



# El Paso County, Colorado

## 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

*The 2023 Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive strategic plan to support the goals of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administration for the 2023 program year.*

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## Executive Summary

### AP-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.22(b)

**1. Introduction**

**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.

**3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

**4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

**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.

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

**7. Summary**



## 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
Lead Agency	El Paso County	Economic Development
CDBG Administrator	El Paso County	Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative (optional)

El Paso County’s Economic Development Department is the CDBG Administrator for this program. Contact information is listed below:

#### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Any residents or agencies interested in learning more about our Consolidated Plan have access to the plan online at [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com) and in person at our office located in downtown Colorado Springs at 9 E Vermijo Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Note this location is open during normal business hours, five days a week, is ADA-accessible, and open to the public.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

The County, through its Economic Development Department and CDBG staff, will act as the lead agency for the El Paso County CDBG program and for the development of the 2023 Annual Action Plan. El Paso County's housing and community development strategies are only feasible through the variety of public, private, and nonprofit organizations that work collaboratively in our region. Throughout the Annual Action Plan, lists of actual and potential partners for the CDBG program are mentioned as they play key roles in delivering and managing housing and community development programs throughout the County.

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(l))

As the lead agency, the administration of the CDBG program is performed by the El Paso County Economic Development Department. The program is administered with other local governments, nonprofit agencies, and both public and private entities. This department also provides technical assistance to nonprofits and other local governments that receive CDBG funds from the County. The County is dedicated to taking the appropriate steps, within HUD guidelines, to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and requirements. All public and assisted housing providers, governmental health, mental health, and service nonprofit agencies are invited to participate in our annual action planning process and apply for funding on an annual basis. Not all organizations choose to participate, which may be due in part to the fifteen percent cap on public services. Insights and consultations with these organizations are described in detail later in AP-10.

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.

Randi Davis, Housing Analyst at the El Paso County Economic Development Department, serves on the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care board. As a member, she works to create the 3-year Strategic Plan to make homelessness in our community rare, brief, and nonrecurring. This community-wide group meets monthly to review goals and objectives and to create a flexible fund that leverages existing funding sources, such as CDBG. This support can be crucial to nonprofit agencies as they build their programs and services.

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

Currently, El Paso County does not receive ESG funds. With Economic Development staff on our local COC Board, we are quickly able to see any issues with the funding and operation of the HMIS system. Staff can provide technical assistance and support if necessary.





**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**

<b>1</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Another Life Foundation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Health Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
<b>2</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bring It Home, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Employment Veteran Services
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
<b>3</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Brothers Redevelopment did express appreciation for the information and attended two of our application cycle meetings for updated information on our program. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our agencies.
<b>4</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Calhan Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Ashley Deanne, head of the agency, attended our January 11, 2023 public meeting. The Calhan Housing Authority and El Paso County CDBG program continue to enjoy a strong working relationship.
<b>5</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CASA of the Pikes Peak Region
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Onnastasia Cole with CASA attended our January 13,



	<b>consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	2023 public meeting. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CENTRO de la Familia
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Colorado Springs
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community development. Additionally, we meet several times a year to discuss emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research we have found.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Fountain
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - City
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Carl Spengler with the City of Fountain attended our January 11, 2023 public meeting. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Manitou Springs
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CDAB – Community Development Advisory Board
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs



		<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless          Homeless Needs - Families with children          Homelessness Needs - Veterans          Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth          Homelessness Strategy          Non-Homeless Special Needs          Market Analysis          Economic Development          Anti-poverty Strategy          Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	<p>Housing Need Assessment          Public Housing Needs          Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless          Homeless Needs - Families with children          Homelessness Needs - Veterans          Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth          Homelessness Strategy          Non-Homeless Special Needs          Market Analysis          Economic Development          Anti-poverty Strategy          Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	<p>The Community Development Advisory Board is the all-volunteer board that reviews and recommends CDBG applications to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval. The volunteers reviewed the 2023 program year applications in February and March of 2023. Their recommendations are included in the Annual Action Plan and were brought to the Board of County Commissioners during a regularly scheduled meeting for approval.</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CPCD (Community Partnership for Child Development)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	<p>Services-Education          Child Welfare Agency</p>
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	<p>Homeless Needs - Families with children          Non-Homeless Special Needs          Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	<p>This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.</p>
<b>12</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	El Paso County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	<p>Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers          Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide          Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas          Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources          Agency - Emergency Management          Other government - County</p>
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Resilience/Emergency management/Broadband
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	<p>Consultation with El Paso County Public Works, Community Services, Emergency Management, and Public Health departments is ongoing for our program as we stay in communication regarding floodplain/wetland issues and major improvements to public lands and natural resources. Greg Stachon with the Community Services Department attended our January 11, 2023 public meeting.</p>



		El Paso County has also developed a regional emergency management system that continues to grow and respond proactively to potential threats. Our program also had the opportunity to review the Pikes Peak Regional Emergency Management Plan. Additionally, we consulted with the Broadband Strategic Plan to assess how our funding can support broadband during this year.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	El Paso County Economic Development
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	El Paso County's Economic Development Department is responsible for the administration of the entitlement funding from HUD for the CDBG program. As such, this office is heavily involved and consulted during all plan preparations.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	El Paso County Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The El Paso County Housing Authority was consulted several times during the preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan. While the Authority remains focused on providing access to homeownership through the Turnkey Program, the CDBG program will remain committed to maintaining already existing homeownership and assisting senior residents with aging in place. Randi Davis, staff liaison to the Housing Authority, also attended the 2023 Annual Action Plan public meetings.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Envida
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services- Transportation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Gail Nehls with Envida attended our public meeting on January 13, 2023. Envida's continued collaboration and participation in our program continues to be an excellent resource for information on transportation issues in rural El Paso County. Additionally, Gail Nehls & Segan





		Falconer attended our AAP Webinar #1, in-person, asking questions pertaining to the EPC CDBG timeline.
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Fountain Valley Senior Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services- Transportation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. We reached out to the Senior Center for collaboration on Fair Housing initiatives, and they hosted our Fair Housing event in April 2023. We hope continued collaboration helps bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Employment Veteran Services
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services- Transportation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Economic Development staff reached out to PPACG about Fair Housing resources specifically for the local senior population. They provided several Yellow Books for Seniors. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pikes Peak Housing Network
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Economic Development staff attend monthly meetings for the Network to hear specifically about workforce housing initiatives. We hope continued participation will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pikes Peak Library District
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy



	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies. We continue to collaborate with the PPLD by using their meeting spaces throughout the county for our public meetings.
21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pikes Peak United Way
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Services-Education Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Silver Key Senior Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services- Transportation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Solid Rock Community Development Corporation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. On March 31, 2023 Ben Anderson & Cynthia Camble attended Public Hearing #1 remotely, asking questions regarding timeline start dates. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Special Kids/Special Families
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Linda Ellegard with Special Kids Special Families attended our January 11, 2023 public meeting. It is our hope to continue to collaborate in the future.
25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The Place
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Young Adults Services-Persons with Disabilities Services- Transportation



	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. It is not known if the agency took advantage of this invitation to view materials online, but we hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Town of Calhan
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research we have found.

27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Town of Green Mountain Falls
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research we have found.
28	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Town of Monument
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Our respective agencies share resources and each other's contact information with new agencies in the area that are interested in community development. Additionally, our agencies meet several times a year to discuss emerging issues within the region, as well as any relevant data or research we have found.
29	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Town of Ramah



	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
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30	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Trails and Open Space Coalition – TOSC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Aaron Rogers with TOSC attended our January 11, 2023 public meeting. It is hoped that in the future we can continue to collaborate.
31	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Tri-Lakes Cares
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Julie Brown with Tri-Lakes Cares attended our January 13, 2023 public meeting. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.
32	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Westside Cares
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services - Children Services - Elderly Persons Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Health Services - Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was invited to participate in all public meetings. Invitations were sent out in a mass email. Kristy Milligan, CEO of Westside Cares, phoned our offices on January 12, 2023 to make sure we are aware of the need for rental assistance in the community. We hope that continued invitations to participate will bolster a stronger partnership between our respective agencies.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated





**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

All agencies within the Pikes Peak region were welcome to comment and submit a suggestion, and no organizations were categorically or singularly excluded. If an agency did not participate, it was of their own volition and not through any selective exclusion.

**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	Community Health Partnership	Both agencies seek to end homelessness in the Pikes Peak region. Shared tactics include the support of the rapid transition from unsheltered to permanent supportive housing, as well as preventative measures to act as safety nets for persons at high risk of entering homelessness for the first time or returning to it.
Pikes Peak Regional Emergency Management Plan	Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management	The PPROEM plan covers a variety of environmental, chemical, and other hazards and the plans associated with potential emergencies in the area. The PPROEM goal to develop a resilient community overlaps with our program's goals to build resilient, self-sufficient communities.
El Paso County Broadband Strategic Plan	El Paso County	The Broadband Strategic Plan focuses on current broadband access in El Paso County as well as methods and strategies to expand it. A review of this document has helped our program identify the importance of aligning infrastructure upgrades with opportunities to expand broadband. Staff continues to meet with local municipalities to gauge interest in expanding broadband access.

Table 3 – Other local/regional/federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional)**



**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

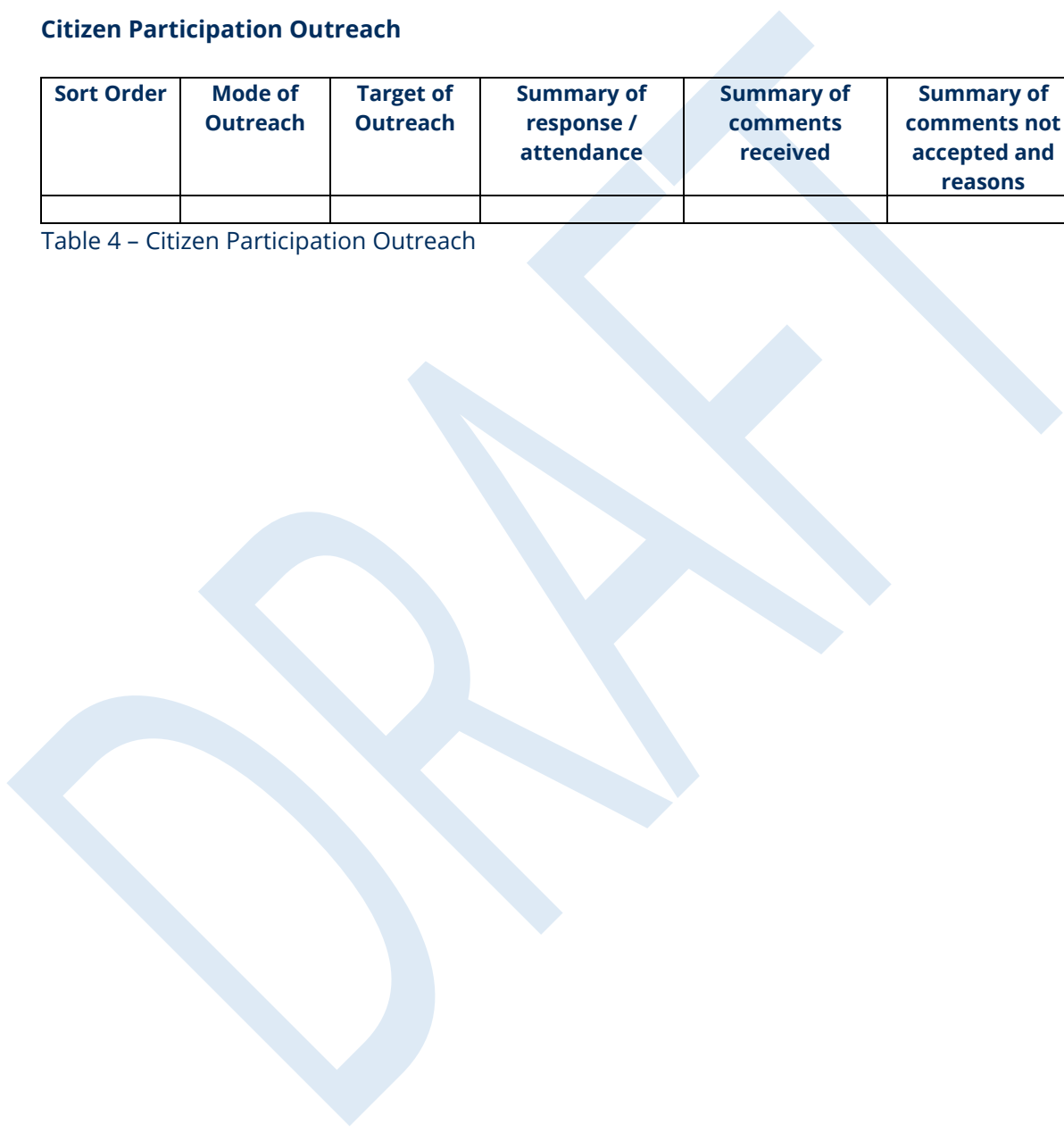
**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

**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)

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach





## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

#### 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: \$		

Table 1 – Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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

#### Discussion



## 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	Housing Goal 1 (H1)	2022	2026	Affordable Housing		H1 Transportation Needs		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons assisted
2	Housing Goal 2 (H2)	2022	2026	Affordable Housing		H2 Housing Rehabilitation Needs		Homeowner Houses Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Units
3	Housing Goal 3 (H3)	2022	2026	Affordable Housing		H3 Fair Housing Education Needs		Other: 2 Other
4	Homelessness Goal 1 (HM1)	2022	2026	Homeless		HM1 Homelessness Needs		Homelessness Prevention: 100 Persons Assisted
5	Special Needs Goal 1 (SN1)	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs		SN1 Special Needs (Housing)		Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
6	Special Needs Goal 2 (SN2)	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs		SN2 Special Needs (ADA)		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons assisted
7	Special Needs Goal 3 (SN3)	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs		SN3 Special Needs (Special Needs Populations)		Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons assisted
8	Community Development Goal 1 (CD1)	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development		CD1 Improve Infrastructure		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons assisted
9	Community Development Goal 2 (CD2)	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development		CD2 Improve Facilities		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons assisted
10	Community Development Goal 3 (CD3)	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development		CD3 Expand Economic Opportunities		Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40 Persons Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary





**Goal Descriptions**

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing 1 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Envida - Access to Health and Other Services for Rural Seniors intends to provide transportation services for 754 eligible seniors living in rural areas of El Paso County.
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing 2 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Brothers Redevelopment - Homeowner Rehabilitation Program intends to provide emergency and accessibility rehabilitation services to 15 eligible households within El Paso County.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing 3 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal is internally tracked; no applications were received in support of this goal.
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homelessness 1 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Tri-Lakes Cares - Housing & Utilities Assistance program intends to provide financial relief for housing and utility assistance for 14 eligible LMI clients and their families. The Place - Street Outreach and Emergency Youth Shelter intends to provide support for 28 clients with emergency shelter relief and wraparound support services.
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Special Needs 1 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	No applications were received in support of this goal.
<b>6</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Special Needs 2 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Calhan Housing Authority (CHA) - Senior Resident Community Center ADA Accessibility project intends to improve the Senior Residents Community Center with improved ADA-accessibility, providing greater access to 20 individuals.
<b>7</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Special Needs 3 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Bring It Home, Inc - Freedom Springs program intends to provide permanent housing and supportive wraparound services for 24 clients. CENTRO de la Familia - Emergency Rental and Housing Assistance Funds for Victims of Domestic Abuse program intends to serve 7 (female head-of) households with wraparound services and emergency relief. Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD) - Behavioral Health Support for Disadvantaged Children (BHSDC) program intends to provide support to 351 at-risk individuals. Fountain Valley Senior Center - Senior Programming intends to provide support services for 210 eligible senior clients. Mt. Carmel Veteran Service Center - Veterans Climb program intends to provide training and wraparound services to 78 eligible Veterans.
<b>8</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community Development 1 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	City of Manitou Springs - Carnegie Library renovations intend to improve ADA-accessibility, removing barriers, while providing 1,210 individuals with greater access. Town of Monument - 3rd Street ADA Accessibility project intends to create additional ADA sidewalk pathways along thoroughfares and provide greater accessibility for 3,715 individuals. Paso County Parks and Community Services Department - Fountain Creek Nature Center project intends to remove accessibility barriers, while also improving greater accessibility for 1,470 individuals. Pikes Peak Library District - Fountain Valley ADA Improvements Project intends to remove accessibility barriers and provide greater accessibility for 2,495 individuals. Town of Green Mountain Falls - Gazebo Bridge Rehabilitation project intends to replace dilapidated pre-existing infrastructure with ADA-accessibility pathways, benefiting 1,030 individuals.
<b>9</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community Development 2 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Town of Calhan - Calhan Baseball Park ADA Improvements project intends to utilize CDBG funds to create ADA-accessibility for their Calhan Baseball Field, playground, and trail network, benefiting 870 individuals. Town of Ramah - Playground ADA Improvements intends to utilize CDBG funds to update Ramah's public playground equipment with more ADA-accessibility, removing barriers and benefiting 2,220 individuals.
<b>10</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community Development 3 Goal
	<b>Goal Description</b>	No applications were received in support of this goal.



## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The 2023 program year is the second year that the El Paso County CDBG program selected projects under the guidance of the 2022-2026 El Paso County Consolidated Plan. All projects selected for the 2022-2026 program years meet at least one of ten goals listed in the Consolidated Plan and address the associated priority need.

- Bring it Home, Inc.: Initial request \$43,664. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 48% of requested amount. Approx. 24 persons will be served in Unincorporated EPC.
- CENTRO de la Familia: Initial request \$80,000. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 26% of requested amount. Approx. 7 HH will be served in EPC, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Monument.
- Community Partnership for Child Development: Initial request \$20,000. Recommended allocation \$20,750, over 100% of requested amount. Approx. 351 persons will be served in EPC, Fountain.
- Envida: Initial request \$70,721. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 29% of requested amount. Approx. 754 persons will be served in EPC, Calhan, Ramah, Monument.
- Fountain Valley Senior Center: Initial request \$60,000. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 35% of requested amount. Approx. 210 persons will be served in Unincorporated EPC, Fountain.
- Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center: Initial request \$40,000. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 52% of requested amount. Approx. 78 persons will be served in EPC, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Green Mountain Falls, Monument.
- The Place: Initial request \$30,000. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 69% of requested amount. Approx. 28 persons will be served in EPC, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument.
- Tri-Lakes Cares: Initial request \$88,000. Recommended allocation \$20,750, 24% of requested amount. Approx. 14 HH will be served in EPC, Palmer Lake, Monument.
- Calhan Housing Authority: Initial request \$95,000. Recommended allocation \$80,000, 84% of requested amount. Approx. 20 persons will be served in Calhan.
- City of Manitou Springs: Initial request \$300,000. Recommended allocation \$300,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 1,210 persons will be served in Manitou Springs.
- El Paso County Parks and Community Services Department: Initial request \$170,000. Recommended allocation \$160,000, 94% of requested amount. Approx. 1,470 persons will be served in EPC.
- Pikes Peak Library District: Initial request \$20,000. Recommended allocation \$20,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 2,495 persons will be served in Fountain.
- Town of Calhan: Initial request \$50,000. Recommended allocation \$50,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 870 persons will be served in Calhan.
- Town of Green Mountain Falls: Initial request \$207,167. Recommended allocation \$135,998, 66% of requested amount. Approx. 1,030 persons will be served in Green Mountain Falls.
- Town of Monument: Initial request \$249,000. Recommended allocation \$73,000, 29% of requested amount. Approx. 3,715 persons will be served in Monument.
- Town of Ramah: Initial request \$75,000. Recommended allocation \$75,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 2,220 persons will be served in Ramah.
- Brothers Redevelopment: Initial request \$125,000. Recommended allocation \$125,000, 100% of requested amount. Approx. 15 HH will be served in EPC, Fountain, Calhan, Ramah, Monument.



**Projects**

#	Project Name
1	Public Services
2	Public Facilities
3	Housing
4	Public Infrastructure
5	Administration

Table 3 – Project Information

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

The County will take financially prudent action to assist other agencies and organizations in applying for all available funds and leveraging other resources to implement the strategies and programs. While there are no federal match requirements for the CDBG program, the County will find more weight in applications that do propose to match CDBG funds. For the 2023 program year, \$1,184,998 was allocated to our program from HUD.

A frequent obstacle to addressing underserved needs is a lack of applicants willing to apply for federal funding. Prospective applicants have echoed similar concerns regarding hesitation to undertake federal funds that require them to restructure client intake processes and implement extensive documentation and reporting requirements. As a result, some eligible agencies choose not to submit applications. Additionally, agencies that meet underserved needs will often seek non-federal sources as their first choice, only utilizing federal funds as a last resort. For this reason, our program continues to offer extensive technical assistance to reduce the administrative burden of the funding, as well as seek out new agencies of CDBG applicability.



**AP-38 Project Summary**

**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	El Paso County, Colorado
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	H1 Goal, HM1 Goal, SN3 Goal
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	H1 (transportation needs), HM1 (homelessness need), SN3 (special needs populations)
	<b>Funding</b>	2023 CDBG Allocation (15%): \$166,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public Service Projects
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1466 households/persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Calhan, Ramah, Palmer Lake, Monument, Manitou Springs, & Green Mountain Falls
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Bring It Home, Inc. - Freedom Springs 2023            HUD Matrix Code: 05M Health Services            Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750            Households/Persons Assisted: 24 clients            Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County</p> <p>CENTRO de la Familia - Emergency Rental and Housing Assistance Funds for Victims of Domestic Abuse            HUD Matrix Code: 05G Services for victims of domestic violence            Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750            Households/Persons Assisted: 7 households            Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Monument</p> <p>Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD) - Behavioral Health Support for Disadvantaged Children (BHSDC)            HUD Matrix Code: 05L Child Care Services            Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750            Households/Persons Assisted: 351 clients            Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain</p> <p>Envida - Access to Health and Other Services for Rural Seniors            HUD Matrix Code: 05A Senior Services            Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750            Households/Persons Assisted: 754 clients            Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Calhan, Ramah, Monument</p> <p>Fountain Valley Senior Center - Senior Programming            HUD Matrix Code: 05A Senior Services</p>





	<p>Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750 Households/Persons Assisted: 210 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain</p> <p>Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center - 2023 Veterans Climb Program HUD Matrix Code: 05Z Other Services/Veteran Services Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750 Households/Persons Assisted: 78 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Calhan,</p> <p>Green Mountain Falls, Monument The Place - Street Outreach &amp; Emergency Youth Shelter HUD Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750 Households/Persons Assisted: 28 clients Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument</p> <p>Tri-Lakes Cares - Housing &amp; Utilities Assistance HUD Matrix Code: 05Q Subsistence Payments Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,750 Households/Persons Assisted: 14 households Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Palmer Lake, Monument</p>
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<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Target Area</b>	El Paso County, Colorado
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	SN2, CD1, CD2
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	SN2 (ADA), CD1 (improve infrastructure), CD2 (improve facilities)
	<b>Funding</b>	2023 CDBG Allocation: \$500,998
	<b>Description</b>	Public Facilities Improvements
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5610 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Unincorporated El Paso County, Calhan, Green Mountain Falls, Ramah
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Calhan Housing Authority (CHA) - Senior Resident Community Center, ADA Accessibility HUD Matrix Code: 03A Senior Centers Projected Allocated Funds: \$80,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 20 clients Service Areas: Calhan</p> <p>El Paso County Parks and Community Services Department - Fountain Creek Nature Center ADA Improvements HUD Matrix Code: 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities Projected Allocated Funds: \$160,000.00 Households/Persons Assisted: 1,470 clients</p>



	<p>Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County</p> <p>Town of Calhan - Calhan Baseball Park ADA Improvements          HUD Matrix Code: 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities          Projected Allocated Funds: \$50,000          Households/Persons Assisted: 870 clients          Service Areas: Calhan</p> <p>Town of Green Mountain Falls - Gazebo Bridge Rehabilitation and ADA Accessibility          HUD Matrix Code: 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities          Projected Allocated Funds: \$135,998          Households/Persons Assisted: 1,030 clients          Service Areas: Green Mountain Falls</p> <p>Town of Ramah - Playground ADA Improvements          HUD Matrix Code: 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities          Projected Allocated Funds: \$75,000          Households/Persons Assisted: 2,220 clients          Service Areas: Ramah</p>
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<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	El Paso County, Colorado
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	H2 Goal
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	H2 (housing and rehabilitation needs)
	<b>Funding</b>	2023 CDBG Allocation: \$125,000
	<b>Description</b>	Housing Projects
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15 households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Calhan, Ramah, Monument
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Brothers Redevelopment - Housing Rehabilitation Program HUD Matrix Code: 14A Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential Projected Allocated Funds: \$125,000 Households/Persons Assisted: 15 households Service Areas: Unincorporated El Paso County, Fountain, Calhan, Ramah, Monument	

<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Infrastructure
	<b>Target Area</b>	El Paso County, Colorado
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	CD1 Goal
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	CD1 (improve infrastructure and public access)



<b>Funding</b>	2023 CDBG Allocation: \$393,000
<b>Description</b>	Public Infrastructure Projects
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	7420 persons
<b>Location Description</b>	Manitou Springs, Monument, Fountain
<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>City of Manitou Springs - Carnegie Library ADA Improvement Project            HUD Matrix Code: 03L Sidewalks            Projected Allocated Funds: \$300,000            Households/Persons Assisted: 1,210 clients            Service Areas: Manitou Springs</p> <p>Town of Monument - 3rd Street ADA Accessibility            HUD Matrix Code: 03L Sidewalks            Projected Allocated Funds: \$73,000            Households/Persons Assisted: 3,715 clients            Service Areas: Monument</p> <p>Pikes Peak Library District - Fountain Library ADA Improvements            HUD Matrix Code: 03L Sidewalks            Projected Allocated Funds: \$20,000            Households/Persons Assisted: 2,495 clients            Service Areas: Fountain</p>

<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration (20%)
	<b>Target Area</b>	El Paso County, Colorado
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	2023 CDBG Allocation: \$221,915
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	



## 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

Geographic areas of entitlement are based on HUD recognized low-to-moderate income area (LMA) census tract block groups within the jurisdiction. In particular, geographic areas where multiple LMA groups are identified are given higher priority than smaller, isolated ones. A summary of these high priority areas are as follows:

- Security-Widefield: The unincorporated area of El Paso County has a number of LMA block groups, many of them immediately adjacent to the Fort Carson Army Base or the city of Fountain. An unincorporated portion of the county, it has some of the highest percentages of persons of Black and Hispanic race/ethnicity, as well as elderly persons.
- City of Fountain: This municipality south of Colorado Springs has a number of LMA block groups, including a large elderly population. Additionally, some of the block groups are located relatively close to the Security-Widefield area. Racial/ethnic minority representation is higher in this municipality than in the majority of the county.
- Cimarron Hills: This community on the east side of Colorado Springs, in relatively close proximity to the Colorado Springs Airport and Schriever Air Force Base, consists of pockets of unincorporated El Paso County of varying size and nature (some commercial, some residential). Our jurisdiction's highest low-to-moderate income area is also located here.

Examining the newest LMSID data and comparing it to past datasets revealed that the areas mentioned above have not seen significant improvement since the last round of data was released.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 4 – Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The rationale behind priority locations in El Paso County is based on the number of LMA block groups in the area and the amount of special population concentrations. Other LMA block groups in the County are also considered of strategic importance, specifically in improving ADA accessibility and transportation. However, priority locations are considered our highest needs areas. During deliberations of the El Paso County Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), the determination was made to distribute funding across the county, rather than focusing all funding exclusively on one geographic area of entitlement. This process allows for multi-year projects, in areas such as Fountain or Security-Widefield, to be phased in over time across multiple funding years. This approach typically results in a more holistic approach to community development and increases support from residents and local agencies, allowing for public feedback between phases. Typically, projects aimed to improve low-to-moderate income area block groups are given priority.

### Discussion

Given that El Paso County is over 2,000 square miles, spreading out an annual allocation to address the wide variety of issues can be a daunting task. This technical obstacle is further complicated by the unique makeup of each community's strengths, obstacles, and underserved needs. Some areas of the county face issues with substandard and lack of affordable housing, while other areas face overcrowding and lack of access to quality schools. By distributing funds across El Paso County within multiple communities, we hope to improve the quality of life for all low-to-moderate income and special needs persons within the county. To ensure the needs of low-to-moderate income residents continue to be addressed, the El Paso County CDBG program utilizes our Assessment of Fair Housing goals when prioritizing projects in these geographic areas of entitlement. This increases access to economic opportunities and acts as a catalyst for long-term improvements for designated areas. Key investments in public infrastructure, public facilities, public services, and housing will have multifaceted, far-reaching improvements for the areas served.



## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

It would be cost prohibitive for the El Paso County CDBG Program to build new affordable housing units, but support of affordable housing continues through our program in a variety of ways. This includes homeowner rehabilitation assistance, emergency rent and utility assistance, and infrastructure improvements in affordable housing areas. Homeowner rehabilitation assistance helps maintain affordable homes in our community and helps homeowners continue enjoying the benefits of homeownership. Emergency rent and utility assistance provide struggling families with a support system to prevent homelessness, and infrastructure improvements help affordable housing areas maintain serviceability for disabled persons while increasing access to opportunities.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	400
Special-Needs	210
<b>Total</b>	<b>710</b>

Table 6 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	10
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

Table 7 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

Affordable housing continues to be an ongoing need in our community, but through the strategic use of funding, the El Paso County CDBG Program aims to address the need in a holistic, multi-pronged approach. Continued collaboration with municipalities and public housing agencies is necessary to increase the leveraging power of CDBG dollars. This is especially true since our CDBG program lacks the financial and regulatory capacity to develop new units. Regional collaboration and investment in key areas of the community are important aspects of our continued success.

The El Paso County CDBG Program has worked closely with the El Paso County Housing Authority (EPCHA), and this collaboration will continue in the 2023 program year. The EPCHA issued Private Activity Bonds for the development of 184 new units of affordable housing in 2022 (Panorama Heights has 133 units, Artspace Colorado Springs has 51 units). The Housing Authority also issued \$500,000 in low-interest loans for the development of affordable multifamily units (Village at Solid Rock has 77 units). The amount of \$1,500,000 has already been committed in 2023 for 192 units at Bentley Commons II, 80 units at Paloma Gardens, and 50 units at Silver Key Apartments.





## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Public housing is a scarce resource in El Paso County, specifically outside of the Colorado Springs city limits. For this reason, maintaining a good working relationship with the Calhan Housing Authority has been an ongoing commitment of ours. By providing technical assistance for both the agency and their subcontractors, the El Paso County CDBG program is able to support the extremely low-income seniors who reside at the Calhan Housing Authority's Silvercrest Villas.

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

The El Paso County CDBG program typically partners with the Calhan Housing Authority to increase ADA accessibility in public areas. It is both an accessibility and a safety concern to allow seniors to live independently and access all areas of the building. Improving the quality of public housing in El Paso County is an important step to ensuring low-income individuals have equitable access to safe and quality homes in our jurisdiction.

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

Due to the increasing cost of homeownership in our community, there is not enough funding to make market rate homes affordable. As such, the El Paso County CDBG program does not undertake any specific actions to assist public housing residents in participating in homeownership. However, the El Paso County Housing Authority offers the Turnkey Plus Down Payment Assistance program, which provides a 0% deferred loan that is fully forgivable. Many residents interested in homeownership are well within the income eligibility requirements of the program.

The Calhan Housing Authority's board has open public meetings as part of its processes that residents can attend if they so wish. Residents also enjoy an open line of communication with Ashley Deanne, the director of the Calhan Housing Authority. Ashley has shared with the CDBG program that residents of the community are always open to sharing any concerns they have regarding the housing authority and communicate current events with them on a regular basis.

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

There is currently no PHA designated as troubled in our jurisdiction.

### **Discussion**

There are a very limited number of public housing authorities in El Paso County. These public housing authorities are also limited in scope and capacity, which hinders their ability to manage additional federal funding. While the El Paso County CDBG program continues to offer extensive technical assistance to subrecipients, not all projects are a good fit for CDBG funding. We will continue to seek best-fit opportunities with local public housing authorities to ensure their residents receive quality amenities and housing.



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

### **Introduction**

The El Paso County CDBG Program continues to support homeless outreach and homelessness prevention. However, we do not typically receive a large volume of homelessness-related applications. A contributing factor to this is the nature of the program and the region. The majority of homeless assistance providers are located within Colorado Springs, and the majority of homeless clients remain within the city as well to be close to the providers. As our funds cannot be used to serve clients within Colorado Springs city limits, our efforts are limited to providers who are willing to adjust their client intake process and increase outreach to outlying areas.

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

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

The El Paso County CDBG program typically partners with a service provider called The Place, for outreach to homeless youth aged 15-24. Along with outreach, The Place provides shelter, medical and mental health services, employment and education support, and other services to make their clients' homelessness brief and nonrecurring. Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center, another long-time partner, provides outreach and vocational training for Veterans to help them avoid experiencing homelessness long-term. We also meet with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care monthly to discuss the large spectrum of efforts currently being undertaken within our community to address homelessness. We continue to seek opportunities to fund homeless services that are focused on the needs of outlying areas and rural residents. As discussed in our Consolidated Plan, rural homelessness can be difficult to identify as it does not present in the same format as urban homelessness. We continue to meet with regional homeless support providers and advocates to develop new relationships with agencies that may eventually have the capacity to focus more intentionally on rural homelessness.

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

The El Paso County CDBG program typically does not partner with emergency shelter and transitional housing programs, mostly due to their location within the city of Colorado Springs. This limits our program's ability to assist with the operating expenses and other aspects of emergency and transitional housing. Fortunately, the city of Colorado Springs has been a continued partner in supporting homeless service providers.

#### **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**

Long-time partner of the El Paso County CDBG program, Bring It Home Inc., provides services at an affordable housing development for formerly homeless Veterans. These services include individual/group counseling, nutrition training, personal hygiene and self-care, crisis intervention, and educational/physical evaluations. Their programs seek to stabilize the living situations for Veterans and help them transition to independent living. Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center, another partner agency, was created to prevent homelessness for the most at-risk Veterans by providing intensive care management, employment assistance, and vocational training. This is a safety net for Veterans so they, and their families, may avoid experiencing homelessness long-term. The Place, another partner agency, provides education and employment assistance as well as substance abuse and mental health counseling to help homeless youth move into permanent housing. The El Paso County CDBG Program continues to work with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care to find new programs and assistance providers that are working in more rural locations. We intend to work with



these agencies throughout 2023.

**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**

El Paso County uses two methods to help low-income individuals and families, including those discharged from publicly funded institutions of care, avoid becoming homeless: provide affordable units for them to live in and provide assistance and services through local partnerships. By working with developers, like Greccio Housing and the Colorado Springs Housing Authority, and funders, like the El Paso County Housing Authority, we can increase the number of units provided to extremely low-income households. The El Paso County CDBG program also partners with several organizations to provide resources to various groups at risk for homelessness and those seeking a home after time spent at institutions of care. Mt. Carmel Veterans Center works with the local veteran population, providing not only housing, but also offering educational programs, case management, mental health services, and employment training. The Place provides shelter and mental health services to homeless youth who may have been recipients of social services or correctional programs in the larger community. Tri-Lakes Cares and Catholic Charities are partners who assist families in danger of losing their apartment or home and who would otherwise become homeless. Centro de la Familia provides emergency housing support for victims of domestic violence and their families. Many of the veterans, youth, and families helped by these partnerships also receive assistance from public or private agencies.

**Discussion**

Homeless needs are described in detail in El Paso County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The main obstacle to meeting all the identified community needs is a lack of funding and resources. In addition, the high cost of housing, lack of knowledge of social services, few service providers in the County for low-income residents, and lack of living wage jobs are also challenges in meeting needs. Our program will continue to collaborate with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care and other community partners to further the discussion on best addressing the needs of homeless persons in the region.



## AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.220(j)

### Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing generally include restrictive policies, administrative rules and regulations, market conditions, public or private systems, and economic conditions that impede access. Two barriers to affordable housing in El Paso County that were identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan are:

- Market constraints such as land costs, construction costs, and access to financing. The County and individual jurisdictions have little influence over market constraints but can provide incentives or assistance to overcome the impacts.
- Social constraints such as various social beliefs and standards that impede affordable housing. These social constraints consist of social perceptions, industry standards, and discrimination.

### **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**

We do not have the ability to remove or control market forces or eliminate social perceptions that act as barriers to affordable housing. We can, however, lead by example in reforming public policies and regulations that serve as barriers. Some steps that have been taken in El Paso County include:

- Creating a streamlined permitting system to make reviews more user-friendly without diminishing environmental, public health, or safety standards
- Adopting an expedited system to process permits for affordable housing projects
- Supporting programs that provide Fair Housing education and services

Currently, El Paso County has a permit process that has received national attention and awards, which is the Electronic Development Application Review Process (EDARP). This process has not only resulted in a more user-friendly process but also a more transparent process for all. This process:

- Allows the public to view online both active and archived development applications
- Enables a registered applicant login access to their application review project(s)
- Allows applicants to initiate both major and minor development applications online
- Allows for Early Assistance Meetings (EA) to make major applications run smoothly

Additionally, the El Paso County CDBG Program provides semi-annual fair housing events throughout the county. The content of these fair housing events is derived from the needs identified in our Assessment of Fair Housing. These events are designed to make safe, accessible, and affordable housing easier for residents to obtain through education and empowerment. The events are a successful tool for public outreach and engagement, gaining more attendance year over year.

### Discussion

El Paso County addresses barriers to affordable housing by offering programming and funding that ensures our region is leveraging state and federal resources. This approach is done by looking at the entire housing continuum and offering programming to address multiple areas. In addition to the federal CDBG funding, the El Paso County Economic Development acts as staff to the non-traditional El Paso County Housing Authority, which administers a local housing trust fund. The federal resources, as well as the local housing trust fund resources, provide incentives and assistance to overcome the impacts of market constraints. Recent examples of this assistance are:

- Loan commitments that help leverage federal and state housing tax credits for the development of new affordable rental housing
- Grant rental and utility assistance as well as grants for homeowners needing emergency housing rehabilitation



- Continuation of a down payment assistance program that has ensured residents can still attain the dream of homeownership

Social constraints are also being positively impacted by the CDBG Program's continuous outreach through semi-annual fair housing events, as well as the Economic Development Department's partnership with the Colorado Housing Connects Program.

Specifically, when looking at the barriers to affordable homeownership, the market conditions of El Paso County are still overwhelming. Interest rates have increased, causing real estate prices to drop about 4% in the past year. The median sales price is still \$470,000, which is out of reach for many low-income families. Developers are also buying land as fast as possible and trying to build homes even faster. El Paso County continues to be a top-ranked location to live with families moving to the region from all over the country. The result of this movement is an ever-increasing number of working-class families being priced out of homeownership. Homeownership is the foremost way families build equity and wealth; rather than putting money into a rental, a homeowner can get a portion of their monthly payment back when they sell.





## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.229(k)**

### **Introduction**

The CDBG allocation on its own cannot address all the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and Assessment of Fair Housing. It is important to leverage both financial and intellectual resources to accomplish the goals of the program. The County will work with a network of representatives from the private lending community, financial experts, and private and non-profit developers and consultants who can provide technical expertise as needed. CDBG program staff will also note programs of exceptional merit and competency to the Community Development Advisory Board in the interest of maintaining an effective, efficient program.

The County will continue to focus on HUD-designated Opportunity Zones as well. The potential economic benefits of working in these Opportunity Zones:

- Promoting economic vitality in areas that experienced uneven recovery over the past few years
- Funding the development of workforce and affordable housing
- Supporting new infrastructure or broadband to support population and economic growth
- Investing in startups businesses that have the potential for rapid increases in sales
- Upgrading the capability of existing underutilized assets through capital improvement investments

For the 2023 Annual Action Plan, we will continue to review the Opportunity Zones in the area and see how we can effectively leverage their use in partnership with our program. Our program has also participated in phone calls with HUD staff in Washington, DC to discuss any suggestions or best practices recommended by their experts. We await future guidance from HUD regarding changes to economic development projects and how we can use those changes to leverage Opportunity Zones.

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

An ongoing, underserved need in our community is providing accessible opportunities for persons with disabilities. All eight public facility and infrastructure activities for 2023 will be directly addressing ADA improvements, providing access to neighborhood amenities, transportation, and schools.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The El Paso County CDBG program has a long-standing partnership with Brothers Redevelopment to help low-income residents age in place and address emergency items in their homes. This allows seniors to fix things, such as broken water heaters or inaccessible entryways, while still maintaining the current affordability of their home. Homeowner rehabilitation programs like this allow residents to address health and safety issues within the already affordable home, rather than having to move to a new (and potentially not as affordable) home. It also helps keep the residents rooted in their already existing community, which has been shown to help communities maintain resiliency and even slows the onset of dementia in elderly community members.

We also have a long-time relationship with the Calhan Housing Authority to improve their 20-unit public housing complex for extremely low-income seniors in rural Calhan, Colorado. CDBG funds allow this Housing Authority to make their facility ADA compliant and assists residents in aging in place while addressing important safety concerns.

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

We plan to continue support of the Brothers Redevelopment Homeowner Rehabilitation Program as the primary form of reducing lead-based paint hazards in the county. Necessary abatement work is completed as needed, depending on the scope of the project, cost of the project, and age of the structure. An ideal aspect of this program is that it helps those who are least able to handle the lead-based paint abatement on their own. The El Paso County CDBG program will also continue to participate annually in the Lead Safety Awareness Week, which is typically held in October.



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

While poverty cannot be fully eliminated, El Paso County strives to make every effort possible through partnering with agencies to effectively serve our community.

Our poverty level families are significantly impacted through the tireless efforts and hard work of our subrecipients and their community-based programs. CDBG activities/projects provide a better quality of life for many and support our overall goals of economic growth. Our Public Service projects and activities will serve several rural areas to include Calhan, Green Mountain Falls, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Monument, Ramah, and Unincorporated El Paso County. Project examples include:

- Bring it Home Health Services provides veterans with transportation, self-care, and other services.
- Centro de la Familia provides emergency housing for victims of domestic violence.
- Community Partnership for Child Development provides disadvantaged children with behavioral health services.
- Envida provides transportation services to aging adults and persons with disabilities to reduce hardships for special populations.
- The Fountain Valley Senior Center provides transportation to their on-site education, programs, and activities for local seniors.
- Mt. Carmel Veterans Center assists veterans with employment services, vocational training, and intensive care management.
- The Place provides shelter, food, community outreach, education and employment opportunities, and substance abuse and mental health counseling for homeless youth ages 15-24.
- Tri-Lakes Cares provides subsistence payments for either rent, utilities, or both to reduce homelessness and help ensure families can remain in their homes

All of these activities work to ensure vulnerable populations are given resources to better their lives and lift their families out of poverty.

## **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

El Paso County's housing and community development strategies will be implemented by a variety of public, private, and non-profit organizations. There is, overall, good coordination and little duplication of services locally, in part because subrecipients are mostly small communities. The local nonprofit infrastructure is diverse and active in the community. The local public housing authorities are reputable and provide leadership in the community. Additionally, there is strong coordination and cooperation between the public housing providers in the County. There also are coordinated efforts for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless, as well as streamlined information services, such as the United Way 2-1-1 information system. Furthermore, El Paso County works closely with the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care to coordinate policy, addressing homelessness and developing coordinated intake/assessment procedures.

There is, however, always room for improvement in eliminating barriers to access services, and in better outreach and communication to residents and providers. The service delivery structure is also weakened by the year-to-year unpredictability of operational funding and the uncertainty of state and federal funding. There are needs and demands that exceed available resources/funding, which is regionally disproportionate. Differing levels of management and development experience from agency to agency contribute to a weakened delivery system. Private sector partners, who are not always well informed on low-income and poverty issues, can exacerbate the problem.

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

CDBG staff is accountable for the necessary coordination and communication to identify and manage the CDBG program. It is essential that staff coordinate with other agencies to implement, enhance, and bring success to the County's CDBG program. To enhance overall coordination, CDBG staff will continue consultations, opening lines of communication, and attending meetings that will enrich the program. While all funds are allocated according to program requirements, dialogue with agencies, advisory committees, subrecipients, and the public will ensure the



program goals are in line with community needs. We will maintain an accessible program that is readily available to all agencies, and any new housing and social services agencies that emerge will have the opportunity to coordinate as well.

**Discussion**

The El Paso County Economic Development Department has developed a robust partnership across the county, including nonprofits, local government agencies, and public housing authorities. Moving forward, the CDBG program will continue to pursue new partnerships to increase the effectiveness of our program, leveraging new sources of funding, and fulfilling our obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. Seeking new resources for quality projects to serve LMI residents and special needs populations is critical to improving the county as a whole. This year the El Paso County CDBG program received new interest from nonprofits seeking to expand into El Paso County, as well as nonprofits interested in increasing outreach to rural areas. Not all nonprofits are a good fit for a program, but it is a promising sign to see so many new agencies express interest.

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## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

The County's CDBG activities are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents and the underserved communities within the County by addressing affordable housing, homelessness, and non-housing community development needs. These activities seek to provide decent affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities. Expected outcomes include: (1) new or improved affordability through creation or maintenance of affordable housing; (2) availability or improved accessibility of infrastructure, public facilities, housing, or shelter to low- and moderate-income residents, including persons with disabilities and special needs populations; and (3) sustainability resulting from improved communities or neighborhoods, making them livable or viable, thereby providing benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.

#### 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: \$0.00
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: \$0.00
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements: \$0.00
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: \$0.00
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities: \$0.00

Total Program Income: \$0.00

#### 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: 80%

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.

Specific annual objectives and priority needs that will be addressed by activities using CDBG funds, including proposed accomplishments and outcomes, are discussed earlier within this AAP. The projects and programs that will take place during the program year to address priority needs and goals are detailed in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan.



# Appendix A

## Citizen Outreach & Public Hearing Notices

Application Cycle – Constant Contact Email, Webpage Postings, & Webinar Content  
CDAB Meetings – Webpage Postings, Agendas, & Minutes  
Public Hearing 1 – English/Spanish Notice, Webpage Postings, Affidavit, Proof, & Agenda  
Public Hearing 2 – English/Spanish Notice, Webpage Postings, Affidavit, Proof, & Agenda  
Affordable Housing Event – Webpage Postings & Communications  
CAPER Public Comment Period – Webpage Postings  
CDAB 2023 Funding Recommendation Packet for BoCC  
BoCC Resolution





# EL PASO COUNTY

Department of  
Economic Development

## Community Initiatives Newsletter 2023 CDBG Application Cycle & Goals

### IT'S ALMOST TIME TO APPLY FOR CDBG FUNDING!

The El Paso County CDBG application cycle will be open from 12:00 pm on January 4, 2023 to 5:00 pm on February 3, 2023.

Register for informational webinars, and learn about the application process and CDBG program goals below.

As a reminder, El Paso County CDBG funds cannot be used for projects occurring within the city limits of Colorado Springs. Areas eligible for EPC CDBG funding include unincorporated El Paso County and our seven municipalities: Calhan, Fountain, Green Mountain Falls, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, and Ramah.

### 2023 CDBG Application Cycle



The El Paso County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is excited to announce that our 2023 application cycle will open at 12 pm on January 4, 2023, and close at 5 pm on February 3, 2023. All applications and materials must be sent to [CDBG@elpasoco.com](mailto:CDBG@elpasoco.com) and received by February 3, 2023, at 5 pm. The full application and instructions will be posted [on our website](#) on January 4.

#### ATTENTION FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:

If you are a first-time applicant to our program, you MUST schedule a meeting with a CDBG staff member prior to submitting an application.

**Request a Meeting with a CDBG Staff Member**

**Ready to learn more?  
Register for an informational webinar.**



The El Paso County CDBG program will offer the following webinars to cover the basics of the program and application cycle. Presentation slides will be available on our website following the webinars. If you click 'Send me an Invite,' a staff member will follow up with an invitation for the virtual event. Alternatively, you can email [lukehouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:lukehouser@elpasoco.com) for the event link.

*Please note: webinars cannot be considered a replacement for first-time applicants meeting with a CDBG staff member.*

### CDBG Application Cycle Webinar #1

**LOCATION**  
Virtual Event Via Microsoft Teams

**DATE AND TIME**  
01/11/23 3:00pm-01/11/23 4:00pm

This meeting will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams, which offers closed captioning.



### CDBG Application Cycle Webinar #2

**LOCATION**  
Virtual Event Via Microsoft Teams

**DATE AND TIME**  
01/13/23 4:00pm-01/13/23 5:00pm

This meeting will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams, which offers closed captioning.



## CDBG Program Goals

Before submitting an application for CDBG funding, ensure your project aligns to one or more of El Paso County's CDBG Program Goals for 2023. Alignment to these goals is a requirement of funding eligibility, in addition to HUD federal eligibility requirements. To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the [CDBG Applications & Eligibility website](#).

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**Community  
Development**



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CD2: Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and special needs populations

CD3: Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents



Thank you for your valuable time. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

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### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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## Bringing Communities Together

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- Events & Notices
- Applications & Eligibility
- Objectives & Goals
- Projects
- Subrecipient Resources
- Plans & Reports
- Fair Housing
- COMB

### Welcome to CDBG!

#### Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Meeting Schedule

CDAB meetings are currently held on the third Wednesday of each month as needed in the Economic Development Conference Room located at 9 E. Vermijo Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Meetings start at 12:30 pm. The next CDAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at 12:30pm.

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Attend a virtual webinar to learn more!  
Email [LukeHouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:LukeHouser@elpasoco.com) to request a webinar link.

	<b>Webinar #1</b> Jan 11 - 3pm	<b>Webinar #2</b> Jan 13 - 4pm
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**Applications & Eligibility**  
Areas eligible for EPC CDBG funding include unincorporated El Paso County and our seven municipalities.

**Objectives & Goals**  
In addition to HUD federal eligibility requirements, CDBG funded projects must align to one or more of El Paso County's CDBG Program Goals for 2023.

**Events & Notices**  
Funding for approved projects will be available in Spring/Summer of 2023; reimbursable expenses cannot be incurred until that time.



[FAQ/CDBG/2023 Application](#) by EPCED

### Ready to learn more about CDBG? Contact us!

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Applications & Eligibility	EPC CDBG Application & Instructions:
Objectives & Goals	<a href="#">CDBG 2023 Application</a>
Projects	<a href="#">CDBG 2023 Application Instructions</a>
Subrecipient Resources	EPC CDBG Application Cycle Webinar Slide Deck & Recording:
Plans & Reports	<a href="#">2023 Webinar Slide Deck</a>
Fair Housing	<a href="#">2023 Webinar Recording</a>
CDBG	<b>Funding Cycle</b>
	The El Paso County CDBG program's HUD designated program year runs from April 1 – March 31 of the following year. The application cycle generally opens in January. Check the events and notices tab for when application cycle dates are announced.
	<b>Mapping Tools</b>
	The low to moderate-income map link below is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development based on ACS data. For current recipients of funding and prospective recipients, this link is an excellent tool for scouting potential locations for projects.
	<a href="#">Nationwide LMI Maps</a> (To use the map, zoom in to El Paso County and select only the 'LMI5D by Block Group' option. Click on Block Groups to view Low/Mod percentages. For more assistance, contact our office.)
	<a href="#">El Paso County LMI Maps</a> (These maps are zoomed in to specific Census Tract Block Groups in El Paso County that qualify for LMA benefit. For more information or specialty maps for persons with disabilities, please contact our office.)
	<a href="#">El Paso County Assessor's Real Property Search</a> (Use this tool to check whether an address is inside or outside the city limits of Colorado Springs)
	<b>Who is eligible to apply for funding?</b>
	CDBG funds can be awarded to local jurisdictions and non-profit organizations but not private individuals. Agencies with experience administering federal funding resources will likely have adequate internal controls and policies to successfully implement a CDBG funded project.
	After confirming your agency's eligibility for funding, please consider that the following guidelines must be met:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project must serve persons of low-to-moderate income who reside within El Paso County but outside the city limits of Colorado Springs. Eligible areas include Colhan, Fountain, Green Mountain Falls, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Ramah, and unincorporated El Paso County.</li> <li>• The project must be eligible according to the Code of Federal Regulations, which can be accessed at <a href="#">CFR Code of Federal Regulations</a></li> <li>• The project must meet one of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's national objectives and one of the El Paso County Consolidated Plan goals. National objectives and local goals are described in detail under the Goals tab.</li> </ul>
	Please contact our office directly to discuss the eligibility of a specific program or project.

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# El Paso County CDBG Program

2023 CDBG FUNDING APPLICATION CYCLE

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## The Basics of the El Paso County CDBG Program

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federally funded, flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.
- Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest running U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs.
- El Paso County was designated as a CDBG community in 2009.





# The Basics of the El Paso County CDBG Program

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**Purpose:**

- To assist low to moderate income El Paso County residents through the programming of these federally funded dollars to address community, housing and economic development.

**Accomplishments:**

- Since the program's inception in 2009, 118+ community programs/projects have been assisted.

**Why can't this money be used inside Colorado Springs city limits?**

- Colorado Springs receives its own funding from HUD, which means that for El Paso County to receive funding, we cannot allow Colorado Springs residents to 'double dip' into both sources of assistance.

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## Geographic Areas Covered

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- Calhan
- Fountain
- Green Mountain Falls
- Unincorporated El Paso County
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah
- Manitou Springs
- Monument



**2022 HUD INCOME LIMITS**

2022 Median Family Income for El Paso County, Colorado								
\$96,100								
Incomes by Size of Household								
Income Level	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Extremely-Low Income (<30%)	\$19,400	\$22,150	\$24,900	\$27,650	\$29,900	\$32,100	\$34,300	\$36,500
Very-Low Income (<50%)	\$32,250	\$36,850	\$41,450	\$46,050	\$49,750	\$53,450	\$57,150	\$60,800
Low Income (<80%)	\$51,600	\$59,000	\$66,350	\$73,700	\$79,600	\$85,500	\$91,400	\$97,300

Who is Eligible for CDBG?

## National Objectives & Goals

**National Objectives:**

- Serve persons of low to moderate income
- Urgent Need
- Slum & Blight

**National Goals:**

- Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Establish and Maintain Suitable Living Environments
- Expand Economic Opportunities



# El Paso County Goals

In addition to the national goals, the El Paso County CDBG Program has 10 local goals to address some of the needs identified in our 5-year strategic plan, known as the Consolidated Plan.

Each project funded by our program must meet at least 1 of the 10 goals and be able to demonstrate measurable success at the conclusion of the project.

These selections inform the development of our Annual Action Plan, which must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and HUD in order to receive our annual allocation of funding.

# El Paso County Goals

## Housing



**H1 Goal** – Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities.

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## Community Development



**CD1 Goal** – Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenities.

**CD2 Goal** – Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and special needs populations.

**CD3 Goal** – Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents.



# Types of Projects

## **Public Service (15% allocation cap)**

- Services such as meals on wheels, housing counseling

*Eligibility: Must live in the eligible area, income qualify, and provide appropriate demographic data*

## **Public Facilities**

- Improving or building neighborhood community centers, parks, or ADA accessibility to said facilities

*Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (based on HUD data) or address ADA issues*

# Types of Projects

## **Infrastructure**

- Sidewalks, drainage improvements, sewer lines

*Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (based on HUD data) or specifically address ADA issues*

## **Housing**

- Owner-occupied housing rehab, public housing accessibility

*Eligibility: households must income qualify*

## **Economic Development**

- Activities that create jobs or encourage business development

*Eligibility: must provide jobs for income eligible persons*



## Who Can Apply?

- Participating Municipalities
- Non-Profits
- Faith Based Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education

*All applicants must be equal opportunity employers and be able to provide proof of status.*

*Note that first-time applicants **must** schedule a meeting with CDBG staff prior to submitting their application.*

## Application Process

- The application cycle opened on January 4, 2023, and will close on February 3, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
- The Community Development Advisory Board will set application recommendations and the Board of County Commissioners will make the final approval.
- Applicants will be notified of their award/denial status in July 2023.
- Work must not begin until AFTER funding has been awarded.



# 2023 CDBG Funding

- Exact amount is not known, but it is estimated to be approximately \$1 million.
- Minimum request amount is \$20,000.
- For construction projects, be sure to build in the additional costs anticipated by the requirement of Davis-Bacon wages.
- Visit our website to view previous years of funding if you'd like to see historical funding data.

## CDBG Funding Eligibility Considerations

1. Is the activity within the appropriate and eligible El Paso County CDBG geographic area?
2. Is the activity serving [low-to moderate income](#) residents?  
*If it is a public service, housing, or economic development project, does the agency have a way of tracking demographic information to prove and report this?*  
*If it is a facility or infrastructure project, is it within a [low-to moderate income area](#)?*
3. Is the activity eligible according to HUD [CDBG CFR](#) (review section 570.201- 570.207)?
4. Does the activity align with a [HUD Matrix Code](#)?
5. Does the activity align with our [Consolidated Plan Goals](#)?
6. Will the activity be able to answer all questions outlined in the application?





# CDBG Funding Ineligible Expenses

- Supplies that can be used past the life of the grant program are ineligible (computers, fridges, etc.).  
*Note that supplies used up during the program are eligible (food for food pantries, facemasks for employees while working with clients, etc.).*
- Staff time spent with ineligible clients or working on a different project
- General government operations and functions
- Political and religious activities

## 2023 CDBG Application Walkthrough

### PRIOR to completing your application:

- Read the Application Instructions document carefully.
- The Application Instructions are available on our website, as well as hyperlinked at the top of the Application form.



### El Paso County, Colorado CDBG Application Instructions Program Year: 2023

**Quick Links:** Navigate to specific topics within this document by using the links below:

- [The Basics of the CDBG Program & the 2023 Application Process](#)
- [Response Timeline](#)
- [Eligible Requirements](#)
- [Available 2023 CDBG Funding](#)
- [Application Development, Review, & Funding Determination](#)
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- [Emergency Assisted Questions](#)
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# 2023 CDBG Application Walkthrough

## Complete page 2 specific to your organization:

- Tax ID Number (TIN) & Unique Entity ID (UEI) can be found on any business tax forms, or by visiting [Sam.gov](https://sam.gov)
  - If you're not registered within Sam.gov, we can assist
- Fill out information for one point-of-contact
- Amount Requested: minimum amount of \$20,000.00 - up to \$300,000.00
  - Projected El Paso County CDBG Budget for 2023: \$1,000,000.00
  - Over \$200K = subject to Special Section 3 requirements
- Include a summary of your project: who, what, when, where, and how

## Complete page 3 by choosing one of ten El Paso County goals:

- You may choose more than 1 goal

**2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION**  
IMPORTANT: Please read the [Application Instructions](#) before completing the application below.

Applicant/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization:  Non-Profit  Government  CBO  For-Profit

Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DUNS/UEI Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief Officer or Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Priority (Ranking multiple applications): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 UIC: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*WORK ON THESE APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPROVAL DEADLINE, APPROVAL FOR JULY 2023.

Amount of CDBG Funds Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a short summary of the proposed project in the space listed below. More detail will be included in other sections.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION - PROGRAM PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT**  
Below you will find the El Paso County CDBG priority areas as outlined in our program planning documents. Please check which goal(s) will be met by your project. At least one goal must be checked. \*ACTUAL GOAL REPORTS SUBJECT TO CDBG STAFF DISCRETION\*

Housing Goals	Check
<b>H1 Goal</b> - Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H2 Goal</b> - Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H3 Goal</b> - Increase fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Homelessness & Special Needs Goals	Check
<b>HM1 Goal</b> - Assist in ensuring that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SN1 Goal</b> - Help special needs residents obtain housing and remain housed while living independently as they choose.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SN2 Goal</b> - Reduce accessibility barriers (ADA compliance).	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SN3 Goal</b> - Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Development Goals	Check
<b>CD1 Goal</b> - Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CD2 Goal</b> - Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and specially disadvantaged populations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CD3 Goal</b> - Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents.	<input type="checkbox"/>

# 2023 CDBG Application Walkthrough

## Complete page 4 by:

- Choosing one of three Project Categories:

### Public Service

- Subgroups: Senior Services, Health Services, Substance Payments, Employment Training, Child Care Services

### Public Facility/Infrastructure/Acquisition

- Subgroups: Senior Centers, Asbestos Removal, Children's Facilities, Sidewalks

### Housing/Economic Development

- Subgroups: Residential Historic Preservation, Rehabilitation, Infrastructure Development, Lead-based paint/Lead Hazard Testing/Abatement



**2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION - PROJECT CLASSIFICATION**  
Please review the National Objectives (pages 6-8) in the [Application Instructions](#) to ensure you classify your project correctly or contact the program directly using the contact information listed.

Project Category (check only one):  Public Service  Public Facility/Infrastructure  Housing/Economic Development

Project Subgroup (check listed in instructions, list only one): \_\_\_\_\_

National Objective (check only one):  Low-to-Moderate Income Benefit  Skilled/High  Urgent Needs

	Canvass Tract	Block Group	Tract Population	UIC Population	% of UIC
<b>LMA</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**National Objective Benefits (Type (check only one))**

<b>LMI</b>	How many additional low-to-moderate income clients will be assisted with these CDBG funds? How many very low-income (0-20% AMI)? How many low-income (21-50% AMI)? How many moderate-income (51-80% AMI)?	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>LMIH</b>	How many additional low-to-moderate income households will be assisted with these CDBG funds? How many very low-income (0-20% AMI)? How many low-income (21-50% AMI)? How many moderate-income (51-80% AMI)?	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>SBA</b>	Have you confirmed SBA/8(a) Area objective criteria with County staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
<b>SBS</b>	Have you confirmed SBA/8(a) Spot objective criteria with County staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
<b>URG</b>	Have you confirmed Urgent Needs objective criteria with County staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____

Please note for LMA benefits: For projects qualifying as a low-to-moderate income area based (LMA), all canvass tracts block groups in which the project will take place must be listed in the available space. Be sure to carefully shade the boundaries of your project. For more information, refer to the [El Paso County 2023 Manual](#).





# 2023 CDBG Application Walkthrough

Complete **page 10-12** as applicable to your specific project type:

- Public Service Projects
- Public Facility Projects
- Acquisition Projects

Complete **page 13** by reading all statements carefully, checking each box, and signing the bottom:

- Submit completed application via email no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2023.
- Applications must be emailed to [CDBG@elpasoco.com](mailto:CDBG@elpasoco.com) (faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted).

2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION - PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS ONLY

2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION - PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECTS ONLY

2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION - ACQUISITION PROJECTS ONLY

2023 EL PASO COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION - CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

I hereby certify by reading and initialing each statement listed below that that:	Check
Information contained in this application is complete and accurate.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant has read and understands the application instructions and requirements of the program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project will cause low-to moderate-to-high benefits to the qualified CDBG areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant acknowledges that only an executed contract and a notice to proceed with the County authorizes the initiation of project, services or activities and incurring expenditures.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant acknowledges that a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review may be required for CDBG-funded projects, which may delay the program start.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant acknowledges that the project start is to be completed within the fiscal year awarded. If not, CDBG funds may be subject to reprogramming.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant will comply with all federal and County statutes, regulations and requirements imposed on the project funded in full or in part by the CDBG program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant will not use CDBG funds for grant writing, fundraising, or lobbying per 7 CFR Part 200.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant certifies that the organization has an anti-discrimination policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant acknowledges that current policies for general liability, automobile and workers compensation insurance are required to be verified with the County.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant acknowledges that CDBG funds are subject to review of supporting expenditure documentation and must be approved by County staff prior to payment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant has the ability to perform the duties for the activity or services applied for in accordance with CDBG program regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant possesses the legal authority to apply for CDBG funds and to accept the proposed contract.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant does not have any unresolved audit findings for prior CDBG or other federal funded projects. If your agency had a single audit performed last year, please attach a copy to this application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant has no pending lawsuits that would impede the implementation of this project.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person named below is authorized to execute the application on behalf of the agency.	<input type="checkbox"/>

The statements and data in this application are correct and true to the best of my knowledge, and my submission has been authorized by the governing body of the applicant. I understand that El Paso County may verify any or all statements contained in this application, and that any false information or omission may affect my organization's future consideration for County CDBG funds. I also understand that upon submission, my application becomes property of El Paso County and will not be returned to my organization in whole or in part.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## CDBG Application Tips & Tricks

You will have **12 months** to spend your funding; plan your project accordingly.



Include clear, **measurable outcomes** for your project.



Remember to attach backup materials and **letters of support** if applicable.



Clearly demonstrate the **checks and balances** your agency has in place to prevent fraud.



Feel free to **reach out** if you have a question on a particular section.





## EL PASO COUNTY

Department of  
Economic Development



# Questions? Contact us!

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EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## Bringing Communities Together

Welcome to the El Paso County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) main page. Our program's vision is to develop viable communities by ensuring a range of affordable housing choices, supporting necessary services and public infrastructure, strengthening the local economy, and mobilizing community resources to enhance collaboration and community partnerships. View the tabs below to learn more about our program and the funding cycle.

- Events & Notices
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- Objectives & Goals
- Projects
- Subrecipient Resources
- Plans & Reports
- Fair Housing
- CDAB

### Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB)

On April 1, 2009, El Paso County became an "entitlement community" and was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) reviews matters of importance regarding the CDBG program and makes recommendations to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners concerning community development issues and use of CDBG funds.

The CDAB is comprised of 12 voting members, including a representative from each of the municipalities participating in the El Paso County Community Development Block Grant Program and a representative from each of the commissioner districts. Participating municipalities advise the Board of County Commissioners who they have designated as their representative. Commissioner district representatives are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Members are appointed for five-year terms, with terms initially staggered, and are limited to serving two consecutive five-year terms.

Please review the Events and Notices tab for upcoming CDAB meeting dates and times.

**Meetings:**  
Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 PM at **9 E. Vermijo Ave., Colorado Springs, CO**. Meetings are held as needed. The next CDAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

**Members:**

Town of Green Mountain Falls: Tyler Stevens (Chair)

- Term Start: 04/28/2009
- Term End: 5/01/2025

Town of Calhan/ Ramah: Cindy Tompkins (Vice-Chair)

- Term Start: 05/04/2010
- Term End: 05/01/2025

District 1: Rachel Starr

- Term Start: 05/01/2019
- Term End: 05/01/2024
- Term Start: 05/01/2019
- Term End: 05/01/2024

District 2: Matt Buffington

- Term Start: 10/18/2022
- Term End: 10/18/2027

District 3: Tiffany Covert

- Term Start: 05/01/2017
- Term End: 05/01/2023

District 4: Tamara Estes

- Term Start: 03/12/2019
- Term End: 05/01/2024

District 5: Robert Null

- Term Start: 04/28/2009
- Term End: 6/01/2025

City of Fountain: Todd Evans

- Term Start: 1/1/2020
- Term End: 05/01/2025

City of Manitou Springs: Denise Howell

- Term Start: 12/16/2019
- Term End: 05/01/2025

Town of Monument: Madeline VanDenHoek

- Term Start: 08/01/2019
- Term End: 05/01/2024

Town of Palmer Lake: Vacant

Ready to learn more about CDBG? Contact us!

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### Upcoming meetings:

- 02/09/2023 at 2:30 PM for Board of County Commissioners
- 02/09/2023 at 6:30 PM for Fairgrounds Corporation
- 02/10/2023 at 10:00 AM for Community Corrections Authority
- 02/14/2023 at 12:00 PM for Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board
- 02/15/2023 at 12:30 PM for Community Development Advisory Board
- 02/16/2023 at 9:00 AM for Planning Commission
- 02/21/2023 at 9:00 AM for Board of County Commissioners
- 02/21/2023 at 1:00 PM for Board of County Commissioners (Land Use)
- 02/28/2023 at 9:00 AM for Board of County Commissioners
- 02/28/2023 at 9:30 AM for Board of County Commissioners (Informal)

### Past meetings:

- 02/08/2023 at 12:00 PM for Housing Authority
- 02/08/2023 at 1:30 PM for Park Advisory Board
- 02/07/2023 at 9:00 AM for Board of County Commissioners
- 02/07/2023 at 1:00 PM for Board of County Commissioners (Land Use)
- 02/07/2023 at 5:30 PM for Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee
- 02/03/2023 at 8:00 AM for Pikes Peak Workforce
- 02/02/2023 at 9:00 AM for Planning Commission
- 02/02/2023 at 1:00 PM for Pikes Peak Workforce
- 02/01/2023 at 9:00 AM for Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority
- 02/01/2023 at 2:30 PM for Victim Compensation

Calendar



For all meeting dates see our [calendar](#) view.

Organizations



A list of organizations. See meeting dates and members.

Commissioners



A list of Commissioners involved in our county.

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

#### AGENDA

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

In-Person Meeting • 9 E. Vermijo Ave.

Virtual Option • [Join Teams Meeting](#) • Or Call In (audio only): Meeting ID 251 069 172 241 Passcode uPHYp2

- I. Welcome & Introductions (12:30-12:40)
  - A. EPC Staff
  - B. CDAB Members: Name, Agency, Board Seat (which CMR District or Municipality)
- II. Consideration of April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes (12:40-12:45)
- III. Sunshine Law (12:45-12:50)
- IV. 2023 PY CDBG Application List (12:50-12:55)
- V. 2023 CDBG Application Review (12:55-1:40)
  - A. Review of 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals
  - B. Focus on Public Facilities/Infrastructure/Housing/Economic Development Requests
  - C. Any Action on Reviewed Categories – Removal from Consideration, Reduction of Request
- VI. Other Business (1:40-1:55)
  - A. Upcoming Meetings:
    - i. March 15, 2023, at 12:30 pm – Review Public Service Requests
    - ii. April 19, 2023, at 12:30 pm – Finalize Funding Recommendations
- VII. Adjournment





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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 15, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) met on February 15, 2023, at 12:30 P.M., via an **all-virtual** Teams meeting platform. **Board Chair, Mr. Stevens, called the meeting to order at 12:33 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

The Community Development Advisory Board members **present** were:

- Matt Buffington – District 2 (virtual)
- Tamara Estes – District 4 (virtual)
- Todd Evans – Fountain (virtual)
- Denise Howell – Manitou Springs (virtual)
- Robert Null - District 5 (virtual)
- Rachel Starr – District 1 (virtual)
- Tyler Stevens – **Chair**, Green Mountain Falls (virtual)
- Madeline VanDenHoek – Monument (virtual)
- Commissioner Holly Williams – Liaison, EPC Board of County Commissioners (virtual)

The Community Development Advisory Board members **absent** were:

- Tiffany Colvert – District 3
- Cindy Tompkins - Co-Chair, Calhan/Ramah

Other persons present at the meeting were:

- Crystal LaTier - Executive Director, Economic Development for El Paso County
- Luke Houser – Community Development Analyst, Economic Development for El Paso County
- Natasha North – Project Manager, Economic Development for El Paso County
- Randi Davis – Housing Analyst, Economic Development for El Paso County

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022**

- *Mr. Stevens motioned to approve (as-so-read); approved unanimously with no additions, deletions, or revisions.*



### III. SUNSHINE LAW CONFIRMATION

Ms. LaTier explained and read the Sunshine Law: On an annual basis, the Community Development Advisory Board votes to continue to use the Sunshine Law agenda suite as the location for Community Development Advisory Board agendas and public notices. They also vote to continue to use El Paso County's Economic Development Department as the custodian of meeting minutes, posting and retaining all meeting minutes for the Community Development Advisory Board.

- *Mr. Stevens motioned to approve (as-so-read); Mr. Null seconded; approved unanimously with no additions, deletions, or revisions.*

### IV. 2023 PY CDBG APPLICATION LIST

#### A. Overview of CDAB's role:

Ms. LaTier denoted the CDAB's role as a recommending body with all final funding decisions made by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), pending the actual annual allocation amount from HUD. Ms. LaTier estimated \$163,000.00 had been allocated for Public Service (15% of budget), with a little over \$1,000,000.00 for all other CDBG categories. Mr. Null asked for additional clarification on materials presented and additional information was provided. Ms. Howell asked about a potential roll-over amount from the previous year and Ms. LaTier clarified that this amount had been included within the anticipated allocation amount (just over \$300,000.00). Ms. Howell asked for clarification on if CDAB needed to cut funds from Public Facility or Public Infrastructure specific to a 'cap.' Ms. LaTier clarified that an allocation 'cap' is placed upon Public Service – but not any other CDBG categories. Mr. Stevens reiterated that the bulk of the cuts are going to be made within Public Service later. Ms. LaTier finalized this summary by indicating that the focus of today's review is specific to Public Facility/Infrastructure requests totaling \$1,339,167.00.

### V. 2023 CDBG APPLICATION REVIEW

Ms. LaTier shared a summary of the Economic Development Team's 5-year Consolidated Plan goals. Mr. Houser then introduced each of the 10 applications under review, denoting details specific to each application summary sheet and answering questions from the board.

#### Summary of Discussions:

1. **Calhan Housing Authority – Senior Resident Community Center; ADA Accessibility**
  - A generalized discussion was had about the Senior Public Housing Authority development, as well as clarification on clientele served.
2. **City of Fountain – Bonita Dr. (North); drainage & ADA-accessibility improvements**
  - A generalized discussion was had about LMA-specific data; Mr. Evans indicated that this is a continuation project that would be potentially delayed without funding in 2023.
3. **City of Manitou Springs – Carnegie Library ADA-Accessibility Improvements**
  - Mr. Houser clarified that this was initially presented as two applications with one being denied for due to ineligibility. The board reviewed the second application, specific to ADA-accessibility. Additional concerns included use of all granted CDBG funds, SHPO consideration for library renovations, and Davis-Bacon regulatory compliance.
  - Ms. Howell clarified that the library is closed due to ADA accessibility and cannot reopen until ADA is updated; the total Carnegie Library project is \$3.4-3.7 million. Ms. LaTier further clarified denial of the additional application as federal funds cannot be used for government-owned buildings *unless* for ADA improvement or if the building has a long-standing lease agreement in place. The ADA application is specific to the exterior and has less SHPO concern than the interior of the historic building.
4. **El Paso County Community Services/Parks Department – Fountain Creek Nature Center ADA-Accessibility**





- A discussion was had about additional funding amounts presented by applicants. A request was made to include alternative revenue streams for all applications presented.
- 5. **Pikes Peak Library District – ADA Accessibility Upgrade at Fountain Library**
  - Notable concerns about this first-time applicant included an initial funding amount of less than \$20,000.00. A breakdown of costs specific to applications presented was requested.
- 6. **Town of Calhan – ADA-Accessibility Improvement at Calhan Baseball Park**
  - It was clarified that Calhan is a 'Census Designated Place' and that LMA-specific data would be different than surrounding areas. Since this is an ADA project, it can be deemed eligible under the LMC national objective.
- 7. **Town of Green Mountain Falls – ADA-Accessibility for the Gazebo Bridge Project**
  - Davis-Bacon regulatory concerns were raised, specific to utilizing an 'inactive' contractor in 2021 on the initial Lake Gazebo project.
- 8. **Town of Monument – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA-Accessibility Project**
  - A generalized discussion was had about this application being a continuation of a 2021 project, filling in infrastructural 'gaps' specific to ADA-accessibility around the municipal Post Office. Concerns were raised about the applicants' reporting on previous grants. Ms. VanDenHoek indicated that staff-turnover caused past reporting irregularities. Clarification on additional revenue sources was requested.
- 9. **Town of Ramah – ADA accessibility of Ramah Playground**
  - Summary provided; no further discussion or questions.
- 10. **Brothers Redevelopment – Housing Rehabilitation Program 2023) explained in-detail.**
  - A generalized discussion was had about the specifics of this program. Clarification was provided specific to Brothers having a long-standing agreement with both El Paso County as well as the municipality of Colorado Springs. Complexities of housing rehabilitation on historic homes was discussed, as well as Brothers' partnership and collaboration with the Energy Resource Center.

Following these discussions, Mr. Stevens asked CDAB if they would prefer to process the presented information independently and propose funding recommendation amounts at the next meeting. Ms. Howell requested that EPC staff pull the budget line-items and scope adjustments, specific to minimum funding. Ms. LaTier confirmed that EPC staff would prepare this information prior to the next CDAB meeting, sharing the location of these files with the Board. Ms. LaTier reminded the board of how to access the full applications and all materials discussed at the meeting via box.com.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Stevens reviewed and confirmed upcoming meeting dates (**March 15 & April 19, 2023** at 12:30pm – 9 E Vermijo, Colorado Springs, CO 80903) with hybrid attendance model.

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## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens at 1:42 P.M.

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**Tyler Stevens, Chair of the El Paso County Community Development Advisory Board**

*Public notice for meeting posted online via the El Paso County Agenda Suite, February 8, 2023*



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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

#### AGENDA

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

In-Person Meeting • 9 E. Vermijo Ave.

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- I. Welcome & Introductions (12:30-12:40)
  - A. EPC Staff
  - B. CDAB Members: Name, Agency, Board Seat (which CMR District or Municipality)
- II. Consideration of February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes (12:40-12:45)
- III. 2023 PY CDBG Application List (12:45-12:55)
- IV. 2023 CDBG Application Review (12:55-1:40)
  - A. Review of 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals
  - B. Focus on Public Service Requests
  - C. Any Action on Reviewed Categories – Removal from Consideration, Reduction of Request
- V. Other Business (1:40-1:55)
  - A. Upcoming Meetings:
    - i. April 19, 2023, at 12:30 pm – Finalize Funding Recommendations
- VI. Adjournment





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#### MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2023

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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#### ROLL CALL

The Community Development Advisory Board members **present** were:

- Matt Buffington – District 2 (in-person)
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- Todd Evans – Fountain (in-person)
- Denise Howell – Manitou Springs (in-person)
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#### II. Approval of February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes (12:32-12:45)

Ms. Howell motioned, Mr. Evans seconded, and the board unanimously approved the February 2023 meeting minutes.



### III. 2023 PY CDBG Application List (12:45-12:55)

Ms. LaTier provided an update regarding the HUD allocation, as denoted on the revised application list.

### IV. 2023 CDBG Application Review (12:55-1:35)

- a. **Review of 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Goals:** Reviewed verbally last time, in the packet as a reminder to reference as needed.
- b. **Focus on Public Service Requests:** Mr. Houser presented a summary of each of the thirteen public service applications, including an itemized list of costs associated with each request. CDAB members then had further discussion and addressed questions, as captured below.
  - **Another Life:** Ms. Tompkins denoted that if we can't provide full funding, only staff costs would be supported through CDBG. Ms. Howell asked for clarification on presence of service from the jurisdiction of Calhan. Mr. Houser clarified that the clientele seeking their services typically come from the geographic areas denoted, with the hope to expand.
  - **Bring It Home, Inc.:** Mr. Houser highlighted this is the only permanent supportive housing for previously homeless veterans in our region. Ms. LaTier clarified that on-site services would connect veterans with the VA and other community agencies.
  - **CENTRO:** Mr. Houser highlighted this is the only facility serving monolingual victims of domestic violence in El Paso County, working predominantly with female head-of-household family units.
  - **CPCD:** Ms. Tompkins highlighted that they have supplemental funding from multiple sources, which puts less burden on CDBG. Ms. LaTier clarified that the low-to moderate income numbers are projections based on past services, but they are not beholden to projections and must fall within the HUD eligibility continuum once funds are allocated.
  - **Envida:** The Board discussed that cuts are likely to be difficult, as Ms. LaTier affirmed this, highlighting that over \$1,000,000.00 in requests were received in Public Service – with only \$166,000.00 allocated.
  - **Fountain Valley Senior Center (FVSC):** Ms. Estes disclosed she is the president of the board for FVSC.
  - **Mt Carmel:** Mr. Houser clarified staff turnover caused late quarterly reports, but they have been proactive since.
  - **Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) Sunnyside Food Program:** Ms. LaTier raised concerns about PPUW's ability to determine whether their services are truly going to EPC rather than City residents. Ms. Estes indicated that the amount requested is too high for consideration and asked if our 'allocation cap' is shared with applicants. Ms. LaTier confirmed that all new applicants have this allocation cap explained to them.
  - **Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) VITA:** Mr. Houser & Ms. LaTier denoted concerns with PPUW's ability to income-qualify the individuals they serve. Ms. Davis, as current Volunteer Manager of this program, reiterated these concerns, confirming that PPUW does not currently collect the information they are required to submit to HUD. Ms. Howell indicated that this application is deemed ineligible. The CDAB agreed.
  - **Silver Key Senior Services:** No comments. Ms. Howell denoted the positive impacts of this agency's efforts in the Manitou Springs area.
  - **The Place:** Ms. LaTier clarified that they have a physical shelter location as well as services for older youth, specific to rental assistance. Mr. Null indicated that the Rotary Club donated \$25,000.00 to assist with operational expenses. Mr. Null highlighted that the work that the staffers do is very well done and well-received by the clientele.
  - **Tri-Lakes Cares:** Ms. Howell asked for clarification about who funds their electric and utilities; Ms. VanDenHoek provided clarity on the services they provide and utility providers in the service area. Ms. Tompkins highlighted the cost/household as \$1,400 – which Ms. LaTier reiterated was typical of rental assistance requests from Tri-Lakes Cares.
  - **WeeCare, Inc.:** Mr. Houser denoted concerns that this is a for-profit company, the incompleteness of the application, as well as unspecified service areas. The Board decided to remove this application from consideration.
- c. **Any Action on Reviewed Categories – Removal from Consideration, Reduction of Request:** The Board determined non-consideration of WeeCare, Inc.'s; Pikes Peak United Way's Sunnyside; and VITA



applications due to minimum requests exceeding the public service budget. It was discussed that Envida, Mt. Carmel and Fountain Valley Senior Center's applications were cost-prohibitive and inflexible in their minimum amount requests. The Board requested Mr. Houser reach out to Envida, Fountain Valley Senior Center, and Mt. Carmel to determine if their minimum requested amount could be reduced to \$20,000.00 before determining which Public Service projects to not recommend. Ms. LaTier reminded the Board to request any additional information they need prior to the April recommendations meeting. Mr. Evans indicated that due to project timeline constraints the City of Fountain has chosen to remove their Public Facilities/Infrastructure application from consideration (Bonita Dr., ADA-accessibility project). Ms. Tompkins highlighted that her Public Facility/Infrastructure projects' requested amounts (for Ramah and Calhan) were specific to the costs to complete the project and in-kind staff services were part of the project, and that these would grant ADA-accessibility to both municipalities.

**V. Other Business (1:35-1:43)**

- a. **HUD Audit Update:** Ms. LaTier informed the board that HUD will be auditing our CDBG-CV programs this spring (2023). Updates will be provided.
- b. **Upcoming Meetings:** April 19, 2023, at 12:30 pm – Finalize Funding Recommendations

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens at 1:43 PM.

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*Tyler Stevens, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board*

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- V. Adjournment





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#### II. Approval of March 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Howell motioned to approve the March 15, 2023 CDAB meeting minutes, and Mr. Buffington seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

#### III. 2023 PY CDBG Application List

##### Public Service Category:

Ms. Estes disclosed that she is on the board for the Fountain Valley Senior Center. Mr. Houser indicated that Envida, Fountain Valley Senior Center, and Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center revised their minimum requests to \$20,000 each, respectively. Ms. LaTier mentioned that the Board needs roughly \$14,000 in additional cuts at



this time. Ms. LaTier denoted that all subrecipients, except for CENTRO de la Familia, are returning subrecipients with fantastic track records of quality work. Board discussion was had regarding applicants' history with El Paso County CDBG funding, needs being seen in the community, applications alignment with Consolidated Plan goals, and the top priorities of each region of the County. Board members individually selected and discussed their top three recommendations from the Public Service applications, further narrowing down these applications.

**Public Facilities, Infrastructure, & Housing Categories:**

Mr. Buffington disclosed his company was involved in the estimates associated with the Carnegie Library applications. Mr. Houser disclosed that he and Ms. LaTier had met with Ms. Howell to discuss an increase in their application request amount from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Ms. LaTier mentioned that Brothers is the only housing rehabilitation application, and their minimum requested amount of \$20,000 would only rehab two houses. Ms. Tompkins asked Ms. Howell if the Manitou Springs project could be completed with under \$300,000. Ms. Howell explained the details of what Manitou Springs would need to renovate, remove, and provide accessibility for before the library would be allowed to open. Ms. Howell also indicated that this process would likely continue into PY 2024, and that a long-term lease agreement would need to be established with the PPLD, prior to opening. Board discussion was had regarding minimum amounts needed for construction projects and the scale of economies with development and construction activities.

Ms. Tompkins motioned to recommend the funding recommendations as presented, and Mr. Evans seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**Funding Recommendations:**

2023 El Paso County CDBG Applications

Public Services (15% Cap) \$166,000 max			
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Award Amount
Bring It Home, Inc.	Freedom Springs 2023	Health Services	\$ 20,750.00
CENTRO de la Familia	Emergency Rents for Victims of Abuse	Battered & Abused Spo	\$ 20,750.00
Community Partnership for Child Dev.	Behavioral Health Support for Children	Child Care Services	\$ 20,750.00
Envida	Transportation for Rural Seniors	Senior Services	\$ 20,750.00
Fountain Valley Senior Center	Senior Programming	Senior Services	\$ 20,750.00
Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center	2023 Veterans Climb Program	Other/Veteran Services	\$ 20,750.00
The Place	Street Outreach & Emergency Youth Shelter	Youth Services	\$ 20,750.00
Tri-Lakes Cares	Housing & Utilities Assistance	Subsistence Payments	\$ 20,750.00
			<b>\$ 166,000.00</b>
Public Facilities/Infrastructure			
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Award Amount
Calhan Housing Authority	Senior Resident Comm Center ADA Upgrades	Senior Centers	\$ 80,000.00
City of Manitou Springs	Carnegie Library ADA Improvement Project	Sidewalks	\$ 300,000.00
El Paso County Community Services Dept	Fountain Creek Nature Center ADA Ramp	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 160,000.00
Pikes Peak Library District	Fountain Library ADA Improvements	Sidewalks	\$ 20,000.00
Town of Calhan	Calhan Baseball Park ADA Improvements	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 50,000.00
Town of Green Mountain Falls	Gazebo Bridge Rehab & ADA Accessibility	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 135,998.00
Town of Monument	3rd Street ADA Improvements	Sidewalks	\$ 73,000.00
Town of Ramah	Playground ADA Improvements	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 75,000.00
			<b>\$ 893,998.00</b>



Housing			
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Award Amount
Brothers Redevelopment	Housing Rehabilitation Program	Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 125,000.00
			\$ 125,000.00
<b>Final Numbers as of 2/28/23</b>			<b>Awarded</b>
Amount Allocated to Public Service	\$166,000.00		\$ 166,000.00
Amount Allocated to All Other	\$1,018,998.00		\$1,018,998.00
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$1,184,998.00</b>		<b>\$1,184,998.00</b>

**IV. Other Business**

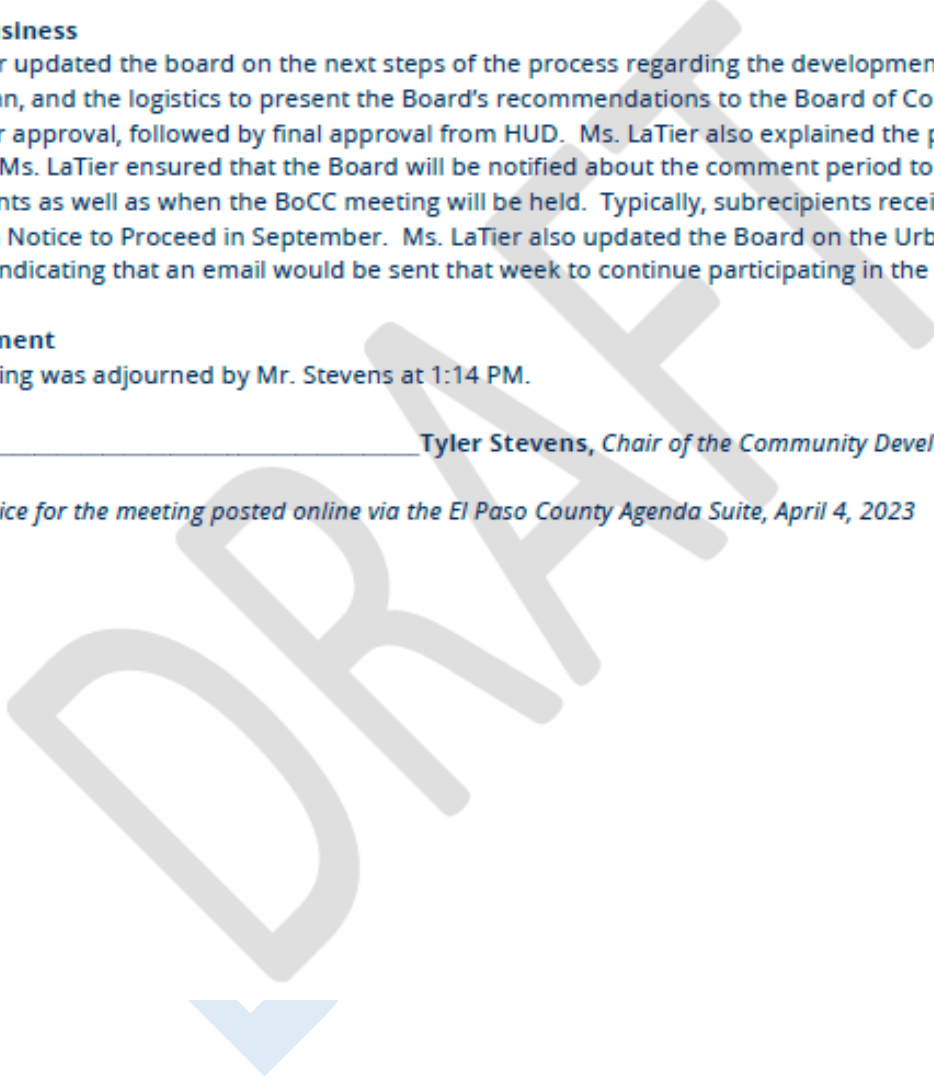
Ms. LaTier updated the board on the next steps of the process regarding the development of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, and the logistics to present the Board's recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for approval, followed by final approval from HUD. Ms. LaTier also explained the public comment period process. Ms. LaTier ensured that the Board will be notified about the comment period to share with their constituents as well as when the BoCC meeting will be held. Typically, subrecipients receive a Notice of Award in July and a Notice to Proceed in September. Ms. LaTier also updated the Board on the Urban Requalification process, indicating that an email would be sent that week to continue participating in the urban county.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens at 1:14 PM.

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Tyler Stevens, Chair of the Community Development Advisory Board

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El Paso County will conduct Public Hearings to obtain the community's input, hearing, Community, & Economic Development needs, and to offer the opportunity to provide comments on suggested projects regarding project and activity considerations for funding through the 2023 CDBG Program.

Attend in-person at 9 E. Verrinjo Avenue, or scan the QR code to join the virtual Teams Meeting. [Click here](#) to for more details.

<b>Public Hearing 1</b>	<b>Public Hearing 2</b>
March 31	March 31
11:00am-12:00pm	5:00pm-6:00pm

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Thank you for your valuable time. For more information on Community Development initiatives and the CDBG program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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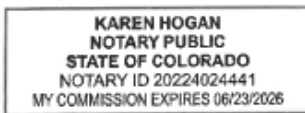
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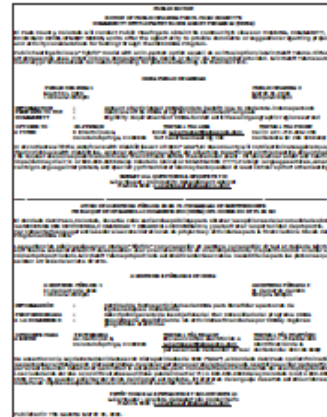
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Southwest Airlines details plan to prevent another winter meltdown

BY ALABAMA BROWN
The Dallas Morning News

Three months after a train of meltdowns plagued Delta-based Southwest Airlines, the carrier is rolling out what it hopes to be its redemption: a three-part plan to boost operations.

The plan largely sticks to the narrative company officials have stuck to over the last three months — that it was surprised for a winter storm that hit two key airports and that its technology system were unprepared for the massive transfer of pilot and flight attendant assignments that eventually cascaded through its nationwide network.

Winter operations

Winter operations proved to be an issue when Mike Storm filed his resignation last week. At Denver International Airport and Chicago Midway International Airport, 26% of crew members were impacted by flight cancellations.

Accelerating operational investments

Southwest is looking to prioritize...

time tools and technology that will allow for greater recovery during extreme events. It's investing more than \$1.5 billion in upgrades and investments in information technology systems this year.

Cross-team collaboration

The carrier is coordinating with...

leader to ensure operational plans. It'll also look to update its leading indicators dashboard, improve alert and decision support tools and look at upgrading capabilities in better integrate aircraft and crew recovery optimization.

This month, Southwest announced it would use Amazon.com servers to help process fare inquiries, crew scheduling and other software tasks.

Novo Nordisk plans price cuts for several insulins

The Associated Press

Novo Nordisk will start slashing some U.S. insulin prices up to 75% next year, following a path set this month by rival Eli Lilly.

Novo also will drop the list price of unbranded products like insulin aspart to match the lower price of the brand-

from their current list price. List prices are what drugmakers initially sets for a product and what people who have an insurance or plans with high deductibles see sometimes stick paying.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE
This 2019 photo shows the former North American headquarters of Novo Nordisk in Plainsboro, N.J.

Saudi Arabia places order for up to 121 planes from Boeing

BY SAUDI ARABIA
The Associated Press

Two Saudi Arabia airlines said Tuesday they will order 76 jetliners from Boeing and take options to buy 45 more in a major boost for the American aircraft manufacturer.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE
The Boeing logo appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in 2009.

Boeing had been talking to the Saudis about an order for three years, according to two senior U.S. administration officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been publicly announced.

The Saudis deal is also a boost for the Boeing 787, which the company calls the Dreamliner. Boeing has struggled with interruptions in delivering new 787s for more than two years because of production flaws.

Shawn of Boeing based in Arlington, Va., rose more than 4% Tuesday.

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The kingdom's wealthiest state of Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have built up state-owned airlines and used their geographic location to become key connecting points for international travel.

"The ambition here in the kingdom is huge, and this today ... is our first big order," says Douglas, the CEO of Riyadh Air, which is set to launch in 2026.

The planes covered by the order and options are large, two-aisle "widebody" jets, in the industry jargon.

Boeing and Europe's Airbus dominate the market.

"Serving the Middle East, in our view, is a very, very important and critical market for widebodies, and we like that Boeing won this one," said Boeing CEO David Calhoun, who stepped in Riyadh for the an-

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### 2023 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### AGENDA

Friday, March 31, 2023 • 11:00am-12:00pm • 5:00pm-6:00 pm

In-Person Meeting • 9 E. Vermijo Ave.

Virtual Option • [Join Teams Meeting](#) • Meeting ID 266 781 309 485 • Passcode wF8mFY

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. CDBG Program Overview
  - A. *Program History*
  - B. *National Objectives & Goals*
  - C. *Local CDBG Funds Fulfill Community Needs*
  - D. *Local & National Goals Align*
  - E. *El Paso County Consolidated Plan Goals*
- III. Eligibility Requirements
  - A. *Geographic Areas Served*
  - B. *Types of Eligible Projects*
  - C. *Important Eligibility Considerations*
  - D. *Ineligible Expenses*
- IV. Anticipated 2023 CDBG Funds
  - A. *Funding for Low & Moderate Income Persons*
  - B. *Funding Allocation for 2023*
  - C. *CDBG Funding Impacts in El Paso County*
- V. Discussion & Questions







# 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing

EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## CDBG Program Overview



# CDBG Program Overview

## *Program History*

**1974**

The CDBG program began in 1974 and is one of the longest running Housing and Urban Development programs.

**2009**

El Paso County was designated as a CDBG Entitlement Community in 2009.

**2023**

Today, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federally funded, flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

# CDBG Program Overview

## *National Objectives & Goals*

### **National Objectives:**

- Serve persons of low to moderate income
- Urgent Need
- Slum & Blight

### **National Goals:**

- Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Establish and Maintain Suitable Living Environments
- Expand Economic Opportunities





# CDBG Program Overview

*Local CDBG Funds Fulfill Community Needs*

## General Goals



## Community Development Needs



- The County's CDBG goals are consistent with the federal CDBG goals and the County's Strategic Plan.
- The County's CDBG goal is to develop viable communities by ensuring a range of affordable housing choices, supporting necessary services, strengthening the local economy, and mobilizing community resources to enhance collaboration and community partnerships.
- Since the program's inception in 2009, 118+ community programs/projects have been assisted.

# CDBG Program Overview

*Local & National Goals Align*

In addition to the national goals, the El Paso County CDBG Program has 10 local goals to address some of the needs identified in our 5-year strategic plan, known as the Consolidated Plan.

Each project funded by our program must meet at least 1 of the 10 goals and be able to demonstrate measurable success at the conclusion of the project.

These selections inform the development of our Annual Action Plan, which must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and HUD in order to receive our annual allocation of funding.



# CDBG Program Overview

## *El Paso County Consolidated Plan Goals*

Housing



**H1 Goal** – Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities.

**H2 Goal** – Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices.

**H3 Goal** – Increase fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement.

Homelessness & Special Needs



**HM1 Goal** – Assist in ensuring that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.

**SN1 Goal** – Help special needs residents obtain housing and remain housed while living independently as they choose.

**SN2 Goal** – Reduce accessibility barriers (ADA compliance).

**SN3 Goal** – Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situations and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth, and special needs populations.

Community Development



**CD1 Goal** – Improve infrastructure to foster accessible and livable neighborhoods and improve access to public amenities.

**CD2 Goal** – Develop or improve facilities that provide services to low- to moderate income residents and special needs populations.

**CD3 Goal** – Expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate income residents.

# Eligibility Requirements



# Eligibility Requirements

## Geographic Areas Served

- Calhan
- Fountain
- Green Mountain Falls
- Unincorporated El Paso County
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah
- Manitou Springs
- Monument

### Why can't this money be used inside Colorado Springs city limits?

Colorado Springs receives its own CDBG funding, which means that for El Paso County to receive funding, we cannot allow Colorado Springs residents to 'double dip' into both sources of assistance.

# Eligibility Requirements

## Types of Eligible Projects

### Who can apply?

- Participating Municipalities
- Non-Profits
- Faith Based Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- All applicants must be equal opportunity employers and be able to provide proof of status

### Public Service (15% allocation cap)

- Services such as meals on wheels, housing counseling

*Eligibility: Must live in the eligible area, income qualify, and provide appropriate demographic data*

### Public Facilities

- Improving or building neighborhood community centers, parks, or ADA accessibility to said facilities

*Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (based on HUD data) or address ADA issues*





# Eligibility Requirements

## Types of Eligible Projects

### Infrastructure

- Sidewalks, drainage improvements, sewer lines

*Eligibility: must be in a low to moderate income area (based on HUD data) or specifically address ADA issues*

### Housing

- Owner-occupied housing rehab, public housing accessibility

*Eligibility: households must income qualify*

### Economic Development

- Activities that create jobs or encourage business development

*Eligibility: must provide jobs for income eligible persons*

# Eligibility Requirements

## Important Eligibility Considerations

1. Is the activity within the appropriate and eligible El Paso County CDBG geographic area?
2. Is the activity serving [low-to moderate income](#) residents?

*If it is a public service, housing, or economic development project, does the agency have a way of tracking demographic information to prove and report this?*

*If it is a facility or infrastructure project, is it within a [low-to moderate income area](#)?*

3. Is the activity eligible according to HUD [CDBG CER](#) (review section 570.201- 570.207)?
4. Does the activity align with a [HUD Matrix Code](#)?
5. Does the activity align with our [Consolidated Plan Goals](#)?
6. Will the activity be able to answer all questions outlined in the application?



# Eligibility Requirements

## *Ineligible Expenses*


- Supplies that can be used past the life of the grant program are ineligible (computers, fridges, etc.).
  - *supplies used during the program are eligible (food for food pantries, facemasks for employees while working with clients, etc.)*
- Staff time spent with ineligible clients or working on a different project
  - *Can be used associable staff costs, specific to CDBG programming*
- General government operations and functions
  - *Includes the use of funds on Governmental Buildings*
- Political and religious activities
  - *Programs that promote exclusivity are deemed ineligible*

## 2023 CDBG Funds



# 2023 CDBG Funds

## Funding for Low & Moderate Income Persons

  
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**2022 HUD INCOME LIMITS**

2022 Median Family Income for El Paso County, Colorado								
\$96,100								
Incomes by Size of Household								
Income Level	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Extremely-Low Income (<30%)	\$19,400	\$22,150	\$24,900	\$27,650	\$29,900	\$32,100	\$34,300	\$36,500
Very-Low Income (<50%)	\$32,250	\$36,850	\$41,450	\$46,050	\$49,750	\$53,450	\$57,150	\$60,800
Low Income (<80%)	\$51,600	\$59,000	\$66,350	\$73,700	\$79,600	\$85,500	\$91,400	\$97,300

# 2023 CDBG Funds

## Funding Allocation for 2023

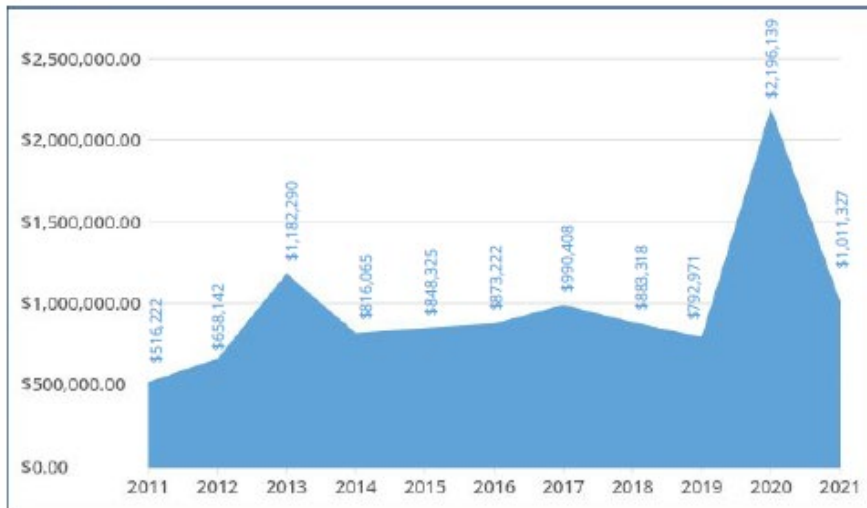
- In 2023, El Paso County was allocated **\$1,184,998** for the CDBG program.
- EPC received **26** applications for this allocation.
- Minimum request amount is **\$20,000**.
- For construction projects, applicants must build in the additional costs anticipated by the requirement of Davis-Bacon wages.
- Visit our website to view previous years of funding if you'd like to see historical funding data.





# 2023 CDBG Funds

## *CDBG Funding Impacts in El Paso County*



## THANK YOU

Thank you for your commitment to creating and maintaining vibrant communities!

CDBG projects make a lasting, positive impact on our local economy and its residents.



# Thank You!

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**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

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**Bringing Communities Together**

Welcome to the El Paso County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) main page. Our program's vision is to develop viable communities by ensuring a range of affordable housing choices, supporting necessary services and public infrastructure, strengthening the local economy, and mobilizing community resources to enhance collaboration and community partnerships. View the tabs below to learn more about our program and the funding cycle.

Events & Notices

Applications & Eligibility

Objectives & Goals

Projects

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CDBG

**Welcome to the Community Development Block Grant!**

**Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Meeting Schedule**

CDAB meetings are currently held on the third Wednesday of each month as needed in the Economic Development Conference Room located at 9 E. Vermijo Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Meetings start at 12:30 pm. The next CDAB meeting is TBD.

**PUBLICATION NOTICE:  
2022 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT**

Publication & Comment Period for the  
2022 CAPER for El Paso County CDBG

- The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all public housing, including CDBG funds.
- The County's CAPER outlines the housing, community, and economic development objectives and activities undertaken in 2022 through the CDBG program in meeting the needs of low to moderate income clients.
- Review the CAPER [here](#) and submit all comments to Luke Houser, Community Development Analyst  
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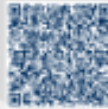
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT PERIOD  
El Paso County's Community Development Block Grant Program**

The draft of the 2023 Annual Action Plan will be available and open to public comment from May 24 - June 23, 2023. The El Paso County Economic Development Department will host Public Hearings on June 16, 2023 to encourage community participation in the draft of the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAY COMMENT ON THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AT  
ANY TIME DURING MAY 24, 2023 - JUNE 23, 2023**

Attend in-person at **9 E. Vermijo Avenue**, or  
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Meeting. [Click here to for more details](#)



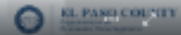
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**INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY**

- Provided community members will be signed in to CAPER Consolidation Plan guide
- CDBG applications received, project ratings, & activity recommendations sent to guide
- Opportunity to formally comment on the 2023 Annual Action Plan

Review the Annual Action Plan [here](#) and submit all comments to  
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[AAP Public Hearing and Comments](#) by EPCED

**Ready to learn more about CDBG? Contact us!**

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El Paso County's Community Development Block Grant Program



### 2023 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The El Paso County CDBG Annual Action Plan (AAP) includes proposed projects, goals, and objectives for the 2023 program year. Recommendations for projects were determined by the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). The 2023 AAP public comment period is open from May 24 - June 23, 2023. Public comments and CDAB recommendations will then be submitted to the EPC Board of County Commissioners for final approval and submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).



**Review the  
2023 AAP Here**

### Annual Action Plan Public Hearings



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**9 E Vermijo Ave.**  
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The EPC Economic Development department will host public hearings to encourage community participation in the use of CDBG funds:

**Public Hearing 1**  
Date: June 16, 2023  
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Public Hearing 2**  
Date: June 16, 2023  
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

## 2022 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT

The CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (**CAPER**) outlines the housing, community, and economic development objectives and activities undertaken in 2022 through the CDBG program. The 2022 CAPER public comment period is open from **May 19 - June 5, 2023**. Public comments will be included within the final report submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).



**Review the 2022 CAPER Here**

**Comments about the 2022 CAPER or 2023 Annual Action Plan?**

*Feel free to add your voice and opinion during the open comment period!*



**Submit Comments to Luke Houser**

**Via Email or Phone:**  
[LukeHouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:LukeHouser@elpasoco.com)  
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Thank you for your valuable time. For more information on Community Development initiatives and the CDBG program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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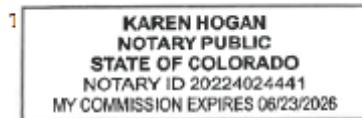
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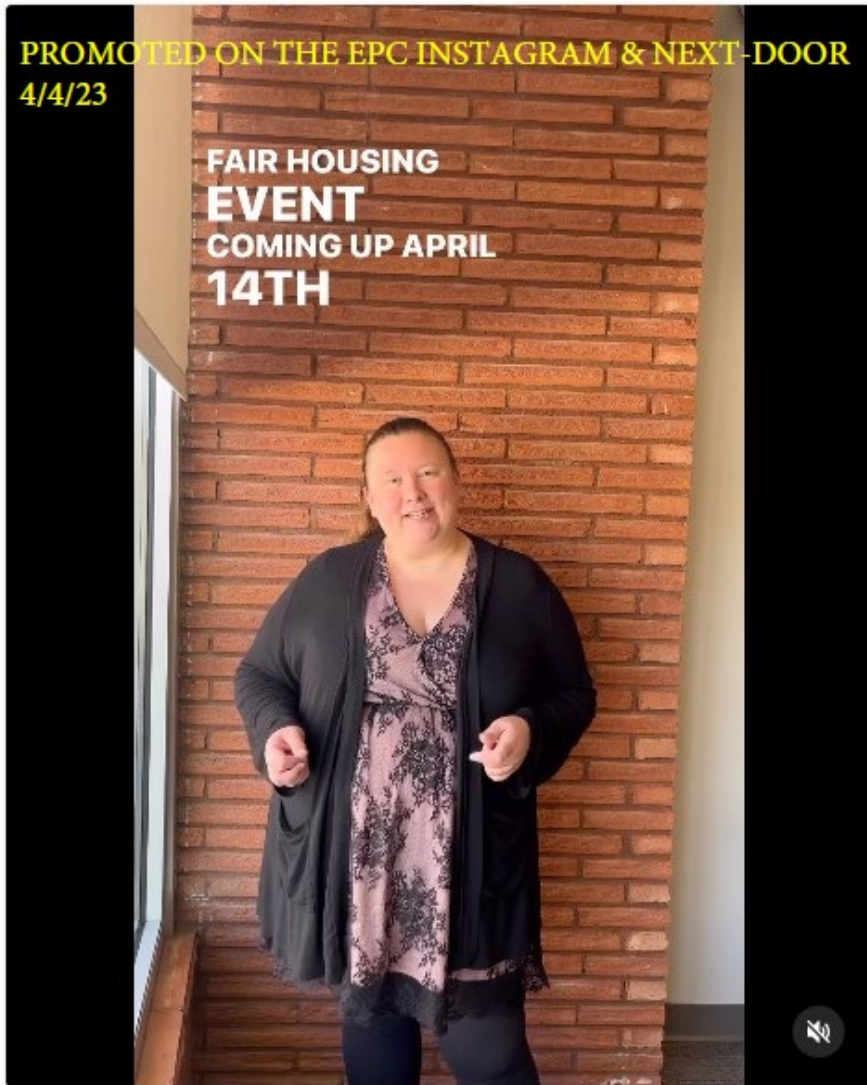
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# 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

*The 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program Funding Recommendations Packet includes 2023 program year funding recommendations from the CDBG Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) for the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners.*

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El Paso County Board of County Commissioners

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## Community Development Advisory Board

### Background

The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) is comprised of 12 voting, dedicated community volunteers with representation from all parts of the County. The members are appointed by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and by the participating municipalities. The members' backgrounds are impressive, and many members of CDAB have prior experience in dealing with community development needs.

CDAB was established to review matters of importance regarding El Paso County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDAB's mission is to review funding applications, prioritize each of the proposed programs and projects, ensure compliance with federal regulations, and accomplish the objectives in the County's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This document outlines the 2023 project funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

To accomplish its mission, CDAB held numerous public meetings to review and rank each of the individual programs and projects. Each application was assessed based on its overall consistency and ability to achieve the goals within the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. Additionally, CDAB assessed each application's benefit to low- to moderate-income residents and the amount of supplementary funding and leveraging capabilities. CDAB was also asked to consider the overall benefit or impact on the community and the applicant's experience and capacity.

All applications were reviewed individually within their designated categories and within the Community Development Block Grant program holistically. Public Services, Public Facilities, Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Development are the five main categories in the program. A total of 26 applications were received, and 17 are recommended for funding.



## 2023 Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations

### Public Services

1. **Bring It Home, Inc. – Freedom Springs 2023**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide 24 formerly homeless Veterans and their families with permanent housing and wraparound services.  
Proposed Number of Residents Served: 24  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**
  
2. **CENTRO de la Familia – Emergency Rental & Housing Assistance Funds for Victims of Domestic Abuse**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide emergency housing support for 7 monolingual female head-of-households who are victims of abuse and neglect.  
Proposed Number of Households Served: 7  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**
  
3. **Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD) – Behavioral Health Support for Disadvantaged Children (BHSDC)**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide parents of at-risk children with classroom-based training and at-home services to help prevent recurring behavioral issues.  
Proposed Number of Residents Served: 351  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**
  
4. **Envida – Access to and Other Services for Rural Seniors**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide free transportation services to seniors and special needs individuals living in rural El Paso County.  
Proposed Number of Residents Served: 754  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**
  
5. **Fountain Valley Senior Center – Senior Programming**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will aid on-site programming specific to physical exercise, social engagement, mental health evaluations, and financial assistance for seniors.  
Proposed Number of Residents Served: 210  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**
  
6. **Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center – 2023 Veterans Climb Program**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide a safety net for veterans and their families experiencing homelessness through intensive care management, employment assistance, and vocational training.  
Proposed Number of Residents Served: 78  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**





**7. The Place – Street Outreach & Emergency Youth Shelter**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will support operational costs of running The Place and its programming, providing youth experiencing homelessness with food, shelter, rental assistance, community outreach, and other services.

Proposed Number of Residents Served: 28

**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**

**8. Tri-Lakes Cares – Housing & Utilities Assistance**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide financial assistance for housing and utility costs for LMI households that are at-risk of eviction or defaulting on utility payments.

Proposed Number of Households Served: 14

**Funding Recommendation: \$20,750**

**Public Facilities**

**1. Calhan Housing Authority – Senior Resident Community Center ADA Accessibility**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide ADA-accessibility upgrades for the restroom facilities, kitchen area, as well as the exterior entrance.

Proposed Service Area: Calhan

**Funding Recommendation: \$ 80,000**

**2. El Paso County Parks and Community Services Department – Fountain Creek Nature Center ADA Improvements**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide greater ADA-accessibility at the Fountain Creek Nature Center by replacing current access with a new ramp, handrails, and edge protection.

Proposed Service Area: Unincorporated El Paso County

**Funding Recommendation: \$160,000**

**3. Town of Calhan – Calhan Baseball Park ADA Improvements**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide improvements to the Calhan Baseball complex by creating an ADA-accessible trail-network, as well as providing greater ADA-accessibility to the playground and two baseball fields.

Proposed Service Area: Calhan

**Funding Recommendation: \$50,000**

**4. Town of Green Mountain Falls –Gazebo Bridge Rehabilitation & ADA Accessibility**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide renovations to the GMF Lake Gazebo, lowering the municipal lake and replacing the pre-existing bridge with ADA-accessibility improvements.

Proposed Service Area: Green Mountain Falls

**Funding Recommendation: \$135,998**

**5. Town of Ramah – Playground ADA Improvements**

Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide much-needed ADA-accessibility upgrades to the deteriorating Ramah playground.

Proposed Service Area: Ramah

**Funding Recommendation: \$75,000**





## Infrastructure

1. **City of Manitou Springs – Carnegie Library ADA Improvement Project**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide initial ADA-accessibility upgrades to the Carnegie Public Library, a Federal requirement for reopening.  
Proposed Service Area: Manitou Springs  
**Funding Recommendation: \$300,000**
  
2. **Pikes Peak Library District – Fountain Library ADA Improvements**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide renovations to pre-existing ADA-accessibility, removing barriers and replacing impediments with modern ADA access.  
Proposed Service Area: Fountain  
**Funding Recommendation: \$20,000**
  
3. **Town of Monument – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street ADA Accessibility**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide continued improvement to TOM's thoroughfares, expanding ADA-accessibility along its sidewalks – a continuation of a 2022 project.  
Proposed Service Area: Monument  
**Funding Recommendation: \$73,000**

## Housing

1. **Brothers Redevelopment – Housing Rehabilitation Program**  
Funding from the 2023 El Paso County CDBG Program will provide 15 eligible EPC residents with free at-home emergency/accessibility rehabilitation, removing accessibility barriers and improving quality of life.  
Proposed Number of Households Served: 15  
**Funding Recommendation: \$125,000**



### Funding Recommendations Summary

PROJECT CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FUNDED	AMOUNT FUNDED
PUBLIC SERVICES (15% cap)	8	\$166,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0	\$0
PUBLIC FACILITIES	5	\$500,998
INFRASTRUCTURE	3	\$393,000
HOUSING	1	\$125,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$1,184,998</b>

### Funding Statistics

26	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
17	ACTIVITIES RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING
65%	OF APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING
\$20,750	SMALLEST GRANT
\$300,000	LARGEST GRANT
\$69,706	AVERAGE GRANT AMOUNT



## 2023 Application List

2023 El Paso County CDBG Applications						
PUBLIC SERVICES (15% Cap) \$155,000 MAX						
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Request Amount	Minimum Amount	Award Amount	
Another Life Foundation	SOAR Youth Program	Youth Services	\$ 59,250.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Bring It Home, Inc.	Freedom Springs 2023	Health Services	\$ 43,864.00	\$ 20,000.00		
CENTRO de la Familia	Emergency Funds for Victims of Abuse	Battered & Abused Spouse	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Community Partnership for Child Dev.	Behavioral Health Support for Children	Child Care Services	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Enviva	Transportation for Rural Seniors	Senior Services	\$ 70,721.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Fountain Valley Senior Center	Senior Programming	Senior Services	\$ 00,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center	2023 Veterans Climb Program	Other/Veteran Services	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Pikes Peak United Way	Sunnyside Food Program	Food Banks	\$ 140,969.50	\$ 75,000.00		
Pikes Peak United Way	VITA Program	Other Public Services	\$ 94,902.00	\$ 75,000.00		
Silver Key Senior Services	Health & Wellness Services for Seniors	Senior Services	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
The Place	Street Outreach & Emergency Youth Shelter	Youth Services	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Tri-Lakes Care	Housing & Utilities Assistance	Substance Payments	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
WecCare, Inc.	Booster Program	Child Care Services	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,000.00		
			<b>\$ 1,008,508.50</b>	<b>\$ 548,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Economic Development						
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Request Amount	Minimum Amount	Award Amount	
			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Public Facilities Infrastructure						
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Request Amount	Minimum Amount	Award Amount	
Calhan Housing Authority	Senior Resident Comm Center ADA Upgrades	Senior Centers	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 80,000.00		
City of Fountain	Bonita Drive Drainage and ADA Upgrades	Sidewalks	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 148,000.00		
City of Manitou Springs	Carnegie Library ADA Improvement Project	Sidewalks	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		
EPC Parks & Community Services Dept	Fountain Creek Nature Center ADA Ramp	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 180,000.00		
Pikes Peak Library District	Fountain Library ADA Improvements	Sidewalks	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Town of Calhan	Calhan Baseball Park ADA Improvements	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		
Town of Green Mountain Falls	Gazelle Bridge Rehab & ADA Accessibility	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 207,167.00	\$ 116,512.00		
Town of Monument	3rd Street ADA Improvements	Sidewalks	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 70,000.00		
Town of Ramah	Playground ADA Improvements	Parks, Rec Facilities	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00		
			<b>\$ 1,314,167.00</b>	<b>\$ 324,312.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Housing						
Applicant	Project Name	Sub-Category	Request Amount	Minimum Amount	Award Amount	
Brothers Redevelopment	Housing Rehabilitation Program	Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
			<b>\$ 125,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Final Numbers as of 2/28/23			Request	Difference	Awarded	Difference
Amount Allocated to Public Services		\$100,000.00	\$ 1,008,508.50	\$ (842,508.50)	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Amount Allocated to All Other		\$1,018,998.00	\$ 1,439,167.00	\$ (420,169.00)	\$ -	\$1,018,998.00
Total Project Budget		\$1,118,998.00	\$ 2,447,675.50	\$ (1,282,675.50)	\$ -	\$1,104,998.00
Total Project Budget - Total Request			\$ (1,202,675.00)			
Ineligible Applications						
Applicant	Ineligibility Note					
City of Manitou Springs (water & sewer)	Gov't-owned building (non-ADA project)					
Severely Recovery Connection	Within Colorado Springs city limits					
Solid Rock Community Development Corp.	Within Colorado Springs city limits					
			updated 5/1/2023			



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2023 FY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE RELATED SUBRECIPIENT AND HUD GRANT AGREEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, in 1974, the U.S. Congress enacted the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (the "Act"), permitting and providing for the participation of the federal government in a wide range of local housing and community development activities and programs which activities and programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of Title I of the Act is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, mainly for persons of low- to moderate-income, this objective to be accomplished by providing financial assistance in the form of block grant funds to state and local governments for the conduct and administration of housing and community development activities and programs as contemplated under the Act; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County, Colorado (the "County") is qualified to participate in the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program as an Urban County for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has established and appointed members to the Community Development Advisory Board to make funding recommendations for these federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County has solicited applications from non-profits and local governments ("Subrecipients") to carry out CDBG activities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Board has reviewed and ranked the 2023 applications and has prepared thoughtful funding recommendations as attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is required by HUD from all jurisdictions receiving CDBG entitlement funds to outline the annual objectives and activities to be undertaken.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Community Development Advisory Board's funding recommendations, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are hereby approved

Section 2. The 2023 Annual Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is approved in substantially the form submitted.

Section 3. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the Application for Federal Assistance and accompanying certifications, HUD Grant Agreements and Subrecipient Agreements, as per this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk and Recorder







**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR EL PASO COUNTY'S  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)**

El Paso County, Colorado will conduct Public Hearings to obtain the community's views on HOUSING, COMMUNITY, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, and to offer the opportunity to provide comments or suggestions regarding project and activity considerations for funding through the 2023 CDBG Program.

Public hearings follow a "hybrid" model with an in-person option as well as a virtual option via Microsoft Teams. Virtual attendees may use a direct link on a computer/mobile device or call in via the number provided. Microsoft Teams automatically provides access to closed captioning for persons attending via the direct link.

**CDBG PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC HEARING 1**  
March 31, 2023  
11:00am-12:00pm

**PUBLIC HEARING 2**  
March 31, 2023  
5:00pm-6:00pm

**INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY**

- Amount of anticipated CDBG funds to benefit low- to moderate-income persons
- Overview of the CDBG program's Consolidated Plan goals
- Eligibility requirements of CDBG-funded activities and geographic regions served

**OPTIONS TO ATTEND**

**IN-PERSON**

9 E Vermijo Ave,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**VIRTUAL VIA LINK**

Email [LukeHouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:LukeHouser@elpasoco.com)  
for the virtual meeting link

**VIRTUAL VIA PHONE**

Call in at: 1-719-283-1263  
Conference ID: 293 106 940#

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), El Paso County will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service to participate in this meeting should make the request as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours before the scheduled event. Citizens who are deaf and hearing impaired may dial 711 or 800-659-3656 Relay Colorado (voice) or 800-659-2656 (TTY). Foreign language services, American Sign Language interpreters, and specialty printed materials may be requested at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS & REQUESTS TO:**

Luke Houser • Community Development Analyst  
719-520-6249 • [LukeHouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:LukeHouser@elpasoco.com)

**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA EL PROGRAMA DE SUBVENCIONES  
EN BLOQUE DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE EL PASO**

El condado de El Paso, Colorado, llevará a cabo audiencias públicas para obtener las opiniones de la comunidad sobre las NECESIDADES DE VIVIENDA, COMUNIDAD Y DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO, y para ofrecer la oportunidad de proporcionar comentarios o sugerencias sobre las consideraciones de proyectos y actividades para la financiación a través del Programa CDBG 2023.

Las audiencias públicas siguen un modelo "híbrido" con una opción en persona y una opción virtual a través de Microsoft Teams. Los asistentes virtuales pueden usar un enlace directo en una computadora / dispositivo móvil o llamar al número proporcionado. Microsoft Teams proporciona automáticamente acceso a los subtítulos para las personas que asisten a través del enlace directo.

**AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS DE CDBG**

**AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA 1**  
31 de marzo de 2023  
11:00am-12:00pm

**AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA 2**  
31 de marzo de 2023  
5:00pm-6:00pm

**INFORMACIÓN PROPORCIONADA A LA COMUNIDAD**

- Cantidad de fondos anticipados de CDBG para beneficiar a personas de ingresos bajos a moderados
- Descripción general de los objetivos del Plan Consolidado del programa CDBG
- Requisitos de elegibilidad de las actividades financiadas por CDBG y regiones geográficas atendidas

**OPCIONES PARA ASISTIR**

**EN PERSONA**

Av. Vermijo 9 E,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**VIRTUAL VÍA ENLACE**

Envíe un correo electrónico a [LukeHouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:LukeHouser@elpasoco.com)  
para el enlace de reunión virtual

**VIRTUAL VÍA TELÉFONO**

Llame al: 1-719-283-1263  
Identificación de la conferencia: 293 106 940#

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**ENVÍE TODAS LAS PREGUNTAS Y SOLICITUDES A:**

Luke Houser • Analista de Desarrollo Comunitario  
719-520-6249 • [LukeHouser@elpasoco.com](mailto:LukeHouser@elpasoco.com)

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# Appendix B

## Public Comments Received

Appendices Checklist

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# Appendix C

## SF-424 & Certifications

Appendices Checklist

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
6. Data Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="El Paso County, Colorado"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="84-6000764"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="JNY4NCJ224J4"/>
<b>d. Address:</b>		
* Street1:	<input type="text" value="9 E Vermijo"/>	
Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City:	<input type="text" value="Colorado Springs"/>	
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State:	<input type="text" value="CO: Colorado"/>	
Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="80903-2202"/>	
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Economic Development"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Crystal"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="LaTier"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Executive Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="El Paso County, Colorado"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="719-520-6484"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="719-520-6486"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="crystallatier@elpasoco.com"/>		



<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>			
<b>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</b>			
<input type="text" value="B: County Government"/>			
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:			
<input type="text"/>			
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:			
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* Other (specify):			
<input type="text"/>			
<b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b>			
<input type="text" value="US Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>			
<b>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b>			
<input type="text" value="14.218"/>			
CFDA Title:			
<input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)"/>			
<b>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</b>			
<input type="text" value=""/>			
* Title:			
<input type="text" value=""/>			
<b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b>			
<input type="text"/>			
Title:			
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<b>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b>			
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<b>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b>			
<input type="text" value="Public Services, Public Facilities, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Housing, Planning &amp; Administration"/>			
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.			
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# EL PASO COUNTY

Department of  
Economic Development

<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>	
<b>16. Congressional Districts Of:</b>	
* a. Applicant <input type="text" value="5"/>	* b. Program/Project <input type="text" value="5"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
<b>17. Proposed Project:</b>	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="04/01/2023"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="03/31/2024"/>
<b>18. Estimated Funding (\$):</b>	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,109,577.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,109,577.00"/>
<b>* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
<b>* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
<b>21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
<b>Authorized Representative:</b>	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Cami"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Bremer"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Chair, Board of County Commissioners"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="719-520-6415"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="camibremer@elpasoco.com"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text"/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text"/>



ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- 1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability...
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system...
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency...
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.





**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws --** The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint --** Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws -** it will comply with applicable Laws

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**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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## APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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