



El Paso County, Colorado Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program



2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

The 2020 program year has continued to move the El Paso County CDBG program closer to meeting our five-year goals. Some major accomplishments include already exceeding the annual outcomes for AFH3, CD3, and CD4. We have met the goals for CD1 and CD2. In the 2020 program year, the El Paso County CDBG program was also able to increase its consultation and interaction with multiple agencies, including Silver Key, Mercy's Gate, Beautiful Redemption, and CEO Works.

In the 2020 program year, our program also continued its collaboration with the city of Colorado Springs by having information consultation meetings and emailed/virtual discussions. Our programs have continued to touch base regarding our current efforts towards homelessness, emergency assistance, and monitoring/compliance. These consultations allow us to ensure we are not duplicating efforts as well as discuss ways that we can better align efforts and best practices.

Crystal LaTier currently serves on the Continuum of Care Board of Directors and actively participates in the CoC's operations. This also benefits our CDBG program, as she is able to provide feedback and communicate needs between the CoC and CDBG programs. Eric Leonard was also hired as the Housing Analyst for El Paso County, and as staff to the El Paso County Housing Authority, he has done an exceptional job of communicating with the CDBG program and staying up to date with all programming.

Additionally, our program has also seen an increase in interest and traffic to our CDBG website. In the 2020 program year, many new nonprofits reached out to the CDBG program interested in relief funds for COVID-19 response. While not all agencies ended up seeking funds, these meetings offered new opportunities to increase community collaboration and engagement with federal funds. Nonprofit agencies continue to provide feedback that our program is exceptionally transparent and easy to access, particularly in comparison to other federal funding sources.

Our program continues to seek out opportunities to assist in the development of affordable housing, as well as new initiatives with homeless providers. Overlap of resources continues to be an obstacle for the program in meeting certain goals in this area. Because CDBG should be the

last resource utilized, there are often other resources that fund these areas prior to our program (such as LITHC, ESG funds, and CoC funding). However, the important takeaway is that even though our program is not funding these projects, they are still being funded.

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AFH1 (Transportation Access)	Non-Housing Community Development Assessment of Fair Housing	CDBG-CV: \$58500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	1176		312	956	306.41%
AFH1 (Transportation Access)	Non-Housing Community Development Assessment of Fair Housing	CDBG-CV: \$58500	Other	Other	5	3	60.00%			
AFH2 (Affordable Housing Units)	Affordable Housing Assessment of Fair Housing		Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	100	0	0.00%			
AFH3 (Housing Rehabilitation)	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$65193	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	25	40	160.00%	19	4	21.05%

AFH4 (Fair Housing Education)	Assessment of Fair Housing		Other	Other	10	8	80.00%	2	2	100.00%
CD1 (Improve Infrastructure)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$362000	Other	Other	5	5	100.00%	2	2	100.00%
CD2 (Improve Facilities)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$164700	Other	Other	5	5	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
CD3 (Improve Access to Services)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$20000 / CDBG-CV: \$417500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1000	1237	123.70%	746	479	64.21%
CD4 (Expand Economic Opportunities)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG-CV: \$122000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	200	352	176.00%	245	24	9.80%
HM1 (Prevent Homelessness)	Homeless	CDBG: \$20000 / CDBG-CV: \$217000	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	500	140	28.00%	478	140	29.29%
HM2 (PSH)	Homeless		Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	500	48	9.60%			

HM3 (Emergency Housing Assistance)	Homeless		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
HM3 (Emergency Housing Assistance)	Homeless		Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	500	145	29.00%			
SN1 (Special Needs Housing)	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Other	Other	50	0	0.00%			
SN2 (ADA)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$317353	Other	Other	5	9	180.00%	3	3	100.00%

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

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

The 2020 program year is on its way to becoming another successful year for the CDBG program. All PY 2020 projects are still underway, with all public facility/infrastructure projects either already under construction or in the process of securing a contractor to begin construction. Due to the harsh winters in Colorado, the public facility/infrastructure projects will typically wait until late winter or early spring to release requests for proposals for their projects so they can begin construction in late spring. However, the current structure of the SAM website has resulted in some contractors experiencing issues with renewing or registering with SAM. To help mitigate the issue, the El Paso County CDBG program now offers free technical assistance to contractors with Sam.gov and Section 3 registration. By reducing barriers to CDBG funding, our program hopes to attract more WMBE/Section 3 contractors in the future. To the greatest extent possible, CDBG staff attends pre-bid meetings to advertise the Section 3 program and how it can benefit contractors. Additionally, we are now providing a HUD Section 3 brochure to all selected contractors to

ensure they are aware of the potential opportunities associated with the certification.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the timeline of some projects, as the state-mandated stay-at-home orders did prevent some agencies from continuing their work. This has resulted in some projects currently reporting lower numbers as employee quarantine and office shutdowns have delayed the progress of these projects. Some of the activities have even noted increased demand or a shift in how assistance is demanded (such as the delivery of groceries, rather than a trip to the grocery store). The El Paso County CDBG program has worked closely with these activities to help them achieve continued success despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the rent/utility assistance programs have also been stalled by the injection of significant federal funding into the market (such as the EHAP program administered by the State of Colorado). As those dollars are considered a lower barrier than the CDBG-CV funding, many prospective clients are currently turning to the easiest available funding to meet their needs, which is both rational and understandable. As the pandemic progresses, our programs intend to increase the use of CDBG-CV funding as other housing assistance programs expire or are expended. Our employment training programs received some of the largest delays during the pandemic but are now ramping up and quickly becoming some of our busiest projects.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	430
Black or African American	52
Asian	11
American Indian or American Native	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Total	506
Hispanic	93
Not Hispanic	413

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

Narrative

While El Paso County, like most of Colorado, is not an especially diverse region, the El Paso County CDBG program continues to strive for inclusiveness and accessibility for all persons of every race and ethnicity. However, an issue with the reporting section of the CR-10 is that it commonly makes our CAPER appear less inclusive. This is due to the lack of space to denote persons of 'other multi-racial or have multiple racial/ethnic backgrounds. While this information is able to be reported at the IDIS closeout of the activity, there is no space to include this data in the CR-10. Some of our residents identify as having multiple racial/ethnic backgrounds and will opt to not report their background before selecting a single racial/ethnic background. You can view full ethnic/racial data for our program by going to Appendix A. Here you will find two excel sheets that fully delineate the progress of our public service activities in relation to racial/ethnic data as well as special needs groups.

Another challenge experienced by our program is persons who refuse to report on their racial/ethnic data. While our program and our subrecipients always attempt to assuage concerns of privacy and tracking, we cannot force persons to provide private information. This challenge is also experienced during the initial intake with some residents who are uncomfortable providing the necessary information to prove their income qualifications. Both of these challenges are unfortunate but unavoidable so that our program can provide proof that we are serving the appropriate clientele.

One area in our program that has made progress in regards to racial/ethnic inclusivity is with Native American/Indigenous populations. Increased program presence in Manitou Springs (which historically has had our area's highest Native American population) has also opened up lines of communication between our CDBG program and the local nonprofit One Nation Walking Together. Our program is now

engaging in ongoing discussions with their nonprofit regarding upcoming funding opportunities and areas of need for Native American populations in El Paso County.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	1,187,235	899,833
Other	public - federal	1,247,149	97,880

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Please note that the dollar amount expended also includes expenditures from projects allocated in prior program years. Several of our larger-scale infrastructure projects did not complete until PY 2020 had already begun. Typically, our larger-scale infrastructure projects wait until the project is completely finished to draw down their funding in a single lump sum, in order to incentivize construction being completed to the full scope of the original project. This also allows our program to ensure all federal requirements, including the use of Davis-Bacon wages, to be in full compliance prior to drawing down funds from IDIS.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

As previously covered in the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, the El Paso County CDBG program has no target areas for a number of reasons. During deliberation conducted by the Community Development Advisory Board, the determination has been made to allocate funding across needy areas of the County, rather than focusing an entire year's funding exclusively on one geographic area of entitlement. This process also allows for multi-year projects in areas such as Fountain or Security-Widefield to be phased in over time and across multiple funding years. This approach typically results in a more holistic approach to community development and also increases support from residents as well as local agencies. Typically, construction projects aimed to improve the geographic low to moderate-income areas are given priority over other goals.

Leveraging

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

While not a requirement of the program, funds administered by the El Paso County CDBG program have experienced success in leveraging local funding as well as in-kind labor. Several infrastructure projects for the 2020 program year provided at least some leverage, typically through in-kind labor or project design/oversight. Below are some leveraging examples from the 2020 program year:

- Silver Key Senior Services- provided \$95,952 in matching funds for their COVID-19 Health for Seniors program to ensure the program can expand to its projected capacity needs.
- Brothers Redevelopment- leveraged approximately \$20,000 of local and private funds to assist in covering costs for their owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program.
- City of Manitou Springs- providing approximately \$30,000 of in-kind staff labor to the construction project to reduce expenses to the CDBG program (this includes work such as site preparation, traffic management, and site inspections).

Final leveraging numbers are provided at project closeout in IDIS.

At this time the El Paso County Economic Development Department does not have access to any publicly owned land within the jurisdiction that could be used to address the needs identified in the plan, outside of the public right of ways that are used in the construction of ADA sidewalks and drainages.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	68	51
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	68	51

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	60	47
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	8	4
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	68	51

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

Our work with Brothers Redevelopment on owner-occupied housing rehab has continued to serve our community and be a popular program, especially for those with special needs. Almost every household assisted listed some kind of special needs within their household that made the housing rehab critical to the ongoing wellness of the household. Note that work is still underway so numbers are still formative. Final numbers will be reported in IDIS.

COVID-19 brought hardships to many households throughout El Paso County. For families living on the brink of housing instability, the pandemic was the push that put them over the edge. The pandemic created a greatly increased need for rent and utility assistance throughout the county. The obstacle that was encountered in 2020 was the number of households that required assistance. With numbers increasing, funding did as well, which allowed increased assistance. In some cases, it meant that funding with a shorter deadline or less specific requirements than CDBG or CDBG-CV funding was used. While the important goal of serving residents of El Paso County was reached through other means, it presented a challenge to the program to attract nonprofits with the capacity and interest to administer CDBG-CV funding. While the assistance has been allocated out, it may take longer than originally anticipated to expend all funding as different sources of funding become priorities at different times for different agencies.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Continued local success and demand of our Housing Rehabilitation Program with Brothers Redevelopment are indicative of a market that still lacks affordable and accessible units for seniors and persons with disabilities. We also continue to see requests from households that have continued to live in unsafe conditions because life events have prevented them from being able to afford the repairs themselves. The popularity of this program indicates that residents want to own homes and continue to own their homes, even if the end result is substandard living. In future years, our program will continue to seek opportunities to enable homeownership for low to moderate-income residents, or opportunities to improve neighborhood conditions in low to moderate-income areas.

Subsistence payment programs also continue to be well-received by the community, particularly as housing prices in the region continue to increase and the pandemic continues. Safety nets specialized for areas outside the city of Colorado Springs are rare, if not almost unknown. Our assistance programs such as our current partnership with Beautiful Redemption and Tri-Lakes Cares allow residents of the more outlying communities access to funding that is not as competitive as funding focused on Colorado Springs. That being said, our program will continue to see out opportunities for holistic approaches to housing stability and resiliency for low to moderate-income persons such as our current programming with the Mt. Carmel Veterans Center. Sustainable pathways out of difficult economic situations continue to be a focus for our program.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	28	0
Low-income	13	0

Moderate-income	10	0
Total	51	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

While the El Paso County CDBG program does not usually have a large number of activities that must qualify by households, this is a case of quality over quantity. Many of the activities undertaken that serve low to moderate-income households made significant improvements to the family's life, such as the installation of the new furnace so the family has heating in the winter, or ADA bathroom improvements so disabled persons can safely shower by themselves. Even the more temporary services, such as one-time rent utility assistance typically come with wrap-around services to help the family begin a path to financial resiliency and long-term homeless prevention.

Outside of the CDBG program, the El Paso County Housing Authority had a very successful year in addressing affordable housing concerns in the region. In 2020, 1.825 million was loaned to 4 different projects helping to create 412 affordable housing units. In March 2020, the El Paso County Housing Authority issued private activity bonds for two developments that will create an additional 242 units of affordable housing for our region. Additionally, the Turnkey Plus Down Payment Assistance Program provided 289 loans and over \$3.8 million in downpayment assistance through 2020. The El Paso County CDBG program continues to enjoy a collaborative partnership with the El Paso County Housing Authority, where the two respective programs play to their own strengths while also providing ongoing feedback and data to each other which assists with a holistic approach to meeting housing needs in the region.

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

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

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

El Paso County is committed to addressing and serving those in the region experiencing homelessness. As an active member of the regional Continuum of Care (CoC), coordinated planning efforts with other government entities and nonprofits are a high priority. Through the CoC's Point in Time (PIT) survey count, El Paso County makes robust efforts to access unsheltered persons. El Paso County has also coordinated with the Calhan Outreach Center to better serve residents in rural areas through a location where public service agencies can use office space to meet directly with those seeking assistance. The El Paso County CDBG program also created specific goals about homelessness and homeless prevention during the development of its 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. El Paso County also takes an active goal in advocating and educating other agencies and residents on the complexity of rural homelessness.

In the 2020 program year, the El Paso County CDBG program provided funding to The Place, a local nonprofit that works with homeless youth. In particular, they were able to report a marked increase in outreach and response from youth due to their newfound partnership with Inside Out Youth Services, a local nonprofit that serves LGBT youth. These two nonprofits began to share outreach and meeting spaces to better socially distance during COVID-19 and found that many clients were interested in receiving services from both agencies as opposed to just one. This partnership benefitted the CDBG program as well.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Currently, The Place receives funding from the El Paso County CDBG program to help address the needs of homeless youth. This year has been exceptionally successful with the addition of partnerships with Inside Out Youth Services, a local nonprofit that provides services to LGBT+ youth. Inside Out allowed The Places to use their office spaces for additional space to service youth during the pandemic, which created an environment where the Place saw the number of youth interested in seeking services increase greatly. This partnership benefitted the CDBG program as well. So far they have served 33 homeless youth in our eligible area during the program year 2020.

Outside of the CDBG program, the El Paso County Housing Authority has helped achieve a major step toward reducing homelessness in our region through their financial support of a permanent supportive housing development for homeless veterans, known as Freedom Springs. The groundbreaking for this major accomplishment took place in February 2019, with construction completed in late 2020. This supportive housing development in unincorporated El Paso County can house up to 50 veterans at a time and is currently at full occupancy. Wrap-around services and a case manager located onsite also

help to reduce a return to homelessness and ensure good long-term outcomes for all residents of the complex.

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

Homeless prevention was a high priority in the public services category for our 2020 program year. In examining the 2009-2019 PIT count for our region, it became apparent that while the number has gone up, the numbers have either slowed their increase or began to trend downward in 2018 and 2019. This communicated to our program that public service agencies are beginning to get their arms around the level of support necessary for the region, and the most efficient use of our funds would likely be to prevent persons from entering homelessness in the first place. Highlighted information on this topic are described below:

-Mt. Carmel Veterans Center (CDBG-CV): The Mt. Carmel Veteran Center has a holistic program known as Veterans Climb. This program assists unemployed veterans with job readiness and underemployed veterans with the tools needed to improve their odds of finding a better job. They also provide wrap-around services with this process, including mental health and case management.

-Center for Employment Opportunity (CDBG-CV): This nonprofit is new to our program but has an excellent program that is being expanded to our area. CEO provides employment training and placement to previously incarcerated individuals through their partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation.

-Manitou Arts Center's Makerspace Program (CDBG-CV): This innovative program involves a partnership between the MAC and the Pikes Peak Library District. Eligible clients set employment/economic goals for themselves and are able to access computer technology, classes, and other direct support services to help these residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic achieve new economic self-sufficiency.

For information regarding service to non-homeless special needs, please see Appendix A, which includes direct service numbers for special needs groups.

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

recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The El Paso County CDBG program is fortunate to have a strong collaborative relationship with El Paso County Housing Authority. The Authority has taken up a number of homelessness-related initiatives, including the opening of Freedom Springs, which is 50 units of supportive housing for homeless veterans. Additional information regarding the work of the El Paso County Housing Authority can be viewed in the infographic attached in Appendix C.

Additionally, El Paso County has continued to actively advocate for local, regional, and national housing policy. This has been undertaken through our Executive Director's election to the National Association for County Community and Economic Development's (NACCED) Board of Directors. The insight and advocacy opportunities garnered from these experiences have had an immense impact on broadening our local and program planning efforts. Through this partnership we are able to stay alert of best practices and new techniques to improve service delivery.

A challenge frequently faced by our program is a lack of homeless service providers in the area that are willing to do the necessary tracking required by our program as well as to conduct outreach to rural areas to address rural homelessness. However, our program still regularly participates in advocacy and support of other regional initiatives, such as the upcoming completion of Freedom Springs and participation in the Continuum of Care.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The El Paso County CDBG program continues to maintain a good working relationship with the Calhan Housing Authority to address health and safety concerns at their senior housing complex, Silvercrest Villas. For the 2020 program year, the Calhan Housing Authority chose to not apply for our funding as they received a large grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to do additional rehab work to the property. Ashley Deanne, Executive Director of the Calhan Housing Authority, thanked the CDBG program for our partnership in previous years. She believed the application to the state was strengthened by the demonstration of support from the El Paso County CDBG program. When the Calhan Housing Authority has completed its current projects with the state, we will revisit ways the El Paso County CDBG program and the Calhan Housing Authority could potentially partner together once again in the future.

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

At this time the only housing authority that receives funding from the El Paso County CDBG program regularly is the Calhan Housing Authority, which houses seniors and persons with disabilities. These residents have not expressed an interest in homeownership at this time, most likely due to their age and nature of income (fixed income). Ashley Deanne has communicated with our program the active participation these public housing residents take in the decision-making process of the housing authority, as well as an open line of communication between housing authority staff and residents.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

At this time, there is no housing authority in El Paso County that is designated as troubled.

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

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

Unfortunately, local governments do not have the ability to remove or control market forces or completely eliminate social perceptions that act as barriers to affordable housing. Local governments can lead by example in reforming public policies and regulations that serve as barriers.

-Create a streamlined permitting system to make reviews more user-friendly without diminishing environmental, public health, or safety standards.

-Adopt an expedited system to process permits for affordable housing projects.

-Support programs that provide fair housing education and services.

Currently, the El Paso County CDBG program provides in-house 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. Two fair housing events were conducted in 2020. The first event was originally scheduled to take place in person in April 2020, but due to statewide stay-at-home orders, the event was canceled. In its place, the El Paso County CDBG program uploaded fair housing resources and materials to the website and directed attention to the information through the events and notices tab. On November 12, 2020, the El Paso County CDBG program hosted two fair housing resource webinars, one at 12:00 pm and the other at 6:00 pm. Both meetings were well attended and nonprofit agencies that attended expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be updated on current resources. For more information, please see Appendices B and C.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically shifted how we can best need the underserved needs of the community, as well as which ones are of utmost importance. A primary obstacle that continues to be identified for addressing underserved needs is a lack of nonprofit agencies that services homeless persons being willing to take on CDBG funding. Tracking and expectations continue to be a barrier for most nonprofits in this area. Currently, our program is working with The Place, which serves homeless youth. While they are able to undertake the tracking expectations of the program but struggle with how to best address the needs of rural homeless. Our program continues to have ongoing discussions with other rural area stakeholders and continues to seek best practices at the national level for ameliorating rural homelessness.

Other underserved needs that are continuing to see progress include addressing the needs of elderly individuals so they can age in place within their neighborhoods. Brothers Redevelopment continues to do an excellent job of addressing this issue as well as assisting disabled persons with ways to retrofit

their homes to best fit their needs. Request for homeowner rehab continues to be an ongoing community need that requires ongoing funding commitments to ensure needs are addressed as they arise.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, services for seniors were severely underserved as the majority of seniors were at the greatest risk from the pandemic. Fortunately, Silver Key Senior Services has truly stepped up to the challenge and immensely increased its scope of work and services during this difficult time. Our CDBG-CV program has funded two activities focused on seniors, one for meal delivery and one for healthcare needs. Both programs are proving to be successful and popular among eligible seniors, particularly rural seniors. Even as more seniors continue to get vaccinated, the services are needed as some seniors struggle to wear masks due to oxygen usage and/are unable to be vaccinated/cannot drive themselves, and cannot rely on previous methods of transportation during these times.

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

Brothers Redevelopment continues to run the Homeowner Rehabilitation program offered through El Paso County CDBG funding. This program provides lead-based paint abatement as warranted or needed, depending on the house they are addressing and the presence of lead-based paint. An ideal aspect of this program is that it helps those who are the least able to handle lead-based paint abatement work. This also allows our program to address other health and safety issues within the home, particularly for persons with disabilities.

El Paso County CDBG staff also participate in environmental training provided by HUD Region VIII, including any training related to lead-based paint. Training on the HUD exchange is also undertaken as well. These resources have been shared with Eric Leonard, the new Housing Analyst serving the El Paso County Housing Authority so that he can be aware of new opportunities to address lead-based paint hazards within El Paso County.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged many residents and threatened to increase or further cement the number of poverty-level families. Our CDBG-CV funding has helped address this issue by funding a number of employment training programs, most of which already have a proven track record of helping families improve their situation. Such activities include:

- Mt. Carmel Veterans Center, Veterans Climb, and Employment Transition programs: Veterans Climb has a proven history of providing significant help to veterans and their families. The employment transition program is focused on assisting active duty military and their spouses find meaningful employment after separation from the military. The Mt. Carmel Veterans Center is able to offer this opportunity directly on local military bases through a partnership with said military installations.
- Manitou Art Center Makerspace Program- this innovative program is in partnership with the

Pikes Peak Library District and seeks to provide individuals struggling with employment as a result of COVID-19 with new skills and/or trade skills to help them acquire new employment opportunities in new areas.

- Center for Employment Opportunities Employment Training Program- This program provides recently incarcerated individuals with employment opportunities as a way to reduce recidivism and improve long-term outcomes. This program is possible through an ongoing partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation and has continued to report excellent results for multiple years.

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

El Paso County's housing and community development strategies are 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 the participating jurisdictions are mostly small communities. The local nonprofit infrastructure is diverse and active in the community. In the wake of COVID-19, this coordination has become apparent as many agencies have worked to create a referral system amongst themselves to ensure residents in need have multiple sources of assistance and are aware of said assistance. The El Paso County CDBG program has assisted with this process by providing the Colorado Springs Utilities with a list of participating agencies in utility assistance programs. Additionally, our staff have participated in the Housing Domain/Innovations in Aging monthly calls to ensure as many nonprofits as possible are aware of our assistance and programs.

Eric Leonard, the Housing Analyst for El Paso County, has also taken on an initiative to create a housing resources page as a one-stop-shop list of all resources available within the community. CDBG staff assisted with this effort and the site has been shared widely among stakeholders. As the number of resources on the site continues to grow, the frequency of the page's use continues to grow as well.

To ensure there is always citizen participation and community engagement in our plans, the El Paso County CDBG program has a volunteer board called the Community Development Advisory Board. This board includes representation from our 7 participating municipalities and volunteers from our 5 commissioner districts. This board is an integral part of our program's process throughout the year, from recommending specific applications for the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners to reviewing Consolidated Plan progress and recommending priority goals. This board makes it possible for our program to have continued citizen input throughout the year, rather than just at specified comment periods.

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

CDBG staff is accountable for the necessary coordination and communication to identify and manage

the CDBG program. It is essential that staff coordinates with other agencies to implement, enhance, and bring success to the County's CDBG program. To enhance overall coordination, CDBG staff will continue consultations, open lines of communication, and attend meetings that will enrich the program. While all funds are allocated according to federal, state, and local program requirements, dialogue with agencies, advisory committees, subrecipients, and the general public assure the accomplishment of goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities. These approaches will help to ensure that the implementation of our plans is on track and that priorities are adjusted as needed. El Paso County CDBG staff continue to participate in local stakeholder meetings, including the Housing Domain meetings hosted by the Pikes Peak Area Council on Aging. These meetings bring together private and public agencies to discuss current housing situations as the pandemic progresses. These meetings continue to be an invaluable resource to sharing important information while also receiving feedback from the community.

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

Note: The El Paso County's Assessment of Fair Housing was accepted in December 2016 and as such the County currently operates under the Assessment of Fair Housing, not the Analysis of Impediments.

All activities that meet one of our four AFH goals identified in our Assessment of Fair Housing and Consolidated Plan are activities that are working to mitigate or overcome problems in our community. It is for precisely this reason that during this Consolidated Plan, applicants who meet one of the four AFH goals are given priority.

One of the four AFH goals developed is AFH4, Fair Housing Education. Currently, the El Paso County region lacks a cohesive local resource for fair housing education, in comparison to the Denver Metro area, which has the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center. In response to this lack of local, free educational opportunities, the El Paso County CDBG program has been hosting free fair housing events at various locations throughout the region twice a year. 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. Two fair housing events were conducted in 2020.

April 2020

The first event was originally scheduled to take place in person in April 2020, but due to statewide stay-at-home orders, the event was canceled. In its place, the El Paso County CDBG program uploaded fair housing resources and materials to the website and directed attention to the information through the events and notices tab. Individuals interested in learning more about fair housing are directed to that page as well as the pages of other agencies that can provide fair housing assistance (such as Colorado

Housing Connects). Local nonprofits shared appreciation for the new resource.

November 2020

On November 12, 2020, the El Paso County CDBG program hosted two fair housing resource webinars, one at 12:00 pm and the other at 6:00 pm. The first session had 14 registrants and the second session had four. Both sessions were focused on renter's fair housing rights along with information on COVID-19 resources to assist struggling renters. Both sessions were well attended and received compliments on the clarity of messaging. Please see the appendix for information on PR, notices, etc.

Additionally, please note that CDBG staff regularly attend fair housing training via webinars and in-person training as available to ensure our information is up to date. We also accept questions from the public regarding fair housing and refer them to resources (Colorado Housing Connects, HUD fair housing hotline) as requested.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

The El Paso County CDBG program monitors the expenditure of CDBG funds through the use of detailed contracts supplemented by in-person monitoring, regular evaluations, and reports (sometimes referred to as desk monitoring). For each program or activity funded, the County and the subrecipients enter into an attorney-reviewed contract that describes the scope of work, a budget, and reporting requirements. The contract also indicates the level and type of monitoring that can be expected, as well as federal requirements for anti-discrimination and fair housing law. All recipients of CDBG funds through the County are subject to monitoring for regulatory and statutory compliance. CDBG staff is responsible for ensuring that subrecipients and contractors comply with all pertinent regulations and requirements governing their administrative, financial, and programmatic operations. To ensure compliance the program engages in report monitoring (quarterly reports, reimbursement requests, and project closeout reports), on-site monitoring (in-person visits and meetings to offices and job sites), and annual risk assessments. Upon the completion of an annual risk assessment, an annual monitoring schedule is developed, which identifies whether the monitoring would be a report or an in-person review of the site work. In either case, written notification of the review process and information regarding the materials needed for the monitoring review was sent to the fund recipient prior to the review. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some in-person monitoring has been delayed or moved to virtual meetings to ensure proper social distancing and employee vaccinations, but still occurs as soon as reasonable. Risk monitoring is conducted on standard CDBG funding as well as CDBG-CV funding.

Report/desktop monitoring occurred at least once per quarter where CDBG staff reviewed the programmatic and financial aspects of the subrecipient activities. Subrecipients are required to submit reports as directed by the contract. The specific details of each activities' quarterly progress are then reported in the IDIS progress open text box. CDBG staff will then review the progress of each activity and determine if additional backup must be completed.

In-person monitoring and site visits occur as needed. One of the most common reasons is to ensure compliance with labor standards and Davis-Bacon requirements. Other reasons include follow-up site visits for risk assessments, environmental review site visits or mitigation, and meeting new staff members.

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

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

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan approved alongside our 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, residents are provided opportunities to comment on performance reports in a variety of ways and in multiple locations. Prior to submitting the CAPER, there is a 15-day comment period in which citizens and local agencies may submit comments. The outreach of this comment period includes multiple pathways of communication:

- A public notice was published in the Fountain Valley News on May 19, 2020, in both English and Spanish. The 15-day CAPER Comment Period ran from May 20, 2021, through June 4, 2021.
- An email was sent through the Coalition for Homeless Advocates and providers (CHAP 2.0), notifying local stakeholders and agencies of the comment period and inviting them to participate. This email list currently has over 300 emails listed.
- An email was sent to our volunteer board, the Community Development Advisory Board, inviting them to participate in the comment period and submit comments.
- A copy of the CAPER was uploaded in a screen-readable PDF format on our website.
- A display for the CAPER comment period was set up in the front office of the El Paso County Economic Development Department for interested parties to review the draft or leave a comment.

No comments were received during the comment period.

Note that the notice of the comment period at each mention was provided in both English and Spanish. Citizens and local agencies were invited to participate in multiple formats, including in person, in writing, in email, and over the phone. Verbiage pertaining to persons with disabilities utilizing TTY and Relay Colorado were also provided in the public notices so that persons with disabilities and low English proficiency were not excluded from the citizen participation process. See Appendix B for program photos and Appendix C for documentation and proofs of publication.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

Due to the pandemic, a number of projects experienced significant delays in their projects. Some nonprofits were closed for in excess of 3 months to the public while lockdown occurred and/or the location underwent important changes to ensure social distancing could be achieved. No projects were canceled due to COVID-19 and CDBG-CV funding was associated with existing goals to prove our ongoing commitment to our Consolidated Plan's progress.

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

No

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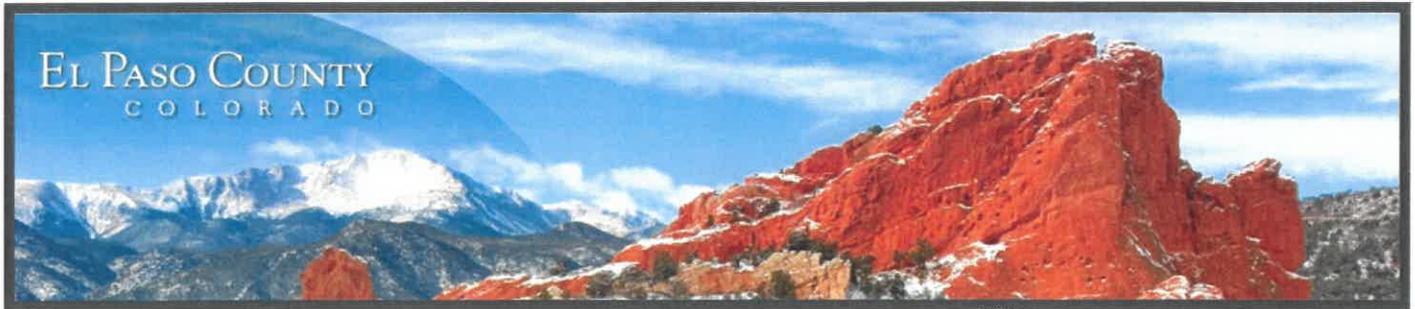
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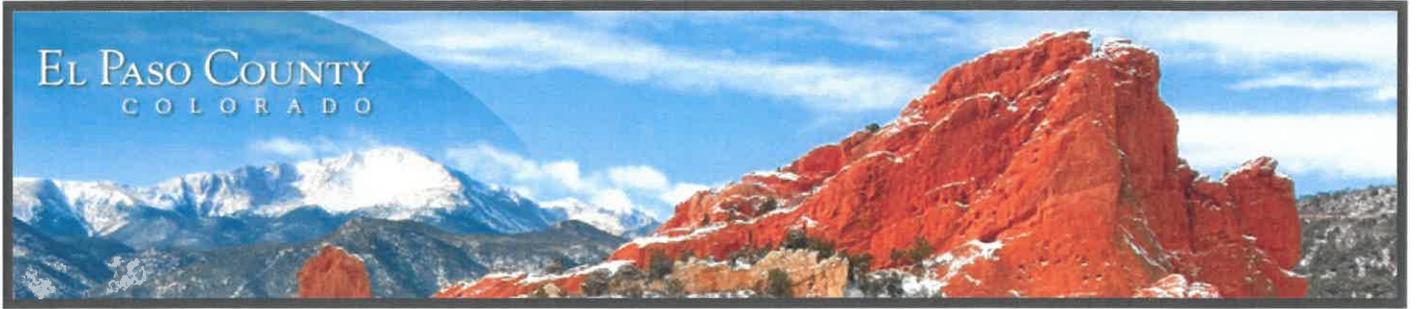
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APPENDIX A

Activity Narratives and Special Needs Reporting

CDBG-CV Public Service Tracking

Category	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		YEAR TO DATE	
	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic
Race										
White	175	7	220	31					395	38
Black/African American	21	1	24						45	1
Asian	1		9						10	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	1	4						9	1
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1		1						2	
Black / African American & White	1		1						2	
Asian & White			1						1	
Am. Indian/AK Native & White										
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander & White										
A./AK Native & Black										
Other Multi-Racial	28	16	27	15					55	31
Refused/No Response	423	3	608						1031	3
TOTALS	655	28	895	46					1550	74

Gender	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
Male	245		365						610	
Female	401		521						922	
Other/Transgender										
Refused/No Response	9		9						18	
TOTALS	655		895						1550	

Household Income	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
0-30% AMI	53	10	52	16					105	26
31-50% AMI	598	2	821	9					1419	11
51-80% AMI	3	2	21	8					24	10
80%+ AMI	1		1						2	
TOTALS	655	14	895	33					1550	47

Other Data	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
Homeless			7	1					7	1
Chronically Homeless										
Female-Headed Households	5	3	4	3					9	6
Elderly	514	192	800	1					1314	193
Frail Elderly										
Severe Mental Illness										
Developmental Disabilities	1		4	4					5	4
Physical Disabilities	7		7						14	
Domestic Violence	13	11	5	5					18	16
Abused and Neglected Children	4	3	12	8					16	11
Injured Soldiers and Veterans	42		45	1					87	1
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1		1	1					2	1
HIV/AIDS										
Large Families (5+)	12	11	11	7					23	18
Refused/No Response	96	11	54	15					150	26
TOTALS	695	231	950	46					1645	277

Geographic Data	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
Unincorporated El Paso County	176	28	150	18					326	46
Calhan	122	4	83	5					205	9
Fountain	53	15	99	16					152	31
Green Mountain Falls										
Palmer Lake	8	1	8	1					16	2
Manitou Springs	40		43	10					83	10
Monument	256	11	512	7					768	18
Ramah										
TOTALS	655	59	895	57					1550	116

CDBG Entitlement Public Service Tracking

Category	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		YEAR TO DATE	
	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Total	Hispanic
White	2	2	33	11					35	13
Black/African American			7	2					7	2
Asian			1						1	
American Indian/Alaskan Native			2	2					2	2
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander										
Black / African American & White			1						1	
Asian & White										
Am. Indian/AK Native & White			3	2					3	2
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander & White										
A./AK Native & Black										
Other Multi-Racial										
Refused/No Response										
TOTALS	2	2	47	17					49	19

Gender	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
Male			27						27	
Female	2		20						22	
Other/Transgender										
Refused/No Response										
TOTALS	2		47						49	

Household Income	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
0-30% AMI			36						36	
31-50% AMI	2	1	7						9	1
51-80% AMI			4						4	
80%+ AMI										
TOTALS	2	1	47						49	1

Other Data	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
Homeless			33						33	
Chronically Homeless			16						16	
Female-Headed Households			15	1					15	1
Elderly										
Frail Elderly										
Severe Mental Illness			29						29	
Developmental Disabilities			9	1					9	1
Physical Disabilities			8						8	
Domestic Violence										
Abused and Neglected Children	2	1	36	1					38	2
Injured Soldiers and Veterans			1						1	
Alcohol and Drug Abuse			17						17	
HIV/AIDS										
Large Families (5+)										
Refused/No Response			11	7					11	7
TOTALS	2	1	175	10					177	11

Geographic Data	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households	Persons	Households
Unincorporated El Paso County	2	1	31						33	1
Calhan										
Fountain			3						3	
Green Mountain Falls										
Palmer Lake			3						3	
Manitou Springs										
Monument			10						10	
Ramah										
TOTALS	2	1	47						49	1

2020 ENTITLEMENT PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2020 Update: Tri Lakes Cares – Housing & Utility Assistance Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$20,000

CDBG Goal Met: HM3- Increase the availability of emergency assistance

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05Q- Subsistence Payments

Performance Indicator: 64 people

Location: Monument, Palmer Lake, and Unincorporated

Description Tri-Lakes Cares is providing emergency rent and utility assistance to eligible families within the northern portion of El Paso County, to include the towns of Monument and Palmer Lake. As of the last reporting cycle they have served 11 persons.

2020 Update: CASA of the Pikes Peak Region- Supervised Exchange and Parenting Time Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$20,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD3- Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situation and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth and special needs populations

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05N- Services for Abused and Neglected Children

Performance Indicator: 17 low to moderate income persons served

Location: Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description CASA of the Pikes Peak Region’s SEPT program provides a safe place to exchange the children of parents who are involved in legal disputes. As of the last reporting cycle, 5 children have been assisted.

2020 Update: The Place – Emergency Youth Shelter Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$20,000

CDBG Goal Met:	HM2: Help those that are experiencing homelessness move quickly into permanent or permanent supportive housing, with specific focus on serving veterans, youth, and families with children
CDBG National Objective	LMC- low to moderate income clientele
CDBG Eligible Citation:	§570.201 (e)
HUD Matrix Code:	05D- Youth Services
Performance Indicator:	25 LMI persons served
Location:	Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated
Description	The Place provides assistance to homeless youth through a variety of means, including an outreach team, overnight shelter, and case management. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 33 eligible individuals.

2020 ENTITLEMENT PUBLIC FACILITY ACTIVITY



2020 Update: El Paso County Community Services- El Paso County Fairgrounds ADA Improvements

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$164,700

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

CDBG National Objective: LMC- ADA Accessibility, removing barriers for disabled persons (presumed low-mod benefit)

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (c)

HUD Matrix Code: 03F- Parks, Recreational Facilities

Performance Indicator: 815 low to moderate income persons in the immediate area will be served

Location: Unincorporated El Paso County

Description El Paso County Community Services is installing ADA compliant pathways and sidewalks within the El Paso County Fairgrounds so that persons with disabilities have safe and equal access to events and services at the county fairgrounds, including the annual County Fair. As of the last reporting cycle, the project is currently under construction and expected to be completed before the July 2021 El Paso County Fair.

2020 ENTITLEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES

2020 Update: El Paso County Public Works Widefield Neighborhood ADA Improvements

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$267,000

CDBG Goal Met: SN2- Reduce accessibility barriers

CDBG National Objective: LMA: Census Tracts 004506 Block Group 1 (54.55% LMI) and 004300 Block Group 3 (69.28% LMI)

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (c)

HUD Matrix Code: 03L- Sidewalks

Performance Indicator: 1,490 low to moderate income persons in the immediate areas will be served

Location: Unincorporated El Paso County

Description El Paso County Public Works Department is addressing accessibility issues that pose a threat to the health and safety of persons with disabilities. As of the last reporting cycle, the project preparing to go out to a competitive bid.

2020 Update: The Town of Calhan- Sidewalk ADA Improvements

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$53,000

CDBG Goal Met: SN2- Reduce accessibility barriers

CDBG National Objective:	LMC- ADA Accessibility, removing barriers for disabled persons (presumed low-mod benefit)
CDBG Eligible Citation:	§570.201 (c)
HUD Matrix Code:	03L- Sidewalks
Performance Indicator:	420 low to moderate income persons in the immediate areas will be served
Location:	Calhan
Description	The town of Calhan is addressing accessibility issues that pose a threat to the health and safety of persons with disabilities and removing accessibility barriers in Calhan by installing sidewalks and ADA ramps along 8 th Street and Colorado Avenue, which are major roads for access to schools and other services. As of the last reporting cycle, the project is preparing to go out to a competitive bid.



2020 Update: Fountain- Southmoor Extended ADA Improvements

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$86,953

CDBG Goal Met: SN2- Reduce accessibility barriers

CDBG National Objective: LMA: Census Tracts 004508 Block Group 1 (76.19% LMI)

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (c)

HUD Matrix Code: 03L- Sidewalks

Performance Indicator: 800 low to moderate income persons in the immediate areas will be served

Location: Fountain

Description The city of Fountain is addressing accessibility issues that pose a threat to the health and safety of persons with disabilities. As of the last reporting cycle, the project has selected a contractor and work is expected to begin soon.

2020 Update: Town of Ramah- Commercial Street Improvements

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$95,000

CDBG Goal Met: SN2- Reduce accessibility barriers

CDBG National Objective: LMA Town of Ramah CDP (64.29% LMI)

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (c)

HUD Matrix Code: 03L- Sidewalks

Performance Indicator: 45 low to moderate income persons in the immediate area will be served

Location: Ramah

Description The town of Ramah is addressing accessibility and safety issues in their town by installing ADA sidewalks along their main street, Commercial Street. As of the last reporting cycle, the project was out to bid. Once a contractor is selected, construction will begin soon after.

2020 Update: City of Manitou Springs- Canon Avenue ADA Improvements

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$177,400

CDBG Goal Met: SN2- Reduce accessibility barriers

CDBG National Objective: LMA Census Tract 006700 Block Group 3 (71.49% LMI)

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (c)

HUD Matrix Code: 03L- Sidewalks

Performance Indicator: 865 low to moderate income persons in the immediate area will be served

Location: Manitou Springs

Description The city of Manitou Springs is addressing accessibility and safety issues by installing ADA sidewalks along Park Avenue and Canon Avenue. As of the last reporting cycle, a contractor had been selected and construction is anticipated to begin soon.

2020 ENTITLEMENT HOUSING ACTIVITIES



Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.

2020 Update: Brothers Redevelopment- Housing Rehabilitation Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$65,193

CDBG Goal Met: AFH3- Rehabilitation of pre-existing housing inventory to increase affordable, accessible housing choices

CDBG National Objective: LMH- low to moderate income households

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.202 (a)(1)

HUD Matrix Code: 14A Rehab: Single Unit Residential

Performance Indicator: 15 LMI households served

Location: Unincorporated, Fountain, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Green Mountain Falls, Monument, Ramah

Description Brothers Redevelopment provides health and accessibility repairs/rehab to eligible homeowners. As of the most recent reporting cycle, 4 households have been served by the Homeowner Rehabilitation program.

2020 CDBG-CV PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2020 Update: Community Partnership for Childhood Development- COVID-19 Behavioral Health Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$25,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD3- Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situation and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth and special needs populations

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05D- Youth Services

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by providing trauma-informed behavioral health services to children who have been affected by COVID-19.

Performance Indicator: 368 low to moderate income persons served

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description CPCD is helping youth cope with the stress and trauma of the pandemic by providing behavioral health services to eligible schoolchildren within our jurisdiction. As of the most recent reporting cycle, 39 children have been assisted.

2020 Update: Mt. Carmel Veterans Center- COVID-19 Veterans Climb

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$40,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD4- Expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05H- Employment Training

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by providing veterans and their families with holistic employment training and opportunities to reduce the financial impact of being affected by COVID-19 (many residents lost their jobs and needed to re-orient their careers due to COVID-19).

Performance Indicator: 75 low to moderate income persons served

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description Mt. Carmel Veteran’s Center has adjusted one of their most successful program, Veterans Climb, to focus in on veterans who have been affected by COVID-19 and as such may be at increased risk of homelessness due to job loss and/or illness. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 13 income-qualified persons.

2020 Update: Tri-Lakes Cares- COVID-19 Housing & Utility Assistance Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$68,500

CDBG Goal Met: HM3- Increase the availability of emergency assistance

CDBG National Objective	LMC- low to moderate income clientele
CDBG Eligible Citation:	\$570.201 (e)
HUD Matrix Code:	05Q- Subsistence Payments
Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19:	RESPOND to COVID-19 by assisting persons affected by COVID-19 who are behind on rent/utilities and at risk of homelessness by providing short term assistance (3 months or less).
Performance Indicator:	64 low to moderate income persons served
Location:	Monument, Palmer Lake, and Unincorporated
Description	Tri-Lakes Cares is working to keep families affected by COVID-19 safely housed during the pandemic by providing rent and utility assistance to qualified residents. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 54 income-qualified persons.

2020 Update: CASA of the Pikes Peak Region- COVID-19 Dependency and Neglect Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$20,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD3- Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situation and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth and special needs populations

CDBG National Objective: LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05N- Services for Abused and Neglected Children

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by increasing support for abused and neglected children in the jurisdiction who have been affected by COVID-19. Local human service agencies have been consistently reporting an increase in child abuse during the pandemic.

Performance Indicator: 20 low to moderate income persons served

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description: CASA of the Pikes Peak Region provides supportive services to children who have been abused and/or neglected. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 13 eligible children.

2020 Update: Community Partnership for Childhood Development- Subsistence Payments to Disadvantaged Families

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$40,000

CDBG Goal Met: HM3- Increase the availability of emergency assistance

CDBG National Objective	LMC- low to moderate income clientele
CDBG Eligible Citation:	§570.201 (e)
HUD Matrix Code:	05Q- Subsistence Payments
Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19:	RESPOND to COVID-19 by assisting persons affected by COVID-19 who are behind on rent/utilities and at risk of homelessness by providing short term assistance (3 months or less).
Performance Indicator:	60 low to moderate income persons served
Location:	Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated
Description	CPCD is providing rent and utility assistance to eligible families affected by COVID-19. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 33 persons.

2020 Update: Mt. Carmel Veterans Center- COVID-19 Veterans and Family Resource Center

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$40,000

CDBG Goal Met: HM3- Increase the availability of emergency assistance

CDBG National Objective	LMC- low to moderate income clientele
CDBG Eligible Citation:	§570.201 (e)
HUD Matrix Code:	05Q- Subsistence Payments
Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19:	RESPOND to COVID-19 by assisting persons affected by COVID-19 who are behind on rent/utilities and at risk of homelessness by providing short term assistance (3 months or less).
Performance Indicator:	20 low to moderate income persons served
Location:	Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated
Description	Mt. Carmel Veterans Center is expanding their Veteran and Family Resource Center to increase access to short term rental and utility assistance. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has just begun and has not yet reported any individuals assisted.

**2020 Update: Manitou Art Center- COVID-19 Manitou Art Center/Pikes Peak Library District
Makerspace Program**

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$42,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD4- Expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05H- Employment Training

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by providing Manitou Springs residents affected by COVID-19 with holistic employment training and opportunities to learn new trades and self-sufficiency skills (many residents lost their jobs and needed to re-orient their careers due to COVID-19).

Performance Indicator: 25 people

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description Manitou Art Center has partnered with the Pikes Peak Library District to create an innovative opportunity for residents affected by COVID-19 to receive access to a Makerspace program that provides residents with new opportunities to become financially self-sufficient. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 11 income-qualified persons.

2020 Update: Envida- COVID-19 Access to Health for Rural Seniors

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$58,500

CDBG Goal Met: AFH1- Improve access to transportation services and infrastructure, remove impediments to mobility and increase access to opportunities

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05A- Senior Services

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by giving seniors access to safe, reliable transportation to vaccines/medical appointments, etc. while also helping to PREVENT the spread of COVID-19 by adjusting services to ensure seniors can safely receive groceries or get socially distanced rides.

Performance Indicator: 312 people

Location: Calhan, Monument, Palmer Lake, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description Envida has modified their transportation services in rural El Paso County to focus on getting seniors and those with disabilities access to vaccines, medications, and groceries. This has also been expanded to include the areas of Monument and individual rides as necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of seniors. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted over 956 eligible individuals.

2020 Update: Beautiful Redemption- COVID-19 Rental Assistance for Individuals and Families

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$25,000

CDBG Goal Met: HM3- Increase the availability of emergency assistance

CDBG National Objective	LMC- low to moderate income clientele
CDBG Eligible Citation:	§570.201 (e)
HUD Matrix Code:	05Q- Subsistence Payments
Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19:	RESPOND to COVID-19 by assisting persons affected by COVID-19 who are behind on rent/utilities and at risk of homelessness by providing short term assistance (3 months or less).
Performance Indicator:	20 people
Location:	Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated
Description	Beautiful Redemption is using their partnership with the El Paso County Human Services Department to identify those who have been affected by COVID-19 and in need of short-term rent/utility assistance. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 4 income-qualified persons.

2020 Update: Mercy's Gate- COVID-19 Subsidized Rent and Utility Assistance

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$48,800

CDBG Goal Met: CD3- Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situation and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth and special needs populations

CDBG National Objective: LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05Q- Subsistence Payments

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by assisting persons affected by COVID-19 who are behind on rent/utilities and at risk of homelessness by providing short term assistance (3 months or less).

Performance Indicator: 20 people

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description: Mercy's Gate is expanding their short-term rent/utility assistance program to include those in El Paso County affected by COVID-19. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 4 income-qualified persons.

2020 Update: Silver Key Senior Services- COVID-19 Nutrition Assistance to Seniors

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$200,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD3- Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situation and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth and special needs populations

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05A- Senior Services

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: PREVENT the spread of COVID-19 by assisting seniors with safely staying at home by receiving healthy and nutritious meals delivered to their homes (with increased COVID-19 safety protocols for safe delivery, such as contactless drop off), as well as contactless meal pickup locations.

Performance Indicator: 20 people

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description Silver Key is responding to the tremendous increase in need for safely delivered meals for seniors by increasing their outreach in El Paso County and removing COVID-19 affected clients from their waitlist using this funding. As of the last reporting cycle, this activity has benefitted 230 income-qualified persons.

2020 Update: Mt. Carmel Veterans Center- COVID-19 Transition and Employment program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$20,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD4- Expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05H- Employment Training

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by providing transitioning military personnel and their family who have been affected by COVID-19 with employment training and opportunities.

Performance Indicator: 125 people

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description Mt. Carmel Veterans Center is helping transitioning veterans and their families who have been affected by COVID-19 build self-sufficiency skills and find stable employment post-military. This program is currently beginning and has not served any clients yet.

2020 Update: CEO Works- COVID-19 Employment Training Program

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$20,000

CDBG Goal Met: CD4- Expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

HUD Matrix Code: 05H- Employment Training

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by providing recently incarcerated individuals who have been affected by COVID-19 with employment training and opportunities.

Performance Indicator: 20 people

Location: Calhan, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description CEO Works is currently expanding their employment training program for recently incarcerated individuals who have been affected by COVID-19 to El Paso County. This program is currently beginning and has not served any clients yet.

2020 Update: Silver Key Senior Services- COVID-19 Health for Seniors

CDBG Funding Awarded: \$172,500

CDBG Goal Met: CD3- Provide for and improve access to services to stabilize living situation and enhance quality of life, particularly for seniors, youth and special needs populations

CDBG National Objective LMC- low to moderate income clientele

CDBG Eligible Citation: §570.201 (e)

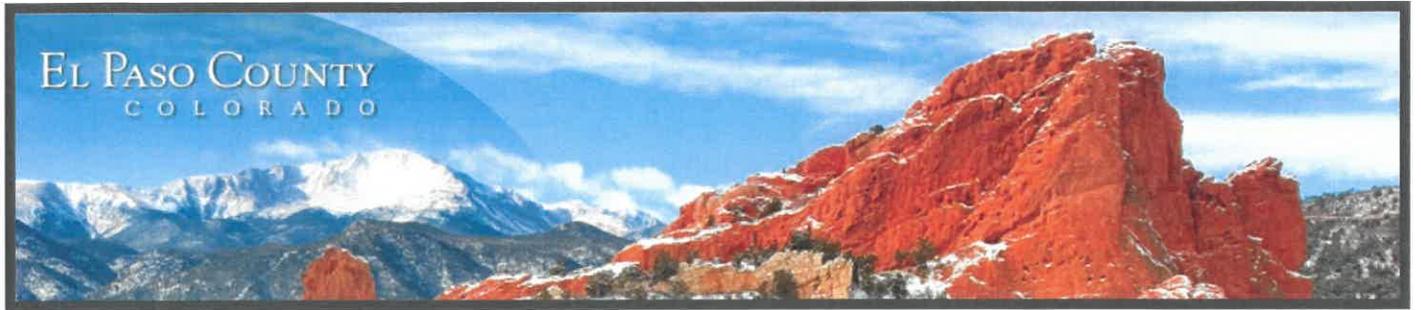
HUD Matrix Code: 05A- Senior Services

Prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19: RESPOND to COVID-19 by providing seniors with health-related services, such as wellness checks, resource navigation, and case management to help seniors stay healthy and safe during the pandemic.

Performance Indicator: 216 people

Location: Fountain, Manitou Springs, Monument, Palmer Lake, Calhan, Ramah, and Unincorporated

Description Silver Key Senior Services is responding to the overwhelming increase of needs from the senior community during the pandemic. This program is currently beginning and has not served any clients yet.



APPENDIX B

Program Photos

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The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main content column. The sidebar contains the following menu items: "Events & Notices", "Applications & Eligibility", "Objectives & Goals", "Projects", "Subrecipient Resources", "Plans & Reports", "Fair Housing", and "CDAB".

The main content column has the following sections:

- 2020 Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Meeting Schedule**

CDAB meetings are currently held in the Economic Development Conference Room located at 9 E. Vermijo Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado and start at 12:30 pm. The most recent CDAB meeting was on April 15, 2020.

The current 2020 CDAB schedule is as follows:

No meetings confirmed at this time.

Additional meetings will be added as they are scheduled.
- 2020 Fair Housing Events**

April is Fair Housing Month! To celebrate, we will be providing additional fair housing materials on our website for the month of April. Click on the Fair Housing tab to learn more about your fair housing rights!

April 2020 (during lockdown) virtual fair housing month

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You can also find more information about the Renter's Resources Webinar on our website: <http://ow.ly/FyY450BUHC1>



Facebook Advertisement for November 2020 Renter's Rights webinar

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Renter's Resources Webinar

November 12, 2020

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Learn about renter's rights, from anti-discrimination to reasonable accommodation for disabilities. Also learn what assistance resources are available to renters in El Paso County.

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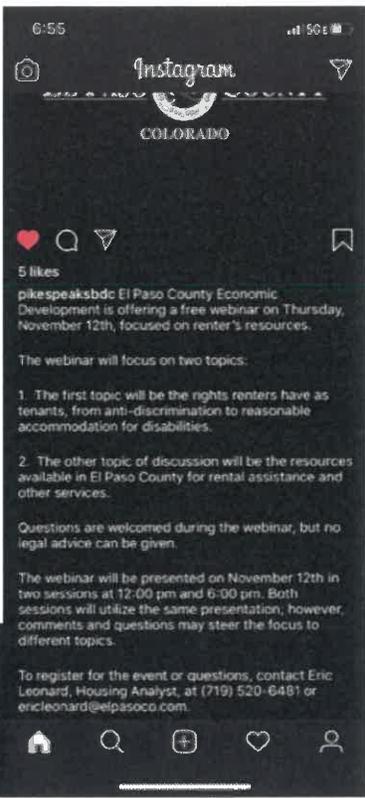
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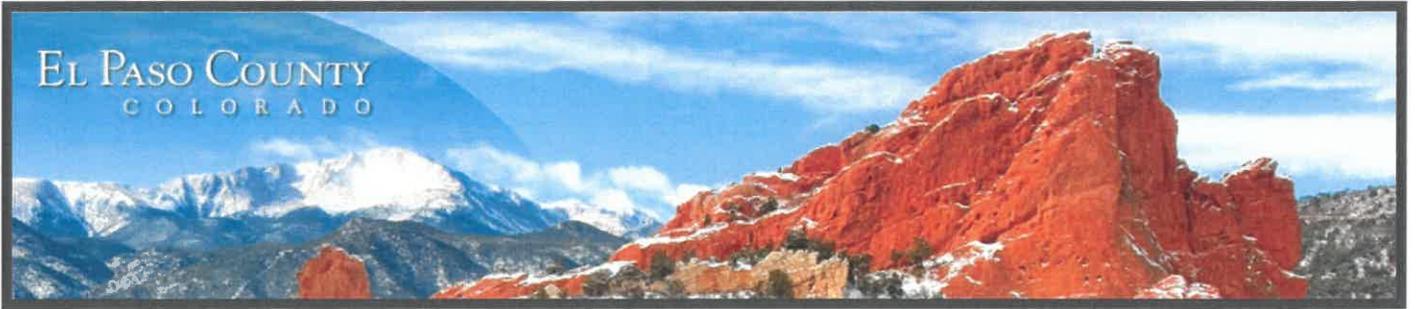
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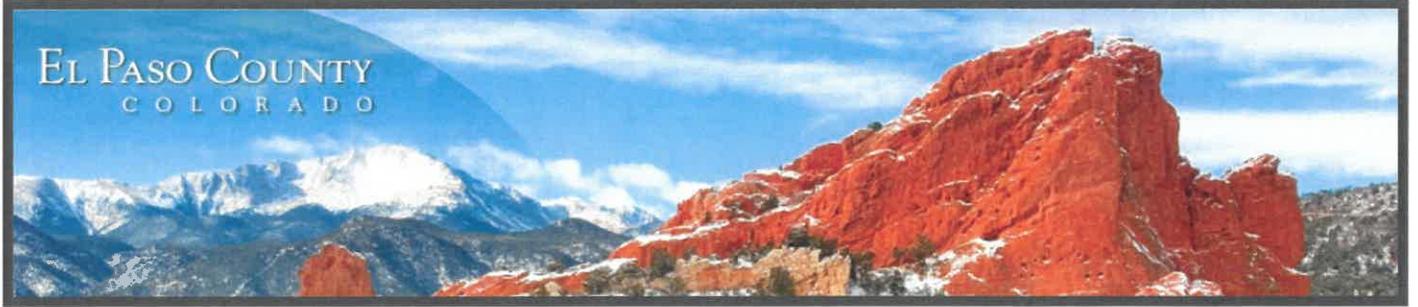


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APPENDIX C

Citizen Outreach, Participation, and Media



2020 CAPER COMMENT PERIOD

No Comments Received

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Notary Public

April 15, 2024

(My Notary Public Commission Expiration Date)

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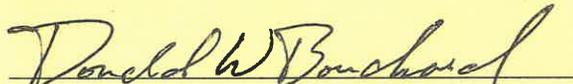
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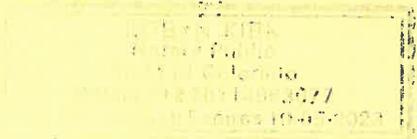
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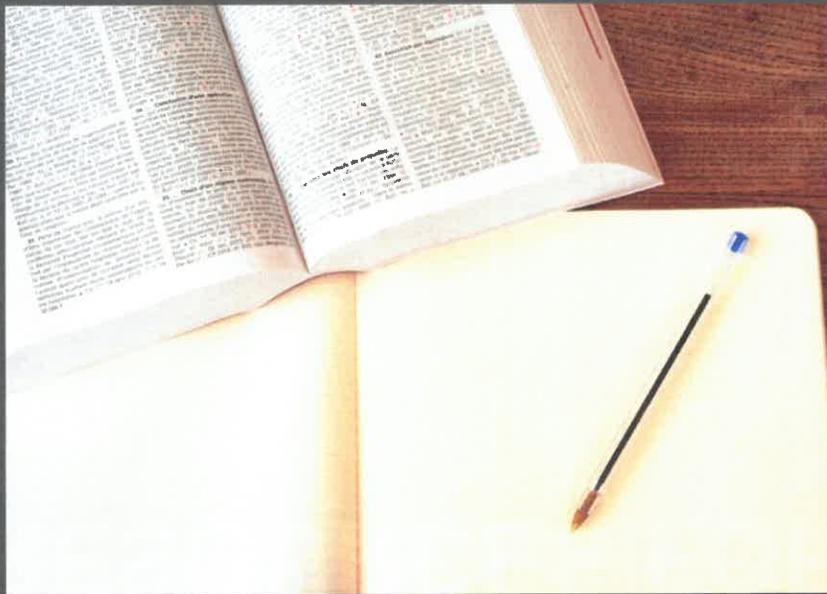
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RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

PRESENTED BY:
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November 12, 2020

Disclaimer



This presentation is not intended to provide legal advice in any way. This presentation is intended to give information only. Specific legal questions should be asked of a fair housing professional or attorney.

Fair Housing Basics

You cannot be discriminated against for:

- Race/Ancestry
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Creed
- Disability
- Family Status
- Age
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation

It is illegal to retaliate against someone for filing a complaint
(including sexual harassment)

Fair Housing Basics

Factors that are not covered by
the Fair Housing Act:

- Smoking
- Source of Income
- Past Evictions
- Criminal History
- Active Users of
Illegal Substances

Persons who are on a sex offender registry or charged with making meth can be banned from Federal Housing Programs

Fair Housing Basics

How discrimination occurs:

- Application rejection
- Lying about availability
- Advertising
- Refusal to make reasonable accommodations/modifications
- Steering applicants toward certain units

Examples of Discrimination

- “Adults only”
- “Ideal for able-bodied tenants”
- “Foreign Nationals have to pay a higher deposit”
- “English Speakers Only”
- “Seeking a clean Catholic tenant”

- **Exception: Senior Housing**

- Property can be “adults only” or refuse families with children.

Examples of Discrimination



**DISCRIMINATION IS RARELY THIS OBVIOUS,
BUT IT'S JUST AS REAL. AND JUST AS ILLEGAL.**

If the landlord gives you the runaround or says:

"We don't take kids."

"The apartment you asked about on the phone has been rented."

"We only take people who speak English clearly."

"We don't take teenagers."

"The ad was wrong – the rent is really \$50 more."

"I can't assign you a handicap parking space."

Do I Have an ADA Disability?

STEP ONE:

The disability must limit:

- Speaking
- Concentrating
- Walking
- Reading
- Lifting
- Hearing
- Seeing
- Standing
- Working

STEP TWO:

The person must have a record of having a disability. This step also protects people who previously have had a disability.

Understanding Disabilities

- A disability may not be obvious
 - Heart Disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Mental Illness
- A disability does not necessarily need an assistive device
 - Walking Cane, Hearing Aid
- Recovering from addiction is considered a disability
- A person who is discriminated against because they are “perceived” to have a disability may still file a housing complaint, regardless of their actual disability status.

Be Reasonable!

Reasonable Accommodation

- Policies or procedures are altered to accommodate a disability

Examples:

- Waiving a no pet policy
- Meeting a tenant in an accessible office
- Presenting property rules in simpler terms

Reasonable Modification

- The property itself is modified to work with a disabled person's needs

Examples:

- No-Slip grips on floors
- Automatic shut-off faucets
- Braille or color-coded signs
- Flashing light smoke alarms

Eviction Protection

- Eviction Moratorium
 - CDC has suspended eviction of tenants who make less than \$99,000 until December 31st
 - Delays rental payments, does not forgive them
- Mandatory Eviction Notice
 - As of Sept. 1, 2020: Landlords need to give 30 days warning before pursuing an eviction.

Tenant must certify that they:

- Are unable to pay rent due to loss of income.
- Are trying to make partial payments.
- Will become homeless if they are evicted.
- Are trying to obtain rental assistance



Assert Your Rights

If you suspect you have been a victim of fair housing discrimination, there are resources available to you

Fair Housing Contact Info:

Denver Regional HUD

Office

- (303) 672-5151
- Fair Housing Information

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- Fair Housing Complaints

Colorado Civil Rights Division

- (303) 894-2997
- For all discrimination issues in housing, employment, and public accommodations

Fair Housing Contact Info:

HUD National Office

- (800) 669-9777
- TTY (800) 927-9275
- Housing Choice Voucher Complaint: (800) 955-2232
- File Fair Housing complaints online or by phone

The Independence Center

- (719) 471-8181
- Advocacy/Resources for persons with disabilities

Fair Housing Contact Info:

Denver Metro Fair Housing Center

- (720) 279-4291
- www.dmfhc.org
- Website available in multiple languages

Colorado Housing Connects

- (844) 926-6632
- A housing navigator will connect you with a fair housing investigator or HUD-approved housing counselor to discuss your situation



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Service Providers

Mercy's Gate

- (719) 277-7470
- Emergency rent and utility assistance, and many other stability services



Beautiful Redemption

- (719) 659-2781
- Rent, utility, and other emergency needs



The Resource Exchange

- (719) 380-1100
- Aids in navigating the support system of services throughout El Paso County



Service Providers

Westside CARES



- (719) 389-0759
- Ecumenical and interfaith nonprofit collaboration providing crisis services

Tri-Lakes Cares



- (719) 481-4864
- Food, rent, utilities and medical assistance

Catholic Charities of Central Colorado



- (719) 477-9365
- 75 programs and services to help successfully move out of Crisis, build Resiliency and achieve Stability

Service Providers

Silver Key Senior Services

- (719) 884-2300
- Emergency rent and utility assistance, as well as food services/delivery



Salvation Army Colorado Springs

- (719) 636-3891
- Food, housing, and holiday assistance for families



Home Front Military Network

- (719) 434-1407
- Rent, utilities and case management for veterans, active-duty soldiers, and their families



Services and Transitional Housing

TESSA



- (719) 633-3819
- 24-Hour Safe Line: (719) 633-3819
- Confidential support and services

Family Promise



- 719-329-1244
- Guidance and services to prevent homelessness

Transitional Housing

Homeward Pikes Peak



- (719) 473-5557
- Transitional Housing Program sponsored by HUD

Rocky Mountain Human Services



- (303) 636-5600
- Homelessness and eviction prevention

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- (719) 578-1629
- Transitional/service-based housing

Rental Assistance

Housing First

- (719) 375-8794
- Case management and rental assistance



Mt. Carmel Veterans Center

- (719) 772-7000
- Rent/utility assistance and employment training for veterans and their families



Community Partnership for Childhood Development

- (719) 635-1536
- Early childhood programs and rent/utility assistance



Other Housing Assistance

Partners in Housing



▪ (719) 473-8890

▪ Homelessness assistance, homelessness prevention, transitional housing, and supportive services

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity



▪ (719) 475-7800

▪ Builds affordable homes for low-income families

Rocky Mountain Land Trust



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

▪ (719) 447-9300

▪ Provides transitional housing and affordable rentals

Rental Housing Providers

Colorado Housing Finance Authority

- (800) 877-2432
- Provides funding for affordable rental housing



Colorado Springs Housing Authority

- (719) 387-6700
- Offers several housing assistance programs



Greccio Housing

- (719) 475-1422
- Provides stable, safe, affordable housing



Rental Housing Providers

Fountain Housing Authority

- (719) 382-5639
- Provides affordable rental housing in Fountain

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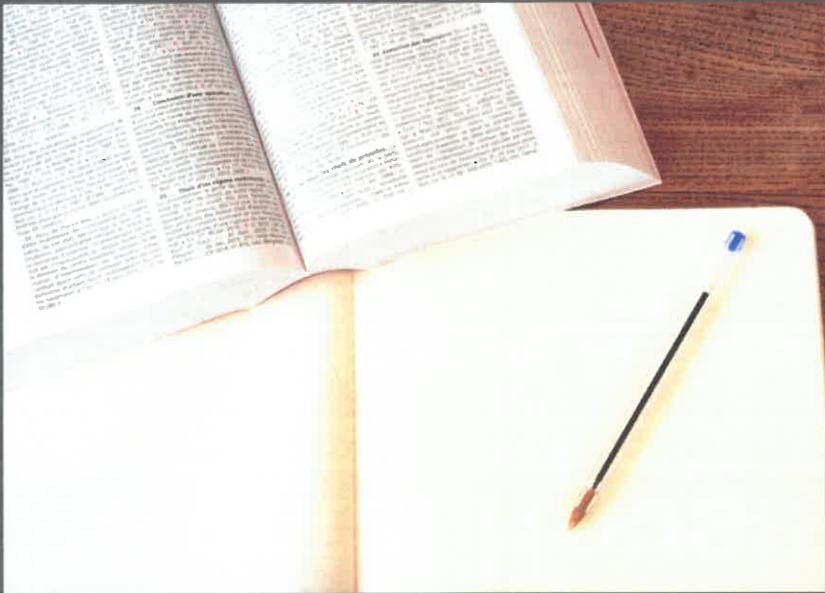
- (719) 347-2616
- Provides affordable rental housing for seniors in Calhan

DOLA Foreclosure Hotline

- 1-844-926-6632
- State hotline for foreclosure assistance



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In 2020, El Paso County Parks applied for a community development block grant for ADA accessibility improvements at the El Paso County Fairgrounds to connect several buildings with accessible pathways which includes concrete sidewalks, asphalt paths, and ramps.

This project will connect major buildings at the El Paso County Fairgrounds so that there is an accessible route from the south end of the fairgrounds starting at the ticketing booth to the north end of the fairground at Swink Hall.

The main spine of this accessible route will be 10' wide asphalt path. This path will take advantage of existing paving, but additional paving will need to be repaired. A 6' wide sidewalk will branch off of the

main path, creating an accessible route to Owens Livestock Arena with another smaller branch connecting the existing playground the main accessible route. The 10' asphalt path will continue north through what during the annual fair is a midway and will terminate at Swink Hall. A concrete sidewalk will branch off making a connection to an existing sidewalk that leads up to Whittemore Hall.

A visual representation can be viewed by [downloading the Fairground Walkways Improvement Project Plan](#).

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Attend Webinar to Learn More:

Nonprofits and municipal governments interested in learning more can attend a **webinar on Thursday, September 10 at 3:00 p.m.** Interested agencies can sign up to attend by emailing chloelomprey@elpasoco.com. This meeting is hosted through Microsoft Teams and closed captioning is provided automatically through the program.

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El Paso County / Widefield Community Park Construction Project Underway



October 8, 2020 – An El Paso County construction project is currently underway, which will require intermittent closures of the playground, surrounding sidewalks, and a portion of the main parking lot within Widefield Community Park.

This project includes:

- Replacing the sidewalk from the main parking lot to the restroom
- Construction of two new pavilions near the playground
- New playground components

Construction will be completed in phases through November 30, 2020, weather and resources permitting.

For the safety of everyone and park users:

- Be aware of construction crews and equipment in the park
- Be respectful of construction fencing and warning signs
- Avoid construction areas

For more information and questions:

Please contact Jason Meyer, El Paso County Community Services Department Planning Supervisor at 719-520-6985, or via email at jasonmeyer@elpasoco.com



**Widefield Community Park
Construction Notice
Oct 6 - Nov 30, 2020**

Intermittent closures of Parking Lot,
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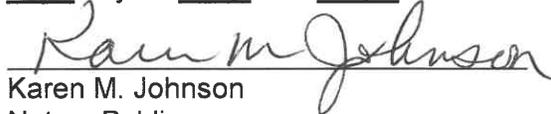
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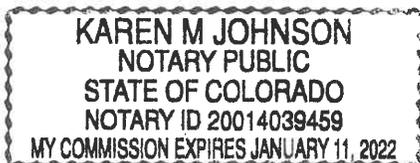


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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION/AVAILABILITY OF
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A complete copy of the CAPER may be obtained electronically on the following website:

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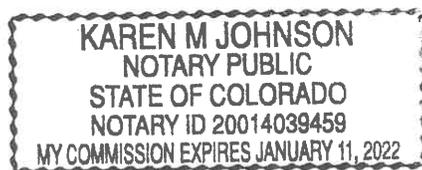
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DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO**

Por la presente se notifica que el Informe de Evaluación de Desempeño Anual Consolidado (CAPER) de 2020 para el programa de Subsidios en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) para el condado de El Paso, Colorado (el condado) estará disponible para revisión y comentarios desde el 20 de mayo de 2021 hasta junio 4 de febrero de 2021.

El CAPER es requerido por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de todas las jurisdicciones que reciben fondos CDBG. El CAPER del condado describe las actividades y los objetivos de desarrollo económico, comunitario y de vivienda realizados en 2020 a través del programa CDBG. Este informe describe y evalúa los datos de logros de cada actividad financiada con dólares CDBG y demuestra la eficacia para satisfacer las necesidades de los residentes de ingresos bajos a moderados.

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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

2020 Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Meeting Schedule

CDAB meetings are currently held in the Economic Development Conference Room located at 9 E. Vermijo Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and start at 12:30 pm. The most recent CDAB meeting was on March 17, 2021. In compliance with state public health orders, meetings are currently being conducted virtually. Please use the contact information at the bottom of this page if you would like to request a direct link to future meetings.

The current 2020 CDAB schedule is as follows:

- June 16, 2021

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A complete copy of the CAPER draft is available below:

[2020 CAPER Draft](#)

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Notice of El Paso County's Comment Period Regarding the 2021 Annual Action Plan for the Administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program

Notice is hereby given that the draft of the 2021 Annual Action Plan will be available and open to public comment from May 27, 2021, through June 28, 2021. The El Paso County Economic Development Department will host two public meetings on June 23, 2021, to encourage citizen participation in the use of federal block grant funds. The Annual Action Plan details the proposed

projects, goals, and objectives for the 2021 program year. A list and description of the activities, which will be carried out with the CDBG funds in the 2021 program year, will be included.

Citizens may comment on the plan at any time from May 27, 2021, through June 28, 2021. Draft available below:

[2021 Annual Action Plan Draft](#)

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A public meeting will be held to encourage direct outreach to impacted communities. Staff at the public meeting will provide:

- BASIC OVERVIEW OF PLANS, GOALS, AND ACTIVITIES
- PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS
- OPPORTUNITIES TO FORMALLY COMMENT

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION:

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

11:00 AM

9 E Vermijo Avenue

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Call in Instructions:

(719)-283-1263

Conference ID: 864 955 19#

Or email chloelompsey@elpasoco.com for Microsoft Teams link Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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2021 Fair Housing Events

The El Paso County Economic Development department celebrated Fair Housing Month and Community Development Week on April 8 and April 9, 2021. Please see the slides from the webinars below.

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Chloe Lomprey

From: Crystal LaTier
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:14 AM
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Subject: FW: CHAP Community Updates
Attachments: FW: NR_ HUD Allocates Over \$600,000 to Community Development Block Grant Program for Coronavirus Response; RMHS/HAV Colorado Springs Office Modifications per Safer at Home Status; Director of Development Job Posting; HPP Food Pantry supports over 500 clients since the pandemic began!; Help needed for the The Justice Center's Strategic Plan

FYI that the NR has been sent out by CHAP. Thank you!

From: chap <chap@ppchp.org>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:06 AM
To: chap <chap@ppchp.org>
Subject: CHAP Community Updates

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Hi CHAP team,

Below are the community updates from this past week! Attached you will find additional information to each bullet point.

- **El Paso County New Release:** NR_ HUD Allocates Over \$600,000 to Community Development Block Grant Program for Coronavirus Response
- **RMHS/HAV Colorado Springs Office Modifications :** Effective today, November 12, 2020, our office will have limited access until January 1, 2021.
- **Open Position at Tri-Lakes Cares:** Director of Development
- **Homeward Pikes Peak Food Drive**
- **Help needed:** The Justice Center's Strategic Plan

Coalition for Homelessness Advocates & Providers – CHAP 2.0

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Colorado Springs non-profit offering free rides to COVID vaccine appointments

These rides are for anyone who has a scheduled appointment and Envida will pick them up at their home and take them home after their vaccination. The rides will run throughout the day Monday through Saturday, for approximately 12 hours a day.

CEO of Envida, Gail Nehls, says it's "primarily targeted at people that are having trouble getting access to their appointment, whether its transportation difficulties getting in and out of cars, or even getting a car, or getting people to drive them to an appointment."

To get access to the service, Envida has set up a transportation hotline for you to call: 719-600-2221.

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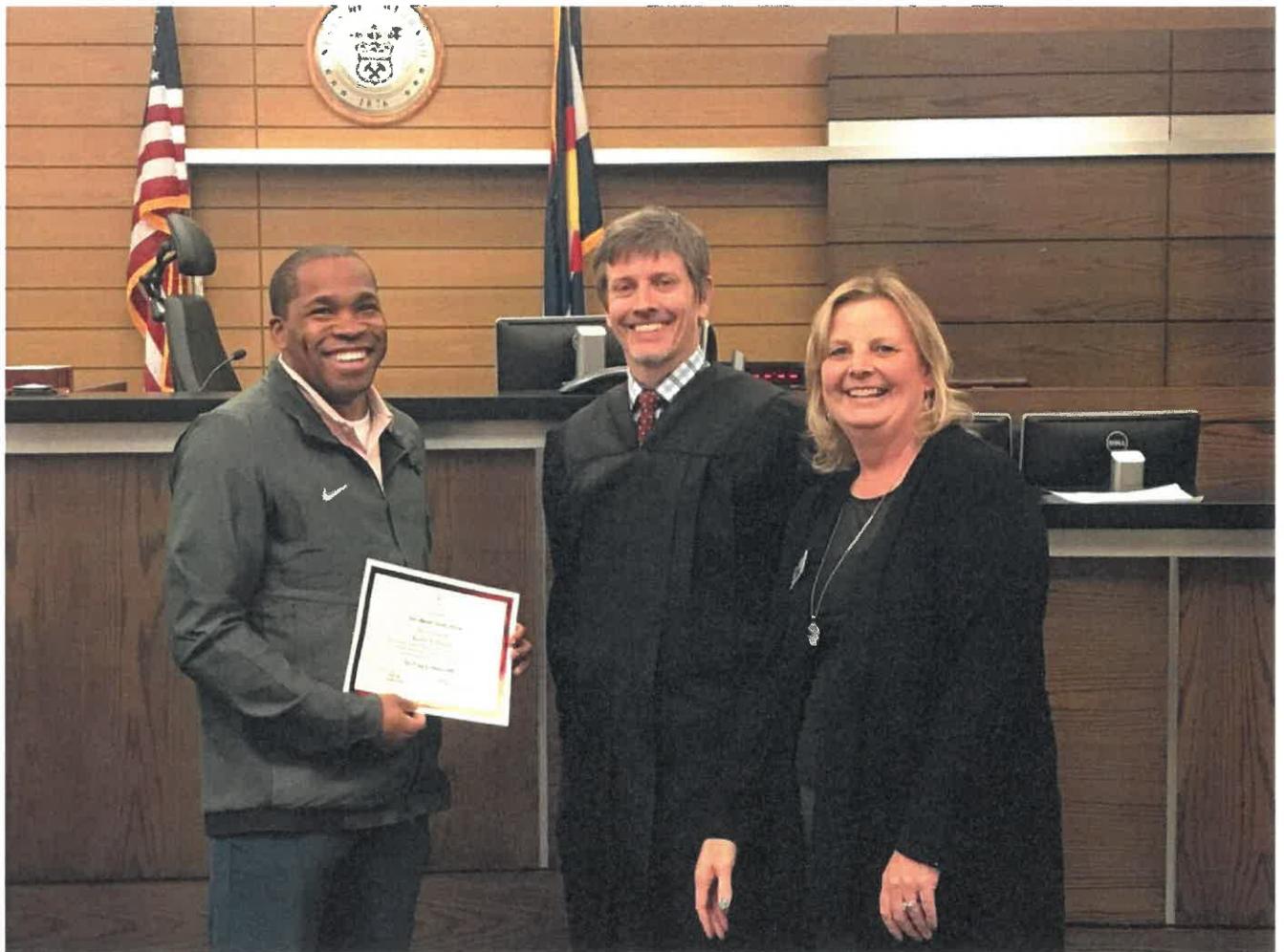
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Court-appointed volunteer advocates help keep kids in crisis safe, secure during pandemic

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Dec 15, 2020



Kory Gibson, left, an advocate with the Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Pikes Peak Region, pictured with Magistrate Dennis McGuire and Angela Rose, executive director of CASA of the Pikes Peak Region.

Courtesy of CASA of the Pikes Peak Region

Trained volunteers who advocate for victims of child abuse, neglect and severe domestic conflict have a big order to fill, and it didn't end with the onset of a global pandemic.

Tasked with providing an independent voice in court for children through Court Appointed Special Advocate nonprofit organizations in the Pikes Peak region and in Denver, volunteer advocates knew their work remained more important than ever.

“Above all else, kids need to be secure,” said Steve Schutz, a volunteer advocate with CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, which serves the 4th Judicial District including El Paso and Teller counties. “They have yet to be a kid. That’s the point. That’s the goal.”

But the pandemic did change the way volunteer advocates meet that goal. As stay-at-home orders, shutdowns and social distancing drove people into their homes at the onset of the pandemic in the spring — and again in the winter as a second wave of coronavirus infections forced tighter restrictions across El Paso, Teller and Denver counties — advocates found themselves struggling with a vital aspect of the job: communication.

“The most important thing you do is start talking with people involved in the case,” said Shannon French, a CASA of the Pikes Peak Region volunteer advocate. That includes the children for whom they will advocate in court, as well as the families, lawyers, medical professionals and others involved in each case.

“We lost out on impromptu types of conversations after court hearings, when you can gather information from others,” she said. “It’s important as (an advocate) not to fall into the background. You need to get information and share the information that needs to be shared.”

Volunteer advocate interviews, trainings and swearing-in ceremonies went virtual, as did court hearings and in-person visits for most advocates and the children they represent. Communication went nearly all remote, and advocates had to find creative ways to build and strengthen their relationships with the children, said Cait McHugh, board president of Denver CASA. Playing a virtual game of “I Spy” to ascertain whether the child’s environment was safe or utilizing video live streaming service Twitch to open dialogue with the children were some examples.

“Doing this virtually isn’t impossible, but it’s much harder. When we’re at the park eating ice cream together, that’s the perfect time for us to talk about (home life),” Denver CASA volunteer advocate Isaac Sargent said. “Now, you’re not tricking people, but you’re finding casual ways to talk about these difficult things.”

When Sargent began a new case advocating for three teenagers between the ages of 16 and 18 in November, he focused on helpful life skills he could teach them easily online, such as apartment hunting and setting up a bank account.

“I need to show them that there’s a reason why I’m here,” he said. “Because there are so many resources available and so many people on a case, sometimes they’re like, ‘Wait. Who are you? Why are you talking to me?’ So I try to make it practical.”

Volunteer advocates are critical to the success of each case because they are often a constant in a child’s life, said CASA of the Pikes Peak Region Executive Director Angela Rose.

Kids “really come to rely on that one (court appointed special advocate), and they’re there through the whole process,” Rose said. “Judges know the advocates are intimate with the case.”

In each case, advocates also provide more context to the courts to help judges make better decisions on behalf of abused and neglected children, CASA of the Pikes Peak Region Chairman Steve Mulliken said.

“The quality of the court process is dependent on the information that gets to the court. Without the advocate, the court wouldn’t get detailed information, detailed thoughts, options, or advocacy,” he said.

More volunteers are needed because the number of children coming into CASA programs during the pandemic is rising, officials said.

At CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, the number of children coming to their programs because of abuse or neglect has doubled since the pandemic began, spokeswoman Keri Kahn said.

In the last six months of 2019, CASA of the Pikes Peak Region had an average of 12 possible cases and saw an average of 21 kids per month, Kahn said. From March to August this year, the six-month period following initial school closures and social distancing orders when the pandemic hit, the nonprofit saw an average of 22 cases and 40 children each month.

At Denver CASA, which serves Denver’s 2nd Judicial District, the number of children served is up 4% over 2019, Executive Director Karen Silverman said.

“So that’s not a huge increase, but many cases are more severe on average than they were before, and we’re seeing situations come to police and Child Protective Services later than they would before.”

That's not surprising, El Paso County Department of Human Services Executive Director Julie Krow said, since children are at home more and out of the public eye. Mandatory reporters — school authorities, teachers, clergy and more than 40 other professions required by state law to alert police or child-protection workers to any suspected physical or sexual abuse of children — aren't seeing them as often.

The increase in children coming to CASA's programs is inversely correlated to the number of reports of suspected neglect or abuse. Data from El Paso County Department of Human Services show a drop in the number of referrals beginning in April, when 472 confirmed cases that entered the legal system were called in, compared with 525 in March. In September, 600 confirmed cases were reported, compared with 689 in September 2019.

Between September 2019 and March of this year, an average of 578 confirmed cases were reported. From April to September of this year, that number is 516, data show.

"I wish I could say with confidence that that's because child abuse and neglect is decreasing, but unfortunately I can't," Krow said.

Oversight from mandatory reporters is limited, but Krow encourages the community at large to call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS or 911 if abuse or neglect are suspected.

Becoming a CASA volunteer

"CASA volunteers can be very valuable in helping a child adjust to a situation they're in, and guide them through the system," said Karen Silverman, executive director of Denver CASA. "Whether it's educational services or

making sure they're going to the dentist, (advocates are) making sure these kids don't get overlooked by the system. CASAs have the ability to ensure children are getting the attention they require and their needs are being met. They also extend a hand in friendship to the families.”

CASA of the Pikes Peak Region

“We have made every part of the process socially distanced, including volunteer training and swearing-in ceremonies, which now take place online,” CASA of the Pikes Peak Region spokeswoman Keri Kahn said.

The first step to learning about becoming a volunteer advocate is to attend a Volunteer Info Session via Zoom. The next session is Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. Interested volunteers will need to RSVP to the session online at casappr.org/volunteer to receive Zoom login information.

For more information about volunteering or donating to CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, visit casappr.org.

Denver CASA

For more information about volunteering with Denver CASA, visit denvercasa.org/volunteer or denvercasa.org/become-a-casa-volunteer. To learn more about Denver CASA, or how to donate, visit denvercasa.org.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS, or 911.

For more information, go to co4kids.org/mandatoryreporting, or humanservices.elpasoco.com/who-is-a-mandatory-reporter

Breeanna Jent

Reporter

Breeanna Jent covers El Paso County government. She previously worked as the editorial assistant for the Pikes Peak Newspapers and joined their sister paper, The Gazette, in 2020.

Around the Web

HMR goes green in Manitou Springs

Bobby McAtee's 100-year-old Manitou Springs house was originally built as a summer cottage that had no insulation.

Him and his wife could feel the wind blow through their house's doors when the temperature dropped. And when the couple would place their hands on their house's walls on cold nights, it felt like they were sticking their hands in a freezer.

But after a house assessment conducted by Brothers Redevelopment's Home Modification and Repair Program, a free service in which the nonprofit helps low-income and disabled seniors maintain their homes and age in place, McAtee's house received crucial repairs and modifications that will keep his family warm and make his house energy efficient. Among the repairs Brothers carried out for the house include insulation, LED bulbs that are environmentally friendly, weather stripped doors that prevent leakage and cold air and more.

"We wouldn't have been able to afford it. We had talked about fixing our house for years, but these projects kept falling to the bottom of the list because it was too expensive," said McAtee. Brothers saved the household \$7,054 by completing the home projects.

"Without Brothers, we wouldn't have been able to do this at all," he added.

Since 2020, Brothers has been conducting weatherization and energy improvements to low-income households in Manitou Springs through the city's Energy Efficiency Pilot Program — funded by the City of Manitou Springs and El Paso County. The goal of the program is to improve the energy efficiency of a home and to remove health and safety hazards.

Manitou Springs homeowners can receive weatherization and energy improvements to their house like insulation system replacements, window and door replacements, energy efficient furnace and water heaters, installation and replacement of solar energy equipment and more.

Those who are interested in the service can call 719-666-7181 for more details.

"As a long-standing Colorado housing assistance provider, we at Brothers Redevelopment are honored to be able to partner with the City of Manitou Springs and El Paso County to improve the overall living conditions for this community," said Brothers Home Modification and Repair Program Manager Jason McCullough. "As a community, Manitou Springs has taken proactive steps to improve the long-term sustainability for existing housing stock and to reduce the city's carbon to work towards a more environmentally responsible future."

Manitou Springs is but one of the more than a dozen communities across the Front Range for which Brothers has tailored a program to help improve overall housing conditions and to help homeowners maintain their homes. The organization has a satellite office in Colorado Springs and has worked throughout El Paso County since 2016.



https://gazette.com/news/seniors-christmas-brightened-by-colorado-springs-home-rehab-presents/article_ab147f9c-43e9-11eb-ab2c-27eec7285bad.html

Seniors' Christmas brightened by Colorado Springs home rehab 'presents'

By Mary Shinn mary.shinn@gazette.com

Dec 24, 2020



Debra Thum rides her new stair lift this month in her Colorado Springs townhouse. Thum, who has trouble with breathing a fatigue after a series of small heart attacks, loves her stair lift, walk-in shower and other upgrades that allowed her to remain home. The upgrades are part of a federally funded program that helps about 80 residents in need a year. (The Gazette, Chr Murdock)

Christian Murdock, The Gazette

Debra Thum had been crawling up the stairs of her home following a series of heart attacks that left her constantly short of breath before her new stairlift was installed for free in December.

The lift was just one piece of her home renovations that will allow her to stay in her home despite asthma and other health conditions, she said. Her family had been thinking about putting her in a nursing facility because they were worried she would fall down the stairs, she said.

"I have been so happy. ... I want to put bows on everything," said Thum, a retired home health aide. The renovations, including a walk-in shower, are her Christmas presents, she said.

Thum is one of about 50 residents, mostly extremely low-income seniors, who had their homes remodeled this year through the city's Home Repair Program, said Barb Van Hoy, policy analyst for the city's Community Development Division. The city sets aside \$500,000 each year in federal Community Development Block Grant funds for the program that helps keep seniors and other residents in need in their homes and ensure their housing is affordable, she said.

"Think of a senior who may be getting a \$400-\$500 Social Security check each month. That doesn't cover food, medicine and utilities, much less needed housing repairs. This program is a lifeline for these," she said.

The city provides \$20,000 for renovations on homes and an additional \$5,000 can be provided for lead-based paint or asbestos mitigation, she said.

The high cap on individual renovations can make a huge difference for a senior with significant deferred home maintenance, said Jonathan Sandberg, home rehabilitation coordinator for Brothers Redevelopment, the nonprofit that runs the program for the city.

For example, replacing an aging sewer line can help make a home far more livable and the line can last at least 50 years, but it can also be quite pricey, he said.

Deborah Johnson's sewer line replacement earlier this year was \$9,000. It is a line that will hopefully keep her from ever standing ankle deep in sewer water in her basement again or from worrying about bills from Roto-Rooter, she said.

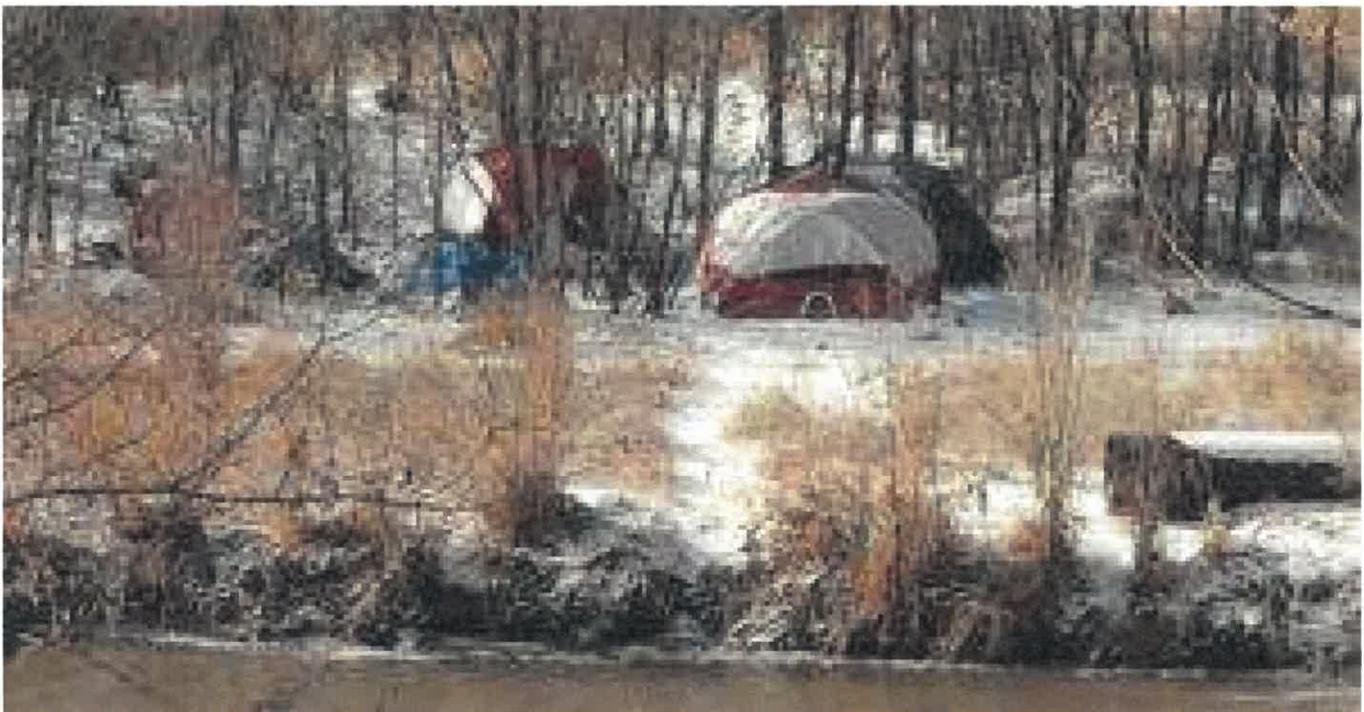
Johnson, who is disabled in part because she broke her back and pelvis, used to live at the end of a 300 foot sewer line that flooded her entire basement at least four times since she moved into her home west of downtown in 1989, she said. So Johnson, a paraeducator who worked at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, was always stashing away money for the repair bills, she said. The last time it backed up, she had to tell guests not to use her toilet, she said. Now those worries are gone.

"I feel blessed," she said.

Low-income residents in need of home rehab can find out more about qualifying at brothersredevelopment.org.

Contact the writer at mary.shinn@gazette.com or (719) 429-9264.

MORE INFORMATION



How would you spend \$5 million to help Colorado Springs next year?

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Of the El Paso County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

In 2020, the El Paso County CDBG program received over \$1M in taxpayer dollars to be administered through local control, cycling them back into the community in the form of supportive services, infrastructure improvements, and advancing housing safety and accessibility. These projects help our neighborhoods build resiliency, allow seniors to age in place, and address the needs of underserved populations such as homeless youth and persons with disabilities.

INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY



BEFORE



AFTER

El Paso County Public Works completed infrastructure improvements to Galley Road, significantly increasing multimodal transportation opportunities in the area.



BEFORE



AFTER

The City of Fountain undertook improvements in the Southmoor and Country Club Heights subdivisions to provide ADA accessible sidewalks. These areas are now better connected to local parks and bus stops to ensure accessibility for all.

THE STORIES BEHIND THE SUPPORT



15 individuals were provided with supportive services to ensure conflict-free exchanges and visits between children and non-custodial parents



13 owner-occupied homes received urgent safety-related repairs, including new water heaters, furnaces, and sewer line replacements



11 households received emergency rent/utility assistance and prevented potential homelessness



15 individuals with disabilities were provided with critical access to health and well-being resources through rural outreach



297 rural seniors utilized an expanded shuttle service that connects Calhan, Rush, Yoder, and Ellicott to Colorado Springs



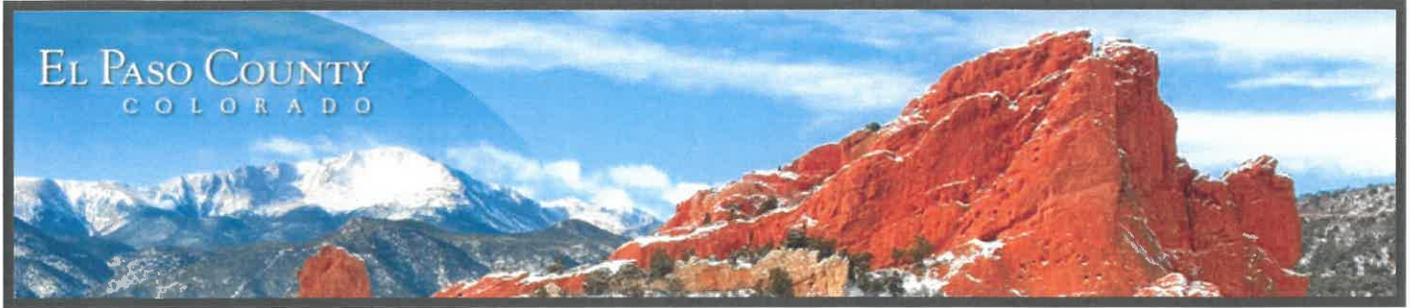
29 veterans and their families were provided with employment training and self-sufficiency skills



The town of Ramah completed infrastructure upgrades to their sewer system, to preserve the health and safety of residents

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Accomplishment data based on projects that closed out in the 2020 calendar year, not the HUD-determined program year.



APPENDIX D

Section 3 Report Submission

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Section 3 Memo

In reference to The El Paso County CDBG Program's 2020 programmatic year

In 2020, HUD released a new Section 3 Rule to improve access for Section 3 eligible residents and businesses. This ruling also adjusted the reporting requirement of submitting a Section 3 report in the SPEARS system. With this adjustment, El Paso County is committed to demonstrating their affirmative efforts to recruit Section 3 businesses for construction and has prepared this memo in the absence of the Section 3 report in SPEARS.

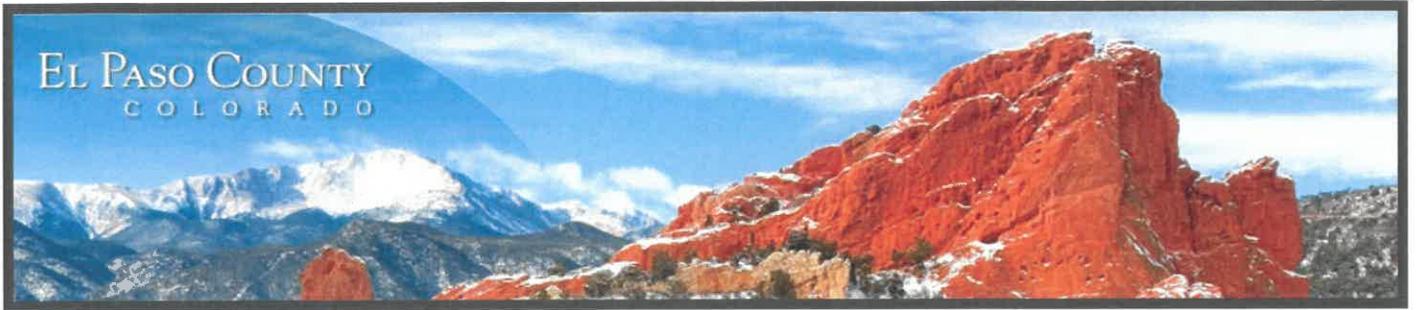
No Section 3 businesses were awarded federal funding by the El Paso County CDBG program during the 2020 year, as well as no Section 3 businesses applied for to RFBs/RFPs.

The El Paso County CDBG Program made the following affirmative actions during the 2020 program year to demonstrate our commitment to Section 3 compliance:

- With only 1 registered Section 3 business in the Colorado Springs metro area, we recognize one of our primary barriers to meeting Section 3 compliance is getting more contractors registered for Section 3 and sam.gov. To mitigate the issue, the El Paso County CDBG program now offers free technical assistance to contractors with Sam.gov and Section 3 registration. By reducing barriers to CDBG funding, our program hopes to attract more Section 3 contractors in the future.
- To the greatest extent possible, CDBG staff attends pre-bid meetings to advertise the Section 3 program and how it can benefit contractors. Additionally, we are now providing a HUD Section 3 brochure to all selected contractors to ensure they are aware of the potential opportunities associated with the certification. We strongly encourage contractors to consider applying for Section 3 status if they are able to do so. This is done in the hopes that we will eventually have more than one Section 3 contractor listed in the Colorado Springs metro area on the HUD listing.
- To increase outreach to small businesses and small contractors who may be eligible for Section 3, CDBG staff have continued to maintain a strong working relationship with the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center (PPSBDC), which as of early 2018 has been hosted under our department. Sharing information and contacts, as well as attending minority-focused events hosted by the SBDC has been our primary method of minority business outreach, as the PPSBDC has frequent, daily interaction with small and minority-owned businesses. This includes assistance with attaining federal and state certification, including section 3 certification. The El Paso County CDBG program anticipates that future events hosted by the PPSBDC or the Colorado Springs Hispanic Business Council will offer further opportunities

to share information and improve understanding of federally funded contracts and the corresponding expectations.

- With COVID-19 pandemic lessening, we anticipate being able to attend Pikes Peak SBDC mixer events/contractor educational events and provide information about Section 3 to interested parties once again.
- Our program also maintains a working relationship with PTAC (Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center), which provides assistance for businesses interested in working with government. We have provided their local office with Section 3 resources to help them encourage prospective contractors to apply for the certification.



APPENDIX E

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PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES

01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	1,609,661.67
02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,090,611.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR SI TYPE)	0.00
06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
06a FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-07)	2,700,272.67

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	601,501.91
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	601,501.91
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	156,284.50
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	757,786.41
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	1,942,486.26

PART III: LOWMOD BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD

17 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
18 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	601,501.91
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	601,501.91
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	100.00%

LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS

23 PROGRAM YEARS(PY) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION	PY: 2018 PY: 2019 PY: 2020
24 CUMULATIVE NET EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BENEFITING LOW/MOD PERSONS	0.00
26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MOD PERSONS (LINE 25/LINE 24)	0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS

27 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	106,982.29
28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	118,189.25
30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS	58,247.85
31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 - LINE 29 + LINE 30)	47,040.89
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,090,611.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	1,090,611.00
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	4.31%



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PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	156,284.50
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	100,433.72
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	80,999.63
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	0.00
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 - LINE 39 +LINE 40)	175,718.59
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,090,611.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	1,090,611.00
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	16.11%



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LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2019	3	206	6449310	El Paso County Widefield Community Park Phase II	03F	LMA	\$75,324.46
					03F	Matrix Code	\$75,324.46
2019	4	203	6397226	Town of Ramah Sewer and Septic Improvements	03J	LMA	\$12,876.00
2019	4	203	6450220	Town of Ramah Sewer and Septic Improvements	03J	LMA	\$30,270.50
					03J	Matrix Code	\$43,146.50
2019	4	202	6450220	City of Fountain Country Club Heights and Downtown ADA Improvements	03L	LMC	\$89,206.82
2019	4	207	6442105	City of Fountain Southmoor Extended ADA Improvements	03L	LMA	\$244,314.00
					03L	Matrix Code	\$333,520.82
2019	2	198	6380102	The Independence Center Independent Living Project	05B	LMC	\$2,817.29
2019	2	198	6403543	The Independence Center Independent Living Project	05B	LMC	\$6,978.19
2019	2	198	6429501	The Independence Center Independent Living Project	05B	LMC	\$1,888.07
					05B	Matrix Code	\$11,683.55
2019	2	200	6384974	Envida Expanding Transportation Services in Eastern El Paso County	05E	LMC	\$9,881.24
2019	2	200	6403543	Envida Expanding Transportation Services in Eastern El Paso County	05E	LMC	\$12,227.05
2019	2	200	6427515	Envida Expanding Transportation Services in Eastern El Paso County	05E	LMC	\$7,988.81
					05E	Matrix Code	\$30,097.10
2019	2	199	6380102	Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence Veterans Climb	05H	LMC	\$5,333.88
2019	2	199	6403543	Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence Veterans Climb	05H	LMC	\$16,175.76
2019	2	199	6455252	Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence Veterans Climb	05H	LMC	\$13,542.40
					05H	Matrix Code	\$35,052.04
2019	2	196	6374026	CASA SEPT Program	05N	LMC	\$6,225.21
2019	2	196	6403543	CASA SEPT Program	05N	LMC	\$6,225.21
2019	2	196	6424727	CASA SEPT Program	05N	LMC	\$3,529.13
2020	3	217	6455252	CASA Supervised Exchanged and Parenting Time Program	05N	LMC	\$1,752.15
					05N	Matrix Code	\$17,731.70
2019	2	197	6403543	Home Front Military Network Grants for Families	05Q	LMC	\$6,270.90
2019	2	197	6429501	Home Front Military Network Grants for Families	05Q	LMC	\$2,626.57
2019	2	197	6437036	Home Front Military Network Grants for Families	05Q	LMC	\$3,520.43
					05Q	Matrix Code	\$12,417.90
2019	5	201	6369947	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Rehabilitation Program	14A	LMH	\$1,566.91
2019	5	201	6380102	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Rehabilitation Program	14A	LMH	\$17,247.00
2019	5	201	6418397	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Rehabilitation Program	14A	LMH	\$240.79
2020	4	225	6462278	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Rehabilitation	14A	LMH	\$14,165.90
2020	4	225	6473506	Brothers Redevelopment Housing Rehabilitation	14A	LMH	\$9,307.24



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Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
						14A	\$42,527.84
Total						Matrix Code	\$601,501.91

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus	Activity Name	Grant Number	Fund Type	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2019	2	198	6380102	No	The Independence Center Independent Living Project	B19UC080005	EN	05B	LMC	\$2,817.29
2019	2	198	6403543	No	The Independence Center Independent Living Project	B19UC080005	EN	05B	LMC	\$6,978.19
2019	2	198	6429501	No	The Independence Center Independent Living Project	B19UC080005	EN	05B	LMC	\$1,888.07
								05B	Matrix Code	\$11,683.55
2019	2	200	6384974	No	Envida Expanding Transportation Services in Eastern El Paso County	B19UC080005	EN	05E	LMC	\$9,881.24
2019	2	200	6403543	No	Envida Expanding Transportation Services in Eastern El Paso County	B19UC080005	EN	05E	LMC	\$12,227.05
2019	2	200	6427515	No	Envida Expanding Transportation Services in Eastern El Paso County	B19UC080005	EN	05E	LMC	\$7,988.81
								05E	Matrix Code	\$30,097.10
2019	2	199	6380102	No	Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence Veterans Climb	B19UC080005	EN	05H	LMC	\$5,333.88
2019	2	199	6403543	No	Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence Veterans Climb	B19UC080005	EN	05H	LMC	\$16,175.76
2019	2	199	6455252	No	Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence Veterans Climb	B19UC080005	EN	05H	LMC	\$13,542.40
								05H	Matrix Code	\$35,052.04
2019	2	196	6374026	No	CASA SEPT Program	B19UC080005	EN	05N	LMC	\$6,225.21
2019	2	196	6403543	No	CASA SEPT Program	B19UC080005	EN	05N	LMC	\$6,225.21
2019	2	196	6424727	No	CASA SEPT Program	B19UC080005	EN	05N	LMC	\$3,529.13
2020	3	217	6455252	No	CASA Supervised Exchanged and Parenting Time Program	B20UC080005	EN	05N	LMC	\$1,752.15
								05N	Matrix Code	\$17,731.70
2019	2	197	6403543	No	Home Front Military Network Grants for Families	B19UC080005	EN	05Q	LMC	\$6,270.90
2019	2	197	6429501	No	Home Front Military Network Grants for Families	B19UC080005	EN	05Q	LMC	\$2,626.57
2019	2	197	6437036	No	Home Front Military Network Grants for Families	B19UC080005	EN	05Q	LMC	\$3,520.43
								05Q	Matrix Code	\$12,417.90
				No	Activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus					\$106,982.29
Total										\$106,982.29

LINE 37 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2019	1	204	6376682	2019 Admin/Planning	21A		\$38,729.22
2020	2	208	6418397	2020 Admin/Planning	21A		\$78,071.48
2020	2	208	6446986	2020 Admin/Planning	21A		\$37,293.80
2020	2	208	6457261	2020 Admin/Planning	21A		\$2,190.00



PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG-CV RESOURCES

01 CDBG-CV GRANT	1,247,149.00
02 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
03 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
04 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-03)	1,247,149.00

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG-CV EXPENDITURES

05 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	183,806.70
06 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	3,449.80
07 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
08 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 05 - 07)	187,256.50
09 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 04 - LINE8)	1,059,892.50

PART III: LOWMOD BENEFIT FOR THE CDBG-CV GRANT

10 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
11 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
12 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	183,806.70
13 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 10 - 12)	183,806.70
14 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 05)	183,806.70
15 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 13/LINE 14)	100.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CALCULATIONS

16 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	183,806.70
17 CDBG-CV GRANT	1,247,149.00
18 PERCENT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 16/LINE 17)	14.74%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

19 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	3,449.80
20 CDBG-CV GRANT	1,247,149.00
21 PERCENT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 19/LINE 20)	0.28%



LINE 10 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 10

Report returned no data.

LINE 11 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 11

Report returned no data.

LINE 12 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 12

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount		
2020	6	209	6455252	CPCD- COVID-19 Behavioral Health for Disadvantaged Children	05D	LMC	\$24,613.04		
			6490196	CPCD- COVID-19 Behavioral Health for Disadvantaged Children	05D	LMC	\$386.96		
		210	6490196	Mt. Carmel Veteran Center- COVID-19 Veteran Climb	05H	LMC	\$8,662.29		
			6455252	Tri-Lakes Cares- COVID-19 Housing & Utility Assistance Program	05Q	LMC	\$9,473.00		
		211	6492175	Tri-Lakes Cares- COVID-19 Housing & Utility Assistance Program	05Q	LMC	\$9,371.00		
			6455252	CASA- COVID-19 Dependency and Neglect Program	05N	LMC	\$461.39		
		212	6490196	CASA- COVID-19 Dependency and Neglect Program	05N	LMC	\$672.10		
			6455252	CPCD- COVID-19 Subsistence Payments for Disadvantaged Families	05Q	LMC	\$7,631.05		
		213	6490196	CPCD- COVID-19 Subsistence Payments for Disadvantaged Families	05Q	LMC	\$1,322.02		
			6490196	Manitou Art Center COVID-19 MAC/PPLD Makerspace program	05H	LMC	\$1,430.00		
		226	6498841	Envida COVID-19 Access to Health for Rural Seniors	05A	LMC	\$16,530.26		
		228	6455252	Beautiful Redemption COVID-19 Rental Assistance for Individuals and Families	05Q	LMC	\$150.00		
			6498841	Beautiful Redemption COVID-19 Rental Assistance for Individuals and Families	05Q	LMC	\$1,701.64		
		229	6505434	Mercy's Gate COVID-19 Subsidized Rent and Mortgage for LMC	05Q	LMC	\$3,527.72		
		230	6455252	Silver Key COVID-19 Nutrition Assistance for Seniors	05A	LMC	\$39,628.46		
			6492175	Silver Key COVID-19 Nutrition Assistance for Seniors	05A	LMC	\$58,245.77		
		Total							\$183,806.70

LINE 16 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 16

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount		
2020	6	209	6455252	CPCD- COVID-19 Behavioral Health for Disadvantaged Children	05D	LMC	\$24,613.04		
			6490196	CPCD- COVID-19 Behavioral Health for Disadvantaged Children	05D	LMC	\$386.96		
		210	6490196	Mt. Carmel Veteran Center- COVID-19 Veteran Climb	05H	LMC	\$8,662.29		
			6455252	Tri-Lakes Cares- COVID-19 Housing & Utility Assistance Program	05Q	LMC	\$9,473.00		
		211	6492175	Tri-Lakes Cares- COVID-19 Housing & Utility Assistance Program	05Q	LMC	\$9,371.00		
			6455252	CASA- COVID-19 Dependency and Neglect Program	05N	LMC	\$461.39		
		212	6490196	CASA- COVID-19 Dependency and Neglect Program	05N	LMC	\$672.10		
			6455252	CPCD- COVID-19 Subsistence Payments for Disadvantaged Families	05Q	LMC	\$7,631.05		
		213	6490196	CPCD- COVID-19 Subsistence Payments for Disadvantaged Families	05Q	LMC	\$1,322.02		
			6490196	Manitou Art Center COVID-19 MAC/PPLD Makerspace program	05H	LMC	\$1,430.00		
		226	6498841	Envida COVID-19 Access to Health for Rural Seniors	05A	LMC	\$16,530.26		
		228	6455252	Beautiful Redemption COVID-19 Rental Assistance for Individuals and Families	05Q	LMC	\$150.00		
			6498841	Beautiful Redemption COVID-19 Rental Assistance for Individuals and Families	05Q	LMC	\$1,701.64		
		229	6505434	Mercy's Gate COVID-19 Subsidized Rent and Mortgage for LMC	05Q	LMC	\$3,527.72		
		230	6455252	Silver Key COVID-19 Nutrition Assistance for Seniors	05A	LMC	\$39,628.46		
			6492175	Silver Key COVID-19 Nutrition Assistance for Seniors	05A	LMC	\$58,245.77		
		Total							\$183,806.70

LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2020	7	215	6489955	CDBG-CV Admin/Planning	21A		\$3,449.80
Total							\$3,449.80