households served by the City, 19 individuals participated in the City’s rental subsidy program, which is funded through Successor Housing Agency (SHA) Funds

rather than HOME funds. All 19 households were classified as low-income, with the majority being extremely low-income. Additionally, 10 beneficiary households received assistance through HOME funds, as reflected in the tables above.

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

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

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

Reducing and ending homelessness is one of the City's top priorities. In FY 2023-24, the City of Escondido used CDBG and ESG-CV funds to assist persons experiencing homelessness. Through these various funding streams, the City of Escondido provided basic needs support, homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter and temporary non-congregate shelter and rapid re-housing programs.

Interfaith Community Services was the City's subrecipient for ESG-CV funds.

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

The City funded two programs, the Alabaster Jar Project, and Center for Community Solutions to address emergency shelter needs for survivors of human trafficking and people fleeing domestic violence.

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

The City of Escondido staff was awarded a \$736,066 grant in 2023 from the County of San Diego to provide capital funds to open a low-barrier emergency shelter with a local nonprofit. The program will serve 10-16 families at one time with wraparound services, family therapy, and transportation with emphasis on income and have them exit into permanent housing and increase self-sufficiency. The goal is to serve 50 families annually with 33 families exiting into permanent housing and 28 families within increased household income. This was completed in October, 2023.

In addition, the City provided \$16,000 for a care coordinator at the senior center, \$35,000 for a domestic violence emergency shelter, \$35,000 for free legal aid services to address fair housing concerns, \$50,000 to provide housing and counseling to victims of human trafficking to aid in recovery and prevent homelessness for this vulnerable population, \$7,500 for medically tailored meals to low-and moderate income Escondido residents.

### **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 invested \$4M in an affordable housing development Valley Senior Village Project that offers permanent supportive housing for seniors 62+ who are experiencing homelessness with a serious mental illness. No Place Like Home dollars have been added to this project. The other 24 units serve seniors at 50% and 60% AMI.

Over the past year, the City of Escondido has continued its efforts to address homelessness through a collaborative and solution-driven approach. The City's Homeless Subcommittee, made up of key leaders including the Mayor, City Council Member, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Attorney, and Developmental Services Director, has been working hard to find ways to support those affected by homelessness. Their focus is on connecting individuals and families with much-needed services, creating access to permanent housing, and addressing the specific needs of groups like veterans, families with children, and unaccompanied youth.

Additionally, the City's Housing & Neighborhood Services Division Manager is actively involved with the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH), which brings together neighboring cities, the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego, and various service providers. This partnership allows the City to stay connected with regional efforts while continuing to focus on local solutions. Together, these initiatives are aimed at expanding affordable housing options, strengthening support services, and helping individuals maintain stable housing once it's secured.

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

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

The County of San Diego administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) to low-income Escondido residents in need of affordable housing. The City continues to support the County's efforts to serve Escondido residents with Housing Choice Vouchers. Currently, there are 829 Escondido residents receiving a Section 8 voucher which is a 5.25% decrease from the previous year. There are 4,370 Escondido residents on the waiting list of rental assistance which is a 13.5% increase from the previous year.

The City of Escondido supports the County in their efforts to address the needs of low-income households in Escondido. City staff educates community members of the program and helps them apply for benefits by directing them to the County.

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

City staff will educate the community and City leadership about this issue. City staff listen to feedback on issues from all residents and provide program education on the City's first-time homebuyer program.

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

Not applicable.

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

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

The City of Escondido's 2020 Consolidated Plan identified several public policies that could have an adverse impact on the provision of affordable housing in Escondido. Potential barriers include land use controls, environmental protection, planning and development fees, public opposition to affordable housing, permit and processing procedures/times, lack of affordable housing funds, prevailing wage requirements, and building codes and enforcement. Escondido's obstacles to meeting underserved needs include the limited amount of federal, state and local resources available, and the high cost of housing in San Diego County specifically and California in general.

The City does have the ability to introduce actions to minimize the influence of some local governmental constraints on affordable housing through various policy documents like the Housing Element and Environmental Justice. The City's Housing Element has been approved by HCD, and will incorporate applicable housing policies and recommendations from the plan, including adoption of Zoning Code amendments and new policies. It is expected that the Element will specifically identify barriers to affordable housing that can be partially or wholly remedied by the City. The City is currently working on policies regarding density bonus and ADU's. The City will continue to monitor existing policies and ordinances to determine if they need to be modified, and sections of the Zoning Code will be reviewed and will continue to be overhauled.

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

Staff working with various departments to explore barriers and come up to solutions to address the affordable housing needs.

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

The City of Escondido is committed to addressing lead-based paint hazards. Federal law requires lead-based paint disclosure and education prior to leasing, renting, selling or purchasing most pre-1978 housing. The City follows disclosure and warning requirements about lead-based paint, including incorporation of the Lead Safety Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) pamphlet, which is available to the public, and obtaining a signed acknowledgement receipt that confirms applicants are aware of the risks of disturbing lead-based paint when renovating a home. The City conducts required lead-based paint related activities for all HOME funded activities under Title X of the 1992 Housing and Community Development Act, such as paint testing, risk assessment, hazard reduction, or abatement and clearance. No single-family residences were rehabilitated during FY 2023-24. No lead-based paint remediations were completed in FY 2023-24 and no residences were made "lead-free" during the fiscal

year since no residences containing lead-based paint were rehabilitated. Staff will continue to attend meetings, seminars and training regarding lead-based paint hazard testing and reduction, when possible. Required testing and/or remediation is conducted for all HOME funded activities.

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

The City of Escondido has a strategy to help impoverished families achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The current anti-poverty strategy utilizes non-educational and personal development tools as a means of reducing the number of persons with incomes below the poverty line. Funding for programs such as Senior CARE and Mama's Kitchen all help reduce the poverty level in senior households. In addition, the Neighborhood Cleanup program serves to support neighborhoods and families in low-income neighborhoods and empower them to address livability concerns in their neighborhoods.

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

The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Division has the primary responsibility of carrying out affordable housing and community development programs, administering and implementing requirements of the HOME, CDBG, CDBG-CV, and ESG-CV programs. The City contracts with local nonprofit organizations to administer public services and fair housing activities, as well as administering some projects directly. Where applicable, contract agencies will be responsible for program administration.

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

The City of Escondido has always worked with local community groups, public agencies, and private organizations to help create and preserve affordable housing, meet the community's needs, and provide essential services and facilities.

City staff participates in the Regional Task Force on Homelessness which includes over 126 agency partners and 330 unique programs to coordinate regional efforts and resources dedicated to addressing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency in the region.

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

During FY 2023-24 the City of Escondido continued participation as part of the San Diego Regional Alliance for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (SDRAFFH), a collaboration of San Diego County cities. The City is an active member of the group. The SDRAFFH, formerly the Fair Housing Resource Board, disseminates information about fair housing rights and responsibilities and promotes fair housing choice in the region. The jurisdictions who are members of the SDRAFFH worked on and produced the 2020

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, based on HUD requirements. The report was completed just as the HUD Final Rule was changed, so it was not submitted to HUD. However, the State of California still requires submittal of an AFFH in conjunction with a Housing Element. The City will work to address any impediments to Fair Housing that are included in the upcoming completed Housing Element.

In FY 2023-24, the City continued to contract with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego as its fair housing services provider. They are contracted to provide comprehensive fair housing services to the residents of Escondido. The contracts include landlord/tenant counseling, information and assistance, mediation and education, and fair housing testing. The contract is administered by the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division.

During FY 2023-24 Legal Aid Society of San Diego reported the following accomplishments:

A toll free phone system was developed to receive fair housing complaints and Legal Aid screened 183 calls for fair housing or housing services from Escondido residents. Some of the themes emerged were disability housing discrimination, source of income, racial/age discrimination, gender/marital status and other housing concerns. The majority of calls were resolved with education, advice or referrals, but nearly twenty calls remained open and are pending investigation.

Legal Aid held a staff training in June 2024 and hosted nine Fair Housing Virtual Webinars throughout the fiscal year and several Escondido residents attended. The agency also participated in an outreach meeting with BIPOC Support Foundation.

Legal Aid conducted ten tests in Escondido to detect fair housing discrimination from housing providers, either compliant-based or audit annually.

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

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

City staff monitored external CDBG subrecipients in spring 2024. A checklist was used to ensure program compliance. Staff monitors for regularly compliance and the potential of fraud, waste, mismanagement and other opportunities for potential abuse. City staff met internally with city departments to review program outcomes, timelines and financial invoices. Contract provisions allow for the funding suspension, termination and reimbursement request disallowances at any time during the program year based on performance deficiencies.

The City has updated its Policies and Procedures to include the changes from the 2013 HOME Final Rule, especially those focused on monitoring programs and development projects that use HOME funds and program income. These updates help ensure the City stays in compliance with HOME regulations and keeps housing projects on track.

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

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

The City published a 15-day notice in the Escondido Times Advocate and City's Housing & Neighborhood Services website from September 05 – September 19, 2024 to solicit public input on the draft FY 2023-24 CAPER.

Copies of the CAPER were also printed and placed in binders at City Hall for the public review and comment.

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

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

City will continue to focus future funding resources in the CAPER on goals that have yet to be accomplished. City staff will conduct quarterly check-ins with subrecipients to expand outreach, improve program accessibility, and increase community participation in public meetings

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

No

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

## **CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)**

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

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

In FY 2023-24, the City of Escondido conducted desk monitoring of its HOME-funded residential projects to ensure everything stayed in compliance with federal housing regulations and program requirements.

To improve our process, we worked with a third-party consultant who reviewed our current monitoring practices and provided recommendations based on best practices. This helped us focus on compliance with key areas like affordability, property standards, and income qualifications.

As part of our ongoing commitment to effective oversight, City staff will resume onsite monitoring in FY 2024-25 to ensure we continue meeting all necessary guidelines.

### **Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)**

The City requires all HOME-funded developments to have an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. The City confirms each owner collects data regarding affirmative marketing and race and ethnicity. Fair Housing information must be included on-site and displayed in any advertisements. These requirements are written into the City's contracts and policies and procedures.

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

The City received \$525,885 in program income for FY 2023-24. The total balance is \$1,257,206.98 which is available for use.

### **Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)**

The City helped various affordable housing developers in the City to extend deed restrictions, reduce the age-restrictions, and explore ways to increase funding for renovations.

### CR-58 – Section 3

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

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

**Table 14 – Total Labor Hours**

<b>Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ESG</b>	<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>HTF</b>
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

**Narrative**

The Boys & Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity’s home construction projects, collaborated with the City’s third-party wage compliance team to ensure all regulations were met.

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

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

**For Paperwork Reduction Act**

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

**Basic Grant Information**

**Recipient Name** Escondido  
**Organizational DUNS Number** 078727211  
**UEI**  
**EIN/TIN Number** 956000708  
**Identify the Field Office** LOS ANGELES  
**Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance**

**ESG Contact Name**

**Prefix** Mrs  
**First Name** Danielle  
**Middle Name**  
**Last Name** Lopez  
**Suffix**  
**Title** Housing & Neighborhood Services Manager

**ESG Contact Address**

**Street Address 1** 201 N. Broadway  
**Street Address 2**  
**City** Escondido  
**State** CA  
**ZIP Code** -  
**Phone Number** 7608394518  
**Extension**

**Fax Number**  
**Email Address**

Danielle.Lopez@escondido.gov

**ESG Secondary Contact**

**Prefix**  
**First Name**  
**Last Name**  
**Suffix**  
**Title**  
**Phone Number**  
**Extension**  
**Email Address**

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

**Program Year Start Date**                      07/01/2023  
**Program Year End Date**                      06/30/2024

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

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

## CR-65 - Persons Assisted

### 4. Persons Served

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

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

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

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

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

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

#### 4c. Complete for Shelter

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

Table 18 – Shelter Information

**4d. Street Outreach**

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

**Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach**

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

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

**Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG**

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

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

**Table 21 – Gender Information**

**6. Age—Complete for All Activities**

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

**Table 22 – Age Information**

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

**Number of Persons in Households**

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

**Table 23 – Special Population Served**

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

### 10. Shelter Utilization

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

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

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

Not applicable.

## CR-75 – Expenditures

### 11. Expenditures

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

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	52,959	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services	77,132	0	0
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Homelessness Prevention</b>	<b>130,091</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

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

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	0	0	0
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services	0	0	0
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

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

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Essential Services	0	0	0
Operations	0	0	0
Renovation	0	0	0

Major Rehab	0	0	0
Conversion	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

**11d. Other Grant Expenditures**

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Street Outreach	0	0	0
HMIS	0	0	0
Administration	9,663	0	0

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

**11e. Total ESG Grant Funds**

Total ESG Funds Expended	2021	2022	2023
	139,754	0	0

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

**11f. Match Source**

	2021	2022	2023
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds	0	0	0
Other Federal Funds	0	0	0
State Government	0	0	0
Local Government	0	0	0
Private Funds	0	0	0
Other	966,270	0	0
Fees	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0
<b>Total Match Amount</b>	<b>966,270</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

**11g. Total**

<b>Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	1,106,024	0	0

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