Fresno County Community Development

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

Department of Public Works and Planning
What is the Consolidated Plan?

• The Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) is a five-year outline identifying community development needs in the unincorporated portion of the County and the 6 partner cities.

• Needs identified in the ConPlan are addressed each year through various grant applications by Cities, Districts, community groups and individuals.
What is CDBG?

• Community Development Block Grant
• Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
• Grant funds are used for eligible housing, community and economic development activities such as infrastructure, community facilities, housing rehabilitation and public services
What is HOME?

• Home Investment Partnership Program
• A program funded by HUD providing grant funding to assist with housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and affordable housing development
What are examples of CDBG Activities?

- Economic Development
- Residential and Commercial building rehabilitation
- Water and Sewer System Improvements
- Storm Drain Improvements
- Other Public Works Improvements such as Streets and Sidewalks
- Neighborhood Facilities, Community Centers
- Parks and Recreational Facilities
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements
- Community-based Public Services

All activities must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income people
Guidelines

• Needs are broad, and may be addressed by one or more different activities
• Needs identified in the ConPlan provide the framework for future activities
• Each type of activity has certain rules and regulations depending on which program it falls under (CDBG / HOME)
• Specific activity eligibility requirements are addressed during the annual application process
Examples and History

• Over $11,000,000 of CDBG funds have been invested in Selma since 1975.

• Recent CDBG projects include:

  – Groundwater Recharge Basin

  – Ringo Park Restroom
• Questions?
• Ideas for community needs to include in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan?

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Impediments to Fair Housing

- Fresno County also needs to prepare an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice.
- These can include governmental policies or procedures, language barriers, lack of affordable housing options, ADA accessibility issues, or anything else that restricts availability of housing options to all residents.
• What impediments to fair housing choice have residents experienced?
• What changes may help address these issues?

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Summary

• Current Activities
  – Fresno COG Measure C TOD Program
  – ABC Grants to Law Enforcement
  – Statewide Park Program Round 3
  – Storm Water Grant Program
  – U.S. Department of Agriculture
  – Tobacco Grant Program
  – U.S. DOJ School Violence Prevention Program
  – FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grants

• Housing-Related Funding
Current Activities

• Fresno COG Measure C TOD Program
  – Funding for *Selma Downtown and Civic Center Transit-Oriented Improvements*
  – Application submitted on February 28; presentation to Fresno COG on April 10
  – Funding of $270,000 approved on May 30

• ABC Grants to Law Enforcement
  – Funding for illegal alcohol sales enforcement
  – Application submitted on March 29 ($32,522)
Current Activities

• Statewide Park Program Round 3
  – Working with staff on scope and community engagement for Rockwell Pond Project
  – Application is due on August 5

• Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program
  – Approximately $90 million available for multi-benefit projects
  – Applications likely due Fall 2019
Current Activities

• U.S. Department of Agriculture
  – Partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and business community
  – Funding for small business revolving loans and other assistance

• Tobacco Grant Program
  – Funding to augment activities awarded from CDPH
  – Application to fund new officer ($507,000) submitted on July 12
Current Activities

- **U.S. DOJ School Violence Prevention Program**
  - Joint application with the Selma Unified School District
  - Funding to enhance security planning, training and infrastructure ($187,500)

- **FEMA—Assistance to Firefighter Grants**
  - Joint application with the North Central Fire Protection District ($684,390) on October 26
  - Funding to replace aging self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for firefighters
Housing-Related Funding

• Senate Bill 2 Planning Grant Program
  – Financial and technical assistance to update planning documents and zoning ordinances
  – Goal is to streamline and accelerate housing production
  – Applications accepted through November

• State Budget Housing Grant Programs
Type 6 Fire Apparatus
Danko F-550 Fire Apparatus
What is a Type 6

- Smaller pick-up style chassis
- 4-wheel drive
- Smaller tank and pump capacity
- Designed to travel off-road were larger engines have a difficult time
Funding

- Strike Team Reimbursement
  - 2017/2018 fire seasons
  - Funding Balance $210,787.34
Number of Incidents

- Last year at this time
  - 45 calls involving Rubbish/Grass fires
- Year-to-date
  - 54 Outside Rubbish/Grass fires
Areas of Concern Around Selma