

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.

In program year 2022, Clark County received and allocated \$1,496,671 in CDBG entitlement funds and \$598,764 in HOME entitlement funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is a slight decrease in CDBG entitlement funding and slight increase from 2021 HOME funding. In addition to entitlement funds, Clark County anticipating having \$25,000 in program income and had \$641,974 in prior year resources (reprogrammed funds and on-hand program income) to allocate to CDBG projects. The County anticipated \$25,000 in HOME program income, and had \$83,052 prior-year HOME resources to allocate. Additionally, Clark County allocated \$2 million in HOME-ARP funding during program year 2022.

The 2022 funding was used to address the below objectives and strategies contained in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. A detail of the expenditures for each of the activities carried out in the 2022 program year is included with this CAPER as an attachment.

The tables below indicate only outcomes achieved with CDBG and HOME funding. The county funds the majority of its homeless crisis response activities with state and local sources. Clark County Community Services also expended more than \$21 million in emergency rental assistance to 2500 unduplicated households between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, and \$74,506,641.57 to 8,116 households since the program began in August 2020.

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 and Homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	100	26	26.00%			
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	124	125	100.81%			
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	350	229	65.43%	15	87	580.00%
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	100	9	9.00%			
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	0	0		13	0	0.00%
Asset and Economic Development	Affordable Housing Economic Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	70	24	34.29%	20	9	45.00%

Asset and Economic Development	Affordable Housing Economic Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	12	7	58.33%	4	2	50.00%
Asset and Economic Development	Affordable Housing Economic Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	150	709	472.67%	250	179	71.60%
Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	25000	12609	50.44%	4197	2850	67.91%

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.

All projects requesting CDBG and HOME funds are evaluated to determine if they are (1) eligible activities identified as a priority in Clark County's Consolidated Plan, (2) consistent with local, state and federal regulations, and (3) viable as submitted.

Clark County has two business assistance programs operating in PY22 through Mercy Corps Northwest and Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. The organizations have been serving a high number of businesses since the influx of business assistance funds provided through CARES Act funding. Business assistance services slowed in Spring 2023 due to staffing issues at one of the agencies, but new staff have now been brought on to work with Clark County business owners. The County is also looking forward to working with a third business assistance provider beginning in January 2024 (funded through PY23 funds).

Clark County has a significant number of new affordable housing unit projects currently in progress. While these are in planning phases the unit

accomplishments are not yet captured, but we look forward to completing the Weaver Creek new construction project, and two rental acquisition projects that are underway with Second Step Housing within the next year or two.

Clark County's Housing Rehabilitation Program continues to rehabilitate owner-occupied units in conjunction with the Weatherization program.

Clark County provides extensive annual funding for overnight shelter and homelessness programs. Most of the funding provided is through a document recording surcharge, implemented by the State of Washington.

Clark County Community Services is also working closely with subgrantees and other community partner organizations in the transition out of using coronavirus relief funding.

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	HOME
White	2,623	67
Black or African American	32	15
Asian	74	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	3
Total	2,729	85
Hispanic	49	18
Not Hispanic	1	67

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

Narrative

Racial and ethnic population numbers include data taken from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimate for census tracts that benefitted from CDBG expenditures for the Hamllik Park project. CDBG beneficiaries also include actual data on households served through business assistance programs and the housing rehabilitation program. HOME numbers reported are from actual units and agency reports for HOME funding. Numbers reported do not account for "Other" racial category, nor "Two or more races," which are additional categories reported by the census. Households in Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs are assisted by CDBG-funded housing-focused case management services, but these households are only reported under the HOME funding column so that the number of families served is not duplicated.

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	2,163,645	
HOME	public - federal	701,816	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Other funding in support of Consolidated Plan priorities includes CARES Act Community Relief Funds, American Rescue Plan funds through the federal Treasury, and Document Recording Surcharge used for homeless crisis response. Other funding also includes Community Services Block Grant, Human Service Fund, Veterans Assistance Funds, and Consolidated Homeless Grant; mostly state and local funds. These funding sources each have their own funding timelines, contract requirements and reporting methods.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Clark County	100	100	No geographic areas targeted

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

All CDBG and HOME funding is provided to projects and programs in Clark County, benefitting Clark County residents. No specific target areas are identified in the Consolidated Plan. Clark County allocates investments through a competitive process to eligible areas throughout the county. Since the City of Vancouver is its own entitlement jurisdiction, Clark County will only award funds within the City of Vancouver when it can be documented that Clark County residents outside the City of Vancouver will benefit from the investment. The investment is only made proportionate to the amount of non-City residents served by a project and the City of Vancouver must invest a proportionate share of CDBG funding in a project to receive a Clark County CDBG award.

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.

Both CDBG and HOME application scoring incentivizes the leveraging of other funds. CDBG applicants are awarded points based on match, with additional points awarded for additional match. The HOME application process encourages leveraging additional funds by awarding points for match exceeding 25%.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	7,589,377
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	7,589,377
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	7,589,377

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 \$
0	0	0	0	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		4		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		76		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	15	94
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	37	11
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	52	105

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	15	94
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	20	114
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	17	2
Total	52	210

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

Clark County made good progress in most affordable housing goals during the 2022 program year. The households assisted with rental assistance significantly exceeded the 2022 goal because HOMEARP-funded rental assistance programs were underway in PY22. Vancouver Housing Authority finished rehabilitation construction on Central Park Place, which produced 124 newly renovated SRO and studio units primarily for Veteran housing. Two planned multifamily acquisition projects with Second Step

Housing were not yet completed within PY22, but the projects are still progressing and will end with the projected number of acquired units.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Development and acquisition projects were prioritized for funding in PY22 and PY23. These projects have not yet produced units and beneficiaries, but the County is making progress towards meeting these goals. Production of new affordable housing units through development and acquisition are likely to be high priorities as the County begins looking forward to the next comprehensive plan. Clark County Community Services has also convened and is leading a large committee of housing stakeholders to develop a detailed Low-Income Affordable Housing Master Plan, which is being developed in parallel to the County's Comprehensive Planning efforts to ensure that plans for housing projected population growth in the County include production of an adequate number and type of units for low-income community members. This Master Plan will be consulted as part of the development of the future Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

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	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

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

Clark County funds outreach programs that serve people who are unsheltered in the community. Outreach staff focus on one of three groups: youth (under age 25), households experiencing behavioral health needs, and any household experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Each team is trained to perform vulnerability and housing assessments for those they engage with on the streets, in their prospective agencies, and within community programs. Those assessments are used by the community's coordinated assessment entity to determine barriers to housing and vulnerability, in order to determine best fit housing programs and prioritization. Clark County also funds a full-time outreach position at the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center to reach homeless Veterans and connect them to the Assistance Center and other services.

People who are homeless can also receive assessments through developed partnerships with local systems of care. Access points include the jail re-entry program, inpatient mental health treatment facilities, inpatient substance use disorder facilities and the Homeless Crisis Response System.

In addition to outreach and facility-based staff offering assessments to households experiencing homelessness, anybody in Clark County can contact the Housing Solutions Center (HSC) for a housing assessment. Assessments may be completed at the HSC office, over the phone, or meetings out in the community, depending on the household's need. The HSC has strong partnerships with employment agencies, domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, behavioral health agencies and Veterans Affairs. Partner agencies place staff in the HSC at least once a week, to address needs identified by assessments.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Clark County has a number of publicly and privately funded nightly shelters, emergency shelters, non-congregate shelters and transitional housing options in the community. All publicly-funded facilities (except for the domestic violence shelter which utilizes a lethality screening) are accessible through coordinated assessment. All publicly-funded shelters follow the housing first model, which utilizes low barrier screening and promotes safety through respectful behavior and housing-focused case management.

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

Clark County funds targeted homelessness prevention programs to serve households who are most likely to become homeless. These programs are accessible through coordinated assessment and entry. The primary focus of these programs is to connect households with mainstream services and increase income or assets, so households will develop supports should another crisis occur. This includes connecting households with TANF, SNAP, SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR), identifying a healthcare home, connecting with employment services, helping to reduce household costs through food and utility assistance, and making other appropriate connections.

The homeless diversion program through coordinated assessment provides housing search support and can provide one-time financial assistance to people who have recently become homeless and can be briefly assisted to become housed again. Diversion provides strength-based, problem-solving case management to connect a household with resources in order to reduce their period of homelessness and avoid having to enter the homeless crisis response system.

Partnerships have been created to connect systems of care with housing resources. This includes performing housing assessments in the facilities, creating additional pathways to housing through systems of care, and working to share data between the homeless system and partners. The local SOAR program works closely with systems of care to help people who are unable to work apply for Social Security or Disability benefits.

The Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) has implemented Section 8 priorities for people engaged in healthcare homes, which target high users of health systems. The VHA has also prioritized households with school-aged children who are homeless or doubled up.

Clark County Community Services is working with local partners to develop permanent supportive housing for people who are homeless, have behavioral health challenges and are engaged with behavioral health service providers.

Clark County's Housing Preservation Program helps homeowners who have low income and need assistance with home repairs or modifications to help them age in place in their own home. This helps households avoid homelessness when other housing may not be affordable to them.

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 number of scattered site permanent supportive housing (PSH) units in the community has been maintained during the past year. All PSH programs operating in Clark County prioritize households based on vulnerability. Both Continnum of Care-funded and county-funded PSH programs prioritize households experiencing chronic homelessness.

All rapid re-housing and prevention programs in the community connect people with permanent housing rentals, where the participant is the leaseholder and the household may transition in place when the assistance ends. These programs help ensure households who exit do not enter the homeless system again by connecting all households with mainstream service providers, and focusing on increasing income. When possible, programs will allow households to re-engage with their former housing program for additional short-term support, instead of having to start over at the “front door” of the response system.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Vancouver Housing Authority is in the process of transitioning multiple buildings of public housing into voucher-based programs.

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

The Vancouver Housing Authority has a variety of services available for the more than 7,500 subsidized housing residents in Public Housing and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

Community Center Programs and Activities

Bridgeview Education and Employment Resource Center has replaced the RISE & STARS Community Center. Programs are open to all VHA subsidized housing residents and nearby neighbors. The community center is located at 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver, in VHA's Skyline Crest Public Housing development and next to the Boys & Girls Club. Some of the programs offered include education and employment services, banking and access to community resources.

Employment Services

The VHA has multiple employment programs, including case managed and self-led opportunities. Resident Opportunity For Self Sufficiency (ROSS) program helps tenants who are looking for help with employment or education. There is also a Youth Education and Employment Program for those ages 16-24. The Family Self-Sufficiency program provides case management, resources, support, and structured classroom time for tenants to set goals and link to education and financial training that they need to become self-sufficient. Through a partnership with the VHA, WorkSource, Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, and Clark College, Housing Works links participants to education, training, and employment in high-demand fields (healthcare, manufacturing and office work). An Employment Specialist through the VHA provides career mapping, resource planning, and Career Link classes to introduce participants to one of the three targeted industries.

Other Tenant Services

Elderly and Disabled Service Coordinators work with VHA seniors. They help people sign up for benefits and share community resources and services that help seniors remain active and independent. The Community Involvement and Education Program (CIAEP) was originally designed to meet HUD's Community Service and Self Sufficiency requirement for Public Housing residents. HUD requires that work-able adults living in Public Housing perform 8 hours of community service or self-sufficiency activities per month if they are not working at least 25 hours per week or already enrolled in a self-sufficiency program. CIAEP encourages new experiences, and increases personal growth. By contributing to the community, tenants have the opportunity to discover new interests and develop skills that could help them become employed in the future.

In addition, the Clark County Resident Council (CCRC) is a voice for residents of VHA public housing. This Council serves as a Resident Advisory Board to the VHA. The Council is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization and sponsors activities and grants that benefit residents.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Vancouver Housing Authority is not considered 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)

Clark County regularly considers and seeks to remove barriers to affordable housing. These barriers include land use regulations and policies that may impede development of affordable housing, the lack of financing options for private and public housing developers, and the lack of financing programs that enable individual households to buy or rent safe and affordable housing. Clark County continues to work to develop or enhance programs that assist low and moderate-income households in renting or buying suitable housing. Annually, Clark County coordinates an application workshop for public and private housing developers to provide funding information and technical assistance for housing development projects.

Clark County Planning began a Housing Options Study in May 2020. The Planning Department conducted stakeholder interviews, reviewed data and current housing policies, and analyzed the results. The Clark County Housing Options Study and Action Plan will identify housing challenges within the unincorporated Vancouver Urban Growth Area and opportunities to encourage development of housing that is affordable to a variety of household incomes through the removal of regulatory barriers and/or implementation of other strategies. Some of the early results of the study were presented in Spring 2021, indicating that the county has fairly restrictive zoning designations in the Urban Growth Area, which do not allow high-density development. The study showed that the county will need to plan for 13,000 new housing units by 2035, and demonstrated a need for more middle- and high-density zoning to meet demand. The Project Advisory Group developed recommendations in a new Housing Action Plan that was adopted by County Council.

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

The primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs in our community has been, and continues to be, lack of funding and lack of organizational capacity. There is a high unmet need for housing and supportive services for elderly people and those with special needs in Clark County. Clark County's Aging Readiness Plan identified four challenges facing the aging population with regard to housing. These are: housing affordability; home design (accessibility); housing choice; and lack of information and communication about housing opportunities. The plan also found that the number of Clark County residents 60 and older is estimated to have a projected growth rate of 158% from 2005 to 2030. By 2030, one in four Clark County residents will be 60 or older.

To try to meet the needs of those who have been underserved with the limited funding available, Clark County has assisted the following programs:

- The Homeowner Accessibility Modification Program builds accessibility improvements to allow those with mobility challenges to remain in their home.

- The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program provides home repair assistance to homeowners with low incomes to keep their home safe and healthy. Many of the homeowners assisted are elderly couples or single women on fixed incomes.
- The Emergency Home Repair Program repairs housing issues that present an imminent threat to the health and safety of the household and/or the community.

The recently rehabilitated Central Park Place project has 124 units set aside for seniors. These studio and SRO units are located on the Veterans Administration campus in Vancouver, follow a housing first model and serve many disabled Veterans.

Clark County also provides funding to permanent supportive housing programs through other funding sources.

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

To evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards during the program year, Clark County has:

- Coordinated with public and private efforts to reduce lead-based paint hazards in residential units.
- Participated in the Washington State lead-based efforts to obtain additional funds for testing, and reduction of lead-based paint.
- Integrated lead hazard evaluation and reduction activities into existing housing programs, including completing lead abatement work in housing rehabilitation projects.
- Worked with several companies in Washington and Oregon, which can evaluate and reduce lead-based paint.

Clark County rehabilitation staff has received training in Safe Work Practices and Risk Assessment.

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

Clark County's anti-poverty strategies focus on increasing self-sufficiency for households earning a low-income. In achieving this goal, the county:

- Continued to provide and act as a broker for the delivery of basic services through Community Services to include emergency shelter, housing, domestic violence programs, food assistance, energy assistance, weatherization programs and other basic needs and essential services. Fourteen agencies receive local, state, and/or federal funding through the county.
- Completed a three-year Community Needs Assessment, which included a county-wide survey of needs. The survey responses came from 1,655 households with the top 3 needs identified as: housing, physical health (includes food), then income and asset building.
- Continued to provide local Veterans Assistance Funds for emergency assistance (including rent, utilities, food and transportation) to indigent Veterans, and enhanced the housing assistance eligibility and availability for Veterans who are homeless.

- Continued support of 211info referral services in the community to prioritize obtaining accurate/updated information from service providers and outreaching to those living in rural areas that may need social service assistance.

The anti-poverty activities funded by Clark County meet Family National Performance Indicators in the following categories:

- Employment Services
- Education and Cognitive Development Services
- Income and Asset Building Services
- Housing Services
- Health and Social/Behavioral Development
- Civic Engagement and Community Involvement

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

Clark County Community Services maintains overall responsibility for the coordination of the CDBG and HOME programs. The department serves as the lead agency for the preparation of Consolidated Plan submissions as well as the annual Action Plan and CAPER. The county coordinates with state agencies, the cities and town within the county, and multiple service providers. The county also partners closely with the Vancouver Housing Authority, who has overall responsibility for the coordination of public housing policy in the county and for administration of a number of housing programs.

Another key piece of the institutional structure is the collaboration with Council for the Homeless, the organization responsible for policy and funding recommendations, system planning, and community priority and goal setting for the homeless crisis response system in the county.

Because of the urgency of the pandemic and a focus on equitable services, Community Services has developed closer partnerships with agencies who have the same objectives. By working more closely with Public Health, business assistance providers, and culturally specific organizations, Community Services has strengthened its insititutional structure and increased its ability to respond to the pandemic and provide assistance to the community, especially to those who have been underserved.

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

Clark County continues to actively coordinate among public, private, and nonprofit housing and social service providers through the following actions:

- Continued to work with other jurisdictions and agencies within the county, including the VHA, City of Vancouver and Council for the Homeless, to prioritize housing needs, provide services, and maximize the use of philanthropic, federal, state, and local funds. Efforts were concentrated on pandemic response with an increased focus on health and equity. Collaborations around affordable housing and community development were maintained or enhanced throughout the

county.

- Continued to participate in coordination efforts initiated by the Council for the Homeless for shelter, housing and services for households who are homeless.
- Worked closely with the Council for the Homeless Coordinated Assessment Workgroup to refine the Housing Solutions Center.
- Used data from the Homeless Management Information System to identify service gaps and system trends to adjust or create new initiatives.
- Continued to work with the VHA and public housing residents to identify gaps in housing for renters with low-incomes and special needs populations to develop housing programs/initiatives to meet those needs.
- Chaired the Family-Community Allies Collaborative to continue strong collaboration between DSHS, housing programs and employment programs in support of the participating households.
- Participated in the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Group, bringing together partners to reduce barriers for HEN clients receiving assistance.
- Provided support and funding to the Council for the Homeless to coordinate homeless system advocacy activities and training opportunities.
- Provided fair housing and trauma-informed training for housing providers and
- Worked with the Veteran By Name List along with local HUD VASH and SSVF programs to ensure Veterans presenting at the Housing Solutions Center are provided a warm hand off to these 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)

Clark County continued to participate in the regional Fair Housing Collaborative, a bi-state workgroup that includes HUD jurisdictions from the four Portland Metro counties and focuses on fair housing issues. This group focuses on state and federal policy as well as HUD fair housing plans and implementation. The group also discusses fair housing trends and shares best practices around Consolidated Plan goal setting, as well as outreach/engagement and educational strategies.

In 2019, the City of Vancouver and Clark County undertook an update to their Analysis of Impediments. A nearly complete draft of the AI was circulated in January 2020 but was never fully adopted due to the pandemic and shifting HUD guidance around fair housing requirements. The city and county collected online surveys, analyzed fair housing complaints received by HUD and reviewed updated data on lending disparities. A majority of fair housing complaints filed in Vancouver and Clark County were on the basis of disability (58-64%) with racial discrimination the second highest complaint (32%). An online survey was completed by 273 people, approximately 22% indicated that they had experienced housing discrimination with an additional 11% of respondents saying that they “maybe” experienced housing discrimination. Community Services staff have identified an upcoming Fair Housing training and are having program coordinators attend and advertising the sessions to all of the housing providers we work with.

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

Navigating social distancing, telecommuting and evolving HUD guidance throughout this program year, CDBG and HOME staff were committed to monitoring all construction projects for labor and reporting compliance. Program staff also conduct annual monitoring of income and rent limits for HOME unit tenants. Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections were temporarily on hold during the pandemic, and Clark County staff and TBRA providers will comply with inspection requirements as dictated by the HUD waiver notices.

- Clark County provides housing discrimination brochures and fair housing information in Chinese, Spanish and Russian.
- Clark County Community Services requires all bid notices be advertised in a local minority-owned newspaper. However, there is only one minority firm listed in the Washington State Directory of Certified Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises directory for remodeling/rehabilitation work in Clark County.
- All agreements have language requiring activities that encourage the participation of minority- and woman-owned business.
- Community Services, as well as the Housing Solutions Center and associated housing programs have access to a language line which provides translation for over 200 languages. This ensures Limited English Proficiency households can be connected to a translator when accessing services.

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 be updated at end of public comment period and public hearing.

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.

Clark County has not made any changes to program objectives. The CDBG and HOME programs and the Urban County Policy Board look forward to reevaluating the needs and priorities of the County and low- and moderate-income community members this coming year through the consolidated planning process.

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.

Cascade Terrace, 3 units, pass

Lincoln Place, 1 unit, pass

McCallister Village, 3 units, pass

Cascadia Village, 3 units, pass

CMI Youth Triplex (Horizon Place), 2 units, pass

Watson House, entire house, pass

Nicholson Commons, whole house, pass

Arbor Ridge Assisted Living, 4 units, pass

Aurora Place

Plum Meadows

Wisteria Manor

Isabella Court

Isabella Court II

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

- Clark County policy requires affirmative marketing for housing with 5 or more HOME-assisted units. Clark County HOME-funded project agreements have language requiring that owners affirmatively market their units by advertising in various forms of media. Owners must solicit applications for vacant units from persons in the market who are least likely to apply for HOME-

assisted housing. Many units assisted with HOME funds house tenants with disabilities; within this group the units are available to anyone.

- Clark County requires the Equal Opportunity logo or slogan be used in all ads, brochures and written communications to potential owners and tenants by the Rehabilitation staff. Owners of rental property assisted with HOME funds are required to display the fair housing poster in rental offices or other appropriate locations.
- The County continues to distribute its “Housing Discrimination” brochure to tenants and landlord/property managers. The brochure gives details of the federal fair housing laws and telephone numbers to call for help. Fair Housing brochures were provided to direct services agencies and other community organizations for distribution to the public.

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

Program income is used in conjunction with annual entitlement funding and has not been split out from the overall outcomes for reporting purposes.

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)

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	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

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.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

No Section 3 eligible projects were closed in PY22.