Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Guide

Background

The County of San Diego (County) administers the following federal block grant programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – CDBG funds may be used for certain activities, such as public facilities, housing activities, public services and economic development, that serve low and moderate-income residents, as specified by the program regulations.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) – HOME funds may be used for housing activities that serve low and moderate-income residents, as specified by the program regulations.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – ESG funds may be used for the prevention of homelessness and homeless assistance, as specified by the program regulations.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) – HOPWA funds may be used for housing, social services, program planning, and development costs that benefit individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the County to prepare a fiveyear Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) describing community development priorities and multiyear goals. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through the County's Annual Plan, which provides a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

HUD requires that the County prepare and submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) each year. In the CAPER, the County reports on accomplishments and progress toward meeting Consolidated Plan goals in the prior year.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 CAPER Overview

This CAPER reports activities that were undertaken during FY 2020-21, using federal funds granted to the County of San Diego Consortium by HUD for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. This includes areas known as the Urban County and the HOME Consortium. The Urban County is composed of the County unincorporated area and the CDBG/ESG participating cities of Coronado, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, Poway and Solana Beach. The HOME Consortium includes the Urban County and the participating cities of Carlsbad, Encinitas, La Mesa, San Marcos, Santee and Vista. Additionally, the County of San Diego administers HOPWA funds for the region.

The information reported in the CAPER is prescribed by HUD and is standard across all agencies administering these funds throughout the nation. Some tables or charts may contain "0" or "Not Applicable" where the required sections do not apply to the activities undertaken by the County in FY 2020-21.

The CAPER also includes two exhibits:

- Exhibit 1 is the PR26 CDBG Financial Summary Report. This report shows the County's CDBG related revenues and expenditures for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents.
- Exhibit 2 is the ESG portion of the CAPER. Specifically, for ESG reporting, HUD requires a separate reporting of aggregated data, using the newly developed Sage Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Reporting Repository. Therefore, some tables within the main CAPER document make reference to the report found in Exhibit 2.

Public Input Process

To provide an opportunity for public input, HUD requires a public comment period and a public hearing to be held before the CAPER is submitted. The County provides the public with the opportunity to comment on the CAPER before its submission to HUD. The County will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings in preparing the performance report. A summary of these comments or views shall be attached to the CAPER.

This year's CAPER was posted on the HCDS website at www.sdhcd.org starting August 27, 2021. Advertisements noting the availability of the CAPER for viewing were published in the San Diego Union Tribune, the Voice and Viewpoint of San Diego, El Latino, Asian Journal and Viet News. An Arabic public notice was posted on the HCDS website on August 27, 2021. Comments can be provided in writing to HCDS on or before September 14, 2021 or by attending and speaking at the public hearing on September 14, 2021.

Written comments should be addressed to Housing and Community Development Services, Community Development Division, 3989 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123, (619) 346-3375, or emailed to: SarahSnook.Brunson@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Those who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact the department at (866) 945-2207. Those who need assistance to participate in the meeting (non-English speaking, hearing impaired, etc.) should contact staff at least five days prior to the meeting to request special arrangements.

Note on the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program

The City of San Diego is the entitlement jurisdiction for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. However, through an agreement with the City, the County is HOPWA Alternate Grantee. HOPWA funds and accomplishments are included in the FY 2020-21 CAPER.