



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Victoria (City) receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds as an entitlement community from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To receive its annual entitlement funds, the City must create an Annual Action Plan each year. The Annual Action Plan describes the City's planned activities and proposed CDBG projects for the coming program year. Program year 2024 (PY24) begins October 1, 2024 and ends September 30, 2025.

The objectives of the CDBG program are achieved by providing: (a) decent housing; (b) a suitable living environment; and (c) expanded economic opportunities. Each funded project/program must meet one of the National Objectives: 1) Benefit low- to moderate-income persons; 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or 3) Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need). Using CDBG federal funds, the City plans to carry out the objectives based on the goals for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and further set forth in this 2024 Annual Action Plan. The City works in partnership with local nonprofit agencies, as well as internally, to implement activities and projects that improve the quality of life in Victoria through public services, infrastructure projects, and housing activities.

The City will utilize 2024 CDBG entitlement funds totaling \$551,333 to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment for low- and moderate-income individuals in the community. These activities and the specific funding amounts for each will be summarized in this Annual Action Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Victoria's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan key objectives, priorities, and information gathered through consultations and the public participation process provide the basis for the programs and projects to be administered in the PY24 Annual Action Plan. Detailed project information can be found in AP35 Projects. These priorities reflect the policies and programs that will best meet the needs within the City and are listed as follows: 1) Administration, 2) Housing, 3) Homelessness, 4) Public Facilities, 5) Public Services, 6) Neighborhood Programs, and 7) Public Park Improvements.

The housing needs in Victoria are the development of affordable housing (ownership and rental), housing repairs for low- to moderate-income homeowners including accessibility improvements to allow

older homeowners the ability to age in place, and affordable rental units for low-income renters through development of new multifamily properties.

The City will continue to support and participate in the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent's planning process in an effort to expand homeless services and shelter/housing. The City will support the social service agencies providing services to those experiencing homelessness when funds are available and projects are financially feasible.

Non-Housing Community Development is the focus of public facilities. The need for funding to improve or develop public facilities, both City-owned and privately owned, was identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City will provide the opportunity for a competitive grant process or a City Council directed process to fund eligible public facility projects.

The need for continued and increased supportive services for low- to moderate-income persons, including elderly services; services for special needs populations such as those with mental illnesses, HIV/AIDS, and substance use disorders; emergency housing assistance programs; transportation assistance; and food assistance are clearly identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and expressed in meetings with stakeholders and comments from the general public. The City will continue to provide a competitive grant process or a City Council directed process to fund eligible supportive service activities and agencies.

Enhancing livability through park improvements and creation of new parks and/or recreational areas in CDBG eligible census tracts is the focus of public park improvements. The City recognizes the community-wide and neighborhood benefits of safe parks: supporting community regeneration, facilitating healthy lifestyles, and protecting at-risk youth. The City will work with the Parks and Recreations Department to help improve the parks that are located in CDBG eligible census tracts.

The City will continue to plan, monitor, and administer the HUD Entitlement Grant Programs and Fair Housing programs to ensure compliance with Federal Regulations.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

All projects included in the Annual Action Plan and projects funded during the past year have met High Priority Needs. The City has complied with its adopted Citizen's Participation Plan during the Annual Action Plan process and last year's end-of-the-year report-the CAPER.

The City expended CDBG funds in a timely manner in accordance with HUD regulations. On an annual basis, HUD reviews the performance of all entitlement recipients to determine whether each recipient is carrying out its CDBG assisted activities in a timely manner. If sixty days prior to the end of the grantee's

current program year the amount of grant funds available to the recipient under grant agreements but distributed by the U.S. Treasury is more than 1.5 times the entitlement grant amount for its current program year, then the grantee is considered to be noncompliant with HUD requirements. The City has met and is currently below the statutory timeliness expenditure ratio of 1.50 ahead of the August 2, 2024 test date. The City has exceedingly met the 1.50 timeliness ratio.

The 2023 Annual Action Plan included public facility projects and public service programs that worked to improve the quality of life for the community. The City provided a direct housing focus through the City's Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program and Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program.

The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan was the fourth annual action plan under the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and continues to reflect the change in focus. The proposed activities address several community needs and issues that may not have been adequately addressed in previous years. Activities for the 2023 Program Year were developed to address the goals and objectives from the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City did not exceed the program limits for public service funding (15%) or for program administration (20%) for the 2023 Annual Action Plan. All financial reports have been submitted as required.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

To encourage the continuous involvement of citizens in the HUD-sponsored programs administered by the City of Victoria, the City will continue to communicate openly about CDBG and other HUD programs with its partners and with the public, as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan. Throughout the one-year period covered by this plan, the City held public meetings on Public Service and Public Facility funding and consultations to encourage citizen participation in the development of the Annual Action Plan, proposed programs, and evaluation of the City's performance during the previous program year. These meetings are opportunities for the public to be involved in housing and community development activities for the City of Victoria.

A Citizen Participation Plan is a required part of the consolidated planning process (24 CFR 91.105). Although the regulations do not require a formal structure for citizen participation, they do state that citizens shall be involved in the prioritizing and planning of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities. In an effort to permit public examination and to enhance public accountability, the City will make the 2024 Annual Action Plan available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties upon request.

The City Manager's Reports, PSA/PF Workshop, one-on-one consultations, public meetings, and public hearings are tools used to obtain citizen input on the needs, objectives, and goals for the fifth year Annual Action Plan. The priorities of the goals are translated into the goals for the 2024-2025 Annual

Action Plan. In preparation for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, the City involved residents and stakeholders to the greatest extent possible through various meetings and methods of communication.

The City will conduct all of its community development activities to encourage ample citizen participation in the CDBG program.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

During the March 7, 2024 public meeting for public service agencies and public facilities, questions were asked about documentation requirements for Public Service Agencies and attendees thanked City staff for providing updates/review of CDBG requirements.

During the June 4, 2024 public hearing with City Council, Ginny Stafford, CEO of Mid-Coast Family Services, spoke about the impact the CDBG program has had on her program and the community as whole. Ginny asked Council to consider a grant for a resource center at Mid-Coast Family Services as part of the proposed CDBG grant allocation. Ginny offered accolades for the Development Services Department and how helpful they were, and she felt like they were truly partnering with her organization. Jan Scott, City Council District 4 Representative, asked about the rental assistance public service activity presented in the budget recommendations. April Butler, City Council District 3 Representative, asked about using CDBG funds for public safety services and fire equipment. Steven Kidder, City Council District 2 Representative, asked for clarification of acronyms used in the CDBG program.

The Southside Community Coalition had a regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2024. CDBG staff presented the program year 2024 funding recommendations to the coalition. The question of how a city and county become eligible for CDBG funds was asked. CDBG staff explained the requirements for a city and county to be eligible for CDBG funds. A discussion was held about affordable housing needs in the City of Victoria. CDBG staff explained how they are currently using CDBG funds to help address the affordable housing needs in the City of Victoria through its Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program and its Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program for first-time home buyers.

The Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent had a regularly scheduled meeting on July 25, 2024. CDBG staff presented the program year 2024 funding recommendations to the coalition. No comments were made on the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

The Be Well Victoria Coalition had a regularly scheduled meeting on July 25, 2024. CDBG staff presented the program year 2024 funding recommendations to the coalition. Stephanie Bassham, community member, made the comment that it may be beneficial to see a nonprofit's operating budget vs. the

amount of CDBG funds they are granted. La Shaundrea Harris, community member, asked for more information about the Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program for first-time home buyers. CDBG staff provided her with the necessary information.

No comments were received on the 2024 Annual Action Plan during the 30-day comment period held from July 5, 2024 - August 5, 2024. No comments were made during the public hearing at the August 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

Refer to section AP-10 for internet outreach responses.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The City accepts all comments and views presented. Comments related to the CDBG program are reviewed and responded to by CDBG staff as quickly as possible. Comments received by CDBG staff related to other matters of the City are referred to the appropriate department.

7. Summary

The City has utilized the CDBG funds to improve the quality of life, housing, and neighborhoods for its low- to moderate-income residents. Detailed descriptions of the funded activities can be found in AP-35 Projects.

The City's CDBG program will fund the following projects during PY24: Parks Projects - Brownson Park, Pine St. Park, and Meadowlane Park Solar Lighting & Sidewalks [\$95,559.40]; Demolition and Clearance [\$25,000]; Public Services: Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach - Behavioral Interventions [\$5,000]; Boys & Girls Club of Victoria - After School Program/Summer Day Camp [\$8,000]; Community Action Committee of Victoria - Rental Assistance Program [\$16,500]; Food Bank of Golden Crescent - Kids' Weekend Meals Program [\$10,000]; Golden Crescent CASA - A Volunteer for Every Child in Need [\$8,000]; Gulf Bend Center - Wellness Community [\$10,000]; Meals on Wheels South Texas - Home Delivered Meals [\$5,000]; Our Lady of Victory Conference of St. Vincent de Paul - Financial Assistance to our Neighbors in Need [\$5,000]; The Salvation Army - Community Transit & Taxi Assistance Program [\$5,000]; United Way - Community Connections Project [\$5,000]; VISD KIDZ Connection - Project Success [\$5,000]. Public Facilities: Boys & Girls Club of Victoria - Roof Restoration [\$57,600]; Home of Joseph Foundation - Outdoor Security [\$15,000]; Hospice of South Texas - Dornburg Facility Laundry Room Rehabilitation [\$15,500]; Meals on Wheels South Texas - Parking Lot & Exterior Lighting [\$15,000]; Mid-Coast Family Services - Day Center Industrial Kitchen & Laundry Facility Rehabilitation [\$99,907]; The Salvation Army - Kitchen Expansion [\$35,000].

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	VICTORIA	Development Services - Planning Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Victoria City Council (Council) is the governing body for the City of Victoria. The City Manager, or designee, acts on behalf of the Council in matters pertaining to the CDBG Entitlement Program.

The City of Victoria’s Development Services Department – Planning Division prepares the Annual Action Plan and provides the oversight, management, and administration of the CDBG program. The staff of this division provide leadership and technical assistance to other City departments and non-profit organizations that are selected to receive CDBG funding (subrecipients). The City’s Finance Department is responsible for processing the IDIS draws, preparing financial reports, and ensuring grant funds are balanced between the City’s system and the IDIS system.

For City projects, such as park or sidewalk improvements, a project manager is designated from the Parks and/or Public Works Department in the overseeing and management of the project. The project manager provides oversight of the construction work, monitors progress, and reviews and approves all payment requests before they are submitted to CDBG staff for processing and approval. Other departments that have supporting roles in the CDBG administration include the City Manager’s Office, Planning, Development Center, GIS, Legal, and Purchasing.

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Additional Information may also be found on the City of Victoria's website: <https://www.victoriatx.gov/352/Community-Development-Block-Grant>

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Victoria's (City) 2024 Annual Action Plan was developed in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This plan describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be implemented utilizing CDBG funds. Community Representatives (the general public), Victoria Housing Authority, Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent, Texas Homeless Network, public and social service agencies, elected and appointed officials, and City staff provided input for HUD funding through on-going consultations and collaborations.

The required 30-day public review comment period for the proposed Annual Action Plan was from July 5, 2024 to August 5, 2024. Additionally, efforts were made to integrate existing community plans such as the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC), which addresses homeless issues, and the City of Victoria Comprehensive Plan, which is a master plan dealing with all aspects of city government. Regional plans from agencies such as the Golden Crescent Regional Area Agency on Aging and Victoria Public Housing were also taken into consideration when developing this Plan. The schedule of Citizen Participation is located in Section PR-15 of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. In order to encourage the continuous involvement of citizens in the HUD-sponsored programs administered by the City of Victoria, the City will continue to communicate openly about CDBG and other HUD programs with its partners and with the public as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan. Throughout the five-year period covered by the ConPlan, the City will sponsor public meetings to encourage citizen participation in: 1.) the development of annual Action Plans, 2.) the City's proposed programs; and 3.) to evaluate the city's performance during the previous program year. These meetings represent opportunities for the public to be involved in housing and community development activities in the City of Victoria.

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

The City continues to pursue and maintain relationships with key community stakeholders and leaders in Victoria. Through public hearings and stakeholder meetings held throughout the year, the City continues to utilize a network of contacts, referrals, and partnerships to implement the strategies outlined in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan as re-enforced in this Action Plan. The City will continue to build and maintain its relationship with local housing and service providers and the Victoria Housing Authority to ensure that the current limited housing resources are utilized in the most efficient manner possible and to meet the housing needs of extremely low-, very low-, and low-income renters.

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

The City and the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent participate in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care that is managed by the Texas Homeless Network. The local homeless coalition meets for planning and updates on homelessness in the City and County of Victoria. The Texas Homeless Network provides data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Point-In-Time Count (PIT), the Housing Inventory Count, and the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) for planning and information purposes. This information is utilized to assist in determining the nature and extent of homelessness in Victoria and identifying potential projects and programs that will eliminate gaps in housing and services. The Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent holds regular monthly meetings to discuss and strategize ways to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness. The City's Community Development Planner and other City staff representatives are active in the coalition.

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

The Texas Balance of State (TX BOS) is the Continuum of Care for Victoria, along with 214 other counties in Texas. They have developed a coordinated response to support local communities and providers to prevent and end homelessness and promote housing stability within their own areas. Two agencies that are actively involved with the TX BOS as well as the City's Planning Department are Mid-Coast Family Services (MCFS) and the Community Action Committee of Victoria (CACV). Both agencies receive state administered ESG funding to provide rapid re-housing financial assistance to house individuals and families who are literally homeless, as well as homeless prevention financial assistance to prevent individuals and families from losing their existing housing. MCFS also uses ESG funding for their emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and street outreach. The City supports MCFS in their annual renewal process by signing and submitting a document named Local Government Approval for Non-Profit Organizations Conducting ESG-Shelter Activities. All HMIS standards have been established by the TX BOS and are recorded in their on-line Work Standards. However, only the CACV is participating; MCFS is a victim-service provider and is statutorily prohibited from participating in the database, but instead uses a comparable system to meet the security needs of victims. Both agencies and the City of Victoria are active members of the Victoria Area Homeless Coalition, the local consortium which meets monthly to network and plan for services to end homelessness and improve housing stability.

The City does not directly receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. Mid-Coast Family Services (MCFS) was the lead agency for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding back in 2015, but the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) did away with "lead" agencies. Every agency now must compete for awards. The City works closely with MCFS and other agencies addressing the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

ESG funded programs have played a significant role in reducing the number of individuals and families who become homeless by funding preventative programs in the CoC. Texas Homeless Network serves as

the lead HMIS administrator and the collaborative applicant for the HUD Balance of State (BoS) CoC. The Texas Homeless Network, in collaboration with MCFS, has established a very close inter-agency collaboration to ensure that homeless persons are linked to services best suited for their needs. HUD eliminated joint applications a few years ago, so MCFS and CACV have not collaborated for maximum additional funding for years. The ESG funds for MCFS are for homeless prevention and used for stabilization for those experiencing domestic violence and rapid re-housing of homeless persons. The allocation of the ESG funds for MCFS will provide 50% to homeless prevention, 30% to shelter, 10% to street outreach, and 10% for Housing Management Information System (HMIS) support. The performance standards that are in place for the ESG funding are the Federal Best Practices with the evaluation of outcome completed through the follow-up with clients quarterly and semi-annually and assessment of the service satisfaction.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities (Pages 12–30).

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the City of Victoria
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Victoria Housing Authority was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The Victoria Housing Authority was a subrecipient of CDBG Public Facility funds in PY22. They did not apply for CDBG funding for the upcoming program year (PY24). The following is Victoria Housing Authority's response to the survey: The mission of the Victoria Housing Authority is to enhance the Victoria community by creating and sustaining decent, safe, and affordable living environments for lower-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities; and to foster stability, self-sufficiency, and a sense of community and pride in neighborhoods where they reside. The VHA will be doing several bids that will require coordination with several city departments: water shut off valves and electrical breaker panels. The VHA be repositioning in the future and will need to work with many departments within the city.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys and Girls Club of Victoria
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Medicaid Cards

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Boys and Girls Club of Victoria was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The Boys and Girls Club of Victoria has been a past subrecipient of Public Facility funding and PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG Public Facility funding for a Roof Restoration and PSA funding for their After School and Summer Programs. The Boys and Girls Club of Victoria has been a mainstay in this community for 56 years now. They provide an affordable, quality After School Program and Summer Day Camp for low- to moderate-income families. Many of their beneficiaries have gone on to become productive and contributing members of society. With the services offered by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Victoria, many of the disadvantaged children and youth have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures. Their Mission is to "Enable all young people; especially those that need us the most to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens." The City anticipates the continued support for the Boys and Girls Club's programs and services. This will enable them to continually offer quality and evidence-based programs at an affordable cost.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Hunger Relief</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry was a past recipient for Public Facility funding in PY23. They did not apply for CDBG funding for the upcoming program year (PY24). The following is Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry's response to our survey: VCAM is a free food pantry for those who qualify in Victoria County. VCAM focuses on hunger relief, in addition to providing clothing and financial assistance for past due utility (water/natural gas) bills and prescription medications. VCAM would like to collaborate on food distribution or donation drives in times of crisis. Affordable housing is a major need in Victoria. More collaboration is needed to come up with an action plan to meet the housing crisis.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Victoria County Public Health Department (VCPHD)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Other government - County

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Resource Collaboration</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Victoria County Public Health Department was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The Victoria County Public Health Department is a local health department with a wide range of services and programming in public health, community resource collaboration, and mental health education. They coordinate with a multitude of public service agencies in the City of Victoria and provide many services directly and indirectly. The Victoria County Public Health Department would like the City to collaborate on windshield surveys and public access areas for free physical activity. The Victoria County Public Health Department indicated services for the homeless population need to be addressed and there needs to be a solution for affordable housing. The Victoria County Public Health Department indicated that the needs or services that are not being met and should be considered for improved coordination include healthy food access and continued improvement with the development of publicly accessible options for physical activity.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Mid-Coast Family Services</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Family and Children's Services; Sexual Assault Crisis Services</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Mid-Coast Family Services was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Mid-Coast Family Services has been a past recipient for Public Facility funding and PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG Public Facility funding for a kitchen and laundry facility in their Day Center. The following is Mid-Coast Family Services' response to our survey: We have multiple strategies to promote housing stability: emergency shelter and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and 56 rental units for individuals and households who are chronically homeless. We also hold a state contract for financial assistance for rent, application fees, deposits, and arrears. Once our Resource Center (aka Day Center) is complete, we may need assistance to fully man the center for the needs of our community. We need more of everything. The supply is not keeping up with the need. We plan to apply for more HUD-permanent supportive housing and transitional housing, but our projects alone will not fill the need. Our country as a whole needs to consider new ways to help people have roofs over their heads.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE OF VICTORIA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Action Committee of Victoria was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Community Action Committee of Victoria has been a past recipient for PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG PSA funding for their Rental Assistance Program. The following is Community Action Committee of Victoria's response to our survey: We provide broad assistance for low-income persons, such as utility assistance, weatherization, case management, and rental assistance. CACV identified that rental assistance funds for low-income persons and rapid rehousing funds were two areas they would like to collaborate on with the City.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Substance Use and Mental Health Treatment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Substance Use and Mental Health Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach is a past recipient for PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG PSA funding for their Behavioral Interventions program. The following is Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach's response to our survey: BTCRO provides outpatient substance use and mental health treatment services to adults 18 years and older. Through a contract with Health and Human Services, we are able to provide services to indigent, unhoused, and low-income individuals. BTCRO would appreciate continued support with bringing HOPE Ranch, a detox and inpatient facility for individuals with substance use and mental health issues, to Victoria. A common need among individuals we serve is lack of affordable housing and/or housing for the homeless.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA of the Golden Crescent
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Child Welfare Agency Regional organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Wellness
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The YMCA was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The YMCA has been a past recipient for PSA and Public Facility funding. They applied for CDBG Public Facility funding for PY24 but were not approved. The following is the YMCA's response to our survey: We are open to all; we benefit the health care segment by offering programs that provide a healthy outcome. We benefit the education of children through our Early Learning Center, afterschool, and summer camp programs. We service all ages and social economic levels. The YMCA indicated that they would like to collaborate with the City on a fieldhouse-a large indoor practice space for teams, large indoor playground for kids, special needs space, etc.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Aging and Community Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Aging and Community Services (ACS) Department is one of three departments in the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC). The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission was invited to the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The following is the Golden Crescent Regional Services Department's response to our survey: The ACS department of the GCRPC enhances the lives of the elderly and people with disabilities by providing a range of supportive services. ACS ensures safe, affordable housing, offers nutrition programs, caregiver support, health and wellness initiatives, and social engagement activities. It comprises the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and 211 Texas, working together to provide comprehensive and accessible services to meet the community's needs. The ADRC would be open to collaborating with the City to improve housing navigation services, ensuring elderly individuals and people with disabilities have better access to safe and affordable housing options.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Golden Crescent Court Appointed Special Advocates
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	The Need for Foster Placement in the City of Victoria

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Golden Crescent CASA was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Golden Crescent CASA is a past recipient for PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG PSA funding for their Volunteer for Every Child in Need program. The following is Golden Crescent CASA's response to our survey: Golden Crescent CASA provides trained volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect in the City of Victoria. Our CASA Volunteers visit with these children regularly to make sure they are in a safe and stable placement and all their needs are being met while in foster care. Our CASA Volunteers work with these children until a safe and permanent placement is found where the children can grow and thrive in a safe and stable environment. The need for foster care in the City of Victoria is great. When a child is being removed from an unsafe home, they are often taken to San Antonio, Austin, or Houston, far from their home environment, their families, their schools, everyone they know and love, leaving them to wonder what has happened to turn their world upside down. Maintaining connections to this City is vital for their well-being. By working together as a team, resources can be secured to provide foster placements right here in Victoria, where children can see their families more often, attend their home school and maintain ties to extended family and friends.</p>
11	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Food Bank of the Golden Crescent</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-homeless</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent is a past recipient for PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG PSA funding for their Kids' Weekend Meals program. The following is the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent's response to our survey: We provide weekend meal kits to elementary children who are on the free lunch program. Some of these children are considered homeless. We all wish there was more money.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Golden Crescent Workforce Development Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Labor Market Data
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Golden Crescent Workforce Development Board was sent a survey via email. The following is the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Board's response to our survey: Workforce Solutions is responsible for the administration and delivery of employment and training programs, child-care assistance for working families, and services to employers for the seven county Golden Crescent area. The GCWDB indicated that they would like to continue their partnership with the Victoria Sales Tax Corporation in pledging financial support for leveraging training grant funding. The GCWDB identified there needs to be an increase in affordable housing and public transportation in Victoria.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Victoria County Sherriff's Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Other government - County County Jail - Law Enforcement
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Law Enforcement
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Victoria County Sheriff's Office was sent a survey via email. The following is the Victoria County Sheriff's Office's response to our survey: We offer employment to qualified persons in the field of law enforcement and corrections/detention. We also provide care, custody, and control of inmates. This includes limited healthcare. We also provide law enforcement and protection to the community. The Victoria County Sheriff's Office identified that mental health and homelessness were two needs that are not being met and should be considered for improved coordination.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	KIDZconnection - Victoria Independent School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Victoria ISD KIDZ Connection was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Victoria ISD KIDZ Connection has been a past recipient for PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG PSA funding for their Project Success program. The following is Victoria ISD KIDZ Connection's response to our survey: We provide outreach, case management, and mentoring services to assist students in transitional living situations (as defined by 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) who need assistance to enroll, attend, and succeed in school. It is understood that the city receives a set amount of grant funding for these initiatives; however, the needs in our community to assist individuals from homelessness deserves a look from any and all funding the city receives to meet this need. Public Service Agencies in our community cannot alone meet the needs of our homeless or at-risk of homeless population.</p>
15	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Gulf Bend Center</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Behavioral Health Needs within the Community</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Gulf Bend Center was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Gulf Bend Center is a past recipient for PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG PSA funding for their Wellness Community. The following is Gulf Bend Center's response to our survey: Gulf Bend Center (GBC) provides a full array of services to individuals with behavioral health needs, including those with intellectual disabilities. Services include Adult Mental Health, Child/Adolescent Mental Health, Counseling, Housing, Crisis Screening and Response, Mental Health Officers, Substance Use Services, Community Resource Center, Food Pantry, and TCOOMMI. Our mission at Gulf Bend Center is to improve the quality of life in our community for individuals and their families by providing excellent and trusted care for wellness.</p>
16	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Home of Joseph Foundation</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Housing for Abused & Neglected Children</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing for Abused & Neglected Children</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Home of Joseph Foundation was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and were also sent a survey via email. This year is the Home of Joseph Foundation's first time applying for CDBG funding. They are anticipating CDBG Public Facility funding for improved outdoor security for their facility. The following is the Home of Joseph Foundation's response to our survey: We provide a home for LMI persons-seven kids affected by abuse and neglect ages 7-17. We provide a space for safe, healthy, and specialized treatment and restoration. The Home of Joseph Foundation identified that they would like to collaborate with the City on the following programs: mental health, life skills, or nutritional programs. We are located in the Queen City area and we do notice there are many homeless individuals in this area.</p>
17	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Hospice of South Texas</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Regional organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Hospice of South Texas was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and were also sent a survey via email. This year is Hospice of South Texas' first time applying for CDBG funding. They are anticipating CDBG Public Facility funding for rehabilitating their laundry facility. The following is Hospice of South Texas' response to our survey: Hospice of South Texas ensures palliative and compassionate care to patients of all ages with chronic or life limiting illnesses. Our Dornburg Center of Compassion provides inpatient care. The City of Victoria has implemented good, positive projects. Members of our staff always participate in Keep Victoria Beautiful cleanup initiatives, activities, and events downtown. At this time, we do not feel the above listed services need improvement. Currently, we do not feel there are any services or needs that are not being met or need to be considered for improved coordination.</p>
18	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>The Salvation Army</p> <p>Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Agency - Emergency Management Transportation/Legal Document Replacements</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Transportation Assistance
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	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Salvation Army was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. The Salvation Army has been a past subrecipient of Public Facility funding and PSA funding. They are anticipating CDBG Public Facility funding for a kitchen expansion and PSA funding for their Community Transit & Taxi Assistance program. The following is The Salvation Army's response to our survey: Since 1955, the Salvation Army has been the refuge for the homeless, and over the last few years, the Salvation Army has expanded its intensive services to aid the most vulnerable populations. The City of Victoria has been a trailblazer with innovative services and strategic planning for its citizens. The Salvation Army has seen an increase in the number of homeless individuals with the opening of its Life Enrichment Center. Thus, the increase has resulted in more underserved clients enrolling in intensive case management to assist with employment, transportation, housing, and educational classes as well as receiving a variety of medical services with our community partners. 98% of the homeless clients we serve in both the Men's Emergency Shelter and the Life Enrichment Center have no transportation in order to job search, sustain employment, travel to agency offices such as Social Security, Dept. of Motor Vehicles, City Hall, Municipal Court, attend classes at Victoria College or classes at Emerging Technology Complex. The Salvation Army makes all efforts available to collaborate with various community partners to bridge services and solutions for the most vulnerable populations. Funding for transportation needs of the most vulnerable populations is necessary to assist the homeless population to acquire & sustain employment, housing, and professional development as well as medical needs for those uninsured.</p>
19	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Office of Emergency Management</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Agency - Emergency Management</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Emergency Management</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Victoria Office of Emergency Management was sent a survey via email. The following is the Victoria Office of Emergency Management's response to our survey: We offer employment to qualified persons in the field of law enforcement and corrections/detention. We also provide care, custody, and control of inmates. This includes limited healthcare. We provide Emergency Management Services to both the City of Victoria and Victoria County. We would like to be included in mitigation projects, such as building code standards, ASRs, floodplain buyouts, wildfire land management.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF VICTORIA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity was invited and attended the City's PSA/Public Facility pre-application workshop on March 7, 2024 and was also sent a survey via email. Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity has been a subrecipient of PSA funds. They did not apply for CDBG funding for the upcoming program year (PY24). The following is Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity's response to the survey: The Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity provides new homeownership opportunities for people who are in the 35%-80% AMI. The organization also provides repair services for veterans or seniors aging in place-accessibility to and from their homes and interior modifications. Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity indicated that they would like to collaborate with the City on providing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families and veteran or senior programs where we can learn and help those in need in the community. Affordable housing is an issue for those in the 35%-80% AMI. Rent is high, and it is expensive to buy a home. Our organization is an avenue for some families to move into their home that is affordable.</p>
21	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>City of Victoria Development Services Department - Development Center - Floodplain Management</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Other government - Local</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Floodplain Management Best Practices</p>

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Development Services is responsible for regulating and enforcing the City's floodplain regulations for permitting of new residential and commercial developments as well as the remodeling/renovations of residential and commercial development. The City values its citizens safety and sustainability of their housing. Some of the City's lower income neighborhoods lay within the City's floodplain. I would like to see a program those low-income families be able to get reasonable flooding insurance or rehab programs which help elevate their homes making them less susceptible to flooding disasters. Raising homes above flood BFEs can be expensive and floodplain requirements for permitting tend deter lower income citizens from fixing their homes leaving them with deteriorating housing with each flood event. It would be nice to see more coordination between the City, County, and non-profits finding ways to aid those lower income families fix their homes and allow them to stay in their homes and build resiliency against flooding. Most of these lower income families cannot afford to start over and move out these flood prone areas. So, it would be nice to be able to offer some assistance to help them have sustainable affordable living environments.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City sent out Community Surveys to our local non-profit agencies, community organizations, other local government agencies, utility providers (including broadband providers), emergency management, flood plain administrators, and past subrecipients via email and gave a deadline of three weeks to complete the survey in order to gain input from all types of agencies. Any agency that the City needed to hear back from that did not respond within the three week time period received a follow up email.

Attempts were made to reach out to all agencies.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Mid-Coast Family Services	The goals of the Strategic Plan and the Continuum of Care (COC) must be coordinated to ensure all funding requirements are met as the Responsible Entity for the COC grant funding, reviews & the release of the funding.
The City of Victoria CDBG Analysis of Impediments	City of Victoria - Development Services - Planning Division	Barriers to affordable/fair housing opportunities from the AI were included in the Con Plan.
Golden Crescent Area Plan FY 2024-2025	Golden Crescent Regional Area Agency on Aging	Priority Needs and Goals
Victoria Broadband Improvement Study	Victoria Broadband Commission	This plan is used to improve broadband access and solve the challenges identified that exist in the City with gaining broadband access.
City of Victoria, Texas 2035 Comprehensive Plan	City of Victoria - Development Services - Planning Division	Market Conditions, Strategic Plan Goals, Priority Needs and Goals
Victoria Housing Authority Annual PHA Plan 2024	Victoria Housing Authority	Provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirement concerning the PHA operations, programs, and services.
Victoria, Texas 2045 Metropolitan Transportation P	City of Victoria - Development Services - Metropolitan Planning Organization	Updated every 5 years long-range transportation plan, which covers planning horizon of 25 years.
Emergency Operations Plan	Victoria County - City of Victoria	Outlines the county’s and city’s approach to emergency operations and provides general guidance for emergency management activities and an overview of methods of mitigations, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City consulted and coordinated with Sparklight and new broadband service providers coming into the City of Victoria as a result as the City's Broadband Survey conducted last September of 2021. The City spoke with Bill Reynolds, Senior Regional Engineer for the Sparklight. The City

discussed the new fiber broadband shelters they were developing within the City to begin their 3 phase project of laying broadband fiber lines throughout the City. The City anticipates with Sparklight coming into the City it will help bridge some of the broadband gap amongst the City and its citizens. Having an additional service provider will hopefully allow competition and bring in competitive more affordable prices to the citizens versus having a single provider who decides the pricing and can continue to raise the price as they were the only provider at the time. The City did attempt to put the consultation information with Sparklight in the above table, but kept receiving an error message when entering the information, to ensure it was included in the plan it has been added to this narrative.

Coordinated community, housing, and supportive services are provided through partnerships with government and quasi-governmental agencies, as well as respective planning efforts, such as those between the City and the Texas Homeless Network's Balance of State Continuum of Care (Tx BoS CoC) program to address homeless needs. The City works in collaboration with the Victoria Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Victoria Public Works Department, and the Victoria Parks and Recreation Department on implementing infrastructure improvements and park lighting projects to improve the lives of Victoria residents. The City of Victoria will continue to encourage building partnerships between governments, lenders, builders, developers, real estate professionals, and advocates for low-income persons. The City of Victoria will continue to work with the building industry, banking industry, real estate industry, social service providers, and other community groups to promote the development of affordable housing and related services.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The summarization of all citizen participation processes is exhibited and described in the following table. The City of Victoria is a member of the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent (formerly Victoria Area Homeless Coalition). A description of the Consolidated Plan is to identify the needs, describe the priorities and strategies, and to report specific demographics for the City of Victoria. The Public Service Agency and Public Facility workshop was held on March 7, 2024. The information presented gave the needed exposure to agencies that are not current recipients of CDBG funding. The at-risk homeless and homeless supportive services and facilities were identified in the Consolidated Plan as a high need and continue to be identified as a goal for the City of Victoria. Consultations were held with providers throughout the program year and individually during the year. CDBG staff provided information about the 2024 Annual Action Plan to the Southside Community Coalition, Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent, and Be Well Victoria during their July meetings to discuss the proposed 2024 Annual Action Plan and announce the recommended CDBG 202-2025 funding. On August 6, 2024, the final Public Hearing and resolution to adopt the CDBG Annual Action Plan was held for the formal adoption of the funding allocations. During the 30-day comment period, the draft plan was available at the Planning Office, Victoria Public Library, and on the City of Victoria's website for viewing and comments. All City Council meetings are televised, available via a link on the City's website, and aired on the cable access channel. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made to the City Secretary's office 48-hours prior to the City Council meeting. The City also has Telev15ion that shows all Planning Commission, City Council, and Parks Commission meetings. Also available are two (2) YouTube on-demand video channels: one channel shows all public meetings and the second channel shows all City Council meetings. All the City Manager's Reports, workshop, one-on-one consultations, public meetings, and public hearing are tools used to obtain citizen participation and input for the needs, objectives, and goals to determine the fifth year Annual Action Plan. Those priorities are then translated into the goals for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Public Service Agencies and Public Facilities	Newspaper ad for Notice of Funding for City of Victoria CDBG for Public Service Agencies and Public Facilities about upcoming March 2024 Public Service Agencies & Public Facilities Workshop and Meeting to apply for Plan Year 2024 funding.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Public Service Agencies and Public Facilities	Invitations sent via email, newspaper, and Internet to Public Service Agencies and Public Facilities about the March 7, 2024 Public Service Agencies & Public Facilities Pre-Application Workshop and Meeting to apply for Plan Year 2024 funding.	Questions were asked about documentation requirements for Public Service Activities. Attendees thanked City staff for providing updates/review of CDBG requirements.	All comments accepted.	N/A
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Community Partner Survey sent via email.	Refer to section AP-10 Consultation for responses.	All comments accepted.	N/A

4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community City Council and Mayor	City Council Meeting/Public Hearing June 4, 2024 for funding recommendations and public comments. Recommendations were presented for funding of public service activities, public facility projects, demolition, parks projects, and program administration. During the meeting, Council reviewed the recommendations and residents were given the opportunity to comment. PSA/PF representatives were present to encourage Council to approve funding.	1) Ginny Stafford, CEO of Mid-Coast Family Services, spoke about the impact the CDBG program has had on her program and the community as whole. Ginny asked Council to consider a grant for a resource center at Mid-Coast Family Services as part of the proposed CDBG grant allocation. Ginny offered accolades for the Development Services Department and how helpful they were, and she felt like they were truly partnering with her organization. 2) Jan Scott, City Council District 4 Representative, asked about the rental assistance public service activity presented in the budget recommendations.3) April Butler, City Council District 3 Representative, asked about using CDBG funds for public safety services and fire equipment.4) Steven Kidder, City Council District 2 Representative, asked for clarification of acronyms used in the CDBG program.	All comments accepted.	N/A
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Southside Coalition Public Meeting July 11, 2024 for funding	1) The question of how a city and county become eligible for CDBG funds was asked. CDBG staff	All comments accepted.	N/A

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			<p>recommendations and public comments. Recommendations were presented during the Open Forum portion of the meeting for funding of public service activities, public facility projects, demolition, parks projects, and program administration. During the meeting, attendees reviewed the recommendations and were given the opportunity to comment.</p>	<p>explained the requirements for a city and county to be eligible for CDBG funds. 2) A discussion was held about affordable housing needs in the City of Victoria. CDBG staff explained how they are currently using CDBG funds to help address the affordable housing needs in the City of Victoria through its Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program and its Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program for first-time home buyers.</p>		

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6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent Public Meeting July 25, 2024 for funding recommendations and public comments. Recommendations were presented during the New Items portion of the meeting for funding of public service activities, public facility projects, demolition, parks projects, and program administration. During the meeting, attendees reviewed the recommendations and were given the opportunity to comment.	No comments were made.	No comments were made.	N/A

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7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Be Well Victoria Coalition Public Meeting July 25, 2024 for funding recommendations and public comments. Recommendations were presented during the Open Discussion portion of the meeting for funding of public service activities, public facility projects, demolition, parks projects, and program administration. During the meeting, attendees reviewed the recommendations and were given the opportunity to comment.	1) Stephanie Bassham, community member, made the comment that it may be beneficial to see a nonprofit's operating budget vs. the amount of CDBG funds they are granted. 2) La Shaundra Harris, community member, asked for more information about the Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program for first-time home buyers. CDBG staff provided her with the necessary information.	All comments accepted.	N/A

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8	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Victoria Advocate Notice for 30-Day Public Comment period for 2024 Annual Action Plan. It was posted July 3, 2024. The 30-Day Public Comment Period was July 5, 2024 - August 5, 2024.	No comments were made.	No comments were made.	N/A
9	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Victoria Advocate Notice for Public Hearing for 2024 Annual Action Plan. It was posted on July 24, 2024.	No comments were made.	No comments were made.	N/A
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community City Council and Mayor	City Council Meeting/Public Hearing for Draft 2024 Annual Action Plan and public comments. Meeting was held August 6, 2024.	No comments were made.	No comments were made.	N/A

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

This year the City of Victoria (City) is anticipating a decrease in funding from HUD. The City is anticipating receiving \$551,333.00 in CDBG allocations for the 2024 Annual Action Plan program year. These funds will be used over Program Year 2024 and possibly subsequent program years should funds be available. The City will use these funds on CDBG eligible activities consistent with the goals and objectives identified in the 2020-2024 ConPlan. The CDBG funds will be used for housing and community development activities including, but not limited to, administration, parks projects, neighborhood programs, public services, public facilities, affordable housing, public improvements, and public

infrastructure. The City does not anticipate becoming an entitlement community for HOME, ESG, or additional funding during the next five years.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	551,333	0	0	551,333	0	Funds will be used according to the noted priorities to include Program Administration, Parks Projects, Neighborhood Programs, Public Services, and Public Facilities.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Victoria currently does not have a match requirement. The nonprofit organizations funded have additional financial capacity through foundations and fundraising campaigns. Federal funds provide these organizations with the opportunity to expand their services to benefit more low- and moderate-income persons.

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

The City owns land and property within its jurisdiction, which was acquired by the City's 1998 Flood Buyout program. Most of the property is located with the City's Southside and all are within the City's Floodplain. Based on the restrictions of the deeds, new home structures cannot be built on the property; however, the land could possibility be used as a park and/or recreational space. The community has expressed a need for a park and/or recreation space in City's Southside. The City is conducting research and exploring the idea of using buyout properties as a potential location for recreational opportunities within the next five-years. This future project would be used to help address one of the needs identified in the ConPlan.

The City is continuing the CDBG-DR Flood Buyout program. The purpose of this program is to provide relief for survivors affected by a natural disaster event while complying with all CDBG-DR requirements and addressing recognized impediments to fair housing choice as required under the Fair Housing Act. The CDBG-DR Flood Buyout program was funded \$2,441,508.00. The City received 15 applications as of June 2023. The amount of funds paid out by the General Land Office (GLO) to date is \$558,849.24. The CDBG-DR Flood Buyout program's anticipated completion date was October 31, 2023, but there have been several participants that have chosen to exit the program. As a result, the City has deobligated \$1,173,865.00. The City has extended the contract with the GLO to October 31, 2024.

The City is also looking to purchase tax-lien properties, in hopes of creating more affordable housing for its citizens. The purpose of this program would to be create more affordable housing within the City's limits with infill housing. The City plans on purchasing these tax-lien properties and offering developers incentives for building affordable housing for the city's citizens. The City will be utilizing general funds to make these purchases.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Program Administration	2020	2024	Program Administration	City of Victoria	Program Administration	CDBG: \$110,267	Other: 0 Other
2	Demolition and Clearance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Neighborhood Improvements	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria	Demolition	CDBG: \$25,000	Buildings Demolished: 3 Buildings
3	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Victoria Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria	Public Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$238,007	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Service Programs and Activities	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Victoria Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria	Children & Youth Services Subsistence Support Services Senior and/ or Disabled Services Homeless & At-Risk Homeless Prevention Services Abused & Neglected Children Mental Health & Wellness Services	CDBG: \$82,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 355 Persons Assisted
5	Public Park Improvements and Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria	Public Park Improvements and Development	CDBG: \$95,559	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4650 Persons Assisted Other: 3 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	The City will utilize 20% of Entitlement funds to plan, monitor, and administer CDBG eligible programs in compliance with HUD regulations.
2	Goal Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Goal Description	The City plans to fund demolition and clearance projects in LMI areas to address unsafe structures.
3	Goal Name	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Goal Description	The City plans on assisting 6 public facilities this program year.
4	Goal Name	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Goal Description	The City plans on assisting 11 public service agencies (355 persons assisted) this program year.
5	Goal Name	Public Park Improvements and Development
	Goal Description	The City plans on improving 3 city parks located in low- to moderate-income census block groups with solar lighting and sidewalks. The solar lighting and sidewalks are intended to improve the parks' safety and accessibility to the park. The new lighting and sidewalks will create a safe and sustainable environment for low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and encourage families to enjoy the park facility.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following programs were recommended by CDBG Staff to City Council for funding for the 2024 Annual Action Plan that runs from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. CDBG staff first presented their recommendations to Council on June 4, 2024. Council agreed with CDBG staff recommendations and gave the go ahead to move forward with the projects in the 2024 Annual Action Plan. CDBG staff asked for Council's final approval on August 6, 2024 at their regularly scheduled meeting. Council approved the final recommendation and gave CDBG staff the approval to submit to HUD for approval.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration (City of Victoria)
2	Demolition and Clearance
3	Public Park Improvements and Development - Solar Lighting and Sidewalks Project
4	Public Facility: Boys and Girls Club of Victoria - Roof Restoration
5	Public Facility: Home of Joseph Foundation - Outdoor Security
6	Public Facility: Hospice of South Texas - Dornburg Facility Laundry Room
7	Public Facility: Meals on Wheels South Texas - Parking Lot and Exterior Lighting
8	Public Facility: Mid-Coast Family Services - Day Center Industrial Kitchen and Laundry Facility
9	Public Facility: The Salvation Army - Kitchen Expansion
10	Public Service: Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach - Behavioral Interventions
11	Public Service: Boys and Girls Club of Victoria - After School and Summer Camp Programs
12	Public Service: Community Action Committee of Victoria - Rental Assistance Program
13	Public Service: Food Bank of Golden Crescent - Kids' Weekend Meal Program
14	Public Service: Golden Crescent CASA - A Volunteer for Every Child in Need
15	Public Service: Gulf Bend Center - Wellness Community
16	Public Service: Meals on Wheels South Texas - Home Delivered Meals
17	Public Service: Our Lady of Victory Conference of St. Vincent de Paul - FANN
18	Public Service: The Salvation Army - Community Transit and Taxi Assistance
19	Public Service: United Way - Community Connections Project
20	Public Service: VISD KIDZ Connection - Project Success

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City has made allocations for PY 2024 based upon the priorities set forth in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, citizen and community input, qualified applications for 2024-2025 Public Service Agency/Public Facility Funding, an analysis of prior years' budget and expenditures, and City Council direction. Additional factors that contributed to targeting funds to specific activities are: 1) The stated needs, analysis, and objectives in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2) Priorities stated in each program's solicitation and award guidelines, and 3) Compliance with HUD's CDBG Entitlement grants.

The City will continue to collaborate with regional organizations such as, the TX BoS CoC and other organizations in the Victoria area, to meet the needs of the community through its planned activities included in the 2024 Annual Action Plan and concerning homeless assistance, special needs services, community development, and public improvements.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information (Pages 52–64).

1	Project Name	Program Administration (City of Victoria)
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,266
	Description	City staff will provide technical assistance to funded projects and programs to ensure the appropriate use and documentation of funds. City staff will also monitor all projects and programs and report progress to HUD. The City will also perform all other administrative duties including but not limited to preparation of all environmental reviews, publication of required notices, drafting and submitting all Plans and supporting documentation to HUD; monitoring Davis Bacon and Related Acts compliance; monitoring for lead hazard compliance, further fair housing, and other activities to ensure compliance with all program requirements.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	City of Victoria
	Planned Activities	City staff will provide technical assistance to funded projects and programs to ensure the appropriate use and documentation of funds. City staff will also monitor all projects and programs and report progress to HUD. The City will also perform all other administrative duties including but not limited to preparation of all environmental reviews, publication of required notices, drafting and submitting all Plans and supporting documentation to HUD; monitoring Davis Bacon and Related Acts compliance; monitoring for lead hazard compliance, further fair housing, and other activities to ensure compliance with all program requirements.
2	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Demolition and Clearance
	Needs Addressed	Demolition

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Demolition and clearance of approximately 3 substandard structures within low- to moderate-income CDBG Block Groups. The clearance and demolition will help the City address neighborhood deterioration and allow neighborhood sustainability to occur. The program will be run on a first-come first-served basis. The City will determine which properties to demolish based on owner-occupied voluntary application for the service. The City will also take in consideration the recommendations of the City's Code Enforcement Division when choosing structures to demolish.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Demolition and clearance of approximately 3 substandard structures within low- to moderate-income CDBG Block Groups.
	Location Description	Scattered Sites – Located within the City of Victoria’s Low- to Moderate-income Census Block Groups.
	Planned Activities	Demolition and clearance of approximately 3 substandard structures within low- to moderate-income CDBG Block Groups. The clearance and demolition will help the City address neighborhood deterioration and allow neighborhood sustainability to occur. The program will be run on a first-come first-served basis. The City will determine which properties to demolish based on owner-occupied voluntary application for the service. The City will also take in consideration the recommendations of the City's Code Enforcement Division when choosing structures to demolish.
3	Project Name	Public Park Improvements and Development - Solar Lighting and Sidewalks Project
	Target Area	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Park Improvements and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Park Improvements and Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,560

	Description	Installing a total of six (6) solar lights within three (3) city parks located within CDBG eligible Census Block Groups. Two (2) solar lights will be installed in each of the following city parks: Brownson Park, Pine St. Park, and Meadowlane Park. Sidewalks will be installed at each park for safe connections between play structures within the parks.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 City Parks located within CDBG eligible Census Block Groups.
	Location Description	Brownson Park - 202 N Laurent St., Victoria, TX 77901 Pine St. Park - 802 E. Pine St., Victoria, TX 77901 Meadowlane Park - 3202 Meadowlane St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	Installing a total of six (6) solar lights within three city parks located within CDBG eligible Census Block Groups. Two (2) solar lights will be installed in each of the following city parks: Brownson Park, Pine St. Park, and Meadowlane Park. Sidewalks will be installed at each park for safe connections between play structures within the parks.
4	Project Name	Public Facility: Boys and Girls Club of Victoria - Roof Restoration
	Target Area	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$57,600
	Description	This public facility project will assist with restoring the roof at the Boy and Girls Club of Victoria.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Boys and Girls Club serves approximately up to 150 low- to moderate-income children annually and up to approximately 350 children throughout the school and summertime with after school care and summer camps.
	Location Description	202 Hopkins Street, Victoria, Texas 77901
	Planned Activities	Restoration of the roof at the Boys and Girls Club of Victoria facility at 202 Hopkins Street.

5	Project Name	Public Facility: Home of Joseph Foundation - Outdoor Security
	Target Area	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	This public facility project will assist with improving outdoor security at the Home of Joseph Foundation facility.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 abused and neglected children
	Location Description	807 E. Park Ave., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	Enhancement of outdoor security by installing a fence surrounding the facility with an automatic gate and outdoor lighting.
6	Project Name	Public Facility: Hospice of South Texas - Dornburg Facility Laundry Room
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,500
	Description	This public facility project will renovate an existing room for a laundry facility at Hospice of South Texas' location at 1005 Mallette Dr, Victoria, TX 77904.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	As of 2023, 751 Medicare patients, 18 Medicaid patients, 5 VA as payor source, and 23 self-pay patients (charity care). Total patients served in 2023: 852.
	Location Description	1005 Mallette Dr., Victoria, TX 77904
	Planned Activities	Installation, electrical, carpentry, and plumbing services for the renovation of an existing room to be utilized as a laundry facility.

7	Project Name	Public Facility: Meals on Wheels South Texas - Parking Lot and Exterior Lighting
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	This public facility project will help improve exterior lighting in the parking lots for Meals on Wheels South Texas and around the building to improve facility accessibility.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The parking lot facility will serve over 750+ individuals annually (Meals on Wheels South Texas staff, visitors, and volunteers).
	Location Description	603 E. Murray St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	To install exterior lighting in the parking lots and around the building at 603 E. Murray St.
8	Project Name	Public Facility: Mid-Coast Family Services - Day Center Industrial Kitchen and Laundry Facility
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$99,907
	Description	This public facility project will focus on the necessary plumbing and electrical work for an industrial kitchen and laundry facility.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Will assist approximately 177 unsheltered homeless individuals (total number of unsheltered homeless from 2023 homeless count).
	Location Description	2103 N. Depot St., Victoria, TX 77901

	Planned Activities	To provide the necessary plumbing and electrical work for an industrial kitchen and laundry facility at the Day Center.
9	Project Name	Public Facility: The Salvation Army - Kitchen Expansion
	Target Area	Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Rehabilitation and Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	This public facility project will help The Salvation Army double their storage capacity and allow the kitchen supervisor to expand on nutritious meal preparation.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18,000 LMI individuals yearly
	Location Description	1302 N. Louis St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	The Salvation Army’s kitchen expansion will connect the existing kitchen to the exterior walk-in freezer and new walk-in cooler box.
10	Project Name	Public Service: Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach - Behavioral Interventions
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Mental Health & Wellness Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach’s Behavioral Interventions Program provides individuals seeking treatment for substance use.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 LMI/presumed benefit clientele
	Location Description	802 E. Crestwood Dr., Victoria, TX 77901

	Planned Activities	The Behavioral Interventions Program includes the following activities: 1) contingency management therapy, 2) nicotine replacement therapy, and 3) rapid drug testing.
11	Project Name	Public Service: Boys and Girls Club of Victoria - After School and Summer Camp Programs
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Children & Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	Boys & Girls Club of Victoria provides after school and summer camp childcare for at-risk children and youth between the ages of 6-18.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 after school/summer camp LMI children/youth
	Location Description	202 Hopkins St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	The “Power Hour” program is an incentive, after school program that encourages youth to engage in homework and constructive activities and is offered Monday through Thursday for one hour after school and is facilitated August Through May. The “Summer Camp” program is structured to engage youth in a variety of constructive activities during the months of June through August.
12	Project Name	Public Service: Community Action Committee of Victoria - Rental Assistance Program
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Subsistence Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,500
	Description	CACV's Rental Assistance Program serves low- to moderate-income individuals and/or families with subsistence rental payments for a period of up to three months.
	Target Date	9/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 LMI Individuals
	Location Description	4007 Halsey St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	The CACV’s Rental Assistance Program will assist 10 LMI individuals with subsistence rental payments for a period of up to three months.
13	Project Name	Public Service: Food Bank of Golden Crescent - Kids' Weekend Meal Program
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Children & Youth Services Homeless & At-Risk Homeless Prevention Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Food Bank Backpack Program serves provides kid-friendly food packs to elementary children from low-income and/or homeless families on weekends and during holidays when school is not in session to ensure kids are receiving the nutrients they need when school is not in session.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 At-Risk homeless/homeless/low-to moderate income Children/Backpack Meals
	Location Description	801 S. Laurent St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	The Food Bank’s Kids' Weekend Meal Program will distribute backpacks (or family rescue box) to 50 at-risk elementary-age children in City of Victoria schools during the 2024-2025 school year. The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent will collect documentation to show that children receiving the backpacks are from low-income families and qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch in the City of Victoria.
14	Project Name	Public Service: Golden Crescent CASA - A Volunteer for Every Child in Need
	Target Area	City of Victoria

	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Abused & Neglected Children
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	The CASA Volunteer for Every Child in Need's program serves children in the foster care system after being removed from abusive home situation.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 abused and/or neglected children who have been remove from their homes and are awaiting hearing in the court.
	Location Description	101 W. Goodwin Ave., Ste. 426, Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	The CASA Volunteer for Every Child in Need program serves children in the foster care system. Funds will support staffing needs for caseworkers. The caseworkers will recruit, train, and retain community members to become CASA volunteers to be appointed Guardian Ad Litem for 20 foster children in the City of Victoria.
15	Project Name	Public Service: Gulf Bend Center - Wellness Community
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Mental Health & Wellness Services Senior and/ or Disabled Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Gulf Bend Center's Wellness Community serves disabled adults, children, adolescents, veterans, and homeless individuals, all of whom are experiencing chronic mental illness and co-occurring medical conditions.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 LMI individuals with co-occurring diagnoses
	Location Description	1009 N. Nimitz St., Victoria, TX 77901

	Planned Activities	The Wellness Community serves disabled adults/children/adolescents, veterans, and homeless individuals, all of whom are experiencing chronic mental illness and co-occurring medical conditions. The funding will help support facilitating on-site services through subsidized rent and provide overall programmatic support for 10 individuals that are housed at the “Wellness Community” in the City of Victoria.
16	Project Name	Public Service: Meals on Wheels South Texas - Home Delivered Meals
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Senior and/ or Disabled Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Meals on Wheels South Texas Home Delivered Meals program is a meal delivery service for residents who are homebound, seniors, and/or severely disabled individuals.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 LMI senior/disabled individuals
	Location Description	603 E. Murray St., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	The Meals on Wheels South Texas Home Delivered Meals program is a meal delivery program will serve meals to 3 individuals Monday-Friday. Subrecipient will provide each individual with one (1) hot meal and a daily visit five days a week.
17	Project Name	Public Service: Our Lady of Victory Conference of St. Vincent de Paul - FANN
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Subsistence Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	OLV-SVPD's Financial Assistance to our Neighbors in Need (FANN) aims to serve a genuine need in the community: to assist with utility payments for low- to moderate-income individuals and families.

	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 LMI individuals and/or families
	Location Description	1508 E. Airline Rd., Victoria, TX 77901
	Planned Activities	OLV-SVPD's Financial Assistance to our Neighbors in Need (FANN) program will assist LMI individuals and families with utility payments, for up to three months, to prevent cutoff of service.
18	Project Name	Public Service: The Salvation Army - Community Transit and Taxi Assistance
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Senior and/ or Disabled Services Homeless & At-Risk Homeless Prevention Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Community Transit and Taxi Assistance program will help clients of the Salvation Army's Life Enrichment Center (LEC) with transportation for job searching, job interviews, employment, medical appointments, personal basic needs, grocery shopping, applying for transitional housing, attending GED classes at the Victoria College Continuing Education Center, and attending short-term training classes at the Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 LMI individuals
	Location Description	1306 N. Louis St., Victoria, TX 77901

	Planned Activities	The Salvation Army will purchase transportation vouchers and distribute the vouchers to Life Enrichment Center (LEC) clients (homeless individuals, disabled individuals, the elderly, and those who are under served) enrolled in comprehensive case management. The Salvation Army will keep documentation of which clients use the vouchers and how clients used the vouchers (job searching, job interviews, employment, medical appointments, personal basic needs, grocery shopping, applying for transitional housing, attending GED classes at the Victoria College Continuing Education Center, and attending short-term training classes at the Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex, etc.).
19	Project Name	Public Service: United Way - Community Connections Project
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Mental Health & Wellness Services Homeless & At-Risk Homeless Prevention Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The United Way will have Community Health Workers assist clientele with finding programs and/or benefits that provide assistance to those in need and help provide quality of life.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	22 LMI individuals/presumed benefit clientele
	Location Description	104 S. William St., Victoria, TX 77901
Planned Activities	Funding for Community Health Workers to help those in need find programs and/or assistance to help with quality of life.	
20	Project Name	Public Service: VISD KIDZ Connection - Project Success
	Target Area	City of Victoria
	Goals Supported	Public Service Programs and Activities
	Needs Addressed	Children & Youth Services Homeless & At-Risk Homeless Prevention Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000

Description	VISD KIDZ Connection's Project Success is a mentoring program designated to address the need of at-risk, homeless students by removing barriers that impeded their ability to be academically successful.
Target Date	9/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 homeless children
Location Description	3002 E. North St., Victoria, TX 77901
Planned Activities	VISD KIDZ Connection will use funds to provide a paraprofessional mentor for the Victoria ISD KIDZ Connection homeless assistance program. The mentor will be dedicated to helping elementary homeless students to enroll, attend, and succeed in school by ensuring that students' basic and academic needs are met. The mentor will act as a liaison connecting other school staff with understanding of students' current and most urgent needs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City will target the CDBG Census Block Groups located within the city limits where the neighborhood populations are majority low- to moderate-income individuals and households. However, the City will also focus on low- to moderate-income individuals and households throughout the City of Victoria.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Victoria	59
Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups in the City of Victoria	41

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

During the course of the five planning years from 2020 through 2024, the City of Victoria intends on distributing CDBG funds throughout the City based on a variety of factors including the following: the level of need, the capacity to meet needs, and to remain in compliance with HUD rules and regulations on area boundaries. Therefore, funds will be available citywide, although they may be targeted to LMI areas of high need during subsequent plan years.

Discussion

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Annual Action Plan must specify goals in the tables below for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households supported within the program year and the number of households supported through rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, and acquisition of existing units.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	10
Special-Needs	0
Total	10

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City will keep their First-Time Homeownership Down Payment and/or Closing Cost Assistance program open from PY23 since there are still funds available. The City will also be working to complete the Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation program from PY23. Households have been identified and their qualifications have been verified for the Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation program.

The City’s programs meet the Affordable Housing definition at 24 CFR 92.254 (b) and (e) Qualification as affordable housing: Rehabilitation not involving acquisition and Providing homeownership assistance through lenders.

The City will provide homeownership assistance through for-profit or nonprofit lending institutions that provide the first mortgage loan to a low-income family. The City’s program will be formatted with a written agreement between the City and the lender with a specified amount of assistance being provided to assist the family and the conditions that apply to the homeowner assistance program. The

City will verify the family receiving is low-income and inspect the housing for compliance with property standards. The City will ensure in fees and/or other amounts charged to the family receiving assistant are reasonable.

The City's Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation program is designed to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing for those low- to moderate-income individuals/households. The program will meet the definition as it will require those applying for assistance to show proof of ownership of the home and that it is their primary residence. The rehabilitation is not intended to increase the property value of the home rather to ensure the home is sustainable and suitable for living. Examples of rehabilitation projects would be replacing old roofs; weatherization of the home to increase energy efficiency; replacement of broken doors and windows; addition of ADA ramps and rails to allow safe access to the home; ADA rails in the bathroom for assistance.

For PY24, the City is funding Community Action Committee of Victoria's Rental Assistance Program. This program plans to assist 10 LMI individuals/households with rental assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Victoria Housing Authority (VHA) was created for the purpose of administering federal housing programs for low-income families. The VHA operates under a HUD Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) which requires submittal of Board Approved PHA 5-Year Plan and subsequent Annual Plans. The operations of the VHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). VHA operates independent of the City of Victoria, is federally funded, and does not receive any local funding unless applied for. VHA is overseen by a five-member Board of Commissioners who are responsible for operating their public housing projects in compliance with the ACC and applicable regulations and procedural requirements. The ACC requires Public Housing Authorities to operate their housing properties solely for the purpose of providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing within the financial reach of lower income families in such a manner as to promote serviceability, efficiency, economy, and stability.

The VHA operates 321 public housing units within nine communities, located in various parts of the City of Victoria. VHA has completed modernization of 38 units which are ready and added back to occupancy. An additional 21 units have been removed from occupancy with the intent to complete modernization by the end of 2024. The Housing Authority is not able to increase the number of public housing units, as these are set by the Faircloth Limit. There is an active and open waiting list for public housing, totaling 377 families: 196 for a 1-bedroom, 102 for a 2-bedroom, 64 for a 3-bedroom and 15 for a 4- bedroom. VHA administers 354 Housing Choice Vouchers (also known as Section 8) and 5 Stabilization Vouchers, which allow very low- and extremely low-income families to rent privately owned homes or apartments within the community. There is an active and open waiting list for Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) with 536 families currently on the waiting list. Additionally, VHA also administers other special housing programs designed to assist specific demographic groups, such as families who are elderly and/or families with disabilities.

As part of the 5-Year Plan, housing authorities reach out to members of their programs for involvement and insight over policy and unit modifications, also known as a Resident Advisory Board. For Fiscal Year 2024, VHA had a small Resident Advisory Board. In preparation for Fiscal Year 2025, VHA is working with several residents who have shown great interest in being part of the Board for the upcoming Annual Plan meeting later this year.

Victoria Housing Authority also has two non-profit housing corporations, which own and operate affordable apartment units. The Victoria Affordable Housing Corporation owns the Landing Apartments which has 100 units, 35 that operate under an affordable housing program; and the remaining 65 are market rate. The Victoria Affordable Housing Corporation #2 (VAHC2) owns Thomas Ninke Senior Village which consists of 80 units that are run under the tax credit program. VAHC2 also owns North Street

Apartments which consist of 12 units that are affordable rental rates.

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

Based on the Annual Plan 2024, VHA is currently working with a consultant to move forward with repositioning. The process will include identifying physical needs of the units, along with testing for physical obsolescence, with the intent to move forward with public housing conversion options. Once the repositioning strategy is defined, VHA will partner with other entities and/or developers to embrace the redevelopment efforts.

VHA is also looking at repositioning options and possible conversion of some public housing to Tenant Based Assistance and may decide to operate a Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program. VHA has designated, or applied for approval to designate, some public housing units for occupancy by elderly families and/or families with disabilities.

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

Victoria Housing Authority understands communities and families are strengthened through homeownership. While the authority does not currently have a homeownership program, it is something they are looking into possibly doing.

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

Victoria Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The Victoria Housing Authority is committed to aiding as many families as possible and is open to utilizing different funding opportunities available through HUD. The Victoria Housing Authority has two private corporations that offer affordable housing to low-income families. The housing authority's corporations are interested in exploring options to acquire property to develop additional affordable housing units. However, there are no immediate plans or current projects currently.

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

Introduction

The topic of homelessness continues to gain attention in the City of Victoria. City Council and the community appear to be split on how the City should address homelessness in the city. The City will continue to participate in the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent. The Coalition is made up of numerous state, regional, and local non-profits, educational institutions, veteran aid agencies, housing authority, and local governmental bodies. Being a member of the Coalition allows the City the opportunity to collaborate with agencies on developing solutions on how to help the City's homeless population. The City is able to gain insight and a better understanding of the homeless population's needs. The City will continually support the Coalition and the agencies that serve the homeless population and provide services to prevent homelessness. The City anticipates using CDBG funds when available to support homeless services and homeless prevention services. If funds are not available, the City will look at alternative ways to collaborate with these agencies such as waiver of fees, in-kind services, or professional services.

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

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

City staff officially participate in the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent, including the City Manager's Office, Development Services - Planning and CDBG Staff, and the Victoria Police Department.

City staff participate in the Point-in-Time count for the City of Victoria every year. The Point-in-Time Count is performed under the leadership of the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent along with Mid-Coast Family Services, the area's local Continuum of Care recipient located here in Victoria. The Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent's mission is to unite community efforts comprehensively to prevent and address homelessness and to educate the community about it as an issue. These organizations currently recommend services and seek resources for those in need.

The City of Victoria is not covered under the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care run by the Texas Homeless Network. However, Mid-Coast Family Services does qualify for the Continuum of Care funds provided through HUD. City staff consulted with both Mid-Coast Family Services and THN in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan in 2020 and received information from THN for this Action Plan. Mid-Coast Family Services discussed the 2024 Point-in-Time count number with THN. The Point-in-Time count numbers for 2024 contained too many errors to be considered valid. Mid-Coast Family Services informed the City that 2023 Point-in-Time numbers will be utilized.

Using CDBG entitlement funds, the City will continue to support local service agencies that serve the

homeless population and provide services to prevent homelessness. The City plans to support, through public service funds, programs such as United Way of the Crossroads' Community Connections Project, which utilizes Community Health Workers to assist homeless and at-risk homeless clientele with finding programs and/or benefits that provide a better quality of life, and the Salvation Army's Community Transit and Taxi Assistance program, which will help clients of the Salvation Army's Life Enrichment Center (LEC) with transportation for job searching, job interviews, employment, medical appointments, personal basic needs, grocery shopping, applying for transitional housing, attending GED classes at the Victoria College Continuing Education Center, and attending short-term training classes at the Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex. The City will also use public service funds to assist the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent in providing children and families who are experiencing homelessness with backpacks that have snacks with essential nutrients needed to help school-age children with everyday challenges and VISD KIDZ Connection in providing a mentor to address the need of at-risk, homeless students by removing barriers that impeded their ability to be academically successful. The City also plans to support, through public facility funds, projects such as Mid-Coast of Family Service's Day Center industrial kitchen and laundry facility to expand the center's offerings individuals experiencing homelessness and the Salvation Army's kitchen expansion.

The City will continue to be a member of the Homeless Coalition of the Golden Crescent to assist with continued communication efforts between the City, local services agencies that serve the homeless population, and the homeless population. Also, the City takes part in the Point-in-Time count every January. This gives City staff the opportunity to directly reach out and interact with the City's homeless population and gain a better understanding of their needs. The City attends various neighborhood coalition meetings made up of community members, including those who may be experiencing homeless or have experienced homelessness in the past. These community meetings give the City the opportunity to gain feedback on the needs of the homeless population.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In the past, the City has partnered with local non-profits on public facility projects to remodel and expand existing emergency shelters and transitional housing. The City will continue to collaborate with non-profits who seek public facilities funds to create, rehabilitate, or expand emergency shelters and transitional housing. The City understands there is a need for a woman's and family emergency shelter, as there is currently only a men's emergency shelter. The Salvation Army houses the men's shelter in Victoria and currently only has one room for a family that is usually limited on the length they can stay. They currently do not house any women on an emergency basis.

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

recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City will continue to collaborate with agencies such as Mid-Coast Family Services, The Salvation Army, Promise Pointe, and Perpetual Help Home, which provide services to homeless individuals transitioning back into permanent housing.

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

The City will also be supporting a mental health agency, who assist mentally disabled individuals who may have been experiencing homelessness transition back into normal living environment and gain self-sufficient life skill qualities.

Discussion

The City of Victoria will continue to provide CDBG funding to assist with the homeless and special needs population when available. If funds are unavailable, the City will explore other forms of assistance it can provide to address the needs of the City's homeless and special needs population.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Housing affordability is a key component to the quality of life of the City of Victoria’s residents. Several factors create barriers to affordable housing, which HUD defines as no more than 30% of a household’s gross annual income is spent on housing, including utilities. A housing cost burden exists when the household’s housing costs exceeds 30% of their income. The City has identified the following Impediments to Fair Housing (AI): • a lack of affordability and insufficient income; • a lack of public awareness of fair housing rights; • limited resources to assist lower income, elderly and indigent homeowners maintain their homes and stability in neighborhoods; • Insufficient income for the local cost of housing; • Additional affordable rentals for residents earning less than \$25,000; • Starter homes and family homes priced near or below \$200,000 and increased ownership product diversity; and • Improve condition and accessibility of existing housing stock.

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

The City continues to explore ways to remove barriers to affordable housing. The City currently offers residents a Sidewalk Agreement and Covenant allowing them to develop their residential property without having to install a sidewalk, which is required for all new developments. The City also provides residents an option to apply for deed approval when developing new residential structures in lieu of platting if they meet the added requirements for deed approval. The City is in the middle of drafting their new Unified Development Ordinance and is taking such barriers into consideration and considering ways to lessen those barriers. Additionally, the City’s Housing Finance Corporation is actively working on the development of affordable rental units within the City of Victoria. The affordable housing, multi-family apartment complex known as Enchanted Gardens is currently leasing their approximately 180 affordable rental units. The City anticipates breaking ground on a second affordable housing multi-family apartment complex which would bring approximately 61 new rental units during Plan Year 2024.

Discussion:

During the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Program Year, the City plans to address some of the barriers to affordable housing. The City plans on continuing its Down Payment and/or Closing Cost Assistance Program. This program will assist low- to moderate-income citizens, who qualify for mortgage loan to become homeowners, with either down payment assistance and/or closing costs to ensure they qualify for their loan. This program will help provide sustainability to those low- to moderate-income individuals by assisting them in obtaining more permanent housing. This program will look to help one barrier to affordable housing. The City plans on reestablishing its Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program. This program will assist citizens in maintaining their home, making it sustainable for a longer period. It

will also help lower income citizens make the much-needed repairs to their home, which otherwise would not have the means to do so. The City is also, planning to continue its demolition program, which assists citizens in demolishing substandard structures located in CDBG block groups areas, allowing for redevelopment of the land for new residential structures. Although this program will not eliminate the barriers to affordable housing, it will make more homes affordable and accessible to low- and moderate-income families. This program addresses neighborhood deterioration. The City hopes to present information on our Down Payment and/or Closing Cost Assistance Program that will be available to low- to moderate-income, first-time homebuyers and our Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation program to low- to moderate-income homeowners.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section will describe the City of Victoria’s (City) plan to use 2024 program funds to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The most significant challenge to meeting underserved needs in the coming year will be meeting the increased need for program activities with a limited amount of funding. To overcome this significant challenge, the City will work more efficiently, seek a higher level of collaboration with other agencies and organizations, and aggressively seek opportunities to leverage CDBG funds.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City emphasizes seeing that decent, safe, affordable housing is available for low-income residents to the most significant extent possible. Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units is a high priority, as these efforts preserve affordable housing units and allow struggling residents to retain their home. Rehabilitation is particularly crucial for extremely low-income and elderly homeowners and may serve to prevent homelessness. The City will continue to use demolition funds to help improve the sustainability in CDBG Low- to Moderate-Income Census Block Groups. The demolition program allows for the demolition of substandard structures in those Block Groups allowing the potential of new residential structures to be built in their place, creating more sustainability for not only the new homeowner but the neighborhood as well. The City has begun to work with private developers and its own non-profit affordable housing corporation to collaborate on bringing more affordable apartments to the area by utilizing tax credits.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will provide a copy of the “Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home” and “The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right” booklets (also available in Spanish) as well as technical assistance to those households applying for assistances. Homes constructed prior to 1978 must pass a lead hazard evaluation inspection and submitted to the City prior to assistance. The City is also working on coordination with Victoria County Health Department on identifying lead-based paint hazards and the effects and impacts on low- to moderate-income families and individuals in hopes accomplishing better

education, programs, or solutions for being impacted by lead-based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue to support programs that expand anti-poverty programs for both low-income families as well as families which may be threatened with poverty through homeless prevention strategies. The City recognizes that the core of many social and housing problems relates to poverty. The objective of poverty reduction requires programming for broad areas, including increased accessibility of resources, job training and placement, public services, education, and necessary skills development. It is only through comprehensive, coordinated strategies that nurture skills and provide opportunities to gain and retain employment and thus improve the quality of life that people can improve their situation. Because the nature of poverty is complex and multi-faceted, the City will continue to allocate some CDBG funds for services to very low-income households. Research shows that some of these services may have a direct impact on lowering the poverty rate for family households.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has identified gaps in institutional structure for implementing the Consolidated Plan and methods to enhance coordination among housing agencies and social service providers. These gaps include a lack of sufficient resources, limited coordination between service providers, and the difficulty of social service agencies in obtaining Victoria-specific data. The gap in the institutional structure and service delivery system in Victoria was identified as the need for more and better information sharing among agencies and organizations that provide services. The City will suggest offering collaboration meeting times for applicants during the annual grant application workshop. The City continues to seek new partners and to enhance relationships with existing partners in City departments and social service agencies to improve and better coordinate the delivery of programs and services. The City will seek opportunities to leverage the limited available resources.

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

The City will continue to seek partnerships and to exchange information with local public service providers and economic development organizations by reaching out to meet with various organizations throughout the program year. The City is assisting with setting up meetings where the public housing organizations, private housing landlords, municipalities, United Way, and social service organizations can discuss the housing access obstacles facing persons with Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly Section 8) and VA housing vouchers. Housing inventory is down, and demand is up resulting in a dramatic increase in local rents. Renting to individuals without the added government paperwork is preferable to

most landlords. This program is trying to build paths for housing voucher holders to secure housing.

Discussion:

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

HUD has allocated \$551,333 in CDBG Entitlement funds to the City of Victoria (City) for Program Year 2024-2025. The City of Victoria has not implemented or funded any activities or projects with CDBG funds that will generate program income. The City does not expect any program income this program year.

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

Discussion:

The City does not plan to spend any of its CDBG Entitlement funding on urgent need activities this program year.

The City plans on continuing using 80% of its entitlement to fund programs and project benefiting low-to moderate-income individuals and households, while using the other 20% for its program administration. Should the City not use its full 20% administration, it will reprogram the funds into the next year to fund low- to moderate-income families and households with CDBG eligible activities.