



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item G-18

#2021-355 - Approving Submission of the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation and Review Report to HUD

Staff Contact: Amber Alvidrez

Council Agenda Memo

From: Amber Alvidrez, Community Development

Meeting Date: December 14, 2021

Subject: Approving Submission of the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Community Development Block Grant Funding to HUD.

Presenter(s): Amber Alvidrez, Community Development Administrator

Background

The Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report describes accomplishments and progress throughout the past fiscal year with Community Development Block Grant, Federal funding from Housing & Urban Development. All entitlement grantees are required to complete a 3, 4 or 5 year Consolidated Plan that is carried out by an Annual Action Plan, at the end of each fiscal year a Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) must be completed.

A public comment regarding the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report was completed, with a start date of November 14, 2021. All public comments made throughout the public comment period are recorded and will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), along with the final 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report.

The Community Development Division did not receive any written public comments.

Discussion

The Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report addresses the funds that were still in use from previous year's allocations and \$427,392 of CDBG funds that were allocated for use beginning 10/1/2020. It also identifies progress towards community development priority needs, objectives, and activities that were implemented during fiscal year 2021 as a result of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Accept the report on the Community Development Block Grant 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report.
2. Do not accept the report on the Community Development Block Grant 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the report on the Community Development Block 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the report on the Community Development Block Grant 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report.

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 Grand Island has had success in meeting goals identified in the 2019-2023 consolidated plan with the use of CDBG funds throughout the 2020 Program year below outlines activities that have contributed to each specific goal.

Goal 1: Increase Quality and Affordable housing options

Throughout the 2020 program year, the Housing Development Corporation was able to complete a Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program.

This program was able to bring 10 homes of low to moderate incomes persons in Grand Island up to City code.

Goal 2: Cultivate Small And Emerging Businesses

in 2016 a significant allocation was made to a local non profit known as Railside Downtown Business Improvement District. Railside has continued to use CDBG funds to help small businesses start up or relocate to the downtown area by offering aid in the form of Rental Assistance. This has both prompted owners of buildings downtown to renovate and aided small locally owned business to occupy recently rehabbed store fronts, while expanded their businesses. Through out the 2020 program year this program was able to provide Rental assistance to 3 new business, making the program total 13.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the City was able to restructure an Revolving loan fund which still met the same economic development project needs but the amounts requested were lowered to stretch the funding farther than originally intended. The Revolving loan fund offered small business loans to locally owned business for job creation and retention purposes to aid in economic challenges that local small businesses were facing this program was able to aid 19 small businesses.

Goal 3: Support public Services and vulnerable populations

From a past allocation By moving to a new location the Literacy Council estimated that it would be able to double the number the of clients they served although due to COVID-19 their doors had to be shut to the public for multiple months, after reopening the the Literacy Council was able to continue serving 106 previous clients and 37 new clients have been added although the new clients aided is not as high as previously expected due to COVID-19 restrictions and safety precautions, TLC continues to add new clients.

Throughout the 2020 program year the City of Grand Island was able to allocate the CDBG-CV funds to 7 different programs to aid low to moderate income persons who have been affected by COVID-19. The YMCA of Grand Island and Heartland United Way both have implemented programs that provide PPE and sanitizing items to their staff, Members of their organizations. Heartland United Way also is offereing items to other local non-profits and churches who are serving those in need, as many churches have food, clothing drives and provide monetary aid. The YWCA has expended funds to implement the Women's Empowerment Center, this program is able to aid residents within our community learn knew skills to re gain employment after COVID-19, the WEC also found that multiple community member were not proficient in digital skills and due to COVID-19 many employers required on-line interviews, the women's empowerment center also allowed a place where persons could learn new digital skills and complete job interviews with help from the YWCA staff.

Heartland United way and the Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership both expended funds from the CDBG-CV allocation in order to

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provide emergency rental, Mortgage and utility payments.

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
2019 Goal - Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
2019 Goal - Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	2	0	0.00%			
2019 Goal - Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	15	0	0.00%			
2019 Goal - Increase and Persevere Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	7	3	42.86%			

2019 Goal - Increase and Preserve Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	15	0	0.00%			
2019 Goal - Increase and Preserve Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing		Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	15	0	0.00%			
2019 Goal - Prepare, Prevent and Respond to Covid-19	Prevent, Prepare and respond to Covid-19		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	150	26045	17,363.33%	0	26045	
2019 Goal - Prepare, Prevent and Respond to Covid-19	Prevent, Prepare and respond to Covid-19		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
2019 Goal - Prepare, Prevent and Respond to Covid-19	Prevent, Prepare and respond to Covid-19		Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	99		0	99	
2019 Goal - Program Administration	Program Administration		Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			

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2019 Goal - Support Public Services for vulnerable population	Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
2019 Goal - Support Public Services for vulnerable population	Non-Housing Community Development		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	3	0	0.00%			
2019 Goal - Support Public Services for vulnerable population	Non-Housing Community Development		Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	6	12	200.00%			
2021 Goal - Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
2021 Goal - Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	2	0	0.00%			
2021 Goal - Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	15	0	0.00%			

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2021 Goal - Prepare, Prevent and Respond to Covid-19	Prevent, Prepare and respond to Covid-19		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	150	26045	17,363.33%	0	26045	
2021 Goal - Prepare, Prevent and Respond to Covid-19	Prevent, Prepare and respond to Covid-19		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
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2021 Goal - Program Administration	Program Administration		Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
2021 Goal - Support Public Services for vulnerable population	Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
2021 Goal - Support Public Services for vulnerable population	Non-Housing Community Development		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	3	0	0.00%			
2021 Goal - Support Public Services for vulnerable population	Non-Housing Community Development		Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	6	12	200.00%			
Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$35000	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0		3	0	0.00%
Provide Supportive Services for At-Risk & Homeless	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	152		0	152	

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Support Public Services for Vulnerable Populations	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$356392	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		800	0	0.00%
Support Public Services for Vulnerable Populations	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$356392	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		75	0	0.00%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

All funds provided under the CDBG program address priorities identified within the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. No activity was denoted to be a higher priority than any other activity as all activities aim to assist low-income residents of our community.

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	225
Black or African American	58
Asian	8
American Indian or American Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	295
Hispanic	77
Not Hispanic	218

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

Narrative

CDBG funds were utilized to benefit a variety of races and ethnicities. No one race was given priority over others, all programs were operated as a first come first serve basis.

The current numbers on the table above represent the clients served through out 2020.

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	452,392	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Due to COVID-19 the Community Development Division received an extension on the completion of the 2020 Annual Action Plan, due to this the 2020 program began later in the year and have not expended any of the 2020 funds to date although 427,392 is available and has been obligated to programs. Payments from the Revolving loan fund that was previously granted out in 2019 program year have started making payments back into the Revolving loan and funds will be made available for more activities.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Blight & Substandard Area #1	8	0	
Blight & Substandard Area #2			
Blight & Substandard Area #4			
Blight & Substandard Area #6			
City of Grand Island	61	0	
LMI Census Tracts	31	0	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The Table above represents funding that has been expended to date from the 2020 allocations and the Revolving loan fund program- at that this time no funds have been expended from the 2020 programs due to extensions on the submission of the Annual Action Plan.

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.

At this time the City of Grand Island does not require a local match from sub grantees although the City plans on using funds, whenever possible, to assist community groups and organizations in leveraging resources. This means the City will consider projects a priority if the CDBG funds will be used as a leverage to further secure additional funding to conduct a project on a scale much larger than would have been possible with CDBG funds alone.

In the 2020 Annual Action Plan the city allocated funds in the amount of \$198,392.00 from the to Crossroads Mission Avenue, a local men’s shelter that currently received funding from other grants, and from private donors to purchase 3 properties to shelter and provide a safe place for men currently enrolled in their daytime program. The \$198,392.00 will be matched by \$1,639,626 already raised by Crossroads to implement the acquisition of these three properties.

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	8	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	8	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

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

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

At this time the City of Grand Island is currently working on making progress towards meeting housing goals that were prioritized within the 2019-2023 consolidated Plan. This year the had to manage the expectations because of COVID-19 pandemic. The sub-recipients worked hard to ensure the safety of the homeowners and contractors to accomplish work, but ultimately due to the demand in building supplies and time to process applicants the programs did take longer than expected. The housing programs who showed progress through out the 2020 program year were funded through previous year allocations but were able to complete their programs

and assist 10 homes within Grand Island.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City of Grand Island works hard to continue progressing towards the housing goals set in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. Although the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation programs have had slow progress this program year, they generally are effective to meeting the the housing quality needs in our community, the City believes the speed of progress can be directly related to COVID-19 and there fore would fund programs similar in the future, Other directions the City has gone in the past is impletmenting a Purchase, Rehab, and Resell program. As this program purchases houses within the community and “rehab” them, which in turn aides not only LMI persons but can help the appeal of a neighborhood.

The City has yet to do so but may in the future look at neighbor hoods who have worst case houses and target areas of LMI to do specific target area rehabilitation. With the creation of the BUILD GI group the City hopes to build and maintain affordable housing options within Grand Island by creating partnerships between for-profit developers and non-profit housing service providers. The City does recognize that there is a need for affordable housing and hopes that the BUILD GI group can foster growth in this area.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	224	0
Low-income	37	0
Moderate-income	30	0
Total	10	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The information provided on the table above is a direct result of those served through the 2020 program year with the use of CDBG funds. Programs that contribute to this number are listed below:

Young Women’s Christian Association- Women’s Empowerment Center

Housing Development Corporation’s Owner occupied Rehab

Salvation Army’s- Men’s employment Readiness Program

The Literacy Council- Building Literacy Program

Central Nebraska Community action Partnership- GI cares, Emergency payments

Heartland United Way- Protect GI program(PPE) & Community Cares Program(Emergency

Payments).

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 of Grand Island allocated funds in the 2020 AAP to Crossroads Mission a local men's shelter that aids in teaching life, emotion, and employment skills to their residents enrolled in the program. Due to COVID-19 and the extension granted to submit the 2020 AAP this program has barely begun and at this time has no clients to report. Throughout this program year, the City of Grand Island did not partake in any projects that specifically targeted homelessness. The City continues to support local area Continuum of Care (CoC) by having a staff member from the Community Development Division attend the meetings. The CoC has several local agencies that serve homeless persons. The Local CoC works as a collective group to meet and conduct case coordination to better help individuals find the services best suited for them.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Grand Island did allocate funds to the Crossroads mission for their expansion of facilities that will consist of transitional housing, emergency housing and classroom/work settings for those enrolled in their programs, due to COVID -19 and the extension for a delayed submission of the 2020 plan there are not yet numbers for this program. The City of Grand Island continues does have multiple agencies such as Hope Harbor, Crossroads Mission, and Crisis Center, who provide transitional shelter while participating in programs that promote self sufficiency.

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 of Grand Island allocated previous funds to Hope Harbor who partnered with other services providers to implement a Project Connect Event, this acted as a one day event where homeless and near homeless were able to locate services in one location. The City of Grand Island works with the Local Continuum of Care and other Local non-profits to continue seeking financial help from other State and Federal Entities. Majority of the providers who participate in the local CoC follow the “Housing First Policy”, the group is equipped to discuss what services are needed and which agencies can help individuals after discharge from institutions.

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 does not experience a high number of chronic homelessness compared to near homeless. The City does participate in discussion of homelessness needs through both the regional CoC and the local CoC group.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Grand continues to support agencies such as the Hall County Housing Authority. The Hall County Housing Authority (HCHA) currently has the Public Housing Program which allows the HCHA to offer 391 apartments and scattered homes in the Hall County area at an income based rate.

The City of Grand Island continues to work with other non-profit agencies and the Hall County Housing Authority through a committee called BUILD GI which acts as a hub for housing needs.

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

The City of Grand Island continues to coordinate with the Continuum of Care (CoC) in order to partner with other non-profits to meet needs that are within the Community of Grand Island.

The City of Grand Island welcomes and encourages the participation of all of its citizens in the development of these plans and in the review of progress in implementing plan activities. The City particularly encourages involvement by low and moderate income households, individuals residing in areas targeted for program activities, minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities. In addition, residents of public housing and other assisted housing groups are encouraged to participate. We encourage local and regional institutions and other organizations including businesses, neighborhoods associations, housing developers including the hall County Housing Authority, and Community and Faith Based organizations to become involved in the planning process.

The Hall County Housing Authority is a separate public body from the City and provides all of the services to citizens for any housing choice vouchers, Section 8 programs, and public housing. The HCHA does have a full time social worker who offers free confidential social work services to the HCHA residents, the social worker assists residents by diagnosing problems, advocating for and providing referral services to individuals and families dealing with various challenges.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The City of Grand Island has no plans of Action in this specified area at this time.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City continues to seek opportunities for public input in restrictive policeis and procedures. The City of Grand Island has taken actions in the past to remove negative effects of public policies in regard to the development of affordable housing including the change of subdivision regulations to allow for narrower streets and small lots sizes, thereby reducing the cost to the developer, which could in turn foster a reduction in cost to the potential homeowners.

In regard to the CBDG funds and future plans to remove or ameliorate barriers, the City of Grand Island has partnered with other local housing agencies to form the Housing Improvement Partnership, this group works within the community to aid in the goal of obtaining affordable housing.

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

The City of Grand Island continues to find new ways to develop affordable housing and economic opportunities. The city continues to provide support to many organization within the community as well as organizations that are receiving CDBG funds. As the City continues to work with other organizations and the BUILD GI committee's Partnership begins to grow, the city will have a group well suited for meeting the goals by using activities which meet national objectives and serve the needs of developing stable neighborhoods and/or addressing housing needs of income-qualifying senior citizens.

Recently the Grand Island Area EDC And BUILD GI group were able to apply for the Nebraska Rural Workforce Housing Funds and were able to Secure \$1 million with a \$1 million match allowing a 2 million dollar program that will aid in over coming the obstacles that have been seen within our community, such as the price of infill lots, and infracstructure.

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

With prior funding the City of Grand Island funds multiple housing programs including payment assistance and owner occupied rehabilitation programs; all of which require a lead based paint inspection on all homes built prior to 1978. Homes that were built prior to 1978 are presumed or tested to have lead-based paint.

The City Of Grand Island did not directly operate any rehabilitation efforts specifically addressing lead based paint issues although Owner, Occupied, rehabilitation programs did take place during the past program year. For this reason, the Lead based Paint Guidelines which apply are those directly related to sub-recipients of CDBG funds. The following actions are included in the City's Community Development Policy and Procedures Document:

"At a minimum, sub-recipient is required to:

- a) Notify a purchaser or lessee of the presence of any known lead-based paint and/or; lead-based paint hazards;
- b) paint test surfaces to be disturbed or removed during rehabilitation for the presence of lead-based paint, or presume lead-based paint and notify the occupants of the results within 15 days of when the evaluation report is received or the presumption is made;
- c) Provide each occupied dwelling unit discussed in (a) and (b) in the preceding section with the EPA-approved lead hazard information pamphlet Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home or EPA- approved equivalent;
- d)Reduce Lead Hazards as required by the applicable subparts of Part 35(full description of Part 35 is available in the Community Development Policy and Procedures, it states the varying levels of requirements, in relation to the level of financial assistance provided0; and
- e) Perform clearance testing, including dust testing, before re-occupancy after all but minimal ("de minimis") amounts of paint disturbances."

It should also be noted that the Community Development Policy and Procedures states that "Where regulations differ, Sub-recipients are held to the stricter of the standards."

At this point and time, the City of sees the implementation and enforcement of the above guidelines as actively attempting to reduce Lead Based Paint Hazards.

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

The City continues to offer CDBG grants for Public Services to Non-profit Service providers within Grand Island. Additionally, other sectors of Grow Grand Island are working to address the needs of poverty-level families, including workforce initiatives and education initiatives. The City of Grand Island's Emergency Management Department, Police Department and Fire Department also have various programs that support poverty-level families. It is the intent of the City to continue to support these programs in its efforts to address the poverty needs.

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

The City of Grand Island Continues to work closely with community partners through the local and regional Continuum of Care groups. The City continues to support agencies such as the Salvation Army, Hope Harbor, Housing Development Corporation and Hall County Housing Authority. With these Partnerships, the City Continues to make progress towards providing services to vulnerable populations. Although current progress in serving homeless or poverty stricken persons is achieved through these partnerships as each agency offers different expertise. The City has also worked closely with the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation (GIAEDC). The GIAEDC was able to fund and complete the current Housing Study for the City the Grand Island. This allowed the City and partnering agencies to continue progress in addressing the needs of homeless and poverty stricken persons within the City of Grand Island.

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

The City of Grand Island continues to participate in monthly meetings with the local Continuum of Care. The City and other non-Profit partners within the CoC continue to cooperate in finding ideas to meet the housing and residential needs within the community of Grand Island. Throughout the past couple of years the City of Grand Island and other community partners have formed a working committee called BUILD GI which now has its own LLC under the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation, this committee has housing partners from both the private and public sectors to build much needed relationships as well as to help generate funding for housing development through grants and matching funds.

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 regard to furthering affordable housing, the City continues to work towards providing for a range of housing types and densities for all economic segments of the population. The City encourages equal and fair access to housing for renters and homeowners.

The City also promotes accessibility by providing affordable housing by formulating innovative policies, regulations and practices, and establishing secure funding mechanisms and targeting affordability programs toward household with income considered low to moderate income.

In order to overcome these impediments the City Of Grand Island works towards making progress on goals that were prioritized by the City in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, which were to increase affordable housing options within the city and provide support services for neighborhoods and vulnerable populations. Progress towards goals was made by working with local partnerships such as the continuum of care, Housing Development Corporation, Habitat for Humanity and Hall County Housing Authority.

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 of Grand Island executes contracts for all CDBG activities. These contracts meet the applicable program and federal requirements. The City monitors contracts for compliance with these program requirements, including general management, performance goals, financial management, data collection, reporting, eligibility determinations, non-discrimination, fair housing, affirmative marketing, Davis-Bacon labor compliance, etc.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 85.36(e) and 84.44(b), the City will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

Community Development Division staff is responsible for monitoring program activities to assure timely use of the funds and compliance with HUD regulations and guidelines in implementing program activities under the programs. Basic tools used to accomplish this include, Contractual obligations of grant recipients which consists of a written document outlining what is expected of both sub-recipient and the City of Grand Island. Each Sub-recipient is required to complete quarterly reporting which includes the amount of clients/households/ business that have been served, progress to meeting national objective, as well as a brief explanation of progress and/ or lack of progress and updates. Every six months the Community Development Division will conduct an on-site monitoring for each sub-recipient in order to ensure that all compliances are being followed such as retention of files and financials are being kept according to contractual obligations

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 most recent version of the Citizen Participation Plan was adopted by City Council on May 26, 2020 to include all new and additional parameters as identified in regard to becoming an Entitlement Community. The Citizen Participation Plan intends to make the community aware of CDBG projects and processes, as well as to make the pathway for becoming involved with review of CDBG funding as accessible as possible. A copy of the citizen participation plan, which includes public hearing time frames and varying methods in which the Community Development Division will make information available is accessible on the City of Grand Island's

website at www.grand-island.com, under the Community Development section or available in print from the Community Development Division directly at Grand Island City Hall, 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Outside of the public hearing process, opportunities to comment on proposed plans and other documents are available to the general public and other persons affected by the activities of the programs. A notice will be published in the Grand Island Independent in English, with directions for translation in Spanish, providing 30 calendar days for the public to comment on the Citizen Participation Plan, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Plan Amendments and the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report.

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 Grand Island continues to focus on the objectives and goals that were outlined in the 2019-2023 Consolidated plan and 2019 Annual Action plan, at this time there are no changes.

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

No

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

RESOLUTION 2021-355

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2015, the City of Grand Island became an Entitlement Community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires multiple certifications in order to comply with the Community Development Block Grant Program requirements; and

WHEREAS, all grantees are required to report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) ; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division created the required document to serve under the Entitlement Program and completed a 30 day public comment per program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is hereby approves and adopts Community Development Block Grant, 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development also known as HUD; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign such certifications on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 14, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
December 22, 2021	☐ City Attorney