

PY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Project Funding Applications and Recommendations

Funding Source	Funds Requested	Funding Source	Organization	Project Name	Organization Name
Public Service Projects					
CDBG	\$ 56,412	\$ 56,412	Harvest Time	Food 4 You	This organization provides food distribution to the homeless and low-income residents from the church site of Calvary Assembly of God. Harvest Time requests funding to create a paid staff position for the first time, add storage space to their existing facility, and to assist in utility and insurance costs of the program.
CDBG	\$ 61,310	\$ 61,310	Symple Equazion	Symple Soul - Work Readiness program for youth	Symple Equazion requests funding for on-site work readiness program for 10 youth aged 16 to 26 years of age. Soft skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, and non-cognitive skills will be mentored to enhance the individual's interactions and job performance. Participants will be required to complete 80 hours of in-class training and 576 hours of on-the-job training. Upon completion, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and will be provided assistance in obtaining employment. Funds will not be paid to the participants for work as income, per HUD regulations; however, with HUD approval, funds may potentially be used for supplies for the business program itself. Housing staff will work with HUD on these details.
CDBG	\$ 33,480	\$ 33,480	Alliance for Community Transformations - Valley Crisis Center Program (VCC)	Achieving Economic Stability with Survivors of Violence	Existing program is a shelter for individuals impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Org requests funding to provide first and last month's rent, assistance with classes and related materials or fees in order to gain employment to individuals residing at VCC's emergency shelter. Ten resident individuals will be served through this project: five with rent or other housing costs, and an additional five with provision of financial assistance for costs associated with gaining employment, including classes and materials.
CDBG	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project	Emergency Assistance Program	Sierra Saving Grace requests funding to provide one-time rental, mortgage, and utility assistance for a maximum of three months to homeless or low-income households at risk of homelessness. Payments will be made to the landlords, mortgage holders, or electric/gas utility company on behalf of the tenant/homeowner. Goal of the program is to prevent homelessness and enable safe, healthy living environments for residents.
CDBG	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	LifeLine CDC	Empower Loughborough Community	LifeLine CDC requests funding to expand the current program running in the Loughborough area to other apartment complexes in the Census Tract. LifeLine will partner with Merced City School District at Rivera Junior High in providing life skills, financial literacy, community garden, access to computer/internet, area job training and recruitment services to parents, and afterschool activities for the area's children. LifeLine anticipates reaching approximately 500 individuals with these resources.
CDBG	\$ -	\$ 60,000	City of Merced (or Vendor TBD)	Homeless Encampment Maintenance	The City, or vendor to be determined, will provide porta-potty restrooms and refuse/solid waste removal to approximately four existing homeless encampment sites within the city limits to maintain the sites to acceptable aesthetic and sanitary levels. Housing staff will work with HUD on eligible costs.
	\$ 196,202	\$ 256,202	Public Service TOTAL		

Housing Projects

CDBG	\$ 425,000	\$ 500,000	Sierra Saving Grace Homeless Project	Supportive Homeless Project	Acquire a 2- or 3-unit existing residence to repair/rehab, then rent to formerly homeless or at-risk individuals or families with supportive case management provided by Sierra Saving Grace. Benefits of program are 1) market-rate units are converted to supportive housing, which addresses homelessness; and 2) neighborhoods are improved by the rehabilitation of the units; 3) preserves housing, as most units need major repairs. <i>* Applied for \$425,000 - staff recommending more because additional funds are available and due to limited purchase options at the lower price.</i>
CDBG	\$ 350,000	\$ 400,000	Merced Rescue Mission	Hope for Families	Acquire a 1- or 2- unit existing residence to repair/rehab, then rent to a formerly homeless or at-risk family with children. Case management and coordination of services is provided by the Merced Rescue Mission to ensure family is successful in finding work and permanent long-term housing. <i>* Applied for \$350,000 - staff recommending more because additional funds are available and to provide broader purchase options to the program.</i>
HOME - CHDO	\$ -	\$ 599,410	TBD	HOME-CHDO projects	projects to be determined -- the city is required to set aside 15% of the annual HOME allocation for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) projects. If no other CHDO organization is certified during the 2021 program year, these funds will be allocated to Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing, the City's current/only CHDO.
HOME	\$ -	\$ 2,069,940	TBD	Affordable housing project(s) TBD	Specific projects to be determined
		\$ 775,000	\$ 3,569,350	Housing Project TOTAL	

Administrative Projects

HOME	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Project Sentinel	Project Sentinel Fair Housing	Providing Fair Housing services and outreach to the City. To combat illegal housing discrimination, Project Sentinel provides comprehensive fair housing services of civil rights enforcement (audits and complaint-based investigations) and community outreach and education. Education and outreach activities inform community members of their fair housing rights and responsibilities. These services are provided throughout the rental and homeownership process and are available to home seekers, in-place residents, and housing providers. Provision of these services will help create and maintain healthy communities and will assist the City of Merced in meeting its obligations to affirmatively further fair housing. Project Sentinel proposes to emphasize education of general housing rights to low-income tenants and housing providers (property owners, managers, property management companies).
CDBG	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	Merced County Human Services Agency	Continuum of Care - Collaborative Applicant	The purpose of the Collaborative Applicant is to act as the legal entity for the Merced City and County Continuum of Care Board and to provide administrative support. This includes completing the annual Grant Inventory Worksheet, CoC Application for funding, annual Homeless Count, HIC/PIT/AHAR reporting, grant monitoring, CoC meetings, ESG Grant Application, 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, HEARTH Regulation Implantation, Coordinated Entry System, and apply for any new funding available for homeless services.
		\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	Administrative Project TOTAL	

TOTAL \$ 3,893,552