

# Executive Summary

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

The City of Sparks is committed to using all available resources towards accomplishing the local and regional goals and objectives outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan of FY 2020 - 2024. Accomplishment of said goals will be a joint effort of local jurisdictions as well as local public/private stakeholders and contributors. The City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement allocation, HOME Partnership funding allocation of the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC) and designated matching funds of the city's General Fund will be the primary resources of implementing and accomplishing the goals.

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) calls for:

- Appropriation of funding for the support of Fair Housing Activities;
- Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Planning;
- Provision of funding to support operation of regional homeless shelters for men, women and families; and
- Housing rehabilitation grants and loans to income-qualified households;
- Pedestrian improvements in eligible low to moderate income census tract neighborhoods.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

In Program Year 2 (FY 2021/2022), the City of Sparks remains committed to judiciously expending allocated funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to improve the quality of life in the Sparks community and address the needs of low and moderate income (LMI) persons and households.

The City of Sparks is a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) of the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), in which the City of Reno serves as the Lead Agency, and through this partnership; HOME Investment Partnership Program dollars continue to be invested in Washoe County projects which increase affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

This AAP outlines the activities that the City of Sparks anticipates undertaking in Program Year (PY) 2, FY 2021/2022 of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2020 - 2021), leveraging Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to address affordable housing activities, public services and homelessness prevention under the objectives of a suitable living environment and decent housing. For federal Fiscal Year 2021/2022, the City of Sparks has been allocated \$685,850 in new CDBG funding. Additionally, the City of Sparks proposes to carry-over and/or re-program approximately, \$728,273.90 that was not used in previous years (i. e \$676,779.77 of rollover funds from previous years and \$41,494.13 of Program Income). The City also is carrying forward \$28,139 of CDBG-CV-I CARES Grant funding and \$563,113 of CDBG-CV-III CARES Grant funding for use in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Combined; these funds total \$1,414,123.90 of entitlement funding and \$591,252 in CARES funding which the City of Sparks proposes to use as follows:

- Up to \$25,000 for Fair Housing activities;
- Up to \$148,366 for Planning and Administrative activities;
- Up to \$109,163 for regional homeless shelters for men, women and families;
- Up to \$50,500 for Housing Rehabilitation Administration activities;
- Up to \$282,821 of new grant funding for Pedestrian Improvements plus an additional \$686,779.77 of rollover funds from previous years for a total of \$969,600.77 for Pedestrian Improvement activities.
- Up to \$50,000.00 of new grant funding and \$41,494.13 program income will be used for implementation of the City's Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loans program;
- Up to \$591,252.00 to be used for response to the Coronavirus Pandemic;

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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The City of Sparks made a concerted collaborative effort with local jurisdictions and stakeholders which included; appropriation of funding for the support of Fair Housing activities, Continuum of Care strategic planning, provided funding for operation of the Community Assistance Center (the regional homeless shelters for men, women and families), provision of loans and grants to income-eligible households for housing rehabilitation efforts through City-administered Single Family, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Emergency Grant programs and the continued capital improvement initiative of improving the much-needed sidewalk, curb, gutter and other pedestrian improvements in eligible low to moderate income neighborhoods.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

2. Following is a summary of citizen participation meetings and process implemented:

- A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan began on August 23, 2021; and
- A public hearing and presentation were held on August 30, 2021; and
- A deadline for submission of public comments was September 20, 2021; and
- A public hearing concluded on September 27, 2021 during the Sparks City Council Meeting

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## 5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

At the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period no comments were received.

## 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

None

## 7. Summary

Any comments received will be conveyed to the Sparks City Council at the public hearing (scheduled for September 27, 2021) and will be accumulated and incorporated into the Annual Action Plan as as required.

All comments that were submitted during the development of the Annual Action Plan (AAP) Program Year 2, FY 2021/2022 and 30 day comment period will be incorporated into the final Annual Action Plan.

In closing; no citizens partook in the public meeting conducted on August 30, 2021. However; citizens participation was sought and submitted comments were compiled in the 2021 Annual Action Plan and 30-day public comment period.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	SPARKS	Community Services Department
HOME Administrator	SPARKS	Washoe County HOME Consortium

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Sparks is a CDBG Entitlement Community that receives a direct allocation of CDBG funding. Additionally, The City of Sparks is a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) in the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC). The WCHC is a consortium between City of Reno (Lead Agency), City of Sparks and Washoe County for the purpose of receiving and managing HOME funds in the development of affordable housing projects in the Region.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

This section summarizes the process of consulting with stakeholders and residents in the region during development of the Annual Action Plan. It begins with a summary of how the cities and county support a coordinated system of housing and service delivery.

#### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

The City of Sparks is an active participating member of the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (NNCoC) is a coalition of homeless services, support services, local and state governmental representatives, developers, faith-based service providers, the University of Nevada (Reno), law enforcement and the medical community who began meeting on a monthly basis in June 2000 to discuss better ways to work together to meet community needs. The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County staff attend the NNCoC meetings and support NNCoC’s activities to enhance coordination among providers in the region. The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County continue to fund the Community Assistance Center (CAC), the central location of services to assist persons who are homeless.

The region’s Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs are conducted through a City of Reno central intake system that utilizes local organizations to manage the program and connect recipients with housing and services. Public input was also sought during the Analysis of Impediments process conducted by the BBC Research & Consulting firm in 2015 on behalf of the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County. Two public meetings were held, as well as multiple interviews and mini-focus groups that targeted citizens living in areas with more concentrated minority and at-risk populations.

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#### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

City staff and local jurisdictions participates in the efforts of many community groups, including the Continuum of Care (CoC), Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH), as well as other human service collaboratives. Throughout the year staff participates in multiple efforts targeting specific special needs populations, such as the Access Advisory, Nevada Committee on Aging, and Senior Citizen Advisory committees. Participation and consultation occur continuously outside of plan draft input periods. This participation allows staff to gauge the ongoing needs of specific target populations throughout the community.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

City of Reno staff works closely with City of Sparks, Washoe County, RAAH Members and staff at the CAC to determine how to most effectively allocate ESG to meet the needs of persons who are homeless. An example is the introduction of the rapid re-housing program (RRH). The City of Reno RRH program was initially presented to the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH) Leadership Council, as well as in broader community meetings. Since the RRH was established, the City of Reno has continued to solicit feedback in order to ensure the program is working as intended. ESG funds are not allocated to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs; however, all ESG funded activities must be entered into the Nevada HMIS (or a comparable system for domestic violence providers). ESG funded activities must maintain a minimum HMIS data quality percentage of ninety (90). The City of Reno is the CoC grantee for HMIS in Washoe County and is involved heavily in the Steering Committee which is the authorized body to adopt HMIS operating and administrative procedures.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF RENO - COMMUNITY RESOURCES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Reno is the lead agency of the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC)

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Sparks
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Sparks is a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) of the WCHC.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	RENO HOUSING AUTHORITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Reno Housing Authority (RHA) is the regional housing authority that serves City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Silver State Fair Housing Council
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) is the regional consultant that implements the fair housing training, monitoring and initiatives for the CDBG programs.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Washoe County HOME Consortium
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC) is the organized coalition of regional jurisdiction (i. e. City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County) in charge of implementing and administering Federal HOME Partnership funding initiatives of developing affordable housing projects in the region.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY, INC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	CSA manages multiple affordable housing facilities which we monitor annually. Through monitoring and regular communication with site and compliance managers, we are made aware of wait list lengths and the condition of our affordable housing stock. Regular communication with this agency helps inform the Technical Review Committee in their decision-making process

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

None.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	eno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH)	Coordinate with RAAH in support of rapid rehousing programs and permanent supportive housing initiatives.
Washoe County Community Health Needs Assessment	Washoe County Truckee Meadows Healthy Community In	Support of the CAC will improve access to services and health care.
Housing & Behavioral Health Assessment N. Nevada	Nevada Department of Health & Human Services	Support of the CAC will improve access to services and health care. Creation of permanent supportive housing will offer stability to persons with behavioral health care needs.
Truckee Meadows Regional Plan	Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency	Public infrastructure improvements will support housing, density, and economic development in already developed areas. Creation of affordable and workforce housing will support regional goals of increasing housing affordable at 80% of AMI.
Comprehensive Economic Develop. Strategy 2014	Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and Western Nevada Development District	Public infrastructure improvements support economic development.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Homelessness Strategy	Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH)	Rapid rehousing programs; Support of the CAC.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Sparks, Program Year 2, FY 2021/2022 Action Plan (AAP) was prepared as part of a regional effort. Staff from housing and community development at the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County met regularly to oversee the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; this is the second year of the five-year plan. Staff collaborated on the organization of public meetings for the plan, stakeholder consultation, and publication of the draft plan. Additionally, staff from both cities and the county met regularly to review and select projects for HOME funding. In conclusion, this plan was also informed by the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that was completed in early 2015 and again was a joint effort by the three jurisdictions, City of Sparks, City of Reno and Washoe County.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

Multiple meetings to include a public hearing before the City of Sparks - City Council, were planned and held for the community to provide feedback during process of preparing the Annual Action Plan as well as the thirty-day public input period. Staff works regularly with partnering government agencies and community stakeholders to ensure that the objectives and actions implemented through this plan remain closely aligned with the community's needs, as assessed in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024.

- A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan began on August 23,2021; and
- A public hearing and presentation was held on August 30, 2021; and
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The Annual Action Plan was made available for a 30-day comment period, which was announced in the Reno Gazette Journal, the local newspaper of largest circulation serving the Reno/Sparks community. The notification also included the notice of public hearing and presentation which was held on August 30, 2021 and a public hearing conclusion on September 27, 2021 during the Sparks City Council Meeting.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was between August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021	A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was between August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021	A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was between August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was between August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021 and there were no public comments.	A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was between August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021 and there were no public comments.	A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan was between August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021 and there were no public comments.	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

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The effort will be both a concerted individual and collaborative which includes:

- Appropriation of funding for the support of Fair Housing Activities
- Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Planning
- Provision of funding to supplement the operation of the Community Assistance Center (CAC) (i. e. regional homeless shelter for men,

- Provision of Pedestrian Improvement efforts in eligible low to moderate income census tract neighborhoods

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	685,850	41,494	686,780	1,414,124	650,000	The City of Sparks anticipates an entitlement award of \$685,850 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for FY 2018/2019 and approximately \$728,273.90 of rollover funds and an additional \$41,494.13 of Program Income (PI) specifically allocated to the City of Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program. Combined these funds total \$1,414,123.90.

**Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), a partnership between Washoe County and the cities of Reno and Sparks receives an allocation of HOME Funds each year. This year’s allocation will collectively be applied towards specific affordable housing developments in the region (i. e.). No new funds is anticipated to be spent directly in the Sparks community during FY 2021/2022. Greyhaven, a 36-unit affordable housing

development project located on Greyhaven Lane in Sparks, was entitled in June of 2020.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

None anticipated

**Discussion**

See above comments.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide Suitable Living Environment	2020	2021	Homeless	Sparks West End	City of Sparks - West End	CDBG: \$969,601	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 232 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

#### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City of Sparks will continue efforts of providing improved accessibility as well as infrastructure enhancements and capital improvements in a preapproved low to moderate census tract area of the community.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The City of Sparks CDBG funding allocation for Program Year 2, FY 2021/2022 is estimated to be approximately \$685,850 in new grant funding. Additionally, the City of Sparks anticipates approximately \$728,273.90 rollover funds from previous grant years will be primarily used to continue the capital improvement efforts of an identified low to moderate income census tract of the community. Also efforts will be implemented to support and enhance the quality of living of eligible low and moderate income households in the Sparks community, to provide supportive services to low income, homeless, and special needs residents in the Sparks community and support for the homeless shelter – the Community Assistance Center (CAC, regional homeless center located in the City of Reno), and improve public access through Pedestrian Improvements initiative.

Additionally, approximately \$41,494.13 of Program Income (PI) is anticipated to be used to implement the City of Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Fair Housing Activities 21/22
2	Community Assistance Center 21/22
3	Planning and Administrative Activities 21/22
4	Housing Rehab Admin 21/22
5	Pedestrian Improvements 21/22
6	Housing Rehabilitation Loans 21/22
7	Emergency Repair Grant 21/22

Table 7 - Project Information

#### Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The reasoning of the anticipated allocations is that they are in accordance of the approved local, regional and national goals and objectives identified and approved in the Five Year Consolidated of FY 2020 - 2024.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Fair Housing Activities 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	This activity is instrumental in the provision of resources to further Fair Housing initiatives in the Sparks community
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City of Sparks engaged Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) to implement the Fair Housing Activities on behalf of the City of Sparks and City of Reno for the CDBG Grant Application and update the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI). The Matrix Code selected for this activity is 21D - Fair Housing Activity (subject to 20% Admin. Cap).
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Assistance Center 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$109,163
	<b>Description</b>	Supplemental assistance and contribution for annual operation of the Men's Homeless Shelter.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1000
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Community Assistance Center serves as a homeless shelter and provides temporary lodging for the homeless.

<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning and Administrative Activities 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$148,366
	<b>Description</b>	Planning and Administrative activities associated with the implementation of the current year planning grant including Fair Housing, Pedestrian Improvements, and the Community Assistance Center.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1000
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planning and Administrative activities associated with the implementation of the current year planning grant including Fair Housing, Pedestrian Improvements, and the Community Assistance Center. This activity covers the administration costs for these programs.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehab Admin 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,500
	<b>Description</b>	Required administration to facilitate successful implementation of the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and Emergency Repair Grant.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10
	<b>Location Description</b>	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Required administration costs to facilitate successful implementation of the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and Emergency Repair Grant.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Pedestrian Improvements 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$969,601
	<b>Description</b>	Installation of new streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and ADA approved handicap transition ramps to provide people public access in Low to Moderate Income (LMI) census tract areas of the community.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1000
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Installation of new streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and ADA approved handicap transition ramps to provide people public access in Low to Moderate Income (LMI) census tract areas of the community.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Loans 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$91,494
	<b>Description</b>	Perform community outreach and qualifying prospective clients (i.e. total of 4 clients targeted) for participation in the City of Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10
	<b>Location Description</b>	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Perform community outreach and qualifying prospective clients (i.e. total of 4 clients targeted) for participation in the City of Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Program.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Repair Grant 21/22
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sparks West End
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	City of Sparks - West End
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Performing necessary repairs to a Single-Family Homeowner residence to alleviate a safety and emergency living condition and situation.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Performing necessary repairs to a Single-Family Homeowner residence to alleviate a safety and emergency living condition and situation.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

CDBG is targeted according to need, not necessarily geographic location. The City of Sparks uses its Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to develop community development priorities and utilizes CDBG funding to implement improvements in HUD-designated low and moderate income (LMI) areas. The City of Sparks highest concentration of low income and minority concentration is the West-end of the Sparks community and the City of Reno border to the north, Oddie Boulevard to the north, Interstate I-80 to the south and Prater Way to the east. However, income qualified individuals and households as determined by HUD income guidelines are eligible for participation and assistance in the City of Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Program citywide.

HOME funding are allocated based on housing need and are used throughout the Consortium's geographic area to support development of affordable housing.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Sparks West End	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The City of Sparks, City of Reno and the Washoe County HOME Consortium do not allocate funds on a geographical basis. However, CDBG funds that are used for area-wide projects are spent in geographical areas that have predominantly low- and moderate-income families. For housing, every effort is made to ensure housing options are available in a variety of neighborhoods, including a range of economic and racial/ethnic compositions. Although numerous needs are typically identified within the community, limited human and financial resources make it necessary to prioritize housing, economic development, and community development projects that will have the biggest impact on the community and to optimally leverage the scarce resources. Projects are therefore distributed throughout the community and serve a broad population of clients. Projects undertaken in low-income neighborhoods are intended to improve quality of life through reinvestment in, and removal of, blighting conditions and through the availability of affordable, high-quality living opportunities. Housing dollars are prioritized for residents most in need and within corridors designed to facilitate reasonable access to services.

### **Discussion**

As mentioned, CDBG funding is targeted based solely on prioritized need and opportunity, without the

practice of targeting any specific location within the city.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Through a regional partnership led by the City of Reno, there is a growing emphasis on supporting programs that rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, programs that demonstrate success in moving people into housing and programs that can help households maintain housing while acknowledging the dearth of housing available to such households. As a result, both emergency shelter operations and a re-housing program will be funded through regional partnerships during the program year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	40
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	40

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

The City of Sparks anticipates supporting homeless clients through the contributions to the Community Assistance Center (CAC) which is a joint venture and initiative from partner jurisdictions and social service agencies. **The City of Sparks will no longer be administering its Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan and Emergency Repair Grant Programs, due to capacity limitations.**

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

This section outlines actions that the Reno Housing Authority (RHA) which is the regional housing authority that serves City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County; has planned during the 2020 Plan Year to address the needs of public housing and to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The Housing Authority of the City of Reno (RHA) serves the region by providing affordable rental housing and administering the Housing Choice Voucher and tenant-based rental assistance program. RHA owns and operates over 750 Public Housing units; 285 of these units are designed for seniors and persons with disabilities. RHA administers 2,724 Housing Choice Vouchers to low-income residents, 255 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers, along with 27 moderate rehabilitation units. RHA has been able to maintain and make improvements to its Public Housing units through the Capital Fund program. In addition, RHA has a variety of other multi-family housing units and over 160 scattered site single family homes. RHA is a model housing authority, having earned “high performer” status from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD inspections of RHA’s eight public housing properties consistently result in high performing scores.

Additionally, there is an ongoing effort of implementing the Northern Nevada Veterans House which when completed is anticipated to house approximately 96 veterans.

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

RHA has a long history of providing self-sufficiency services to clients, including the Family Self Sufficiency, Individual Development and Empowerment Account (IDEA), and other homeownership programs. The City of Sparks actively partners with RHA to continue to explore additional affordable housing development opportunities. RHA promotes ongoing resident activities, including year-round youth programs at the family sites and regular Resident Council meetings at all public housing sites. RHA solicits input from residents at each of the Resident Council meetings regarding improvements within their complex and future resident activities. Resident service contracts are executed with residents to help maintain certain aspects of their complex. The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County HOME Consortium frequently partner with RHA to implement housing programs and projects, including an Economic Development Initiative, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and HOME-funded development projects. The RHA is one of 39 housing authorities across the country participating in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Moving to Work (MTW) program. MTW allows agencies to propose and test innovative, locally-designed approaches to administering housing

programs and self-sufficiency strategies. Using MTW flexibility, RHA proposes and implements alternatives to certain federal regulations which are spelled out in an agreement between HUD and the agency.

**If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

Not applicable.

**Discussion**

Please see above discussions.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (NNCoC) continues to provide much needed permanent supportive housing in the community. RAH meetings, public forums, and strategic planning activities all focused on increasing awareness of homelessness and housing first strategies among service providers. As a result, chronic homelessness is now referenced in the Washoe County Human Services Strategic Plan in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada/State of Nevada Grants Management Unit prioritization and assessment reports.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County continue to pool funds to support shelter operations. Staff will continue to support activities at the CAC and work to build collaborations between housing and service providers to increase the supply of supportive housing in the community.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Through WCHC housing priorities, developers are encouraged to incorporate supportive services for individuals recovering from homelessness into a portion of the funded units.

#### **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**

For the homeless, there are several aggressive, regularly scheduled outreach activities that take place each week for persons living on the street through the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (the MOST Team), a local partnership between mental health and law enforcement agencies, and the Veterans' Administration Health Care for Homeless Veterans program. Once outreach occurs, persons will be connected immediately to the most appropriate resources based upon individuals' unique needs. All outreach activities will be conducted with resources that can immediately provide either a direct service or connection to appropriate resources. For example, transportation will be offered to assist individuals in accessing medical care, shelter, food, clothing, Washoe County Social Services, and other mainstream resources. If a need is identified during the outreach episode that cannot be addressed immediately,

case management and follow up will occur to ensure the individual receives the services they need in a timely manner.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

Preventing homelessness in Washoe County is especially difficult due to the limited stock of affordable housing units and properties that accept Section 8 assistance with respect to the community's need. The region's primary strategy is to increase the number of affordable units constructed with HOME and CDBG assistance. CoC members have worked to decrease homeless persons' length of stay in emergency or transitional housing, while implementing processes to support transitions to permanent rather than experiencing a relapse into street homelessness, and to increase the income of chronically homeless individuals to assist in the transition to permanent housing and independent living. To achieve this objective, Coc members have evaluated admission and discharge policies of existing programs to determine barriers to stay for chronically homeless participants. Efforts have also been undertaken to implement the SOAR program in earnest and improve the ability of workers to assist their clients to access Social Security Disability as well as Food Stamps and Medicaid.

## **Discussion**

Please see above.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

- This section outlines the actions planned to remove or eliminate any barriers to affordable housing.

### **Actions it planned 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**

In early 2016, the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County released a draft of its HUD required Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The updated AI contains a revised Fair Housing Action Plan (FHAP) to address identified impediments. The findings and actions planned to mitigate impediments are summarized below.

Research for the AI included:

- Demographic patterns including racial and ethnic segregation and concentrated areas of poverty, housing patterns, including the provision of publicly assisted housing;
- Land use regulations and zoning ordinances that affect the siting and types of housing;
- Access to housing and community amenities by residents with disabilities; and
- Enforcement of fair housing laws and fair housing resources in the region.

The analysis found that zoning codes and land use regulations of the jurisdictions do not create significant barriers to housing choice. The code review found only minor recommendations for improvements. In sum, zoning and land use regulations be amended to reduce remaining barriers by:

City of Reno:

- Improving the definition of family to avoid distinctions based on the relation of the household members; instead focus on the “functional aspects of a family relationship.”
- Ensuring that planned unit development regulations do not specifically exclude group homes.

City of Sparks:

- \* Incorporating elements of the old zoning and land use code that gave special attention to accessible

housing in the discussion of special permit approval into the current code.

Washoe County:

\* Improving the definition of family to avoid distinctions based on the relation of the household members; instead focus on the “functional aspects of a family relationship.”

The 5 impediments to fair housing choice identified in the AI are:

- Persons with disabilities have difficulty obtaining reasonable accommodations in housing
- Limited availability of public transit and inaccessible infrastructure create access barriers for persons with disabilities
- Affordable rental housing is lacking
- There is a lack of public engagement in fair housing
- Housing in lower income areas is in poor condition, often because absentee landlords fail to maintain their properties
- Some homeowners’ associations and landlords engage in discriminatory practices

In addition, securing water availability and funding to extend public transit were identified as two of the highest priority issues to be addressed. Densities in many high opportunity and future growth areas are restricted because of water constraints, municipal service, and fiscal concerns.

**Discussion:**

Additionally, The City of Sparks, City of Reno, Washoe County and local stakeholders are engaged in ongoing discussions and planning initiatives that represents a collaborative effort of many partners in understanding current housing conditions and future housing needs in our community.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Other policy actions and programs to assist low-income households in the region are discussed below.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City of Reno will continue to play a leadership role as the lead agency of the WCHC and the City of Sparks is a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) in coordinating housing and service provision for the region, including mitigating homelessness. The City will be proactive in identifying and applying for additional public and private resources to meet underserved residents. City leadership has been and will continue to work closely with the private sector to increase their understanding of the greatest needs in the region and find creative public-private partnerships to address needs. In addition, staff will continue to hold workshops to assist homeless households with housing applications, work closely with RAAH and the CAC to develop appropriate programming at homeless shelters, and expand client resources and educate city leaders on the housing and community development needs in the region. Collaboration with non-profit service providers and especially Washoe County Social Services will continue to be a priority in identifying and meeting underserved needs.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Projects that support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the region will continue be a priority. During Program Year 2, FY 2021-2022, The City of Sparks (i.e. Greyhaven, 36-unit affordable housing development on Greyhaven Lane in the City of Sparks) is in the early stages and was entitled in June of 2020. In addition, the Nevada Housing Division continue to play a significant role in the identification of housing trends, needs, and mechanisms to develop and maintain affordable housing opportunities.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City of Reno, City of Sparks and WCHC will continue to ensure that all housing projects funded with CDBG and HOME funds will comply with the revised Federal guidelines regarding notification and abatement requirements. WCHC requests for funding will require developers to sign Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Certifications and Assurances and that renovation firms be certified under the EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and trained in lead-safe work practices.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Past actions to address poverty will be continued. The City of Reno and City of Sparks will commit the maximum amount of allowable CDBG public service funds toward the operations of the CAC to help meet the needs of families and individuals in poverty. Continued collaboration with RAAH will focus

on reducing the number of poverty-level families. HOME dollars will be prioritized to housing projects that serve extremely and very low-income households.

**Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County HOME Consortium staff will continue to be part of and support RAAH. Additionally, The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County HOME Consortium will also support the activities of the Reno Housing Authority as needed.

**Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

Please see above.

**Discussion:**

Please see above.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

The City of Sparks has received approximately \$41,494.13 of revolving loan program income, loans repaid and reinvested into the community, through more Housing Repair Loan projects.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	41,494
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>41,494</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

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## Attachments



