

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.

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023, the third year of the 2020 Consolidated Plan, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) made significant progress toward identified goals, with many activities and projects initiated and underway, and several FY 2022-2023 on track to be completed in FY 2023-2024.

For the Affordable Housing goal, the Commission is continuing to leverage its work funded with CDBG and HOME, and spur production of affordable rental housing and accessible public amenities by engaging developers and cities, collaborating with other County departments, updating funding policies, leveraging County owned property, proactively setting a production agenda and developing a housing pipeline for funding. The Commission has awarded CDBG and HOME funds to 3 housing developments in the cities of Cloverdale, Sonoma and Windsor. These developments will add 170 affordable units to the county when complete. Work on the HOME-funded Victory Studios rehabilitation project was completed at the beginning of FY 2022-2023, with a total of 11 units rehabilitated, including 2 Low HOME units.. More than 3,000 households received housing assistance in the form of rental assistance

In the area of Homelessness, the administration ESG, and certain local and state funds for homeless services are guided by funding policies set annually by the Community Development Committee. Coordinated Entry(CE) is a streamlined system designed to efficiently match people experiencing homelessness to available housing, emergency shelter, and services. CE prioritizes those who are most in need of assistance and provides crucial information that helps communities strategically allocate resources and identify gaps in service. In FY 2022-2023 , 4,389 households were assisted through CE, and of those, 987 entered an emergency shelter, with 570 individuals exiting to permanent housing.

Across all homeless services programs during FY 2022-2023, 1,989 persons entered emergency shelters, and 343 persons served through emergency shelters exited homelessness to permanent housing (27%). Rapid re-housing assistance ended homeless episodes for 503 households out of 893 households served (56%). A total of 5,762 households were assisted using a combination of CE, street outreach, and day services; 22% of them accessed temporary or permanent housing through those services

In the area of Non-Housing Community Development, the Commission staff worked closely with community development staff in Urban County

member jurisdictions over the past year providing guidance for selecting projects that Affirmatively Further Fair Housing, projects that needed predevelopment funds, and projects that could proceed quickly with an infusion of CDBG funds, asking cities to prioritize projects that could spend money first. One water main replacement project was completed in FY 2022-2023 that will benefit low and moderate-income households encompass census tracts in which more than 51% of residents are low to moderate income, and an additional three projects are underway throughout the Urban County.

The Commission also funded a robust Fair Housing Program in FY 2022-2023. Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California and Legal Aid of Sonoma County assisted 305 Sonoma County individuals with CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. These organizations and activities helped to address fair housing complaints and unlawful detainers, helping to prevent homelessness.

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 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Section 8: \$ | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 100 | 0 | 0.00% | 58 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Section 8: \$ | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 100 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Section 8: \$ | Homeowner Housing Added | Household Housing Unit | 10 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------|---|-------|------|---|-------|
| Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Section 8: \$ | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 50 | 0 | 0.00% | 60 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Section 8: \$ | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 3000 | 0 | 0.00% | 3034 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Affordable Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Section 8: \$ | Housing for Homeless added | Household Housing Unit | 10 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Homelessness | Homeless | ESG: \$ / Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$ | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 160 | 0 | 0.00% | 300 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Homelessness | Homeless | ESG: \$ / Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$ | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 2000 | 0 | 0.00% | 750 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Homelessness | Homeless | ESG: \$ / Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$ | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 50 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| Non-Housing Community Development | Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 50000 | 1460 | 2.92% | 2949 | 1460 | 49.51% |
| Non-Housing Community Development | Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 3400 | 305 | 8.97% | 0 | 305 | |

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.

As Sonoma County continues to recover from the wildfires and the global pandemic it still faces a shortage of affordable housing. The Commission is prioritizing affordable housing creation and preservation, alleviating homelessness, and improving access to housing and amenities for low-income neighborhoods.

Although the Commission did not meet its Action Plan goals for housing rehabilitation during FY 2022-2023 it’s on track to exceed these goals in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A total of two housing rehabilitations were completed for low-income households enabling them to remain in their homes, preserving their existing affordable housing. Housing rehabilitation continues to be a high priority for use of CDBG, state and local funds because it is a critical resource for helping low-income households to remain in their homes, and it is one of the most cost-effective ways to maintain the existing affordable housing stock and prevent homelessness.

The Commission exceeded its Action Plan goals for replacing infrastructure systems and public facilities during the reporting period, though

efforts have exceeded the goal of serving 50,000 people through infrastructure activities in the course of the five-year Consolidated Plan. Projects completed in this reporting period alone served approximately 1,460 low-income residents in the unincorporated county.

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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)

Please refer to the "Narrative" section below Table 2.

| | CDBG | HOME | ESG |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| White | 1,222 | 21 | 184 |
| Black or African American | 88 | 0 | 14 |
| Asian | 20 | 0 | 2 |
| American Indian or American Native | 74 | 0 | 23 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 1,411 | 21 | 226 |
| Hispanic | 563 | 3 | 48 |
| Not Hispanic | 1,022 | 18 | 202 |

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

Narrative

It should be noted that table 2 above does not include all racial categories that are reported in the HUD Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) for CDBG, HOME and ESG-funded accomplishments, therefore, the total provided below is reflective of both the listed categories and the categories that were not included. For CDBG, the following additional racial categories were represented among those served: Asian & White: 7 persons; American Indian/Alaskan Native & White: 19 persons; Black/African American & White: 13 persons; American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American: 6 persons. In addition to the reported categories, there were 129 persons who reported as other Multi-racial. For ESG there were 24 persons who reported as other Multi-racial. Among the persons in racial categories not listed in Table 2 65 are Hispanic/Latino.

The Community Development Committee and the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee members requested in the September 21, 2022 public meeting that in subsequent years the Commission provide a comparative analysis of the Race and Ethnicity for each year of the 5 year Consolidated Plan, in order to evaluate and address any racial equity issues and potential solutions or investments.

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 | 2,235,637 | 1,911,165 |
| HOME | public - federal | 1,125,579 | 558,596 |
| ESG | public - federal | 155,767 | 173,324 |
| Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act | public - federal | 4,112,614 | 3,900,000 |
| Section 8 | public - federal | 38,113,294 | 41,117,781 |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

For CDBG, Table 3 – “Resources Made Available” matches the PR-26 Report, which included the FY 2022-2023 CDBG award from HUD (\$ 1,715,637) and CDBG Program Income (\$515,329.69). CDBG "Amount Expended During Program Year" matches the PR-26 report.

For HOME, "Amount Expended During Program Year" is the sum of \$468,364.04 in Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), IDIS activities 1154 and 1179, and \$90,231.90 expended on HOME Administration, IDIS activity 1181.

For ESG, "Amount Expended during Program Year" reflects the amount expended in FY 2022-2023, which was \$173,324.

During FY 2022-2023, 121 project based voucher units came into service; 101 of these are serving extremely low-income households who are coming out of homelessness. At the end of calendar year 2023, it is expected that the Sonoma County Housing Authority will have spent 103.7% of rental assistance dollars. All funds in excess of 100% come from HUD held reserves.

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

The FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan encompassed activities undertaken by the County of Sonoma, as well as the seven municipalities comprising the HUD entitlement Urban County: Cloverdale, Cotati,

Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor. Sonoma County does not dedicate funds to target areas. One hundred percent of funds are used in the Urban County.

The Urban County jurisdictions share CDBG funds for capital projects in similar proportion to the number of low and moderate-income population in each area. Historically and in FY 2022-2023, beyond an initial allocation of available CDBG funds intended to assist capital projects, the jurisdictions did not pre-determine the locations where CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding are to be used in Sonoma County. However, the Urban County has begun tracking where investments are made and provides the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee updates as to how much has been allocated and expended over the five-year strategic plan based on their respective proportions of low and moderate income populations. This information helps inform the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee where investments have been made and helps ensure funds are invested in a way that promotes geographic equity.

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.

The Commission utilized CDBG, HOME, ESG, Continuum of Care Program, County General Fund, and County Fund for Housing funds, State of California funding (Homeless Emergency Aid Program, California Emergency Solutions and Housing, Partnership HealthPlan of California, Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Permanent Local Housing Allocation, and Homekey) and funds from other public and private sources.

The County of Sonoma has invested millions in local dollars into affordable housing production over the past three years. These resources provide gap financing in permanent soft debt for affordable rental development projects that often use federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, a standard combination of other private debt and equity sources.

Local resources also help fund a variety of services designed to mitigate homelessness. This included over \$800,000 in local funds to offset administrative expenses for over 30 local contracts with nonprofits serving individuals experiencing homelessness.

Continuum of Care funds were used to administer the Countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), expand the Countywide Coordinated Entry program, and for 4 Continuum of Care Rental Assistance programs.

In January 2019, Sonoma County received approximately \$12.1 million from the one-time Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant and in July 2019, \$843,907 from the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) grant. These grants fund activities which assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, in May 2020, approximately \$3.4 million was secured through the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant. The Commission strategically leveraged these funds with ESG to optimize their impact on catalyzing future expansion of public services. In 2021, the Commission was awarded approximately \$1.4 million in State HHAP-2 funds under the purview of the Continuum of Care. In 2022, over \$4 million was received for State HHAP-3 after approval of a local Homeless Action Plan. In 2021 the Sonoma County Housing Authority received an allocation of 153 Emergency Housing Vouchers. In coordination with the Continuum of Care, target populations were set to serve unhoused persons in our community. To date, all of the allocation of vouchers have been distributed to identified populations and 89% of these households have achieved permanent housing. The Housing Authority added two new local

preferences targeted to serve unhoused residents of Sonoma County. Since its implementation in calendar year 2022, the Housing Authority has accepted 120 referrals from local service providers who have committed to assisting unhoused persons locate housing and maintain stability

| Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year | 3,628,442 |
| 2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year | 0 |
| 3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2) | 3,628,442 |
| 4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year | 0 |
| 5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4) | 3,628,442 |

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

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

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

| Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$ | Amount received during reporting period \$ | Total amount expended during reporting period \$ | Amount expended for TBRA \$ | Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$ |
| 6,413 | 0 | 6,413 | 6,413 | 0 |

Table 7 – Program Income

| Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Total | Minority Business Enterprises | | | | White Non-Hispanic |
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | |
| Contracts | | | | | | |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub-Contracts | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | Women Business Enterprises | Male | | | |
| Contracts | | | | | | |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Sub-Contracts | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

| Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Total | Minority Property Owners | | | | White Non-Hispanic |
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

| Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Parcels Acquired | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Businesses Displaced | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Nonprofit Organizations Displaced | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Households Displaced | Total | Minority Property Enterprises | | | | White Non-Hispanic |
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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 | 2 |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 253 | 17 |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units | 5 | 2 |
| Total | 258 | 21 |

Table 11 – Number of Households

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Number of households supported through Rental Assistance | 140 | 17 |
| Number of households supported through The Production of New Units | 58 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units | 60 | 4 |
| Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 258 | 21 |

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

While the Commission did not meet the goals for the number of those assisted through HOME-funded rental assistance, and the creation of units for non-homeless and special-needs residents, the Commission is on track to exceed all of these goals in FY 2023-2024. 17 households continued to receive Tenant Based Rental Assistance in FY 2022-2023 and 170 households received assistance with security deposits. The TBRA activity is still actively assisting tenants and these beneficiaries will be reported in the next CAPER reporting cycle.

The number of non-homeless households provided affordable housing units is made up of two homeowners assisted through the Sonoma County Housing Rehabilitation Program. The number of homeless households provided affordable housing units was achieved when units were rehabilitated at the Victory Studios Development this provided total of two existing units.

The number of households supported through rental assistance is made up of seventeen households assisted through the Sonoma County Housing Authority Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program. A policy change was made to the TBRA program and it was determined that the Housing Authority would not be using HOME funds for TBRA. The Housing Authority has been working to wean people off of the HOME TBRA program.

Please note that, in order to follow HUD's instruction that the numbers reported in this section are consistent with the accomplishments reported at the activity level in IDIS, the results only include CDBG and HOME results. ESG accomplishments are reported in CR-05 and SAGE.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

It is anticipated that future action plans will continue to reflect the affordable housing goal set in the Consolidated Plan, which emphasizes the construction and preservation of affordable rental housing as a high priority. Construction of new affordable rental housing is accomplished over several years, however, the Urban County has prioritized investments in projects that are “shovel ready”.

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 | 0 | 15 |
| Low-income | 2 | 4 |
| Moderate-income | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2 | 19 |

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The extremely low-income households reported include two recipients of HOME funded Victory Studios rehabilitation project (IDIS activity 1176), 13 recipients of HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (IDIS activities 1154). The low-income households reported include two recipients of CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation (IDIS activity 1175) and four Tenant-Based Rental Assistance recipients.

The Commission works with private rental property owners and non-profit organizations to identify suitable rental properties that can be acquired and/or rehabilitated to provide housing. The

Commission also implements a continuum of care approach to help families and individuals by providing support services, transitional Housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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

In FY 2022-2023, the Commission continued its support of the Countywide Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) that began in 2015. The project works in cooperation with the Continuum of Care's implementation of Coordinated Entry. The HOST street outreach teams utilize the same evidence-based screening tools that are used by Coordinated Entry and aim to connect participants directly with Coordinated Entry for housing placement, as well as with benefits and health resources. The standard screening and assessment tools prioritize resources to the most vulnerable persons: those with critical health needs and the longest periods of homelessness. In FY 2022-2023, the HOST project assessed 618 unsheltered individuals and placed 190 households in safe housing (emergency shelter) and 61 into permanent housing, directly off the street.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Sonoma County's emergency shelter and transitional housing programs focus on establishing safety through trauma-informed care to stabilize and quickly house participants. In FY 2022-2023, ESG funds supported 250 emergency shelter beds at Catholic Charities, Samuel Jones Hall. In addition, local funds supported emergency shelters and transitional housing throughout the Urban County, including Guerneville and Sonoma, as well as a women's shelter and the domestic violence safe house located in Santa Rosa, which serves the entire region.

Sonoma County's emergency shelter programs focus on establishing safety through trauma-informed care, stabilizing, and moving participants towards community housing. ESG funds supported 250 individuals at Catholic Charities' Samuel Jones Hall emergency shelter families. In addition, local and State of California funds supported emergency shelters throughout the Urban County, including Guerneville, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma, which serves the entire region.

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

The County, cities, and local nonprofit agencies offer a range of programs that provide financial and

other assistance to those who are at-risk of becoming homeless due to financial emergencies, loss of existing dwelling units through inaccessibility by persons with mobility impairments, natural disasters, or unabated deterioration.

In FY 2022-2023, the Commission allocated State and local funds for three Homelessness Prevention & Diversion programs. These were operated by Catholic Charities, Social Advocates for Youth, and West County Community Services and cumulatively assisted 58 households in avoiding homelessness through connection with resources aimed at improving housing stability. In addition, the Commission allocated local funds for staffing for the HCA Family Funds (a rental assistance program operated by Community Action Partnership with support of a private philanthropic donor offering rental assistance in Sonoma County. The HCA Family Fund project served 162 households in FY 2022-2023.

Homelessness prevention programs work with Coordinated Entry staff to identify individuals exiting institutions. Coordinated Entry staff includes a position at a local hospital and linkages with Sonoma County Probation (through the provider Interfaith Shelter Network) that offers transitional housing and linkage to homelessness prevention. Finally, Sonoma County Behavioral Health staff, via the Interdepartmental Multidisciplinary Team (IMDT) and Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency (ACCESS) initiatives, link with homelessness prevention for individuals being discharged from both mental health and youth facilities, and Sonoma County Child Welfare provides linkage for foster age youth.

The Health Care for the Homeless Collaborative includes representatives from all major local clinics for linkage to homelessness prevention. For youth and transition-age youth needs, Social Advocates for Youth operates homelessness prevention countywide for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) and also links to educational needs. For seniors and older adults, SHARE Sonoma County is a primary linkage for home shares as well as linkages to homelessness prevention.

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

Local and State funds paid for the cost of services and housing operations at three separate properties operating as permanent supportive housing. These include housing operations and case management provided by Catholic Charities at the Palms Inn's 104 units for veterans and chronically homeless persons and an additional scattered site master leasing and services for eight (8) adults; and housing operations and case management provided by Reach For Home for ten (10) chronically homeless persons, and at Community Support Network for 26 persons. The Commission also allocated State and local funds supporting homelessness prevention, homeless outreach, and rapid re-housing to focus on homeless and at-risk of homelessness individuals.

In FY 2022-2023, the Sonoma County Continuum of Care continued system-wide training in the Seeking Safety evidence-based practice to give traumatized clients the tools to address life challenges before those challenges become a trigger for relapse and a return to homelessness. The refinement of the system-wide performance measures has clarified baseline recidivism information: Between FY 2019-2020 and FY 2021-2022, the rate of homeless individuals returning to homelessness after two years was 14%, a 4% improvement over the previous year. Between 2020 and 2022, the number of chronic homeless in the County increased from 508 to 725 individuals, according to the Point-in-Time Homeless Count.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Commission does not own or operate public housing. The County primarily focuses resources on rental housing development and preservation.

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

The Commission does not own or operate public housing units. The Sonoma County Community Development Committee (the advisory board to the Sonoma County Community Development Commission and the Sonoma County Housing Authority) includes two Housing Choice Voucher participants and serves as the Housing Authority's resident advisory board. As opportunities arise, the Commission commits resources to affordable homeownership opportunities for lower-income first-time homebuyers.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable. The Sonoma County Housing Authority has been designated as a High Performing Agency for 21 consecutive years.

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)

The Commission ensures compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for all new housing construction projects. This strategy includes, at a minimum, five percent of the total dwelling units or at least one unit in a multifamily housing project, whichever is greater, shall be made accessible for persons with mobility impairments. A unit that is on an accessible route and is adaptable and otherwise in compliance with the standards set forth in §8.32 is accessible for purposes of this section. An additional two percent of the units (but not less than one unit) in such a project shall be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments.

In addition, the Commission requires all projects receiving HOME funds to adhere to the requirements of 24 CFR 92.351 and to follow its affirmative marketing procedures and requirements for rental projects containing five (5) or more HOME-assisted housing units.

After offering all applicants on its waitlist an opportunity for service, in November of 2021, the Sonoma County Housing Authority opened its waitlist for new applications 750 applications were selected at random to be placed on a new waitlist. It is anticipated that the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist will be reopened in Spring 2024 for development of another lottery-based waitlist.

The County of Sonoma and City of Santa Rosa formed the Renewal Enterprise District (RED) as a Joint Powers Authority in order to coordinate around planning, entitling, and assembling public financing to make it as easy and cost-effective as possible for builders and developers to produce the needed housing stock that aligns with community values. This goes a long way in creating trust and a model of housing and community development that can be replicated by the following - taking a regional approach to housing planning and production; pooling and leveraging financing tools and funding sources; sharing the risks and benefits of development; streamlining environmental review.

The Urban County and Cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma commenced preparation of a Countywide Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) intended to identify and resolve barriers to affordable housing, especially those barriers experienced by minorities and people in protected classes. In 2019 an extensive community outreach and development of an Equity Report was started. The final report was completed in January of 2021. The report focused on the culturally responsive efforts that aim to remove barriers to participation for some of the populations covered under AB686's protected classes including but not limited to race, gender, sexual orientation, familial status, and disability. Sonoma County is actively working with a consultant to assist with the completion of an AFH, which is expected to be completed in the late fall of 2023 or early 2024. Coupled with the engagement report, the Urban County will be able to use these in their Housing Elements. Additionally, the Commission continues to work with the Bay

Area Council Economic Institute to collect data on disparities in housing and economic security among minorities. This work, coupled with the community engagement will highlight barriers that still exist and opportunities to reverse the *de facto* discrimination that has come about as a result of earlier public policy decisions.

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

Some of the obstacles identified as preventing access to housing include the lack of housing supply necessary to meet the demand, low vacancy rates for rental housing, high homeownership cost, a higher than normal percentage of homeless residents needing housing in our jurisdiction, and the post-fire and pandemic recovery needs impacting the community. In response to these, the Commission is specifically targeting programs to meet the needs of those who are underserved in our community.

All of the projects funded in the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan addressed one or more of the obstacles to meeting underserved needs delineated in the 2020 Consolidated Plan. In addition, the Commission committed local Low-Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds to rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention programs, and the County of Sonoma committed County general funds to support programs that serve the needs of the most vulnerable in the community and underserved regions in the County with County general funds, Reinvestment and Revitalization funds (R&R,) Transit Occupancy Tax funds (TOT) and the County Fund for Housing (CFH). Funded affordable housing projects were based on readiness to proceed and innovative approaches to overcoming regulatory barriers to accelerate the creation of new units. Funded emergency rental assistance and family self-sufficiency activities enabled lower-income individuals and families to obtain and retain rental housing in the high-priced market in Sonoma County.

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

Making housing lead safe is the most effective strategy to protect children from lead poisoning. The Commission addresses this through proactively disseminating printed information concerning lead-based paint hazards to all residents of housing rehabilitation and rental assistance programs. The Commission's Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspectors have received training in visual assessment of lead-based paint hazards and are observant of the existence of this hazard during their property inspections, thereby preventing exposure to lead hazards by identifying the risks before families with children under six years of age move into rental units that are assisted by the Housing Authority.

The Commission's Rehabilitation Specialists are trained in the identification of lead hazards, proper methods of paint stabilization, interim control, abatement procedures, and testing/clearance reports to ensure compliance with all lead hazard reduction requirements during rehabilitation activities. Any dwellings not exempt from HUD's lead hazard reduction provisions (single-room occupancy, dedicated senior housing, and housing constructed after 1978) renovated under the Housing Rehabilitation Program undergo a lead hazard risk assessment by a state-certified Risk Assessor prior to the formulation of the project's scope of work. Any identified lead hazards are addressed in the scope of

work and a certified clearance is obtained before the project is considered complete.

The Commission also ensures compliance with lead hazard reduction requirements by sub-recipients of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding used to acquire and/or renovate existing buildings for housing or to undertake residential and re-housing service activities through regular monitoring of those activities.

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

The Urban County works to reduce the number of poverty-level families by targeting CDBG, HOME, ESG, and local funds to projects that provide services to foster self-sufficiency, in conjunction with the provision of housing, shelter, and other public facilities. The Sonoma County Housing Authority implements the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and numerous Continuum of Care Rental Assistance Programs. Rental assistance enables lower-income individuals and families to obtain and retain rental housing in the high-priced market in Sonoma County. These households face severe obstacles to obtaining safe, affordable, local housing and cannot afford market-rate rental housing in Sonoma County. The payment standards for Housing Choice Vouchers are now set to 120% of the Fair Market Rent for studio, one, two and three bedroom dwellings. This aids applicants and participants in being able to afford the higher rents that have occurred in Sonoma County since the fires of October 2017 and 2019 and better compete for available spaces in a tight market. The Commission made CDBG and ESG funding available to some nonprofit agencies to operate programs that work to reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level through various services for low income and homeless residents, including shelter and rapid re-housing programs.

The County's involvement in the Continuum of Care process, Section 3 compliance, Sonoma WORKS, Job Link, Upstream Investments, Health Action, and the actions of the Local Workforce Investment Board all foster greater economic opportunities for the lower-income residents of Sonoma County

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

The Commission worked with LeSar Consultants to develop a Strategic Plan which is designed to increase the capacity of the Commission to fulfill its disaster recovery role and for the long-term housing needs of the County. In order to meet these increasing demands responsibly and serve greater numbers of vulnerable Sonoma County residents, the Commission – with full support of the Board of Commissioners – has spent the last several years increasing capacity and deepening collaboration across multiple sectors. The final plan was completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 20, 2019.

The Commission experienced a substantial staff transition as a result of local disasters and COVID, resulting in the temporary loss of institutional knowledge and capacity. . During the past two years the Commission has stabilized staffing by hiring experienced leadership, hiring and training new staff and promoting existing staff. Staff have been attending various HUD trainings and utilizing the HUD Exchange resources to improve knowledge, and have a standing monthly check in meeting with our

assigned HUD CPD Representative. A substantial amount of progress has been achieved to help implement programs to achieve the 5 year Con Plan goals.

The County encourages collaboration between housing and service providers with the intention of fostering development of more supportive housing options. The County's leading nonprofit housing developers successfully collaborate with other local nonprofit agencies to develop and operate affordable housing projects with specific set-asides of permanent supportive housing units for persons with disabilities.

The Commission established the Continuum of Care (CoC), which was transferred to the Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) along with the former Ending Homelessness Division of the Commission in 2023. The Commission works in consultation with the CoC on matters related to housing, homelessness and homelessness prevention, and also serves on the CoC Board. The Continuum of Care provides structure to the homeless system of care in order to make policy decisions and measure results for ending homelessness throughout the County. The 17 member governing board was seated in November 2020 and includes elected officials from the 3 HUD entitlement jurisdictions (City of Santa Rosa, City of Petaluma, and the Urban County), representatives from other jurisdictions, individuals and youth with lived experience of homelessness and homeless and healthcare providers. The Continuum of Care endeavors to achieve functional zero in homelessness under a Housing First approach with aligned funding streams and overall policy/planning.

The Commission also collaborated with other safety net agencies to create the Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self-Sufficiency (ACCESS), which has the goal of identifying the most vulnerable residents in the community and holistically supports clients with complex needs. The safety net departments including the Commission assembled the multidisciplinary team to develop a data-sharing support system and compile information about shared clients.

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

The Commission has on-going interaction with many public and private entities to further the objectives set forth in the 2020 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan. The Commission is an agency of county government and is charged by the Board of Supervisors with closely collaborating with other relevant county government departments including, but not limited to the Department of Health Services and the Human Services Department. With these two agencies and other county departments, the Commission is engaged in a comprehensive Safety Net Initiative to improve service delivery to county residents who are shared clients.

The Commission has regular contact with the County of Sonoma's planning and land use department, Permit Sonoma, to enhance affordable housing program coordination. Additionally, the Commission cooperates with the Economic Development Board and the Workforce Investment board as members of the countywide initiatives: Health Action and Upstream Investments.

Along with working in conjunction with multiple other County departments, the Commission has coordinated with the seven Urban County municipalities, and various nonprofit agencies receiving CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding to carry out the activities during the FY 2022-2023 year. The Commission also worked closely with Santa Rosa and Petaluma, cities not part of the Urban County but which operate similar programs. The Sonoma County Housing Authority maintains service provider agreements with local supportive service agencies, such as local credit unions, Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University, Joblink Sonoma County, and more to provide services to its Family Self-Sufficiency participants.

The Commission embarked on a comprehensive Data Management and Technology Infrastructure upgrade project, dubbed "SHIFT - Sonoma Housing Information For Today," to identify and implement modern, secure, collaborative, responsive and efficient data and technology solutions in direct support of housing delivery services. This project encompasses cloud-based data platforms fully integrated with other county systems. This work will foster increased collaboration with other county departments,

The Housing Authority has grown its housing navigation program to include three housing navigators, one housing locator, and one housing navigation supervisor. This team assists unhoused clients gain housing and works to recruit new landlords to accept housing vouchers. The navigation program has successfully leveraged American Rescue Plan Act funding and administrative fees to pay for landlord incentives, deposit assistance, provide basic furniture, and other items to assist clients stabilize in housing. During FY 2022-2023, 125 new landlords began working with the Housing Authority and 224 households (323 persons) who were homeless at entry were housed using a rental assistance voucher issued by one of the Housing Authorities rental assistance programs.

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

The Commission completed a Countywide Community Engagement for the Assessment of Fair Housing report in early 2021 to help Sonoma County address longstanding disparities in access to jobs, transportation, education, community amenities, and housing. This report will be used with the AFFH that the county is currently working on to assist the Urban County in identifying programs and policies to further fair housing in the county. While the AFFH is a required federal and new state mandate, the overarching equity agenda is an agency-led effort to ensure that all Commission actions are approached with an equity-based lens – a comprehensive approach to modifying agency policies and programs that will put the Commission at the forefront of equity efforts. Additionally, in August of 2021 the Commission completed a new ADA Section 504 Self Evaluation Report and Transition Plan that identifies the Commission's opportunities and goals to comply with state and federal accessibility requirements, which is a continued effort for the Commission. Finally, the Commission continues to use its CDBG and HOME funding to support projects that increase the supply and improve the conditions of affordable housing for lower-income persons. The Commission annually allocates funds for a Fair Housing program and has already begun engaging the community and collecting data to create the AFFH.

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

All subrecipients receiving CDBG Public Services and ESG funds are regularly monitored through the submittal of quarterly reports to Commission. Each report provides statistics on program participant outcomes and a narrative on the activities undertaken during the reporting period. Each subrecipient also submits an annual report at the end of the contract term summarizing their accomplishments for the year. The information that is provided to the Commission is entered into HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System. At least quarterly, subrecipients submit reimbursement requests including proof of payment for all eligible expenses, which are reviewed by staff. Commission staff reviews the financials and program records of each subrecipient annually; a selection of these reviews are done on-site, and the remainder are desktop reviews.

Both CDBG Public Services and ESG-funded projects are subject to annual on-site monitoring visits. Prior to the on-site monitoring, subrecipients complete questionnaires and ensure policies required to be on file are up to date. Commission staff conducts a review of the current agreement, quarterly reports, reimbursement requests, and two years of financial audits. The overall focus of monitoring visits is to ensure compliance with federal regulation, provide technical assistance and quality improvement. Commission staff help subrecipients understand regulations and avoid compliance issues. Following the site visit, Commission staff sends a letter to the subrecipient describing any findings. Once the organization has responded to the findings, Commission staff evaluate the responses and follow up as required.

For capital improvement projects, the Commission collects income/asset verifications, demographic data, verification of insurance, and ownership verification, as applicable. Projects are inspected during construction to ensure all work is within the original scope. Projects must obtain National Environmental Policy Act clearance prior to incurring costs, executing agreements, or expending any funds on the project. Commission staff determines the appropriate level of environmental review required when project proposals are submitted. Finally, for all projects subject to Davis-Bacon Labor Standards, the Commission staff locks in the wage rate applicable to the project, verifies the contractor is eligible and not debarred from federal contracts, conducts in-house desk reviews of Certified Payroll Reports, and performs on-site interviews to ensure wage compliance of all contractors.

For all Commission projects including HOME and CDBG housing projects, long-term affordability controls are recorded with funding documents. Commission staff conduct compliance reviews as required by

regulations and additionally, the Commission amended its affordable housing monitoring policy and in 2023 implemented onsite monitoring for all affordable housing projects no less than every 3 years. This is in addition to annual “desk monitoring” of all affordable housing units. In addition, subrecipients are subject to federal audit requirements. The Commission has monitoring and compliance procedures in place to ensure that any deficiencies or findings are handled consistently. For all Commission rental projects including HOME and CDBG funded rental projects, Commission staff conducts regular reporting and compliance monitoring. For all Commission regulated projects, reporting includes household size, household income, whether the household receives rental assistance, unit size, rent charged, maximum rent, and household's recertification date. All of the Commission's units including HOME and CDBG are subject to regular on-site monitoring per regulations.

On an annual basis, the Commission submits the CDBG and HOME Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Report to HUD. The Commission encourages participation from minority and women business enterprises, by providing bid solicitation notices, newspaper advertisements, and contract clauses requiring contractors, to the greatest extent feasible, to provide opportunities for training and employment for minority- and women-owned business enterprises.

The Commission staff also attended HUD provided trainings on the new Build America, Buy America Act 2023, to ensure that these new requirements are implemented.

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.

To ensure that all citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties have the opportunity to review and comment on performance reports on housing and community development activities and the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the Commission ensures that the public is provided with reasonable and timely access to meetings, information, and records. A draft of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is made available for public review for 15 days prior to submission to HUD and a notice of availability is published in the local newspaper. The dates of public comment are September 6, 2023 through September 21, 2023. Public comments will be included with the CAPER submission to HUD. Public service announcements, describing the CAPER's contents and its availability for comment are distributed to local English- and Spanish-language radio stations. The draft is posted on the Commission's website in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and links are made available through email distribution lists and multiple social media websites in both English and Spanish. Hard copies are available at the main library and by request: call 707-565-7501 or email CDC@sonoma-county.org. The draft CAPER is also distributed via email to interested parties and no-cost copies of the documents are provided to interested citizens that do not have Internet access, upon request. A concurrent public hearing to review the CAPER is held during the public comment period by the Community Development Committee and Cities and Towns Advisory Committee and a public notice of

the concurrent public hearings is published at least two weeks prior to the hearing date in English and Spanish on the Commission web site. Written comments will be accepted at cdc@sonoma-county.org. Oral comments will be received during the Community Development Committee public hearing via zoom. Members of the public who join the online meeting, either through their web browser online or by calling in, will be able to provide live public comment at specific points throughout the meeting. The

Special accommodations for persons with visual or hearing impairments are made upon request. In cases where a significant number of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate in the public hearing, the Commission provides an interpreter.

(input after meeting) members of the public attended the meeting on September 20th, there were (enter after public meeting) comments received during the public meeting.

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.

No changes in the Urban County program objectives were made for FY 2022-2023.

Prior year changes are summarized as follows:

CDBG waivers were granted to provide flexibility to grantees for CDBG Cares Act Allocations. Waivers stipulated that grantees may use CDBG-CV and FY 2019 and FY 2020 CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The CARES Act eliminated the CDBG requirement of a 15% cap on the amount of a jurisdiction's grant (and any program income) that is obligated in a program year for "public services." The removal of the 15% cap applies not only to CDBG-CV funds, but also to any FY 2019 and FY 2020 CDBG allocations. Public services include those for people experiencing homelessness or elderly people, and services related to employment, crime prevention, childcare, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, and energy conservation.

Importantly, the CDBG entitlement program regulations allowed jurisdictions the flexibility to choose to spend CDBG for rental assistance or utility assistance to households for up to six months. The Commission used the Round 1 CDBG-CV funds for rental and utility assistance for Urban County households. The CARES Act also allowed CDBG grantees to amend their Citizen Participation Plans to establish expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, and Substantial Amendments to those plans. This allowed for more streamlined procedures that were to provide at least five days for public notice and a reasonable opportunity for public comment. In-person public hearings were not required during this time. Grantees can meet the public hearing requirements with virtual public hearings if health authorities recommend social distancing and limited public gatherings and if virtual public hearings provide reasonable notification and access for the public, provide timely responses from local officials to public concerns, suggestions, and questions, and the public has access to the local officials' responses. Of note, provisions two additional provisions allowed jurisdictions to use CDBG-CV to cover or reimburse costs of preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic, regardless of the date the costs were incurred.

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

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

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

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

During FY 2022-2023, the Commission's compliance staff visited the following HOME-assisted rental housing developments that were due to be inspected. These were:

- Riverfield Homes (10 HOME units)
- Sanctuary House (4 HOME units)
- Larkfield Oaks (11 HOME units)
- Vinecrest Senior Apartments (59 HOME units)
- Carrillo Place (11 HOME units)
- The Arbors (11 HOME units)

Each HOME site visit included an interview with the resident manager, a review of the files for all HOME-assisted units, inspections of several HOME-assisted units pursuant to the regulatory requirements, and inspection of the common areas and grounds. All HOME-assisted developments were found to be well managed and well maintained. The site visits did not reveal any findings or significant concerns.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

All recipients of HOME and CDBG funds are required to submit Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) outreach, affirmative marketing, and Section 3 Plans as applicable to their projects, and Commission staff monitors subrecipients on an on-going basis to ensure that they implement such plans and are in compliance with all related laws and regulations.

The Commission requires all projects receiving HOME funds to adhere to the requirements of 24 CFR 92.351 and to follow its affirmative marketing procedures and requirements for rental projects. Affirmative marketing steps consist of actions to provide information and otherwise attract eligible persons in the housing market area to the available housing without regard to race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), religion, familial status, or disability.

Projects receiving HOME funds must annually assess the success of affirmative marketing at balancing applicants and residents with the demographics of the jurisdiction at large. Commission staff review this annual assessment and determine if corrective actions are needed.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

\$6,413.00 of HOME program income was used for tenant based rental assistance.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

The Commission continues to support and fund the housing rehabilitation program, which is mostly dedicated to rehab low-income senior housing. The Commission continues to support first time homebuyer programs through non-HOME funds with our community partners by providing financial assistance for new housing developments and low-income housing resales. The Commission also provides funding to projects with the highest leveraging points to maximize its investment in an effort to foster and maintain affordable housing.

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

| Total Labor Hours | CDBG | HOME | ESG | HOPWA | HTF |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Total Number of Activities | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Labor Hours | 0 | | | | |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | | | | |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | | | | |

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

| Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program | CDBG | HOME | ESG | HOPWA | HTF |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers | | | | | |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers. | | | | | |
| Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships). | | | | | |
| Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training. | | | | | |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching). | | | | | |
| Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts. | | | | | |
| Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services. | | | | | |
| Held one or more job fairs. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents with finding child care. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching. | | | | | |
| Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies. | | | | | |
| Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses. | | | | | |
| Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. | | | | | |
| Other. | | | | | |

Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission includes Section 3 materials in all bid documentation, preconstruction meetings and technical assistance sessions. Section 3 guidelines are also included in all funding agreements. There were no Section 3 activities during the reporting year. The Commission anticipates several housing activities to begin development in FY 2023-2024 which will result in Section 3 reporting.

CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Recipient Name | SONOMA COUNTY |
| Organizational DUNS Number | 080126444 |
| UEI | |
| EIN/TIN Number | 946000539 |
| Identify the Field Office | SAN FRANCISCO |
| Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance | Santa Rosa/Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC |

ESG Contact Name

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Prefix | Ms |
| First Name | Rhonda |
| Middle Name | L |
| Last Name | Coffman |
| Suffix | |
| Title | Community Development Director |

ESG Contact Address

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Street Address 1 | 1440 Guerneville Rd |
| Street Address 2 | |
| City | Santa Rosa |
| State | CA |
| ZIP Code | 95403-4107 |
| Phone Number | 7075657542 |
| Extension | |
| Fax Number | |
| Email Address | rhonda.coffman@sonoma-county.org |

ESG Secondary Contact

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Prefix | Ms |
| First Name | Valerie |
| Last Name | Johnson |
| Suffix | |
| Title | Community Development Associate |
| Phone Number | 7075657514 |
| Extension | |
| Email Address | valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org |

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Program Year Start Date | 07/01/2022 |
| Program Year End Date | 06/30/2023 |

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa
City: Santa Rosa
State: CA
Zip Code: 95402, 4900
DUNS Number: 847356318
UEI:
Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N
Subrecipient Organization Type: Faith-Based Organization
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 0

CR-65 - Persons Assisted

4. Persons Served

4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults | 0 |
| Children | 0 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults | 0 |
| Children | 0 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

4c. Complete for Shelter

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Adults | 250 |
| Children | 0 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 250 |

Table 18 – Shelter Information

4d. Street Outreach

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adults | 0 |
| Children | 0 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

| Number of Persons in Households | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Adults | 250 |
| Children | 0 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 250 |

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

| | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Male | 155 |
| Female | 91 |
| Transgender | 1 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 3 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 250 |

Table 21 – Gender Information

6. Age—Complete for All Activities

| | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Under 18 | 0 |
| 18-24 | 6 |
| 25 and over | 244 |
| Don't Know/Refused/Other | 0 |
| Missing Information | 0 |
| Total | 250 |

Table 22 – Age Information

7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

Number of Persons in Households

| Subpopulation | Total | Total Persons Served – Prevention | Total Persons Served – RRH | Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Veterans | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 83 | 0 | 0 | 83 |
| Elderly | 60 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| HIV/AIDS | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Chronically Homeless | 130 | 0 | 0 | 130 |
| Persons with Disabilities: | | | | |
| Severely Mentally Ill | 109 | 0 | 0 | 109 |
| Chronic Substance Abuse | 38 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| Other Disability | 140 | 0 | 0 | 140 |
| Total (Unduplicated if possible) | 579 | 0 | 0 | 579 |

Table 23 – Special Population Served

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

10. Shelter Utilization

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of New Units - Rehabbed | 0 |
| Number of New Units - Conversion | 0 |
| Total Number of bed-nights available | 22,630 |
| Total Number of bed-nights provided | 18,402 |
| Capacity Utilization | 81.32% |

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

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

The Continuum of Care has established "exit to permanent housing" as the performance measure for emergency shelters. The emergency shelter funded by ESG funds served 250 households during FY 2022-2023. Of the 202 households who exited the program, 28 exited to a permanent housing destination.

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance | 7,320 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services | 20,835 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal Homelessness Prevention | 28,155 | 0 | 0 |

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance | 6,003 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services | 7,148 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing | 13,151 | 0 | 0 |

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Essential Services | 97,083 | 0 | 0 |
| Operations | 0 | 38,421 | 148,738 |
| Renovation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Major Rehab | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conversion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 97,083 | 38,421 | 148,738 |

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Street Outreach | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HMIS | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Administration | 122,267 | 12,060 | 24,586 |

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

| Total ESG Funds Expended | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 260,656 | 50,481 | 173,324 |

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

11f. Match Source

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Other Non-ESG HUD Funds | 180,295 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Federal Funds | 219,628 | 0 | 0 |
| State Government | 259,145 | 573,022 | 0 |
| Local Government | 1,048,962 | 32,300 | 2,741,585 |
| Private Funds | 512,961 | 0 | 45,231 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Program Income | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Match Amount | 2,220,991 | 605,322 | 2,786,816 |

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

11g. Total

| Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2,481,647 | 655,803 | 2,960,140 |

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities