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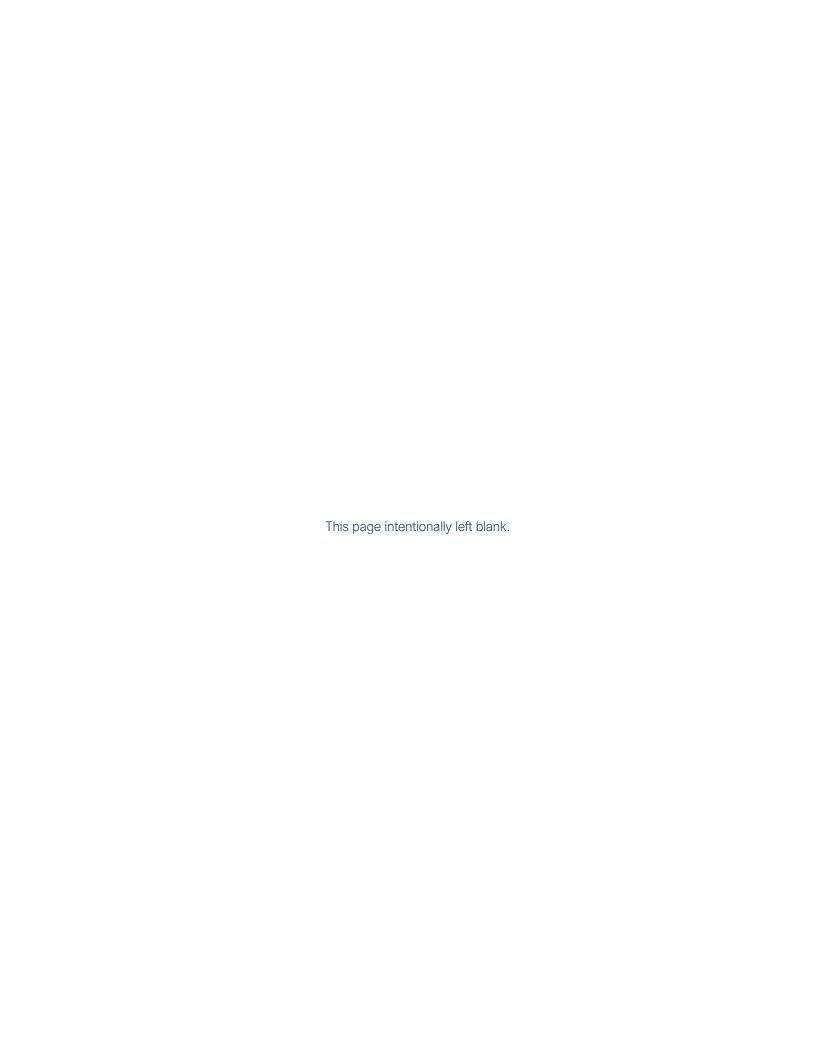
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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its Strategic Plan and its Action Plan. 91.520(a)

This 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the City of Irvine's report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) describing the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. For over two decades, the City has received annual formula grant allocations of CDBG and HOME funds from HUD. Irvine also first qualified for a formula grant of ESG funding in 2019.

The CDBG Program statute provides a wide range of eligible activities that provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The ESG Program focuses on programs that directly reduce and prevent homelessness including street outreach, emergency shelter, emergency shelter operations, essential services, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention. The HOME Program expands the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households through a wide range of affordable housing activities, including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating rental and ownership housing or providing direct rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households.

The five-year Consolidated Plan establishes priorities and goals used to guide decisions about the specific projects and programs that receive CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding every year in the Annual Action Plan. The City of Irvine implements some projects and programs directly and awards grants or loans to nonprofit or public organizations that implement projects in furtherance of the Consolidated Plan goals.

This CAPER provides the City's progress report for the fourth Program Year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period, covering the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. For the 2023-2024 Program Year, the City received \$2,254,767 of CDBG funds, \$200,953 of ESG funds, and \$1,079,974 of HOME funds. When combined with program income and available prior year resources, the 2023-2024 Action Plan allocated 7,189,921 of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds to local projects and programs. Together with other federal, state and local investments, these resources allowed the City and its partners to address the high priority needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Table 1 provides a summary of the five-year goals, one-year goals, and one-year accomplishments for the period ending June 30, 2024, listed by each of the Strategic Plan Goals included in the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan.

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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)

Table 1 - Accomplishments - Strategic Plan and Program Year to Date

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Goal	Category	2023-2024 Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$585,712 HOME: \$2,781,544 HOME CHDO: \$609,652	Rental units constructed	Household housing units	140	86	62%	1	1	100%
Affordable Housing Preservation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$175,526 HOME: \$245,476 *Note: Funds used to support his goal are from prior year Res. Rehab. Program loan payoffs budgeted in the 2023-2024 Action Plan	Homeowner housing rehabilitated	Household housing units	65	29	45%	13	15	115%
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$290,161	Public Service activities other than low/moderate income housing	Persons assisted	5,500	5,389	98%	1,157	1,258	109%
Homelessness Services	Homelessness	CDBG: \$48,054 ESG: \$185,882	Street outreach Homelessness prevention	Persons assisted	1,800	819	46%	281	329	117%
			Rapid re-housing	Households	60	94	157%	57	69	121%

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Goal	Category 2023-2024 Indicator Amount		Unit of Measure	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete	
Public Facilities	Non-Housing CDBG:		Public facility or infrastructure activities other	Public facilities	25	8	32%	6	6	100%
Improvements	Community Development	\$1,693,893	than low/moderate income housing	Persons assisted	252,000	157,000	62%	42,810	42,810	100%
CDBG-CV Emergency Assistance	Public Services Homelessness	CDBG-CV: \$2,927,530	Public Service activities other than low/moderate income housing	Persons assisted	237,185	243,351	103%	239,197	239,68 4	100%
ESG-CV	Homolocenace	ESG-CV: 3,485,450	Homelessness prevention	Persons assisted	465	1,263	271%	403	403	100%
Emergency Assistance			Rapid re-housing	Households assisted	95	128	135%	68	54	79%

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

Each of the housing, public service, and capital improvement activities receiving CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds in the City's Action Plan address specific high priority needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Table 1 on the previous page provides a summary of the City's accomplishments and the one- and five-year goals of the 2023-2024 Action Plan and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, respectively, as of June 30, 2024. Based on the information in Table 1, the City and its housing and community development partners made progress toward each of the goals included in the 2023-2024 Action Plan.

To address the highest priority need to develop affordable rental housing, the City provided CDBG funds to Families Forward for the acquisition of condominium-housing unit to be used for affordable rental housing for a formerly homeless family. Families Forward contributed over \$146,428 of private funding as match to the City's \$585,712 grant and purchased one unit that is now occupied by households earning less than 50% of AMI.

In the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City also included CDBG and HOME funding to address each of the other high priorities of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The program accomplishments for each category are discussed below.

Affordable Housing: Families Forward used CDBG funds to acquire one condominium unit to provide affordable housing to households earning less than 50 percent of AMI. C&C Development continued to make progress on the HOME-funded Cartwright Affordable Housing project that will create (59 affordable units, and one property manager unit) new units of affordable rental housing.

- Affordable Housing Preservation: The City of Irvine Residential Rehabilitation Program completed 13 rehabilitation loans to low-income homeowners to address deficient housing conditions.
 - With some progress being made during the 23-24 annual program year, program accomplishments under the affordable housing preservation category have been slow moving since the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 23-24 program year, 13 housing units were assisted. The City's Residential Rehab Program and the requirements to enter the home program work write ups, interacting with homeowners and contractors entering the home to complete the work, is where the City saw slowdowns during the first three years as owners were reluctant to let others into their homes. Now that pandemic restrictions are lifted, and residents feel more comfortable allowing staff to execute the required functions of the program the City anticipates the rise in program accomplishments in the remaining program years of the 5-year cycle.
- Public Services: Nine nonprofit organizations provided a range of services to Irvine schoolchildren, senior citizens, disabled adults, and low- and moderate-income families including but not limited to school clothes and backpacks for 188 low-income

children, provided scholarships for Irvine classes or transportation to 67 elderly or disabled people, fair housing services for 325 Irvine residents, skilled nursing care for 68 Irvine seniors, after-school childcare for 29 schoolchildren from low-income families, and after-school enrichment activities for 74 schoolchildren from low-income families, implemented wrap around health and human services to 35 residents, provided meals to 184 registered seniors, and provided HIV support services to 288 residents in need.

• Homelessness Services: Using CDBG public service funds, Families Forward provided transitional housing for 84 Irvine residents, South County Outreach provided homelessness prevention services including emergency rental payments to 21 people. Using ESG funds, a total of four agencies addressing street outreach and Homeless prevention, assisted 219 Irvine residents with a breakdown of Families Forward prevented homelessness for 18 Irvine residents. OCAPICA prevented homelessness for 32 Irvine residents. South County Outreach prevented homelessness for 152 Irvine residents, and Stand Up for Kids completed street outreach efforts to 17 Irvine residents.

Although the city exceeded its annual projections for the 23-24 program year under this category, homelessness accomplishments continue to be impacted by COVID-19. As service providers continued to provide exceptional service and address the needs of its residents, it was years one and two of the Consolidated Plan year that was impacted the most. Amid the pandemic, agencies had to adapt program interactions, all while still encountering challenges in remotely obtaining the required documentation and facilitating case management and intake processing to an already vulnerable population. Program accomplishments in 23-24 showed a 112% accomplishment rate under this category and the city and its service providers anticipate this trend to continue in the coming program years.

• City of Irvine Public Facilities and Improvements: During the 2023-2024 program year, a total of 3 capital improvement projects were completed (Irvine Fine Arts Center ADA, Lakeview Senior Center ADA, and Bill Barber ADA projects). It should be noted that the remaining six projects will be implemented and anticipate completion during the 2024-2025 Program Year.

During the program year and going into 24-25, City staff and its program consultants are meeting quarterly on each project to ensure forward progression on CIPs and addressing any bottleneck issues that have prevented forward movement on the projects in past years. Improved procurement procedures to ensure lead times are minimized have improved drastically and the City anticipates great improvements on this category in the remaining program years of this Consolidated Plan Cycle.

Each of the activities that were underway during the 2023-2024 Program Year are listed in Figure 1 on the following page, including the amount of CDBG, ESG, or HOME funds allocated to the activity and the amount spent as of June 30, 2024. Figure 2 provides the numeric accomplishment goal for each activity and the level of accomplishment as of June

30, 2024.

Figure 1 – Use of CDBG, ESG, and HOME Funds

Strategic Plan Goal / Activity	Source	Allocation	Spent through 6/30/24	Percent Spent
Affordable Rental Housing Development				
Families Forward: Affordable Housing Acquisition	CDBG	\$585,712.00	\$585,712.00	100.0%
2023 Cartwright Family Apartments	HOME	\$2,451,837.82	\$1,052,734.00	42.9%
^2022-2023 CHDO Activity (TBD)	HOME	\$447,656.00	\$0.00	0.0%
^2021-2022 CHDO Activity (TBD)	HOME	\$287,702.00	\$0.00	0.0%
^2018-2019 Chelsea Investment Corporation: Salerno Apartments	HOME	\$676,952.00	\$676,952.00	100.0%
1	Subtotal	\$4,449,859.82	\$2,315,398.00	52.0%
2. Affordable Housing Preservation				
^2020-2021 Residential Rehabilitation Program	HOME	\$353,508.00	\$260.00	0.1%
	CDBG	\$343,144.00	\$343,144.00	100.0%
^2018-2019 Residential Rehabilitation Program	HOME	\$569,751.00	\$216,598.40	38.0%
3	CDBG	\$421,453.00	\$421,453.00	100.0%
	Subtotal	\$1,687,856.00	\$981,455.40	58.1%
3. Public Services				
Access California Services: Wrap-Around Health & Human Service	s CDBG	\$29,151.00	\$21,147.32	72.5%
Age Well Senior Services: Senior Nutrition Program	CDBG	\$44,076.00	\$44,076.00	100.0%
Assistance League of Irvine: Operation School Bell	CDBG	\$30,008.00	\$30,008.00	100.0%
City of Irvine: Community Services Scholarship Program	CDBG	\$16,024.00	\$11,628.94	72.6%
Fair Housing Foundation: Fair Housing Services	CDBG	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	100.0%
Irvine Adult Day Health Services: Skilled Nursing Program	CDBG	\$58,690.00	\$58,690.00	100.0%
Irvine Children's Fund: School Age Child Care Scholarships	CDBG	\$62,212.00	\$62,212.00	100.0%
Irvine Public Schools Foundation: Program Scholarships	CDBG	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100.0%
Radiant Health Centers: HIV Support Services & Medical Clinic	CDBG	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	100.0%
	Subtotal	\$290,161.00	\$277,762.26	95.7%
4. Homelessness Services				
Families Forward: Housing Program 2023-2024	CDBG	\$27,882.00	\$27,882.00	100.0%
South County Outreach: Homelessness Prevention	CDBG	\$20,172.00	\$20,172.00	100.0%
Families Forward: Homeless Prevention 2023-2024	ESG	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	100.0%
OCAPICA: Homeless Prevention 2023-2024	ESG	\$50,000.00	\$36,522.03	73.0%
Stand Up For Kids: Homeless Prevention 2023-2024	ESG	\$37,941.00	\$37,941.00	100.0%
South County Outreach: Homeless Prevention 2023-2024	ESG	\$37,941.00	\$29,810.78	78.6%
2-1-1 Orange County: ESG23 Data Collection	ESG	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
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5. Public Facilities and Improvements				
^City of Irvine: Mike Ward Park ADA Improvements 2023-2024	CDBG	\$1,693,893.00	\$1,262.14	0.1%
City of Irvine: Great Park ADA Improvements	CDBG	\$470,159.00	\$407,132.10	86.6%
City of Irvine: Fine Arts Center ADA Improvements	CDBG	\$197,962.00	\$197,550.27	99.8%
City of Irvine: Lakeview Senior Center ADA Improvements	CDBG	\$197,962.00	\$196,457.02	99.2%
^City of Irvine: Bill Barber Park ADA Improvements	CDBG	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00	100.0%
^Radiant Health Services: Irvine Rehabilitation Clinic Phase II	CDBG	\$164,129.00	\$1,166.13	0.7%
^2020-2021 City of Irvine: Oak Creek Park ADA Improvements	CDBG	\$252,000.00	\$712.38	0.3%
^2020-2021 Radiant Health Services: Irvine Clinic Rehabilitation	CDBG	\$126,787.00	\$7,413.13	5.8%
^2019-2020 Bommer Canyon Park ADA Improvements	CDBG	\$653,543.00	\$516,277.34	79.0%
2010 2020 Bonning Garlyon Fark A.D.Y Improvements	Subtotal	\$4,231,435.00		42.6%
6. Program Administration				
CDBG Program Administration	CDBG	\$450,953.00	\$450,953.00	100.0%
HOME Program Administration	HOME	\$107,997.40	\$107,997.00	100.0%
ESG Program Administration	ESG	\$15,071.00	\$15,071.00	100.0%
HOME-ARP Program Administration	HOME	\$528,643.65	\$87,355.87	16.5%
Home Alti Trogram Administration	Subtotal	\$1,102,665.05	\$661,376.87	60.0%
Total for all activities underway in 20		\$11,995,912.87		52.0%
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Figure 2 – Program Year Accomplishments by Strategic Plan Goal

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South County Outreach: Homeless Prevention 2023-2024 P 2-1-1 Orange County: ESG23 Data Collection N 5. Public Facilities and Improvements ^City of Irvine: Mike Ward Park ADA Improvements 2023-2024 P	People	32	68	212.59
2-1-1 Orange County: ESG23 Data Collection 5. Public Facilities and Improvements ^City of Irvine: Mike Ward Park ADA Improvements 2023-2024	People	17	68	400.09
2-1-1 Orange County: ESG23 Data Collection 5. Public Facilities and Improvements ^City of Irvine: Mike Ward Park ADA Improvements 2023-2024	People	152	20	13.29
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City of Irvine: Fine Arts Center ADA Improvements P	People	14,270	14,270	100.09
City of Irvine: Lakeview Senior Center ADA Improvements P	People	14,270	14,270	100.09
City of Irvine: Bill Barber Park ADA Improvements P	People	14,270	14,270	100.09
^Radiant Health Services: Irvine Rehabilitation Clinic Phase II P	People	400	-	0.09
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6. Program Administration				
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	HOME	-	_	
	ESG	_	_	
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COVID-19 Allocations

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on March 27, 2020. CARES authorized \$2.2 trillion for a variety of measures to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the CARES Act, HUD provided special allocations of CDBG and ESG funds to the City of Irvine. In total, the City received \$6,412,980 of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic as follows:

CDBG-CV \$2,927,530 ESG-CV \$3,485,450 Total: \$6,412,980

CDBG-CV funds were used by the City of Irvine and its nonprofit partners to address health, housing, and safety needs of Irvine residents. The housing component of these activities included short-term rental assistance and utility assistance. The health, safety, and emergency components included City and nonprofit costs for food, as well as City of Irvine costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 that were not reimbursed from other sources.

ESG-CV funds were used by the City of Irvine and its nonprofit partners to address the housing needs of Irvine residents. These activities included housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance. Homelessness prevention included assistance as necessary to help Irvine residents regain stability in their current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing to achieve stability in that housing. Eligible housing relocation and stabilization costs included utility payments, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, and other costs specified in the regulations.

Pursuant to the CARES Act, HUD awarded formula grant allocations of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds to CDBG and ESG entitlement jurisdictions in two funding rounds for each source of funds. Several months elapsed between funding announcements. Accordingly, it was necessary for the City to amend its 2019-2020 Action Plan three times over a one-year period to receive CARES Act funds as follows:

- On April 28, 2020, the City Council Approved Amendment No. 2 to the 2019-2020 Action Plan to authorize the use of the first allocation of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$1,255,079 and the first allocation of ESG-CV funds in the amount of \$558,059 for programs to address housing and food insecurity, as well as programs to address the need to protect public health;
- On November 10, 2020, the City Council approved Amendment No. 3 to the 2019-2020 Action Plan to authorize the use of the second allocation of ESG-CV funds in the amount of \$2,927,391 for programs to address housing insecurity through

- homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing; and
- On April 27, 2021, the City Council approved Amendment No. 4 to the 2019-2020
 Action Plan to authorize the use of the second allocation of CDBG-CV funds in the
 amount of \$1,672,451 for programs to prevent homelessness, address food
 insecurity, and provide childcare for low-income families.

CDBG-CV funds must be fully spent by June 24, 2026. ESG-CV funds were needed to be fully spent by September 30, 2023. The City of Irvine made significant progress toward each expenditure goal during the 2023-2024 Program Year. Each of the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV activities approved by the City Council are summarized in Figures 3 and 4 on the following pages. The City intends to meet all expenditure deadlines as outlined by each funding source.

ESG-CV expenditures were slower than anticipated due to conflict between state and federal requirements. The ESG and ESG-CV definition of "at risk of homelessness" required existing tenants to have been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance. With a statewide eviction moratorium in place from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, in most situations, it was not possible for landlords to issue eviction notices and therefore not possible to provide ESG or ESG-CV assistance to those who were in arrears on their rent. Other statewide programs such as the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) were available to assist households in need that could not be assisted under ESG or ESG-CV. Therefore, ESG and ESG-CV assistance focused on rapid re-housing of people who lost their housing and were considered homeless. However, there were limited situations where HomeFair houselessness prevention assistance could be provided, including for those losing living arrangements in the home of another, those living in overcrowded single room occupancy or efficiency because of economic hardship, and those exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care such as a healthcare facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other institution.

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Figure 3 – Use of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV COVID-19 Funds from HUD

Strategic Plan Goal / Activity	Source	Allocation	Spent through 6/30/23	Percent Spent
1. CDBG-CV Emergency Assistance			×	25
City of Irvine: CDBG-CV Program Administration	CDBG-CV1/2	\$585,505.00	\$546,549.34	93.3%
City of Irvine: Emergency Related Activities	CDBG-CV2	\$114,900.00	\$114,900.00	100.0%
City of Irvine: Meals on Wheels	CDBG-CV1	\$267,571.38	\$267,571.38	100.0%
Families Forward: Essential Food and Housing Program	CDBG-CV1	\$195,226.07	\$195,226.07	100.0%
Families Forward: Food Pantry Operations	CDBG-CV2	\$21,168.00	\$21,168.00	100.0%
Families Forward: Food Pantry Refrigerator	CDBG-CV2	\$20,225.00	\$20,225.00	100.0%
Families Forward: Prevention Program	CDBG-CV2	\$294,577.44	\$294,577.03	100.0%
Irvine Children's Fund: Childcare Scholarships	CDBG-CV1/2	\$850,979.45	\$850,979.45	100.0%
Project Self-Sufficiency: Technology Program	CDBG-CV2	\$25,422.56	\$25,422.56	100.0%
South County Outreach: Essential Food and Housing Program	CDBG-CV1	\$195,957.00	\$195,957.00	100.0%
South County Outreach: Hunger & Homelessness Prevention	CDBG-CV2	\$317,256.51	\$317,256.51	100.0%
StandUp for Kids: Street Outreach and Prevention	CDBG-CV2	\$38,742.00	\$38,742.00	100.0%
otandop for mad. otroct outrough and movement	Totals		\$2,888,574.34	98.7%
2. ESG-CV Homelessness Prevention				
Affordable Housing Clearinghouse	ESG-CV2	\$5,378.00	\$5,378.00	100.0%
Families Forward	ESG-CV1	\$251,127.00	\$251,127.00	100.0%
Families Forward	ESG-CV2	\$763,129.00	\$763,129.00	100.0%
Interval House	ESG-CV2	\$165,072.00	\$165,071.99	100.0%
Mercy House	ESG-CV2	\$152,553.00	\$152,553.00	100.0%
OCAPICA	ESG-CV2	\$428,808.00	\$428,808.00	100.0%
Project Self-Sufficiency	ESG-CV2	\$84,023.00	\$8,795.15	10.5%
South County Outreach	ESG-CV1	\$170,583.00	\$170,583.00	100.0%
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3. ESG-CV Rapid Re-Housing				
Families Forward	ESG-CV2	\$93,606.33	\$93,606.33	100.0%
OCAPICA	ESG-CV2	\$62,149.13	\$62,149.13	100.0%
South County Outreach	ESG-CV1	\$80,544.00	\$80,544.00	100.0%
StandUp for Kids	ESG-CV2	\$84,663.31	\$84,663.31	100.0%
4	Totals	\$320,962.77	\$320,962.77	100.0%
4. ESG-CV HMIS and Administration				
2-1-1 Orange County: HMIS	ESG-CV2	\$52,675.00	\$52,675.00	100.0%
City of Irvine: ESG-CV Program Administration	ESG-CV1/2	\$348,544.00	\$348,544.00	100.0%
3	Totals	\$401,219.00	\$401,219.00	100.0%
Total for all activities underway in	2020 2021	\$5,670,385.18	\$5,556,201.25	98.0%

Notes:

All activities are from the 2019-2020 CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Action Plan amendments unless otherwise noted. All activities will continue in 2024-2025 and will be reported in the next CAPER.

Figure 4 – Program Year Accomplishments for COVID-19 Funds from HUD

Strategic Plan Goal / Activity	Unit of Measure	Expected	Actual through 6/30/23	Percent Accomplished
1. CDBG-CV Emergency Assistance				
City of Irvine: CDBG-CV Program Administration	N/A	-	-	-
City of Irvine: Emergency Related Activities	People	233,892	233,892	100.0%
City of Irvine: Meals on Wheels	People	160	160	100.0%
Families Forward: Essential Food and Housing Program	People	1,533	1,922	125.4%
Families Forward: Food Pantry Operations	People	1,600	1,600	100.0%
Families Forward: Food Pantry Refrigerator	People	1,600	1,600	100.0%
Families Forward: Prevention Program	People	33	79	239.4%
Irvine Children's Fund: Childcare Scholarships	People	130	133	102.3%
Project Self-Sufficiency: Technology Program	People	50	29	58.0%
South County Outreach: Essential Food and Housing Program	People	93	93	100.0%
South County Outreach: Hunger & Homelessness Prevention	People	76	125	164.5%
StandUp for Kids: Street Outreach and Prevention	People	30	51	170.0%
2. ESG-CV Homelessness Prevention				
Affordable Housing Clearinghouse	People	5	5	100.0%
Families Forward (ESG-CV1)	People	50	82	164.0%
Families Forward	People	160	143	89.4%
Interval House	People	38	36	94.7%
Mercy House	People	53	59	111.3%
OCAPICA	People	34	24	70.6%
Project Self-Sufficiency	People	65	0	0.0%
South County Outreach (ESG-CV1)	People	30	30	100.0%
South County Outreach	People	30	24	80.0%
3. ESG-CV Rapid Re-Housing				
Families Forward	Households	30	30	100.0%
OCAPICA	Households	11	5	45.5%
South County Outreach	Households	7	7	100.0%
StandUp for Kids	Households	20	12	60.0%
4. ESG-CV HMIS and Administration				
2-1-1 Orange County: HMIS	N/A	2	4	2
City of Irvine: ESG-CV Program Administration	N/A	=	-	8-

Notes:

All activities are from the 2019-2020 CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Action Plan amendments unless otherwise noted. All activities will continue in 2024-2025 and will be reported in the next CAPER.

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)

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

Race / Ethnicity	CDBG	НОМЕ	ESG
White	717	3	36
Black or African American	115	1	17
Asian	392	0	8
American Indian or American Native	8	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	6	0	0
Asian & White	10	0	0
Black/African American & White	7	0	0
Other Multi-Racial	174	0	2
Total	1,437	4	63
Hispanic	245	0	20
Not Hispanic	1,192	4	43

^{*} Note: The data in this table is supplied by HUD's database. The figures in this table represent the sum of the reported number of people, families, households or housing units reported during the Program Year, without regard to the number of people in each family, household or housing unit.

Narrative

Table 2 provides an aggregate of race and ethnicity data for the combined number of people, families, households or housing units reported as complete during the Program Year based on accomplishment data from all CDBG, ESG, and HOME activities reported in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Source of Funds	Resources Made Available in the 2023- 2024 Action Plan	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	\$2,254,767	\$1,520,436
ESG	\$200,953	\$179,344.80
HOME	\$1,079,974	\$1,452,321

^{*}Note: This table generated by HUD's database provides the resources made available in the 2023-2024 Action Plan and the total CDBG, ESG, and HOME expenditures during the 2023-2024 Program Year. The amount expended includes prior year activities that were completed during the 2023-2024 Program Year.

Narrative

The 2023 HUD formula grant resources allocated in the Action Plan for the implementation of projects are identified in Table 3. The total CDBG resources allocated in the 2023-2024 Action Plan included 2,254,767 of CDBG funds, \$200,953 of ESG funds, and \$1,079,974 of HOME funds. A grand total of \$7,189,921 of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds were allocated to projects in the 2023-2024 Action Plan. Together with other federal, state and local investments, these resources allowed the City and its partners to address the high priority needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Under the CARES Act, HUD provided special allocations of CDBG and ESG funds to the City of Irvine. In total, the City received \$6,412,980 of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic as follows:

CDBG-CV \$2,927,530 <u>ESG-CV</u> \$3,485,450 **Total:** \$6,412,980

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide Area	100%	100%	All projects were Citywide projects.

^{*}Note: The data in this table is generated by HUD's database. The City did not designate specific CDBG or HOME target areas in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; therefore, 100 percent of all CDBG and HOME funds are represented under the "Citywide Area" designation.

Narrative

For the 2023-2024 Program Year, the City allocated 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons throughout the City of Irvine.

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 Action Plan.

To address housing and community development needs in Irvine, CDBG, ESG, and HOME entitlement grants are used to leverage a variety of funding resources to maximize the effectiveness of available funds. The CDBG Public Service activities leveraged private, state, and other federal funds to deliver services for low- and moderate-income people.

HUD requires HOME Participating Jurisdictions to match 25 percent of their HOME annual allocation on a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) basis. For FFY 2023, the City of Irvine's matching requirement was reduced by 100% due to the COVID-19 disaster declaration. Typically, Irvine's matching liability is satisfied using excess match contributed to prior fiscal years. The balance of HOME match carried forward to satisfy matching obligations during FFY 2024 is \$26,226,604.00. The ESG program requires a dollar-for-dollar match to be met by the City of Irvine for the administration and data collection activities, and by each subrecipient receiving a grant.

No other publicly owned land or property within the City of Irvine was used to address the needs identified in the Action Plan.

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal Fiscal Year	\$26,226,604.00
2. Match contributed during current Federal Fiscal Year	\$0.00
3. Total match available for current Federal Fiscal Year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	\$26,226,604.00
4. Match liability for current Federal Fiscal Year	\$0.00
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal Fiscal Year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	\$26,226,604.00

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

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

Table 7 – HOME Program Income

HOME Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period							
Balance on hand at beginning 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			
\$82,785.79	\$124,231.72	\$90,246.72	\$0	\$116,770.79			

HOME MBE/WBE report

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

Table 8 – Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

		Minority Business Enterprises				
	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	Women Business Ma Enterprises		ale		
Contracts						
Number	0	0		0		
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0		\$0		
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0		0		
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0 \$0				

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

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

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

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

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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

Households Displaced	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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.

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	13	15
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	1	1
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	14	16

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through the production of new units	0	0
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	13	15
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	1	1
Total	14	16

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

Irvine has more affordable housing than any other city in Orange County with 4,569 units and many more to be completed over the coming years. Over 80 percent of Irvine's affordable housing is reserved for households earning less than half of the Orange County median income. Some of these units are reserved for veterans, seniors, or persons with disabilities. For additional information about Irvine's substantial portfolio of affordable housing units and for information about other resources available through our nonprofit partners, please visit the City's affordable housing website at: https://www.cityofirvine.org/affordable-housing.

Tables 11 and 12 indicate the number of households supported with affordable housing assistance through the CDBG and HOME programs during the 2023-2024 Program Year. Pursuant to HUD guidance, the number of households served in Tables 11 and 12 reflects only those units assisted with CDBG and HOME funds and does not represent the total number of households supported through the City's other affordable housing activities. The 16 households served with CDBG and HOME funding include one household under the Families Forward Affordable Housing Acquisition project and fifteen households under the Residential Rehabilitation Program CDBG and HOME activities. The number of households supported through rehabilitation of existing units is higher than anticipated because an increase in received applications was experienced during the program year (23 total applications). Twenty were completed and three were denied. It should also be noted that any accomplishments related to the City's affordable housing efforts through CV funding are included in Figure 4 located in CR-05 Goals and Outcomes of this CAPER.

In the future, the City expects to report additional accomplishments under the goal to produce new units because the 2020-2021 Action Plan allocated \$677,751 of HOME funds for the development of a 60-unit affordable rental housing development known as Cartwright Affordable Housing. During the 2023-2024 Program Year, the project entered the construction phase and based of schedules of performance, has a targeted completion date during the 2024-2025 Program year. The 2023-2024 Action Plan allocated \$585,712 of CDBG funds to Families Forward to acquire a condominium unit to be leased affordably to a low-income household. The acquired unit is now occupied.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan identified a high priority need to preserve the supply of affordable housing. During the 2023-2024 Program Year, the City of Irvine invested CDBG and HOME funds in the rehabilitation of fifteen owner-occupied single-family dwellings. In future annual action plans, the City anticipates continuing to invest in affordable housing preservation and in projects that will create new affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents.

In the Notice of Funding Availability released by the City of Irvine for the upcoming 2024-2025 Program Year, the City actively sought out project submissions from Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to address the HOME CHDO Reserve funds available from 2015-2020, representing 15% of each HOME grant allocation during that period. Unfortunately, there were no applications received. Continued efforts for applications in future NOFA's are being discussed and actively pursued during the current program year and will be address in the City's future Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans.

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

Table 13 – Number of Families or Households Served

Number Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual	
Extremely Low-Income	1	7	
Low-Income	1	4	
Moderate-Income	1	1	
Total	3	12	

Narrative Information

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan identified high priority affordable housing needs including developing new affordable rental housing units and preserving the supply of affordable rental and owner-occupied housing. To preserve housing that is already affordable to low-income homeowners, the City's Residential Rehabilitation Program provided deferred loans to fifteen households during the Program Year using CDBG funds. The fifteen households served included eight extremely low-income households, five low-income households and two moderate-income households.

To address what HUD defines as "worst case housing need" – low-income residents who pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing costs—the City provided funds in the 2023-2024 Action Plan for Families Forward to acquire a condominium unit to be rented to a low-income household. Families Forward contributed private funds and acquired one unit that was rented affordably to a low-income household. The 2023-2024 Action Plan also included HOME funds towards a future affordable housing development, in the amount of \$2,475,000. The City has identified the Cartwright Affordable Housing project that will construct 60 new affordable rental units for low-income households. This project received its entitlements and secured funding to proceed during the 2022-2023 program year and began construction in the 2023-2024 program year. Additional accomplishments for this project will be recorded in the following years CAPER.

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

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

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

The most recent 2024 Point-In-Time Homeless Count (PIT Count inclusive of unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons is conducted every 2 years) conducted in Orange County revealed that on any given night in Orange County, approximately 7,322 people are homeless. This includes 3,149 people in shelters and 4,173 people without shelter. In Irvine, 50 people were counted who did not have shelter and 0 people counted who were sheltered, for a total of 50 homeless residents, comprising approximately 0.6 percent of Orange County's homeless population an overall decrease from last reported data in 2022. To address incidences of homelessness in Irvine and to prevent extremely low-income Irvine families from becoming homeless, the City places a high priority on programs that work to prevent homelessness or rapidly assist homeless individuals living in the community. With the 2024 Point in time data recently published, the City of Irvine can continued its focus on further decreasing its homeless population and partner out with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that the needs of this ever growing population is addressed and hope to see an overall decrease in the next reporting period.

To reach out to unsheltered homeless persons and assess their individual needs for the purpose of connecting them with available emergency shelter and transitional housing resources, the City of Irvine, through its Housing Division, Public Safety Department and Community Services Department provided information and referrals — primarily to 2-1-1 Orange County and the organizations receiving Irvine CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV funds for street outreach, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

During the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Program Year, the City awarded 26 contracts to nonprofit organizations using CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV funds totaling \$4,264,146 to meet its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness:

CDBG (Program Year 2021-2022)

- Families Forward: Transitional Housing (104 residents served)
- Project Self-Sufficiency: Homelessness Prevention (21 residents served)
- South County Outreach: Homelessness Prevention (38 residents served)

CDBG-CV

- Families Forward: Essential Food and Housing Program
- Families Forward: Prevention Program
- South County Outreach: Essential Food and Housing Program
- South County Outreach: Hunger & Homelessness Prevention

StandUp for Kids: Street Outreach and Prevention

FSG

- South County Outreach: Homelessness Prevention (0 residents served)
- Families Forward Homelessness Prevention (18 residents served)

ESG-CV

- Affordable Housing Clearinghouse: Homelessness Prevention
- Families Forward (ESG-CV1): Homelessness Prevention
- Families Forward: Homelessness Prevention
- Interval House: Homelessness Prevention
- Mercy House: Homelessness Prevention
- OCAPICA: Homelessness Prevention
- Project Self-Sufficiency: Homelessness Prevention
- South County Outreach (ESG-CV1): Homelessness Prevention
- South County Outreach: Homelessness Prevention
- Families Forward: Rapid Re-Housing
- OCAPICA: Rapid Re-Housing
- South County Outreach: Rapid Re-Housing
- StandUp for Kids: Rapid Re-Housing

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant business closures and other disruptions that put Irvine residents at risk of losing their housing. To address this situation that emerged more than halfway through the 2020-2021 Program Year, the Irvine City Council approved a resolution on March 24, 2020 to address evictions and rent increases within the City. The resolution strongly discouraged landlords from evicting tenants or increasing rents during the pandemic when non-payment is a result of COVID-19 and the related mitigation efforts. Residents were continued to be advised during Program Year 2023-2024 to contact the City's Housing Division if their landlord provided notice of an eviction that conflicted with the City Council resolution.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

To address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons, the City continues to support the Families Forward Housing Program that provides transitional housing, counseling and case management to families at risk of homelessness. During the Program Year, Families Forward served 84 unduplicated persons. The South County Outreach Homelessness Prevention Program provided rental and utility assistance to 21 Irvine residents who were at risk of losing their housing.

Additionally, the City in prior program years during this consolidated plan cycle, supported Human Options, an organization providing emergency shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence. The Human Options Family Healing Center is an on-site short-

term transitional housing program with five self-contained apartments for abused women and their children who have successfully completed a 30-45 day emergency shelter program and are eligible to participate in the Family Healing Center program for up to three months.

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

Homelessness Prevention

To help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, the City provided \$3,133,502 of CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV funds for homelessness prevention activities through 18 contracts with nonprofit organizations. These programs address housing insecurity and prevent eviction for residents experiencing housing insecurity.

Discharge Planning

Inadequate discharge planning and coordination contributes to homelessness in situations where people are released from public institutions or public systems of care without having an appropriate mainstream or supportive housing option available upon discharge from an institutional setting.

Public institutions such as jails, hospitals, treatment facilities, mental health facilities, youth facilities, and foster care homes, may discharge clients without a plan for housing because there are not adequate resources to link the homeless to the services and housing, they need to remain stable in the community. Effective discharge planning is critical to preventing homelessness and stopping the cycling of people through expensive public institutions.

In other states, discharge coordination and planning is a matter of state law. In California, discharge coordination and planning is largely unregulated unless county or municipal ordinances provide rules preventing public institutions from discharging people into homelessness. One of the goals included in the Orange County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness is to support the development of community resources and housing options so that hospitals, jails, and foster care programs can more effectively assist people being discharged by providing appropriate referrals in order to facilitate smoother transition to supportive or mainstream housing. The goal calls for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) to explore methods to increase communication and coordination among institutions.

The City coordinates with the CoC and other subrecipients receiving CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, ESG-CV, and HOME funds to ensure that its HUD-funded programs are targeted, to the greatest extent feasible, to address the discharge of persons from publicly funded

institutions or systems of care so that these individuals and families have access to public services and affordable housing opportunities necessary to prevent homelessness. As the City continues to receive new funding resources from HUD, including allocations under the American Rescue Plan, the City will explore additional ways to prevent and address homelessness caused by discharge from public institutions.

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

To address the needs of homeless families, families with children, veterans and their families, the City provided over a million dollars of ESG and ESG-CV funds for rapid re-housing programs through seven contracts with nonprofit organizations. These programs help individuals and families achieve stability through a housing-first approach.

Each of these programs provide tailored counseling and case management to families at risk of homelessness. Each year Families Forward serves approximately 80-100 unduplicated people through its housing program. When paired with financial counseling, career coaching and other available case management services, Irvine's nonprofit partners make certain that individuals and families have all of the resources necessary to succeed in their new permanent housing opportunity. The goal of each of these programs is to ensure that homeless individuals have opportunities to be housed permanently as soon as possible without going through a lengthy shelter stay or first having to occupy a transitional housing unit so that they do not become homeless again.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

There are no public housing developments in Irvine. All public housing programs consist of Housing Choice and Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers administered by the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA). Through participation in the County of Orange Cities Advisory Committee, Irvine continued to support OCHA in effective administration of its limited affordable housing resources. The City also continued to work with OCHA to include the residents with Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in the federally-funded programs administered by the City.

As of May 2024, OCHA administered a total of 6,875 Housing Choice Vouchers throughout Orange County. OCHA monitors all units to ensure they are in adequate condition, meeting the Section 8 Housing Quality Standards. To address the needs of public housing residents, the OCHA Board of Directors and staff are implementing the goals listed below.

- Apply for additional housing assistance funding and programs that may become available.
- Explore the use of Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers or other housing funds to promote the construction or acquisition activities that will result in additional units or developments that will serve special needs populations.
- Ensure consistent quality of assisted housing services by maintaining high performer status in Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) scores.
- Promote Family Self-Sufficiency incentives and homeownership opportunities for Housing Choice Voucher participants in partnership with local programs and related service providers.
- Expand assisted housing choices by conducting outreach efforts to increase the number of property owners and their participation in housing assistance programs.
- Identify and utilize technology to enhance operational effectiveness and efficiency in delivery of housing assistance services.

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

OCHA supports resident councils and actively seeks input from Public Housing Agency (PHA) residents concerning the management and implementation of OCHA policies and procedures. Housing prices in Orange County are so high that homeownership opportunities are limited for OCHA residents. On a limited basis, OCHA has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable homeownership units. During the Program Year, OCHA also managed a Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program that is available to OCHA tenants.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

N/A, OCHA is designated as a High Performing PHA.

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

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

A barrier to affordable housing is a public policy or nongovernmental condition that constrains the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing. Barriers can include land use controls, property taxes, state prevailing wage requirements, environmental protection, cost of land and monetary resources. Barriers to affordable housing are distinguished from impediments to fair housing choice in the sense that barriers are lawful and impediments to fair housing choice are usually unlawful.

In the recent development of the Housing Element Update of the General Plan, the City evaluated significant public policies affecting affordable housing development such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges and growth limitations. Based on this evaluation, the City determined that it has taken or will take all appropriate and necessary steps to ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that may have been a barrier to affordable housing. Moreover, the City is actively engaged with affordable housing developers concerning the siting of additional future affordable housing and ensuring that the entitlement process runs smoothly from inception to completion.

Based on information gathered during community meetings, the Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment Survey, the Housing Element Update of the General Plan and market analysis, the primary barriers to affordable housing in Irvine are housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources necessary to develop and sustain affordable housing, and limited land available for residential development. The barriers are related in the sense that demand for affordable housing exceeds the supply and insufficient resources are available to increase the supply of affordable housing to meet demand.

To address housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources for affordable housing, the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan includes strategies that will invest a significant portion of CDBG and HOME funds for the development of 140 new affordable rental housing units during the five-year planning period. Although the City no longer has access to Redevelopment Housing Set-Aside funds, the City will continue to leverage its CDBG and HOME funds to attract private and other available public resources, including land conveyed to the City for the purpose of affordable housing, and to facilitate affordable housing development through policies and practices. This strategy will increase the supply of affordable housing in Irvine.

In future Program Years, the City will continue to leverage its CDBG and HOME funds as well as the forthcoming American Rescue Plan HOME funds to attract private and other available

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public resources, including land conveyed to the City for the purpose of affordable housing, to facilitate new affordable housing development.

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

The primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income households include lack of funding from federal, state and other local sources, and the high cost of housing that is not affordable to low-income households. To address these obstacles, the City invested CDBG and HOME funds in projects that provided:

- Loans to fifteen low- and moderate-income homeowners for home improvements (totals from Irvine Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program);
- Funding to construct 60 units (59 affordable units and 1 property manager unit) of new affordable rental housing as part of the upcoming Cartwright project;
- Funding to acquire one condominium unit to be rented to low-income families; and
- Projects that prevented homelessness.

To address underserved needs, 100 percent of the City's 2023-2024 expenditures benefitted low- and moderate-income households or those presumed under HUD regulations to be low- and moderate-income.

The City continued offering low-interest loans or emergency grants to low- and moderate-income Irvine homeowners using CDBG and HOME funds allocated in previous years. The Residential Rehabilitation Program provides financing for home improvements necessary to ensure that Irvine residents can continue to live in quality housing that is already affordable to the occupants.

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

The Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) emphasizes prevention of childhood lead poisoning through housing-based approaches. To reduce lead-based paint hazards, the rehabilitation of housing units built prior to January 1, 1978 included a lead-based paint test and risk assessment report. Where lead-based paint is identified, the City ensured that developers and contractors incorporated safe work practices or abated the lead-based paint as part of the scope of work to effectively reduce lead-based paint hazards to children in accordance with federal regulations.

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

During the Program Year, the City supported the following strategies and actions to reduce the number of poverty-level families:

 Supported activities that increase the supply of housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income households;

- Supported a continuum of housing and public service programs to prevent and eliminate homelessness;
- Supported housing preservation programs that ensure low-income households have a safe, decent, and appropriate place to live; and
- Supported public services through various nonprofits funded by CDBG that serve the community's youth, seniors, families, veterans and residents with special needs.

In addition to these local efforts, mainstream state and federal resources also contribute to reducing the number of individuals and families in poverty. Federal programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Head Start providing a pathway out of poverty for families who are ready to pursue employment and educational opportunities. Additionally in California, the primary programs that assist families in poverty are CalWORKS, CalFresh (formerly food stamps) and Medi-Cal. Together these programs provide individuals and families with employment assistance, subsidy for food, medical care, childcare and cash payments to meet basic needs such as housing, nutrition and transportation. Other services are available to assist persons suffering from substance abuse, domestic violence and mental illness.

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

The institutional delivery system in Irvine is best represented through the collaboration between local government and an outstanding set of nonprofit organizations that carry out a diverse array of human service programs to enrich the lives of residents. These relationships are collaborative—each organization partnering with the next to ensure that all Irvine residents have the support necessary to lead fulfilling lives.

Affordable housing development and preservation activities are carried out by the Office of Health and Wellness of the City Manager's Office and the Community Development Department in partnership with housing developers and contractors. Guided by the Strategic Plan, public service activities are carried out by nonprofit organizations and City departments to serve low- and moderate-income residents. ESG activities include a full array of services designed not only to identify and address homelessness, but also to ensure that those who are housed can remain housed. The City Manager's Office of Health and Wellness works with the Community Services and Public Works departments on city-owned public facilities improvements, and partners with nonprofit organizations receiving capital improvement funds to ensure their projects are delivered on time, within budget, and in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations.

Through technical assistance and the annual Notice of Funding Availability process last fall, the City continued to develop and expand local institutional structure by strengthening existing partnerships and leveraging the experience of organizations that previously have not participated in locally-administered federal programs to expand the number of program offerings available to residents. As a result of these efforts and the availability of CDBG-CV funds and ESG-CV funds, the City contracted with several new nonprofit partners to help

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address urgent community needs because of COVID-19. Some of these new partners include Affordable Housing Clearinghouse, Mercy House, Interval House, Orange County United Way, and the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) all of which completed their outstanding accomplishments during the 2023-2024 Program Year. The City consistently funds a variety of high-quality services that address underserved needs in Irvine.

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

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, the City encourages participation from a wide variety of agencies and organizations that deliver housing and supportive services that add value to the lives of low- and moderate-income residents in Irvine.

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

Activities implemented during the 2023-2024 Program Year followed the recommendations of the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Orange County that was adopted by the City Council on May 26, 2020 and covers Program Years 2020-2024 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025).

The Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for Orange County included the following recommendations specific to the City of Irvine:

- Ensure compliance with the HCD-certified Housing Element
 - The City prepared and submitted its annual Housing Element Compliance Report in accord with State Law.
- Update the Density Bonus Ordinance to comply with current State law
 - The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance incorporates State of California Density Bonus law by reference, including amendments to State Density Bonus law as may occur from time to time.
- Review and amend the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, as necessary, to increase its effectiveness
 - The City 6th Cycle Housing Element update commits the City to studying the opportunity to increase the percentage of affordable housing required by the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. A study was prepared and presented to stakeholders and the Planning Commission during the 2023-2024 Program Year. Future updates will be provided during the following CAPER.

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- Review and amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance to comply with State requirements and further increase housing supply
 - The City of Irvine is following State statute regarding accessory dwelling units.
- Create Objective Development Standards for Supportive Housing. These standards would be for new construction of Supportive Housing
 - The City reviewed this recommendation and is considering alternatives to address the supportive housing needs of Irvine residents.
- Work with the City's fair housing services provider, continue to invest in local eviction prevention strategies to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families in Irvine
 - o In 2020 and 2021, the City allocated \$243,121 of CDBG and ESG funds to five nonprofit agencies to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families. The City also allocated \$707,846 of CDBG-CV funds to three nonprofit organizations and \$3,084,231 of ESG-CV to eight nonprofit organizations to implement homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDBG-CV and ESG-CV allocations are multi-year awards to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19.
 - The City is also participating in the Orange County Eviction Diversion Collaborative, an initiative spearheaded by OC United Way that includes over 40 community and governmental organizations looking at models to prevent evictions that could work in Orange County.
- Work with the City's fair housing services provider, continue to invest in landlord and tenant counseling and mediation services, unlawful detainer assistance, housing discrimination services, and homebuyer education and outreach
 - For the 2023-2024 Program Year, the City contracted with the Fair Housing Foundation to provide fair housing education and general housing services to Irvine residents to prevent incidences of housing discrimination. Implementation of the 2020-2024 Fair Housing Plan recommendations during the Program Year was principally undertaken by the Fair Housing Foundation, with the participation of the City of Irvine Housing Division (now shifted to the City Manager's Office Office of Health and Wellness for the upcoming 2024-2025 and future program years). During the Program Year, Fair Housing Foundation assisted 325 Irvine residents with general housing and fair housing discrimination services and provided fair housing education services throughout Irvine. Outreach included several informational booths at community events; overview of presentations to community-based organizations, resident associations, and government agencies; and workshops tailored to specific audiences, including Certificate Management Trainings, and Landlord Workshops and two Tenant Workshops.

On May 24, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) certified the City of Irvine 2021-2029 Housing Element. The 2021-2029 Housing Element included the following proposed programs/activities/actions to affirmatively further fair housing choice:

PP- M.1: Provide Information and Education to Residents on the City's Website. The City will provide links to Fair Housing Foundation (a nonprofit the City currently contracts with) to provide Irvine residents with information regarding fair housing law, tenant and landlord rights (including information on mediation services); Appendix B, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Analysis, of this Housing Element; and information and resources for the reporting suspected violations and obtaining remedies on the City's website. Schedule of Action: Within six months of Housing Element certification.

PP-M.2: Cooperation with Community Based Organizations. Compile a list of local organizations and set up an annual meeting or meetings to discuss community housing needs and potential solutions. This will help the City cooperate with community-based organizations that provide services or information about services to any special needs and linguistically isolated groups. Schedule of Action: Compile the list of organizations within six months of Housing Element certification, meet annually with identified organizations starting in fiscal year 2022-23 (meetings will conducted by June 30 of each year).

PP-M.3: Density Bonus Eligibility. The City will connect developers of projects with affordable density bonus units and local non-profits/community organizations to coordinate efforts and determine if the units could be set aside, where feasible, for special groups including but not limited to Veterans and special need adults. Schedule of Action: Within three months of a density bonus project application.

PP-M.4: Language Access. The City will provide translations or interpretation in all applicable languages is provided to ensure access to programs, services, and materials. The City will conduct an internal audit at a minimum of every other year to evaluate that we are addressing all language needs for the City. However, it is likely that this audit will be conducted either annually or as-needed as the City's recently established the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. The City will continue to build upon community partner and community based organization relationships to identify the needs of residents and businesses as they evolve. Additionally, the City will continue to make information available in various languages (Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Spanish, Farsi, and Arabic) to ensure residents with Limited English Proficiency have accessible information. Schedule of Action: A minimum of one internal audit every other year.

PP-M.5: Reduce Exposure to Environmental Pollution. The City is in the process and has taken several steps to identify climate impacts, reduce pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and prepare for a climate resilient future by completing the following:

 A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (adopted by City Council in October 2020 and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on December 17,

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2020).

- A Strategic Energy Plan (adopted by City council on November 10, 2020).
- Forming the first Community Choice Energy initiative in Orange County in an effort to give consumers clean energy choices and reduce GHG emissions (completed in 2022).
- The development of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (in process) to:
 - Guide the implementation of measurable actions to meet or exceed the State's GHG reduction targets and climate neutrality goal, as well as the City's ambitious carbon neutral by 2030 goals.
 - Recommend adaptation measures that build resilience to current and future climate threats.
 - Emphasize climate goals for the community, establishing an aspirational, yet achievable path that provides options to realize aggressive emissions reduction targets by 2030, 2035, and 2045.
 - o Schedule of Action: To be completed by Program year 2024-25.
- Continuing to require added greenery throughout the City to reduce exposure to
 environmental pollution such as vehicle emissions through the City's Zoning
 Ordinance (Section 3-15-4) that requires boundary landscaping for all residential
 attached (i.e., multi-family) projects. The requirements dictate that a minimum of one
 15-gallon tree shall be provided for every 30 feet of interior boundary on all building
 sites. Schedule of Action: annually.

Irvine Cool City Challenge, a \$1 million grant competition among California cities to develop the most innovative pathways to carbon neutrality, including the Cool Block program which requires recruiting 200 Cool Block team leaders to improve sustainability and quality of life in their own neighborhoods. This Challenge will reduce climate emissions and utility bills while building resiliency and local emergency preparedness against climate disasters such as extreme heat, floods, wildfires, and extreme storm events. The City has partnered with over 25 community organizations (including the University of California, Irvine for Cool Block Student Leadership and other local schools for Cool Schools) and registered over 200 volunteers who are interested and committed to climate action in Irvine to date. Schedule of Action: The Cool Block Challenge was initiated in January 2022 and will be 2 years in length. There will be a new team established roughly every 4.5-5 months. In year 3 of the Cool City Challenge, the City will present a game plan to the Empowerment Institute. After that, the City will work to implement the carbon neutrality plan.

Additionally, to further efforts to provide adequate parks and open space to all parts of the community, the City will prepare a comprehensive design strategy to include passive urban park setting for every project and include other placemaking strategies.

The City's existing Zoning Ordinance requires that green park space be provided in connection with new residential development. More specifically, the Ordinance contains park dedication requirements (i.e., land, improvements, fees, or any combination thereof) for all standalone multi-family residential projects. The existing development standards require five acres of park land for every 1,000 population (three acres of neighborhood park and two acres of community park). When new residential development occurs, the park requirements are prorated for the estimated population added. Affordable housing projects have a reduced requirement of three and one-half acres of park land for every 1,000 population (two acres of neighborhood park and one and one-half acres of community park). Park requirements in the Irvine Business Complex are somewhat different due to the urban living environment. These park requirements ensure that as residential development occurs throughout the City, green spaces and trees are planted to help further reduce the City's carbon footprint.

This program, as implemented, will reduce unsustainable energy use, reduce pollutants, improve air quality, reduce extreme heat events and improve the health outcomes of residents, employees and others in the community. Schedule of Action: by December 2024.

PP-M.6: Expand Educational Opportunities. The City will contact h the Irvine Unified School District to inquire about expanding access to enrollment in the district's schools for residents that may not be within the district's boundaries. Schedule of Action: Within six months of Housing Element certification.

PP-M.7: Support for Homeowners. The City will conduct a bi-annual survey of homeowners to obtain input on existing programs and to identify additional ways to support the City's homeowners and their unique needs (data in Chapter 1, Community Profile indicates that homeowners are cost burdened, and the percentage of homeowners is declining due to a lack of affordability). Schedule of Action: at least one survey every two years.

PP-M.8: Support to City's Fair Housing Services Provider. The City shall strengthen its relationship with the local fair housing provider and explore ways to expand services and mutually pursue additional funding resources for that expansion. Schedule of Action: Ongoing with check in meeting one time per year.

The City will report out on actions taken relative to these newly adopted fair housing goals in the next CAPER.

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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

To ensure that CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, ESG-CV and HOME funds are used efficiently and in compliance with applicable regulations, the City provided technical assistance to all subrecipients at the beginning of the Program Year and monitored a total of 4 subrecipients (non-profits) and 1 community services department (City ran department program) throughout the Program Year.

Technical Assistance

To enhance compliance with federal program regulations, the City provided a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) workshop in November 2022 to review the Consolidated Plan goals, program requirements and available resources with potential applicants. Subsequent to the approval of the Annual Action Plan, a mandatory subrecipient workshop was held in June 2023 to review program regulations in detail, to provide useful forms and resources for documenting compliance and to review the City's compliance procedures and requirements. Additionally, individualized technical assistance was provided on an as-needed basis during the Program Year.

Activity Monitoring

All activities were monitored, beginning with a detailed review upon receipt of an application to determine eligibility, conformance with a National Objective and conformance with an Action Plan goal. This review also examined the proposed use of funds, eligibility of the service area, the intended beneficiaries, and likelihood of compliance with other federal requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the System for Award Management (SAM) debarment list, prevailing wage, Minority and Women Business Enterprise, Section 3 and federal acquisition and relocation regulations, as applicable.

Subrecipients were required to submit an audit and other documentation to establish their capacity, and any findings noted in the audit were reviewed with the applicant. Eligible applications were then considered for funding. The Housing Division (now the Office of Health and Wellness for program year 2024 and onward) staff reviewed quarterly performance reports and invoices throughout the year as part of desk monitoring. Now that COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have ended (desk monitoring conducted during pandemic), the City resumed full monitoring of its CDBG public service activities, CDBG-CV, ESG, and ESG-CV activities, subrecipient monitoring were conducted remotely during the 2023-2024 Program Year. These reviews included both a fiscal and programmatic review of the subrecipient's activities. The reviews determined if each subrecipient complied with the

program regulations and City contract. Areas of review will included overall administration, financial systems, appropriateness of program expenditures, program delivery, client eligibility determination and documentation, reporting systems, and achievement toward achieving contractual goals. Following the monitoring visit, a written report was provided delineating the results of the review and any findings of non-compliance and the required corrective action. Subrecipients will be given 30 days to provide the City with corrective actions taken to address any noted findings. For CDBG capital projects, monitoring will also include compliance with Regulatory Agreement requirements.

For HOME funded activities, annual monitoring is conducted on renter occupied units to ensure that household income, rents and utility allowances complied with applicable limits pursuant to the affordability covenant. For ownership units, annual monitoring of occupancy is conducted throughout the affordability period.

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.

In accordance with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan, a public notice was published in the *Irvine World News* on September 12, 2024, notifying the public of the availability of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for a 15-day public review and comment period. A copy of the public notice is included in Appendix A.

The CAPER was available from September 12, 2024 to September 26, 2024 on the City's website. Physical copies were also available at City Hall in the Community Development Department, First Floor lobby. Residents were encouraged to review the CAPER and provide any written comments by mail to Sarah Escobedo, Management Analyst, or via email to Sescobedo@cityofirvine.org. A summary of any written comments received during the public review and comment period are included in the CAPER submission to HUD as Appendix B.

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CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

The 2023-2024 Program Year was the fourth year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City made progress toward its five-year and one-year goals for this reporting period and did not change its program objectives or the projects and activities that utilized CDBG funds.

CDBG and CDBG-CV funded activities contributed significantly to the City's progress toward meeting the high priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. As shown in Table 1 on page 2 of this document, CDBG funds are contributing to all five Strategic Plan goals including Affordable Housing, Affordable Housing Preservation, Public Services, Homelessness Services, and Public Facilities Improvements.

- The City's residents continued to face challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic including job loss, food insecurity, housing insecurity, and disruption to normal inperson public services. City staff adapted to a 50 percent remote work environment and will be transitioning back to the office 100 percent to continue delivering high quality services to residents throughout the duration of the work week. Nonprofit subrecipients and City Departments altered their program delivery models to promote social distancing while continuing to provide essential services to low- and moderate-income residents. There were a few activities that were not able to convert to a socially distanced delivery model, such as housing rehabilitation activities, the energy efficiency program, the after-school classroom enrichment activity, and nearly all of the capital improvement projects that would require construction workers in close proximity to one another.
- During the 2023-2024 program year, a total of 3 capital improvement projects were completed (Irvine Fine Arts Center ADA, Lakeview Senior Center ADA, and Bill Barber ADA projects). It should be noted that the remaining six projects will be implemented and anticipate completion during the 2024-2025 Program Year.
 During the program year and going into 24-25, City staff and its program consultants are meeting quarterly on each project to ensure forward progression on CIPs and addressing any bottleneck issues that have prevented forward movement on the projects in past years. Improved procurement procedures to ensure lead times are minimized have improved drastically and the City anticipates great improvements on this category in the remaining program years of this Consolidated Plan Cycle.

The continued focus on spending down the City's \$6,412,980 of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds fueled a significant increase in the City's capacity to address the challenges our residents faced. HUD's decision to more than triple the size of Irvine's HUD entitlement grant programs allowed the Housing Division to continue to develop and further enhance its

additional systems it created last year and integrate new partners and processes into their service delivery model to better address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

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

Maintaining HOME-assisted affordable housing is a high priority. The Housing Division conducts physical inspections of HOME-assisted properties currently in their affordability period as required to determine compliance with the housing codes and other applicable regulations. When any deficiencies exist, the property owner and property management will be notified to make repairs and Housing Division staff followed up to ensure completion of the required repairs. The following HOME-assisted projects are subject to this requirement:

- Alegre Apartments 104 units
- Doria Apartments Phase I 60 units
- Montecito Vista 162 units
- Parc Derian 80 units
- Salerno Apartments 80 units
- The Arbor at Woodbury 90 units
- Villa Hermosa (formerly called AbilityFirst) 24 units
- Windrow Apartments 96 units

All eleven HOME projects have been inspected. The City maintains its records of its detailed inspected findings, among the type of issues found in the eight inspected projects include but are not limited to:

- When the sink is turned on water leaks out of the faucet handle
- The surface light on the microwave does not work.
- One of the ceiling light bulbs in the kitchen is out.
- The microwave needs to be replaced.
- The surface light on the microwave does not work.

For each unit with a finding, the property manager is to provide a work order and a photo of the corrections to clear each finding.

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

Each of the HOME-assisted properties with more than five units maintains an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. During annual monitoring, the annual Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Report and waitlist are reviewed to ensure compliance with HUD requirements to affirmatively further fair housing choice.

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 receipted \$124,231.72 of HOME program income during the Program Year from Residential Rehabilitation Program loan payoffs and affordable housing residual receipts notes. HOME program income in the amount of \$90,246.72 was drawn against IDIS activities 715, and 746. Activity 715 is a CDBG Capital Improvement Project (Bill Barber Park ADA Improvements – where PI needed to be drawn down on prior to EN "entitlement funds"). Activity 746 is a CDBG Residential Rehabilitation program occupied by a moderate-income homeowners.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k)

As of June 2024, Irvine has more affordable housing than any other city in Orange County with 4,569 units and many more to be completed over the coming years. Some of these opportunities were assisted with HUD funds. Most of these opportunities are as a result of Irvine's inclusionary housing ordinance that requires housing developers to either set aside affordable units in each new housing development or pay in lieu fees so that those affordable units may be constructed as part of future developments.

Over 80 percent of Irvine's affordable housing is reserved for households earning less than half of the Orange County median income. Some of these units are reserved for veterans, seniors, or persons with disabilities. For additional information about Irvine's substantial portfolio of affordable housing units and for information about other resources available through our nonprofit partners, please visit the City's affordable housing website at: https://www.cityofirvine.org/affordable-housing.

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CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) Supplement to the CAPER in e-snaps

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name Irvine

Organizational DUNS Number 072511363 **EIN/TIN Number** 952759391 Identify the Field Office Los Angeles Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or **Orange County**

subrecipient(s) will provide ESG

assistance

ESG Contact Name

Prefix Ms. First Name Keri Last Name Bullock

Title Health and Wellness Officer

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1 PO Box 19575

City Irvine State CA

ZIP Code 92623-9575 Phone Number 949-724-6430 Fax Number 949-724-7458

Email Address kbullock@cityofirvine.org

Reporting Period

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

3a. Subrecipient Form

Subrecipient or Contractor Name South County Outreach

City Irvine State CA Zip Code 92618 806928511 **DUNS Number**

Is subrecipient a victim services provider No

Subrecipient Organization Type Nonprofit

ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount \$37,941 (Homeless Prevention) Subrecipient or Contractor Name Families Forward

 City
 Irvine

 State
 CA

 Zip Code
 92618

 DUNS Number
 61-10093825

Is subrecipient a victim services provider No

Subrecipient Organization Type Nonprofit

ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount \$50,000 (Homeless Prevention)

Subrecipient or Contractor Name OCAPICA
City Irvine
State CA
Zip Code 92840

UEI Number NQLKHY7GT9R1

Is subrecipient a victim services provider No

Subrecipient Organization Type Nonprofit

ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount \$50,000 (Homeless Prevention)

Subrecipient or Contractor Name Stand Up for Kids

CityIrvineStateCAZip Code92623

UEI Number MB2BL426L3W8

Is subrecipient a victim services provider No

Subrecipient Organization Type Nonprofit

ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount \$37,941 (Street Outreach)

Subrecipient or Contractor Name 2-1-1 Orange County

CitySanta AnaStateCAZip Code92705DUNS Number884339003

Is subrecipient a victim services provider No

Subrecipient Organization Type Nonprofit

ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount \$10,000 (HMIS Data Collection)

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

10. Shelter Utilization

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

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

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

City staff coordinates with the other cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and the County of Orange, which have formed the Orange County ESG Collaborative to discuss policies and procedures, how best to allocate ESG funds, as well as a variety of program and homeless issues. The Collaborative continues to develop and share forms such as intake forms, client participation agreements, checklists for monitoring and evaluating project and agency performance, and reimbursement forms for purposes of consistency and streamlining the process for all applicable parties. Staff consults with the CoC on a regular basis, attends meetings, and is involved in the Continuum of Care.

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	\$91,888	\$84,015	\$124,463.02
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance	1	1	1
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program	-	-	-
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention	\$101,888	\$84,015	\$124,463.02

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

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

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Essential Services	-	-	-
Operations	-	ı	1
Renovation	-	-	-
Major Rehab	-	-	-
Conversion	-	1	-
Subtotal	-	ı	1

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2021	2022	2023
Street Outreach	-	-	\$29,810.78
HMIS	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$10,000.00
Administration	\$13,645	\$14,575	\$15,071.00

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

2021	2022	2023
\$122,033	\$105,090	\$179,344.80

11f. Match Source

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

	2021	2022	2023
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds	-	-	-
Other Federal Funds	-	-	-
State Government	-	-	-
Local Government	\$20,145	\$14,575	\$15,071.00
Private Funds	\$101,888	\$84,015	\$154,273.80
Other	-	-	-
Fees	1	-	-
Program Income	-	1	-
Total Match Amount	\$122,033	\$98,590	\$169,344.80

11g. Total

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities - Grant to Date

2021	2022	2023
\$244,066	\$203,680	\$179,344.80