

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.

The City of Escondido received \$1,952,301 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25. The City also was allocated \$2,394,882 in Community Development Block Grant CV dollars to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.

The purpose of these funds is to ensure low- and moderate-income households have resources for affordable housing, suitable living environments and to expand opportunities. The City administers and provides funding for public services, fair housing and capital improvement projects addressing homeless services, neighborhood revitalization, basic needs, health and human development, economic development, public safety and affordable housing.

This is the fifth year of a five-year Consolidated Plan from 2020 – 2024. In this past year, CDBG funding was used to make significant investments and improvements to infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, and public services. The Old Escondido lighting project on Juniper St. (between Second and Ninth) has been completed. The City is nearing the completion of the playground equipment installation and poured-in-place rubber surfacing at CDBG eligible parks, including Jesmond Dene, Washington, and Westside. This achievement will be highlighted in next year's report. Improvements to the Washington Park Pool, a popular recreation facility in a low-to-moderate income (LMI) community, are also nearly finished and will be included in next year's update. The Urban Corp. Roof renovation and Compact's Success Center projects are set to begin soon, with both expected to be completed in late 2025/early 2026. The City also conducted 9 neighborhood clean-ups and 11 NEAT Sweeps in the City's organized neighborhood groups. Approximately 800 residents participated in the cleanup events, using the opportunity to enhance their properties and strengthen neighborhood involvement. Low-mod income family child care providers in the City of Escondido received assistance with technology, business support, and coaching to expand economic opportunities. This program also created and provided new jobs. Center for Community Solutions provided a emergency domestic violence shelter to prevent homelessness, provide shelter, meet basic needs, and connect domestic violence victims to mental health services.

The City also invested in critical public services helping 15 unduplicated seniors at risk of homelessness receive homeless prevention services, including rental arrears, case management and service linkage, delivered 10,000 free meals to 35 Escondido residents with medical conditions

like congestive heart failure, cancer, AIDS, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease. Legal Aid Society of San Diego served 236 individuals with legal services such as referrals, advice or representative for fair housing issues, maintained a toll-free hotline number, provided fair housing education to the community of Escondido, and conducted 10 paired tests to detect fair housing discrimination from housing providers. The Senior Care program helped 190 unduplicated seniors get connected to vital resources like food and housing at the Park Avenue Senior Center.

During this fiscal year, CDBG also funded youth services like, Voices for Children who provide ongoing and comprehensive Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers to at least 18 Escondido youth in foster care, including four funded with CDBG. Project Next provided career development services to 25 low-to-moderate income high school students to build the necessary self-awareness, self-advocacy, and human and social capital to pursue and complete college programs that lead to meaningful careers. The last funded project was a free summer camp offered at Grove Park, which increased recreational opportunities for youth in lower socioeconomic neighborhoods by facilitating in safe outdoor environments. Recreational activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, outdoor explorative experiences, and theme special events.

During Program Year 2024–2025, the City of Escondido continued administration of its HOME Investment Partnerships Program. While no new HOME-funded housing construction or development projects were completed during this reporting period, the City advanced program goals by preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to support the acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing. This forthcoming initiative is designed to strengthen the City’s affordable housing portfolio by creating opportunities for nonprofit and for-profit housing partners to preserve and expand units for households earning less than 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI). Through this effort, the City is reinforcing its commitment to maintaining affordability and addressing long-term housing needs consistent with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The City released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for homelessness prevention and utility assistance for low-income residents using \$1.66M in CDBG-CV in April 2023 and a second RFP in March 2025. The City received five and two competitive proposals respectively and is pending an award. City staff hopes to return to the City Council for approval of the contract in fall 2025.

Below is a summary of CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV accomplishments in FY 2024-25 and the City’s overall progress and achievements towards its five-year goals. It’s important to point out that HOME accomplishments are not reported to HUD until they are finalized. Administrative costs for CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV are not captured in the chart.

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
Access to rec, ed and healthcare (inc mentl hlth)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	700	2120	302.85%	3	3	100%
Access to rec, ed and healthcare (inc mentl hlth)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	750	1628	0.00%	100		100%
Affordable ownership opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	10	10	100%	10	0	0.00%
Affordable ownership opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	5		60%	1	1	100%
Basic needs and case mgt to residents in shelter	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	400	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Create and preserve affordable rental housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Increase Rental Subsidy Program by 10 Households. New as of 2024	Other	0	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1	105	0.00%			
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	1	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%
Economic development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	1	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%
Engage/assess homeless indiv/families on street	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	38.195	0	0.00%			
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	167,575	85000		0	85000	

Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	150	0	0.00%			
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%
Improve the livability of neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	100	658	658%	0	0	0.00%
Increase public safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	81440	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Keep HH at risk from becoming homeless	Non-Homeless Special Needs	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	80	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	2,500	0	0.00%	150	0	0.00%
Prov access to food, water, shelter and sanitation	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	963	0	0.00%			
Provide perm hsg to homeless households	Homeless	ESG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

Provide perm hsg to homeless households	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Support homeless shelter and other services	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	500	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Support homeless shelter and other services	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0	0.00%	260	0	0.00%
Temporarily house homeless residents	Homeless	ESG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	600	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

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.

The City of Escondido has prioritized funding to basic needs, health and human development, homelessness services, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and Public Safety.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

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	CDBG	HOME
White	912	1
Black or African American	132	
Asian	53	
American Indian or American Native	11	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	13	
Asian & White	1	
Black/African American & White	2	
Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African Amer.	1	
Other Multi-Racial	99	
Total	1,232	1
Hispanic	458	1
Not Hispanic	774	0

Describe the clients assisted (including the racial and/or ethnicity of clients assisted with ESG)

	HESG
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Asian or Asian American	0
Black, African American, or African	0
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0
Middle Eastern or North African	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	0
Multiracial	0
Client doesn't know	0
Client prefers not to answer	0
Data not collected	0
Total	0

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

Narrative

The City's CDBG programs served 1,232 households in Escondido of whom 74% reported they were White, 10% stated they were Black, 4% stated they were Asian, 1% reported they were American Indian or American Native, 0.64% said they were Native Hawaiian, and 8% said they were Other or Multi-Racial. 62% of households identified as not Hispanic and 37% identified as Hispanic.

The City did not receive funding for ESG in Program Year 2024-25.

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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	\$1,538,888	1,192,475.61
HOME	public - federal	\$964,840.03	72,418.38
ESG	public - federal	0	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The City spent \$1,264,893.99 for CDBG and HOME Programs for FY 2024-2025. The City staff used unspent HOME program income from 2020 to drawdown funds.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Eligible Areas	100	100	
City of Escondido	100	100	
Neighborhood Groups			

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City focused its funding resources in neighborhood groups, low- and moderate-income census blocks, and throughout the city.

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.

HOME Program grantees are required to contribute a 25% match for every dollar of HOME funds utilized for affordable housing projects. The City of Escondido has consistently leveraged federal housing funds with a combination of local, public, and private financial resources to meet this requirement.

During FY 2024-25, the City of Escondido did not utilize any publicly owned land or property to address affordable housing needs. However, housing staff is actively collaborating with the City's Real Property Manager and City Planner to assess vacant properties for their potential in future affordable housing development.

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

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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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 \$
\$495,390.00	\$110,759.86	\$0	\$0	\$606,149.86

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						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	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						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	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				
Businesses Displaced		0				
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0				
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		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
Cost		0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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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	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	30	19
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	30	19

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City of Escondido continues to work toward its affordable housing goals. While no households were assisted with HOME funds during this program year, the City focused on preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to support the acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing. The time required to design and launch new initiatives limited outcomes during the reporting period; however, the City remains committed to advancing its housing priorities and anticipates measurable progress in the upcoming fiscal year.

The City was approved for HOME-ARP funds to conditionally build 40 units for extremely low-income households. Prior to making any commitments, the City Council will review and approve the proposals through the RFP process mentioned above.

Challenges in the First-Time Homebuyer Program have been encountered due to rising interest rates and increasing home prices. As a result, interest in the program has decreased. One household was served under this initiative during FY 2024-25.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The demand for affordable housing in Escondido remains significant as inflation and rising housing costs continue to outpace household incomes. The City has evaluated community needs throughout the 2020–2024 Consolidated Plan period and has prepared the 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan, which was recently presented to the City Council for approval. This new plan builds upon prior assessments and establishes updated goals and strategies to respond to evolving housing challenges. To further support this effort, the City has engaged RSG Consulting to analyze projected resources and future housing demands, ensuring that HOME funds and other resources are effectively leveraged to address affordable housing needs in the years ahead.

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	300	0
Low-income	882	0
Moderate-income	50	1
Total	1,232	1

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

24% of households served in the CDBG Program were extremely low income, 72% were low-income, and 4% were moderate income households.

The one household served through the HOME Program this year qualified as moderate-income.

During FY 2024-25, many low-income households in Escondido benefitted from leveraged funds sourced from programs other than HOME. Of the households served by the City, 19 individuals participated in the City’s rental subsidy program, which is funded through Successor Housing Agency (SHA) Funds rather than HOME funds. All 19 households served were low-income seniors, with the majority classified as extremely low-income.

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

Reducing and ending homelessness is one of the City's top priorities. In FY 2024-25, the City of Escondido used CDBG funds to assist persons at risk of experiencing homelessness. Through these various funding streams, the City of Escondido provided basic needs support, homelessness prevention, and shelter.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City funded two programs, Interfaith Community Services for senior homelessness prevention, and Center for Community Solutions to address emergency shelter needs for people fleeing domestic violence.

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

In addition, the City provided \$19,400 for a care coordinator at the senior center, \$35,000 for a domestic violence shelter, \$35,000 for free legal aid services to address fair housing concerns, \$50,000 to provide services aimed at preventing homelessness for senior households who reside in Escondido and are at risk of homelessness, and \$10,000 for medically tailored meals to low-and moderate income Escondido residents.

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

Over the past year, the City of Escondido has continued its efforts to address homelessness through a collaborative and solution-driven approach. The City's Homeless Subcommittee, made up of key leaders including the Mayor, City Council Member, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Attorney, and Developmental

Services Director, have been working hard to find ways to support those affected by homelessness. Their focus is on connecting individuals and families with much-needed services, creating access to permanent housing, and addressing the specific needs of groups like veterans, families, seniors and unaccompanied youth.

Additionally, City staff are actively involved with the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH), which brings together neighboring cities, the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego, and various service providers. This partnership allows the City to stay connected with regional efforts while continuing to focus on local solutions. Together, these initiatives are aimed at expanding affordable housing options, strengthening support services, and helping individuals maintain stable housing once it's secured.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The County of San Diego administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) to low-income Escondido residents in need of affordable housing. The City continues to support the County's efforts to serve Escondido residents with Housing Choice Vouchers. Currently, there are 876 Escondido residents receiving a Section 8 voucher which is a 5.67% increase from the previous year. There are 5,276 Escondido residents on the waiting list of rental assistance which is a 20.73% increase from the previous year.

The City of Escondido supports the County in their efforts to address the needs of low-income households in Escondido. City staff informs community members of the program and refers them to the County to apply.

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

City staff continued to provide information on the First-Time Homebuyer Program as a resource for households interested in pursuing homeownership.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable.

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 City of Escondido's 2020 Consolidated Plan identified several public policies that could have an adverse impact on the provision of affordable housing in Escondido. Potential barriers include land use controls, environmental protection, planning and development fees, public opposition to affordable housing, permit and processing procedures/times, lack of affordable housing funds, prevailing wage requirements, and building codes and enforcement. Escondido's obstacles to meeting underserved needs include the limited amount of federal, state and local resources available, and the high cost of housing in San Diego County specifically and California in general.

The City does have the ability to introduce actions to minimize the influence of some local governmental constraints on affordable housing through various policy documents like the Housing Element and Environmental Justice. The City's Housing Element has been approved by HCD, and will incorporate applicable housing policies and recommendations from the plan, including adoption of Zoning Code amendments and new policies.

The City anticipates creation and adoption of an affordable housing trust fund in early to mid 2026 that would establish and facilitate in lieu fees for affordable units under qualifying events. Such funding would then be leveraged to create or fund affordable units.

The City recently completed a pre-approved accessory dwelling unit (ADU) program that provides pre-approved plans for ADU construction to both streamline review and reduce costs to de facto affordable units.

The City continues to offer impact fee deferral as an option through the building permit process to reduce impediments to development of housing projects, both affordable and market rate.

The City is working on a comprehensive development review study and streamlining program to ensure the development review pipeline for development projects, including housing, is as efficient and standardized to reduce review, permit approval, and construction times.

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

Staff are working with various departments to explore barriers and come up with solutions to address the affordable housing needs.

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

The City of Escondido is committed to addressing lead-based paint hazards. Federal law requires lead-based paint disclosure and education prior to leasing, renting, selling or purchasing most pre-1978 housing. The City follows disclosure and warning requirements about lead-based paint, including incorporation of the Lead Safety Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) pamphlet, which is available to the public, and obtaining a signed acknowledgement receipt that confirms applicants are aware of the risks of disturbing lead-based paint when renovating a home. The City conducts required lead-based paint related activities for all HOME funded activities under Title X of the 1992 Housing and Community Development Act, such as paint testing, risk assessment, hazard reduction, or abatement and clearance. No single-family residences were rehabilitated during FY 2024-25. No lead-based paint remediations were completed in FY 2024-25 and no residences were made “lead-free” during the fiscal year since no residences containing lead-based paint were rehabilitated. Staff will continue to attend meetings, seminars and training regarding lead-based paint hazard testing and reduction, when possible. Required testing and/or remediation is conducted for all HOME funded activities.

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

The City of Escondido has a strategy to help impoverished families achieve independence and self-sufficiency. The current anti-poverty strategy utilizes non-educational and personal development tools as a means of reducing the number of persons with incomes below the poverty line. Funding for programs such as Senior CARE and Mama’s Kitchen all help reduce the poverty level in senior households. In addition, the Neighborhood Cleanup program serves to support neighborhoods and families in low-income neighborhoods and empower them to address livability concerns in their neighborhoods. Additionally, a Nutrition Program is sponsored by the City of Escondido and the County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services. The program promotes healthy and nutritionally balanced lunches for seniors. A hot meal is served Monday through Friday at The Park Avenue Community Center.

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

The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Division has the primary responsibility of carrying out affordable housing and community development programs, administering and implementing requirements of the HOME, CDBG, CDBG-CV, and ESG-CV programs. The City contracts with local nonprofit organizations to administer public services and fair housing activities, as well as administering some projects directly. Where applicable, contract agencies will be responsible for program administration.

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

The City of Escondido has always worked with local community groups, public agencies, and private

organizations to help create and preserve affordable housing, meet the community's needs, and provide essential services and facilities.

City staff periodically attends Community Alliance For Escondido (CAFE) meetings where information from different service and housing agencies in the City is exchanged. The City also participates in quarterly convenings of local CDBG program administrators.

In addition, City staff participates in the Regional Task Force on Homelessness which includes over 126 agency partners and 330 unique programs to coordinate regional efforts and resources dedicated to addressing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency in the region.

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

During FY 2024-25 the City of Escondido continued participation as part of the San Diego Regional Alliance for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (SDRAFFH), a collaboration of San Diego County cities. The City is an active member of the group. The SDRAFFH, formerly the Fair Housing Resource Board, disseminates information about fair housing rights and responsibilities and promotes fair housing choice in the region. The jurisdictions who are members of the SDRAFFH worked on and produced the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, based on HUD requirements. The report was completed just as the HUD Final Rule was changed, so it was not submitted to HUD. However, the State of California still requires submittal of an AFFH in conjunction with a Housing Element. The City will work to address any impediments to Fair Housing that are included in the upcoming completed Housing Element.

In FY 2024-25, the City continued to contract with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) as its fair housing services provider. They are contracted to provide comprehensive fair housing services to the residents of Escondido. The contracts include landlord/tenant counseling, information and assistance, mediation and education, and fair housing testing. The contract is administered by the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division.

During FY 2024-25 Legal Aid Society of San Diego reported the following accomplishments:

A toll free phone system was developed to receive fair housing complaints and Legal Aid screened 236 calls for fair housing or housing services from Escondido residents. Some of the themes emerged were disability housing discrimination, source of income, racial/age discrimination, gender/marital status and other housing concerns. The majority of calls were resolved with education, advice or referrals. LASSD continued to provide a broad-based outreach program to provide fair housing education to the community of Escondido. LASSD maintains current information regarding the fair housing and tenant protections on their website in English and Spanish.

LASSD continued to provide a broad-based outreach program to provide fair housing education to the community of Escondido. A total of 13 Fair Housing Webinars were held and 8 Fair Housing Outreach meetings at Interfaith Community Services were also held. A total of 380 brochures were handed out.

Legal Aid conducted ten tests in Escondido to detect fair housing discrimination from housing providers, either compliant-based or audit annually. LASSD staff attended 3 SDRAFFH quarterly and subcommittee meetings and is an active participant of the committee.

LASSD attended Escondido City Council Meeting on April 23, 2025 to accept the Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

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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

City staff monitored external CDBG subrecipients in spring 2025. A checklist was used to ensure program compliance. Staff monitors for regularly compliance and the potential of fraud, waste, mismanagement and other opportunities for potential abuse. City staff met internally with city departments to review program outcomes, timelines and financial invoices. Contract provisions allow for the funding suspension, termination and reimbursement request disallowances at any time during the program year based on performance deficiencies.

The City has updated its Policies and Procedures to include the changes from the 2013 HOME Final Rule, especially those focused on monitoring programs and development projects that use HOME funds and program income. These updates help ensure the City stays in compliance with HOME regulations and keeps housing projects on track.

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.

The City published a 15-day notice in the Escondido Times Advocate and City's Housing & Neighborhood Services website from September 04 – September 18, 2025 to solicit public input on the draft FY 2024-25 CAPER.

Copies of the CAPER were also printed and placed in binders at City Hall for the public review and comment.

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.

N/A.

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

No.

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

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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.

In FY 2024-25, the City of Escondido conducted monitoring of its HOME-funded residential projects through FOCUS to ensure everything stayed in compliance with federal housing regulations and program requirements.

As part of our ongoing commitment to effective oversight, City staff will resume onsite monitoring in Fiscal Year 2025-26 to ensure we continue meeting all necessary guidelines.

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

The City requires all HOME-funded developments to have an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. The City confirms each owner collects data regarding affirmative marketing and race and ethnicity. Fair Housing information must be included on-site and displayed in any advertisements. These requirements are written into the City's contracts and policies and procedures.

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

The City received \$110,759.86 in program income for FY 2024-25. The total balance is \$606,149.86 which is available for use.

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 City explored extending deed restrictions and ways to increase funding for renovations, with Community Housing Works, a local Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

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	1	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.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The Playgrounds Equipment Replacement, Pour-in-Place Rubber Surfacing, Old Escondido Lighting, and Washington Park Pool collaborated with the City’s third-party wage compliance Consultant to ensure all regulations were met. The projects will be completed soon and reported on next year.

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