

# U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



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Crystal LaTier, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Community Assessment

Dear Ms. LaTier:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region VIII, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) assesses the performance of its grant recipients on an annual basis. This assessment is based on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) submitted by you as a grant recipient, as well as information collected from other financial and performance reports, correspondence, and monitoring reports. This letter conveys the results of our evaluation for the 2021 program year.

Based on this analysis, we have determined that El Paso County has the continuing capacity to administer its CPD funded program. The activities undertaken are consistent with your HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, and the County continues to make progress in meeting its housing and community development goals. Reporting issues for beneficiary data compared to information entered in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) were identified. The County is asked to reconcile beneficiary and financial data in the CAPER with IDIS performance reports and address this in subsequent reports as applicable.

## **Affordable Housing (CR-20)**

The grantee was required to provide an evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, and the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served. For the purpose of this section, the term "affordable housing" for all program accomplishments is defined in the HOME regulations at 24 CFR § 92.252 for rental housing and 24 C.F.R. § 92.254 for homeownership. These tables should not include the provision of emergency shelter, transitional shelter, or social services.

- The actual numbers of households served reflected on page 13 of the report does not correspond to the activities identified in the AAP or the information entered in IDIS. This table should display the number of households who received housing assistance during the program year.

### **CAPER Financial Analysis**

The PR26 – CDBG Financial Summary Report did not convey correct information regarding the public service cap requirement. The use of the ‘liquidated and unliquidated’ fields in IDIS are vital to reporting correct data. Technical assistance is available in this office for IDIS data entry to help alleviate consequences of exceeding public service caps. In addition, the PR26 CDBG Financial Summary Report Troubleshooting Guide is a useful tool for correctly filling out this important report, and can be found at:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Updated-Instructions-Completing-CDBG-Financial-Summary-Report-Pr26.pdf>.

In accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations described at 24 C.F.R. § 91.525, if El Paso County has comments regarding our conclusions, please submit them to this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive comments within the 30-day time period, this letter will be considered final and can be made available to the public.

If there are any questions or a request for technical assistance, please contact Ms. Jennifer Schumann, Community Planning and Development Representative, at [Jennifer.D.Schumann@hud.gov](mailto:Jennifer.D.Schumann@hud.gov).

Sincerely,



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Regional Director

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