



**CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND  
EVALUATION REPORT  
(CAPER)**

**JULY 1, 2022 to JUNE 30, 2023**

**MEMBER OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM**

## **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 Livermore's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 identifies the Federal, State, and local funding sources allocated by the City to address the priorities established in the five-year FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for the Alameda County HOME Consortium which the City of Livermore is a member jurisdiction. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires entitlement jurisdictions to complete a five-year Consolidated Plan and CAPER report to receive federal funding. The City of Livermore's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation for FY 2022-2023 is \$383,624 and \$152,413 of HOME funds through the Alameda County HOME Consortium.

The City of Livermore received an allocation of Cares Act CDBG-Covid funding during the third round. Allocations to programs to provide emergency response to address homelessness, food security and medical response to COVID 19 were provided to the following subrecipients in FY 2022-2023:

Open Heart Kitchen: Prepare and provide meals to seniors that need to maintain social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the program year they provided single serve to-go meals to 303 Livermore Seniors.

The City re-opened the Multi-Service Center on September 1, 2022. With CDBG entitlement funds from the City of Livermore and the City of Pleasanton, along with additional local funds from the City of Livermore, the Multi-Service Center improvements included 3 new office areas for the local non-profit organization CityServe of the Tri-Valley, new flooring, paint, and HVAC system. CityServe's main office, also referred to as the Care Center, is a drop-in center for Tri-Valley residents in need. It has 3 private offices for staff and 6 care coordination stations to serve the Community. The second office space constructed for CityServe is called the Serve Center, and it is designed to support the volunteer programs and community engagement for the organization. It also includes a conference room for to help with the planning of outreach events and programs. And finally, a small private office was built for the managers to use, as needed, for collaborative conversations. From September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, CityServe of the Tri-Valley was able to provide care sessions to 284 Livermore residents, and 120 Pleasanton residents at the Multi-Service Center. Additionally, they answered 6002 phone calls for services during the same period. The center provides dignified space for those in need to come and access multiple providers all in one building.

To leverage federal Public Service, the City allocated \$209,000 of local Housing In-Lieu funds, \$80,000 of Social Opportunity Endowment funds, and \$20,000 in General Funds to agencies that provide various housing and social services activities for low-income Livermore residents. A total of \$230,585 in General Funds were allocated to subsidize the operation of the Livermore Multi-Service Center, which houses

agencies that provide services to low-income residents of the Tri-Valley and support services for unhoused neighbors.

**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
Public Facilities	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$800,000	Other	Other	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Services	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$330,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1986	1514	76.23%	300	661	220.33%
Rental Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$630,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	87	82	94.25%	18	32	177.78%

**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.**

To meet Livermore's Consolidated Plan goals, the City expended FY 2022-2023 CDBG entitlement funds in the amount of \$333,969 to support the following programs. The information listed within each goal represents the accomplishments that the agencies have achieved with the City's CDBG allocation.

**Goal:** Support and develop a continuum of housing resources that will increase access for low-income,

seniors and disabled persons.

**Goal:** Provide assistance to persons or households who are on the verge of becoming homeless and those who are currently experiencing homelessness.

- The Abode Services Tenant Based Rental Assistance program provided case management and housing support services to 18 households during the program year and placed 9 of those households into housing.
- The Tri Valley Haven's Tenant Based Rental Assistance program provided case management and housing support services to 23 households and placed all households into housing.

**Goal:** Support a wide range of services that increase or maintain stability for limited English-speaking persons, persons with disabilities, youth, seniors, at-risk persons or households, and other underserved populations.

- Open Heart Kitchen's Senior Meal Program provided nutritious meals to 416 seniors.
- Spectrum Community Service's Livermore Meals on Wheels program provided nutritious meals and wellness checks to 245 seniors in the program year.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	432
Black or African American	29
Asian	85
American Indian or American Native	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
American Indian/Alaskan Native and White	3
Other/Multi Racial	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>693</b>
Hispanic	110
Not Hispanic	583

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

### Narrative

While the race of families assisted with CDBG funds in FY 2022-2023 is generally representative of the City of Livermore's overall population, more work is needed to increase the accessibility and availability of services for Hispanic and Latino community members, who make up over 20% of Livermore's population. Some of the actions the City is currently taking include increasing the language accessibility of its services and resources and conducting targeted outreach as part of its grant priority setting process.

## 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	383,624	333,969

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City-wide	100	100	Other

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

## **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.**

The City leveraged our CDBG entitlement with \$493,310 of other local funding sources to provide additional capital and public services grants to agencies that assist low-income persons and families throughout Livermore. Awards totaling \$209,000 of local Housing In-lieu funds helped address housing, homeless prevention, and homeless service needs identified in the Consolidated Plan by supporting the Alameda County Impact program, Outreach and Crisis Stabilization services for people experience homelessness, and emergency shelters for domestic violence victims and people experiencing homelessness. Awards totaling \$80,000 of Social Opportunity and Endowment Funds supported seven public services programs that helped increase or maintain stability for low-income and underserved populations by providing counseling and food services, support and legal services for seniors, housing services for people with disabilities, and child abuse intervention services for children and their families. Awards totaling \$20,000 of General Fund were provided one public service programs for homeless related services. An award totaling \$184,310 of capital funds from the Human Service Facility Fee Fund was used to help Axis Community Health acquire a new medical, dental, and behavior health facility site in Livermore which will is expected to serve 5050 low-income families per year.

The CDBG funds were leveraged to support \$177,413 of federal HOME funding for two tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) programs to prevent households from experiencing homelessness.

The City also provided approximately \$230,585 of General Funds to the operation of the Multi-Service Center, which is a City-owned building that provides offices for non-profit services providers and helps address the need for increasing access to critical services.

In addition, the City leveraged \$325,717 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funds from the County and State to provide crisis intervention services for people experiencing homelessness. The City continues to work through the development process on several land banked sites that were secured through the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and the City's former Redevelopment Agency to address housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan by developing a continuum of housing resources for low-income households, seniors, and people with disabilities.

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	18	32
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City is addressing the lack of affordable housing by supporting and funding the development of new construction and the rehabilitation of affordable rental housing developments targeting households with incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median income (AMI). The City also funds nonprofit organizations for implementing programs that help community members access and maintain affordable housing. The City also prioritizes the development of units and implementation of housing programs that address the needs of priority groups, including individuals with disabilities, transitional



age ("TAY") youth, large families, domestic violence survivors, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness. Through its Livermore Housing First initiative, the City is focused on developing permanent housing opportunities for community members experiencing homelessness. The City also continues to support and further explore the provision of emergency and transitional housing for these community members.

In FY 2022-2023, MidPen Housing completed construction of the Avance project, a 44 unit, services enriched affordable housing development for persons with developmental disabilities. There are currently 3 City funded affordable housing projects under various stages of development that will provide affordable units to a range of target populations, including large families people experiencing homelessness, and seniors.

The City also promotes affordable homeownership for low and moderate-income households through the City's mortgage assistance and Below Market Rate (Inclusionary) purchase programs.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

The need for affordable housing has never been greater and the City continues to use its local financial resources and regulatory tools to produce affordable housing opportunities. The City continues to work through the development process on several land banked sites that were secured through the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and the City's former Redevelopment Agency (dissolved by the State in 2011). The City's Inclusionary Ordinance, first adopted in 2000 and updated most recently in 2021, generates both affordable units and fees for the development of affordable housing, but production/revenue is based on private residential development activity in the City. The City also continues to review new policy options to encourage and facilitate the production of affordable units. Several of the projects in the City's development pipeline aim to support homeless individuals and those populations who are at greatest risk of displacement.

In financing collaborations with non-profit affordable housing developers, the City anticipates adding 293 affordable housing units through 3 projects currently under development. In addition to creating new housing units for persons experiencing homelessness, the Vineyard Housing and Services project, which is currently under construction and estimated to complete in October 2023, will expand an existing food and homeless services site to provide critical infrastructure for addressing the City's affordable housing and human services related strategic plan goals. Through a Family Homelessness Challenge Grant award from the State of California, the City is collaborating with the Livermore Housing Authority to develop a supportive bridge housing program for unhoused students and their families at Leahy Square Apartments which is anticipated to start leasing in September 2023.

**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.**

<b>Number of Households Served</b>	<b>CDBG Actual</b>	<b>HOME Actual</b>
Extremely Low-income	24	0
Low-income	8	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 7 – Number of Households Served**

### **Narrative Information**

The City of Livermore’s CDBG-funded activities targeted the most economically vulnerable members of our community, with 100% of the people served being extremely low-income (making less than 30% of the area median Income) and low-income (making between 30% and 80% of the area median 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**

The City continues to work closely with the neighboring jurisdictions in the Tri-Valley Region to assess partnering opportunities for funding. The Tri-Valley cities (Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin). The City has also adopted the Home Together Plan, which is a community-wide plan for Alameda County which lays out the goals, strategies and investments needed to dramatically reduce homelessness by 2026 and reverse racial disparities in homelessness through fully centering equity.

Due to ongoing concerns within the Livermore community regarding homelessness, the City Council formed a Subcommittee on Homelessness to develop a Strategic Framework to address short, medium, and long-term strategies. Subcommittee activities included a series of community meetings with presentations from experts and service providers to expand the community dialogue around homelessness issues and to discuss potential program strengths, challenges, and resources for the short, medium-, and long-term strategy areas.

During this program year, the City also continued to support a variety of programs to provide an immediate impact for unhoused neighbors. The programs include a regional crisis intervention service program and other Livermore only programs such as shower and laundry services, trash service, and bio-hazard clean-up services. The City also funded multiple providers, including Abode Services, CityServe, and Open Heart Kitchen, to provide a number of homeless outreach services such as meal provision, mobile health, and housing navigation. The City and providers regularly survey and solicit feedback from unsheltered community members regarding what services are most needed.

The 2022 HUD mandated bi-annual Point in Time Count indicates the City reduced homelessness by 8% compared to the 2019 count. The reduction in homeless is a result of implementing the City's short, medium-, and long-term strategies to reduce and end homelessness.

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count included a survey in English and Spanish on the needs and barriers of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The survey included 88 individuals experiencing homelessness.

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

The City of Livermore continues to use local funds to support Sojourner House, the only homeless shelter in the Tri-Valley that accepts families and single men with children. Sojourner House has 16 beds, operates year-round, and allows stays of up to six months. During this program year, Sojourner House served 22 Livermore residents.

The City also allocated In-Lieu funds to Tri-Valley Haven for domestic violence housing services at Shiloh House. This shelter provides confidential emergency shelter and domestic violence case management and counseling services to women and children survivors of family violence. The Haven provides these programs in addition to a crisis line that is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. During this program year, Shiloh served 173 Livermore residents.

Given the need for non-congregate shelters during extreme weather events, the City obtained an \$80,000 County grant for the Winter Shelter Relief Program, which provides emergency motel shelter for medically vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. This program served 38 clients.

The City is also working with the Livermore Housing Authority and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to design a new transitional housing program for unhoused families, described below, that will address local need for patient supportive bridge housing for families experiencing homelessness.

**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**

The City continues to provide HOME and CDBG funding to nonprofit agencies implementing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs that provide case management and mental health services to homeless adults, families, and domestic violence survivors at risk of homelessness for up to 24 months. HOME funds pay for rental assistance and CDBG funds are used for case management services and project delivery cost.

The City also uses local funds to provide housing counseling and crisis stabilization services that provide low-income individuals and families with critical resources and case management to help avoid losing their housing.

The City also continues to expand Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) through affordable housing development projects in Livermore. In addition to creating new housing units for persons experiencing homelessness, the Vineyard Housing and Services project will expand an existing food and homeless services site to provide critical infrastructure for addressing the City's strategic plan goals. It will also

operate a Winter emergency shelter after construction is completed in 2023.

Alameda County is a “housing first” Continuum of Care and is working with a number of publicly funded institutions of care to ensure that persons are not discharged into homelessness. All funded programs prioritize finding clients permanent housing as quickly as possible without any clinical pre-conditions. The Realignment Housing Program has housing specialists work with persons in the County jail on their housing needs prior to their release date and is funded by Alameda County Probation Department to rapidly rehouse those who are or could become homeless. It also participated actively in the Youth Transitions Planning partnership funded to ensure that no transitional age youth aging out of foster care exits to homelessness.

The Alameda County HOME Consortium has also expanded resources for families experiencing homelessness. While families make up only a smaller share of the Point-In-Time Count, they made up 22% of homeless people served by the housing crisis response system over the course of the year. This difference indicates that family stays in homelessness may be shorter than for unaccompanied adults and that our system resources are better matched to the needs of families.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The City continues to support a variety of homeless programs and initiatives. The City Council has made Homelessness and Affordable Housing a Council priority and adopted the Home Together 2026 Implementation Plan to dramatically reduce homelessness, centering racial equity, in Alameda County.

In addition, the City continues to leverage funding for Crisis Intervention Services, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, the Street Medicine program, and funding for the Tri-Valley Haven shelters.

The City secured a Family Homelessness Challenge Grant from the State of California that will allow the Livermore Housing Authority (LHA) to set aside vacant units at their properties for unhoused families and to provide patient, linguistically accessible, and trauma-informed supportive services to help program participants permanently escape homelessness. The City and LHA are working closely with staff from the Livermore Valley Unified School District and homeless services providers to ensure the program meets the needs of unhoused families in Livermore and limits returns to homelessness.

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

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

The Housing Authority of the City of Livermore (LHA) owns and manages 167 units of affordable housing (including seven transitional units for households transitioning out of homeless and domestic violence shelters), and hundreds of Housing Choice Vouchers.

Given the significant number of LHA affordable housing units and vouchers, it is LHA's goal to improve the quality of life of its residents while maintaining an efficient and effective operation of its properties by providing supportive services and/or referrals to services for LHA-owned units on-site and developing a long term-capital improvement and/or rehabilitation plan for all LHA properties to ensure that LHA units remain safe, sanitary, and of good quality. The City of Livermore and LHA have coordinated to conduct multilingual surveys of public housing residents to learn more about what social services and activities are needed and are working with local nonprofits and foundations to increase the resources available at LHA sites in response to the survey findings.

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

HUD requires that all Housing Authorities establish a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) for the purpose of soliciting input and feedback on the Housing Authority's required Five Year and Annual Plan from residents of its public housing and participants of its Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV). LHA considers all its public housing residents and HCV participants as members of the Resident Advisory Board.

There are two parts to the HA Plan: The Five-Year Plan, which each PHA submits to HUD once every 5 years, and the Annual Plan, which is submitted to HUD every year. LHA staff presents its Five Year and Annual Plan to its RAB members for review and feedback regarding LHA policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting their local housing needs and goals. Additionally, the LHA and City of Livermore are working together to identify ways to assist HCV participants enrolled to pursue homeownership opportunities and access the City's affordable homeownership programs.

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

Not applicable: The Livermore Housing Authority is currently designated as a high performing agency.

## **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)**

It is the policy of the City of Livermore to evaluate local zoning laws and policies that may affect fair housing choice (e.g., minimum lot size requirements, restrictions on second units, density limitations, etc.). The City's Development Code uses a wide variety of zoning districts, including Form-Based Code Transect zones and Planned Development zones, allowing a large amount of flexibility. A greater number of zoning districts now permit a variety of density ranges, multiple-family dwelling types, and mixed-use developments. This range of development standards provides greater opportunities, through flexibility, for the development of housing for all income levels.

The City's secondary dwelling unit regulations permit second units in all single-family residential districts in conjunction with a single-family dwelling. The allowance of secondary dwelling units provides ample opportunities for the development of small rental units which are typically used for low-income individuals and families, seniors, and the disabled.

In accordance with State law, the City also provides density bonuses to qualified new housing projects that designate certain ratios of their total units as affordable to lower-income households and seniors.

In March 2023, the City Council adopted the updated Housing Element for the planning period of 2023 through 2031. The Housing Element of the General Plan includes goals, policies, and programs to both affirmatively further fair housing and produce the housing necessary to meet the City's regional housing needs allocation (RHNA).

The City of Livermore has given priority to the implementation of affordable housing programs and developments that address the housing needs of special groups, including individuals with disabilities, emancipated youth, low-income families, seniors, and the provision of emergency and transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness. The City has implemented the following policies to address barriers to affordable housing:

- Encourage residential projects constructed within the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan Area to include 3-bedroom units to accommodate large families.
- Require developers to construct a fully equipped, low-income ground floor unit for non-ambulatory individuals with disabilities in rental projects of 20 units or more.
- Establishment of Housing In-Lieu Fees for the development of affordable housing targeting low-income households.
- Requiring first-floor units of multi-family rental developments to have accessible disabled units built to state/federal disability standards.

- Reduced parking requirements for senior and disabled housing developments in compliance with State law.
- Continued support of existing emergency shelters and to promote the development of low-cost and transitional housing to facilitate the transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

Adopting the State of California definitions of emergency shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing uses, and identifying suitable areas where these uses will be permitted.

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

Livermore continues to take critical steps to mitigate the market and government factors that constrain the development of affordable housing in the City. To this end, the City adopted an inclusionary housing ordinance to maximize housing options for low-income persons by increasing the number of affordable homeownership opportunities and to include designated units for families and individuals with special needs. These projects focus on persons that are lower-income, homeless, senior, or disabled. The City regularly leverages its In-Lieu funds with CDBG, HOME, local Social Opportunity Endowment funding, the California Housing Assistance Program, and California Housing Down Payment Assistance Program from the state to provide mortgage, down payment, and closing cost assistance.

Each year the City has supported ECHO Housing counseling services with funding from local or federal sources of funding. In FY 2022-2023, ECHO assisted 240 Livermore households in its efforts to eliminate barriers to affordable housing, including 164 fair housing counseling sessions, 12 Homebuyer Education Workshops, and 112 tenant/landlord mediation counseling sessions. 80% of the households fell within the extremely low, or low AMI limits. ECHO also conducted fair housing audits on 11 apartment complexes in Livermore and a systemic audit of the region that included the City of Livermore.

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

If lead-based paint hazards come to the attention of the city, Neighborhood Preservation staff will respond and determine if there is presence of lead, and if abatement is needed, by a third-party specialist who is hired by the property owner. Alameda County Healthy Homes is also available to assist in responding to owners or tenants who are referred for lead or mold testing prior to the abatement.

Once Neighborhood Preservation staff determines abatement is needed, they will refer to the California Health and Safety Code(s) to issue a citation to the property owner if the lead contaminated area is not properly abated in a timely manner.

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

The City leveraged our CDBG entitlement with \$493,310 of other local funding sources to provide additional capital and public services grants to agencies that assist low-income persons and families throughout Livermore. Awards totaling \$209,000 of local Housing In-lieu funds supported the Alameda



County Impact program, Outreach and Crisis Stabilization services for people experience homelessness, and emergency shelters for domestic violence victims and people experiencing homelessness. Awards totaling \$80,000 of Social Opportunity and Endowment Funds supported seven public services programs that helped increase or maintain stability for low-income and underserved populations by providing counseling and food services, support and legal services for seniors, housing services for people with disabilities, and child abuse intervention services for children and their families. Awards totaling \$20,000 of General Fund were provided one public service programs for homeless related services. An award totaling \$184,310 of capital funds from the Human Service Facility Fee Fund was used to help Axis Community Health acquire a new medical, dental, and behavior health facility site in Livermore which will is expected to serve 5050 low-income families per year. The City also provided approximately \$230,585 of General Funds to the operation of the Multi-Service Center, which provides offices for non-profit services providers.

The City is working with neighboring jurisdictions (Dublin and Pleasanton) on a regional approach to build infrastructure and capacity for Tri-Valley services providers. This includes updating the 2011 Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment, collaborative meetings with core safety net providers to coordinate services, identify needs, and support in leveraging funds.

The City participates in the EveryOne Home Continuum of Care and the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless meetings to ensure the East County needs are considered.

Livermore is also participating in All In Alameda County, which is a regional partnership that collaborates with community leaders, County Agencies, Industry and Sectors, and community based organizations on issues of food insecurity, community engagement and empowerment, workforce and economic development, school readiness, and ensuring children, youth, and families have adequate support for equitable and sustained health and wellbeing.

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

The City collaborates with over 40 nonprofit organizations whose activities are related to the provision of affordable housing and providing support and safety-net services to low-income residents of the City of Livermore.

In addition to receiving funding from Livermore, many of the agencies receive funding from the neighboring cities of Dublin and Pleasanton. Realizing that all three jurisdictions mutually support a majority of the 40 agencies, the cities continue to work together on many issues that impact the region. The Human Services and Housing Commissions from the cities meet jointly at times to discuss the needs of our community members and how the Cities can apply our limited resources.

Additionally, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin hold joint CDBG application kick-off meetings, have a similar streamlined application process, and hold a CDBG Grantee Information Workshop.

In FY 2022-2023 the Housing and Human Services Grant Request for Proposals and Application hearing was advertised in both Spanish and English newspapers. All public hearing notices for the CDBG Action Plan and CAPER were dually advertised in the local English and Spanish newspapers.

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

Non-profit developers, For-profit developers and lenders have assisted the City in the development of affordable housing. For-profit developers have provided affordable housing for individuals with disabilities, single-family, and multi-family housing units in compliance with the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and using City-issued bond proceeds.

The City of Livermore is a member of the Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee comprised of cities in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In addition to Livermore, the participating jurisdictions include the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Town of Danville. The Committee has collaborated on multiple projects help renters, homebuyers, and developers find and provide affordable housing.

The City of Livermore also partners with other cities and agencies like the Livermore Housing Authority to design multijurisdictional and collaborative housing programs.

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

In 2020, the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing was completed. Because HUD encourages jurisdictions to work regionally to identify and address fair housing issues, Alameda County, along with cities in the County, collaborated to prepare a report that analyzed fair housing on a regional and local level. The report contains elements that include basic demographics, employment, and housing data for the Consortium jurisdictions, identification of fair housing impediments, an assessment of current fair housing program and activities, as well as recommendations to further support fair housing.

The report's findings illustrate the continued need for affordable rental and ownership housing opportunities for low-income households and people of color. Private sector constraints include the inaccessibility of credit in the private market to lower-income households and people of color. Several jurisdictions, including Livermore, have established programs with private market and public lenders to address this barrier to homebuyers. Public sector policies including availability of buildable land, zoning densities, and fee exactions also have implications on the type, availability, and affordability of housing. The City of Livermore and other jurisdictions have created policies and programs to offset these impacts on lower-income households. Finally, housing constraints exist within the private housing market for special needs populations throughout the County including elderly, persons with disabilities, homeless individuals, and limited-English speakers. Livermore will continue implementing its policies related to removing barriers to fair housing choice.

The City of Livermore is committed to ensuring that housing and social services meet the needs of a wide range of income levels and household types, are equitably provided to all community members, and that a person's income, housing tenure, or race do not create barriers to accessing the services they need. The City continues to work proactively to implement its housing goals, policies, and programs that include the removal of all barriers to housing. To achieve this goal, the City will continue partnerships with other cities in eastern Alameda County, San Ramon and Danville in Contra Costa County, and other government agencies and non-profits to continue to produce and maintain housing that is affordable for all household types and income groups.

## **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**

The City's Housing and Human Services Division annually monitors Subrecipient agencies that are recipients of Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSF) funds using the procedures and forms included in Grant Policy and Procedures Manual. When monitoring, staff members utilize a Compliance Monitoring Checklist for each project to ensure all agencies meet all local and federal requirements and appropriate records are maintained. Staff reviews each agency's programmatic, fiscal management and performance goals. This information is factored into the Human Service Commission's discussion and evaluation of the agencies' future requests for funding through the annual grant application process. The Commission also uses this information to recommend grant funding to the City Council and set strategic priorities when planning for future grant cycles.

Staff work with capital project subrecipients to ensure they are conducting proactive outreach to underrepresented businesses when soliciting bids and have fostered relationships between grantees and local workforce development partners and the Livermore Housing Authority to ensure that low-income community members are aware of job opportunities.

## **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 FY 2022-2023 performance report was made available to the public for comment from September 1 through September 15, 2023. The Draft CAPER was posted on the City's website and available at the City's Multi Service Center for review. Community members were also notified of the public comment period through an advertisement in the local English and Spanish newspapers, and through an email announcement to our Human Service Distribution list.

**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.**

The City of Livermore continues to implement new policies and redesign existing programs to help community members navigate the lingering economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including the end of the moratorium on residential evictions, and crisis support services. The City provides ongoing support for the Human Services grantees as they adapt their operations to continue providing critical safety net services, and the Emergency Rent Gap Assistance program for community members impacted by the end of the residential eviction moratorium.

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

No

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

N/A