



CITY OF CALDWELL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2024



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Annual Action Plan
2024

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Caldwell's 2024 Action Plan is a one (1) year annual plan that provides an outline of action for the community by utilizing CDBG Funding. Since 2016, the City of Caldwell has been an Entitlement community with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

This plan, in its entirety, is to show how the City is working towards meeting the housing and community development needs of its low and moderate-income and special-needs households throughout the CDBG Program.

This Annual Action Plan serves the following functions:

- A planning document for the City that builds on a participatory process among citizens, organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders throughout the year;
- A submission for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program for jurisdictions;
- A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs and
- A management tool for assessing performance, tracking success, and determining the course of future Action Plans.

This Action Plan represents the fourth (4th) year of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan).

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items 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.

The City of Caldwell has identified three key goals that will be implemented in the 2024 Action Plan:

- **Continue to Improve Access to Affordable Housing** - Helping to improve and increase the housing stock within Caldwell.
- **Create more opportunities for Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention** - Improving access to for citizens to obtain Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Options
- **Improve the Safety and Livability within Neighborhoods** - Focusing on forming a healthy and improved community by infrastructure improvements, etc.

These goals are congruent with the goals outlined in the five (5) year Consolidated Plan and reflect the feedback from stakeholders and residents in the City. The City believes these goals will help improve the lives of all Caldwell residents, particularly those with a low- or moderate-income. These goals focus on providing assistance to residents who are the most vulnerable, lack affordable housing, are at risk of becoming homeless, and who spend a disproportionate amount of their financial resources on housing costs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Caldwell became a CDBG entitlement community in 2016 and has been implementing the CDBG funded program since then.

The City continues to emphasize increasing and improving the housing stock in Caldwell, as seen in the 2023 Action Plan. The CDBG program has been diligent in connecting to other pertinent agencies/partners this last action plan year. Because of this the City continues to make great improvements to the CDBG program with current it's projects and goals in mind.

These established partnerships are with the area non-profits, businesses, developers, stakeholders, youth and health services who are instrumental in ensuring this program is successful in improving the lives of low- and moderate-income residents in Caldwell.

The City has successfully been implementing Public Service projects in the last year. These projects are currently underway and both are assisting with Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing for Caldwell Residents. These are both integral parts to our CDBG Program and continue to provide a great need for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The City of Caldwell will have approximately \$350,000 of prior year resources at the beginning of the 2024 program year. The City will allocate this funding towards helping complete needed infrastructure improvements throughout the City of Caldwell. Previously, this funding was allocated towards a Project named Arthur St., which was creating a multi-modal bike/pedestrian pathway for residents and promoting safety and livability. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this project had taken more time than anticipated and was in the 50% design and review phase but was then suspended by the Caldwell City Council unanimously on May 21st, 2024, with Resolution 190-24.

We are also proud to have partnered with AutumnGold Affordable Housing in the acquisition of land on Elgin St in Caldwell. This activity is eligible under the acquisition of property that allows for 10 individual lots to be built and is in complete support of development for Low- to moderate-income housing.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Caldwell seeks to include the input of residents in all stages of the development of the CDBG required plans by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

{These plans are the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Progress Evaluation Plan (CAPER), 2 Public Hearing's per program year are required by HUD for this Program.}

Please see an example of the timeline outlined below that allows for the opportunity of the Citizen Participation Process:

- Notice of Public Comment Period for the Annual Action Plan to be published in the Idaho Press-Tribune in the months of June and July.
- City Council Workshop Presentation available to the Public in mid-July about the Annual Action Plan.
- 1st Public Hearing held during City Council meeting for the opportunity to receive comments from the public in Early August.
- Notice of Funds received from HUD (Usually end of July, beginning of August) for the CDBG Program Year beginning on October 1 and ending September 30.
- Notice of Public Comment Period for the CAPER to be published in the Idaho Press-Tribune in December.
- 2nd Public Hearing held for reporting on the CAPER accomplishments and for receiving comments from the public in December or January.

The City CDBG Program holds two public meetings where written and oral comments are accepted and are never rejected. The City CDBG program also is open to receiving comments year-round via the City Website. All patrons can provide feedback on any report throughout the year.

The effectiveness of this process is essential in delivering the proper services and programs to residents while ensuring that the overall direction of the work is consistent with residents' expectations and is responsive to neighborhood concerns.

The City is proud to collaborate and gather feedback from other agencies, non-profit organizations and stakeholders to encourage the participation of the citizens they work with, including low- and moderate-income residents who are the main focus of HUD-funded programs. For all citizen participation efforts, bilingual services are available for those who need or request them as per our Language Access Plan and Citizen Participation Plan requirements.

The City has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan that outlines how the City will engage the community, accept feedback and recommendations, and report on the program's progress.

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.

The City of Caldwell accepts and records all comments and views for the Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan and end-of-year CAPER.

The 2024 Action Plan did not receive any public comments, but all comments are always welcomed and accepted.

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

The City of Caldwell accepts and records all comments and views for the Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan and end-of-year CAPER.

All comments and views for the City of Caldwell are welcomed and accepted.

7. Summary

The 2024 Annual Action Plan represents the City of Caldwell's 8th year as a proud HUD CDBG entitlement community. The City continues to remain focused on listening to residents throughout the year and ensures that CDBG funds are being allocated in a way that benefits and impacts the lives of LMI (Low- to moderate-income) residents.

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	CALDWELL	Caldwell Finance Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

UPDATE AFTER COMMENT PERIOD AND COUNCIL APPROVAL

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Caldwell is situated in Canyon County, located in Southwest Idaho. As of 2024, our population has reached 69,998 residents, and we are experiencing a growth rate of 3% annually. This growth has brought about a diverse population, with a significant proportion of Spanish-speaking citizens, making up 24.99% of Caldwell's population. The CDBG program, like the City, is also expanding and generating new ideas by partnering with various coalitions, non-profits, and organizations that cater to the region. Together we coordinate different programs, events, and projects for the low- and moderate-income households from all backgrounds in the region.

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 Caldwell collaborated with various non-profit organizations and service agencies that focus on community development and housing to develop the 2024 Annual Action Plan. The City's CDBG program partners with numerous local housing providers, non-profits, health providers, service agencies, school districts, youth committees, and others.

We are proud to coordinate with the following agencies:

- Idaho Housing & Finance Association (IHFA), CoC
- Intermountain Fair Housing Council,
- Fair Housing Forum
- Idaho's Region III Housing Coalition,
- Caldwell Health Coalition,
- Western Idaho Community Health Collaborative,
- Caldwell Community Schools Advisory Committee,
- Traveling Table Food Pantry,

And more...

The City of Caldwell is actively involved in various regional committees and commissions that share similar objectives with the HUD CDBG programs. It's worth mentioning that the City maintains continuous communication and cooperation with neighboring cities, including Nampa, Meridian, and Boise, which are also CDBG entitlement communities. Our main focus is on community outreach, promoting fair housing awareness, and taking steps to prevent homelessness.

The Coalitions/Committees mentioned above consist of members from various organizations such as area hospitals, emergency management, long-term providers, mental and behavioral health providers, support services, specialty providers, public health, local and state law enforcement, fire services, school districts, public works, and volunteer groups. This approach enables the City of Caldwell to maintain a clear and consistent way of coordinating and communicating with area health initiatives, mental health, and other service agencies.

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.

The City of Caldwell is a member of **Idaho's Region III Housing Coalition**, which is a part of the **Balance of State (BoS) and Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)**. This coalition focuses on discussing solutions and approaches to combat homelessness in Idaho. **IHFA** is responsible for completing the PIT Count for the state. Recently, the **Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee (IHCC)** has been restructured and is now called the **House Idaho Collaborative (HIC)**. The **HIC** has implemented new governing structures and committees to address the issue of homelessness better.

The membership of the **Region III Housing Coalition** comprises various organizations working towards affordable housing in the state of Idaho. The **Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)** is the **Continuum of Care (CoC)** for the state, and other members include the Idaho Department of Labor, Veterans Administration, American Legion, Canyon County Habitat for Humanity, SICHA (public housing authority), WICAP, various school districts, and local CDBG entitlement communities.

The **Region III Housing Coalition** is a primary platform that brings together government, non-profit organizations, and other significant stakeholders to work hand-in-hand to tackle homelessness in the Treasure Valley.

It's worth noting that the City of Caldwell doesn't receive any funding from the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Nevertheless, the City is actively engaged in reducing homelessness by fostering awareness of homelessness prevention and implementing rapid rehousing programs through the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation.

Additionally, the City collaborates with **Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)** on different affordable housing initiatives in Caldwell, and the environmental review process being carried out on overlapping projects when they arise.

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.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) is a unique financial institution that provides affordable housing resources. **IHFA's** mission is to fund affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities where they are most needed and economically feasible. They are a self-sustaining organization that covers the cost of its operations through earned fees and revenues. Idaho Housing earns fees for the work performed and does not rely on state-appropriated funds for its operations.

IHFA also functions as an agent for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and performs a wide variety of tasks associated with financing, developing, or managing affordable housing. **Idaho Housing and Finance Association** also provides services through HUD's: HOPWA, ESG, and CoC programs.

IHFA currently contracts with HOPWA service providers throughout the State of Idaho who specialize in HIV/AIDS-related services and/or low-income rental assistance programs.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association has been designated by the **House Idaho Collaborative (HIC)** to serve as the Administrative Agency for the **Continuum of Care (CoC)**. The Administrative Agency is responsible for coordination, communication, recordkeeping, annual reporting, completion and submittal of the annual CoC program application, general program administration and oversight, monitoring, and other duties as assigned. **IHFA** is also the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead for all of Idaho. Data collected is done by the Informing Idaho Committee, formerly the DCR&E and PIT Committee. As the data collection, analysis, and reporting body, Informing Idaho coordinates with other agencies and data sources to provide a comprehensive picture of clients, services, and unmet housing needs. Committee members work in conjunction with the HMIS Lead (**IHFA**) on projects to fulfill requirements outlined by HUD including the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count.

The **House Idaho Collaborative (HIC)** is comprised of homelessness service providers, resource administrators, housing providers, state of Idaho leaders and other stakeholders whose mission is to combat homelessness. **HIC** is instrumental in the development and implementation of comprehensive statewide strategies to reduce, and ultimately end, homelessness. This response network includes emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and prevention strategies to address the various needs of people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

HIC is supported by multiple committees and regional housing and homelessness coalitions. Committee input ensures that scarce resources devoted to alleviating homelessness are maximized in communities throughout Idaho. **HIC** is responsible for coordinating and implementing a crisis response system to meet the needs of populations and subpopulations experiencing homelessness within the geographic area, consisting of Idaho's regions 1-6.

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	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTHWESTERN IDAHO COOPERATIVE HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) provides rental assistance to qualified low income families in Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington and Valley counties in Southwest Idaho. They provide rental assistance and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to low- and moderate- income residents throughout Southwest Idaho. SICHA's Mission is to provide Stability, Independence, Customer Service, Helpfulness and Accountability.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Caldwell Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Caldwell Housing Authority (CHA) provides affordable rental housing to everyone whose eligible and meets their occupancy policies. The Caldwell Housing Authority currently has 225 apartments located at Farmway Village in western Caldwell. Although other downtown apartments are in various stages of planning and development, the only units currently available are at Farmway Village. As of January 1, 2020, the housing authority has expanded its eligibility criteria and now provides Workforce Housing and Low-Income Housing to individuals and families, in addition to Farm-Labor Housing.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	New Beginnings Housing, LLC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	New Beginnings Housing, LLC is an organization that offers affordable housing options for low- and moderate-income households. They focus on providing affordable senior housing, which is in high demand. In the past, New Beginnings has worked in partnership with the City of Caldwell to build multi-family housing that is affordable for those with low to moderate incomes.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) receives funding from HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), Continuum of Care (CoC), HOME Program (HOME) and Housing and Information Management System (HMIS). The City of Caldwell works with IHFA in the distribution of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and the environmental review process.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Southwest District Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Southwest District Health (SWDH) serves the counties of Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington. Southwest District Health works in partnership with our community to identify health needs, implement programming to improve health, and participate in important community events. By implementing these community health programs that promote and encourage healthier behaviors and activities, they can motivate communities to change policy, systems, or environments, to prevent adverse health outcomes and create a healthier community for all. They provide multiple programs including but not limited to Women and Infants with Children (WIC), Tobacco Prevention, Health and Wellness Classes, Nutrition Clinics, Child/Adult Immunizations, Childcare, Youth Substance Prevention, Diabetes Prevention & Education, Senior Health & Cancer Prevention Courses and much more. The City of Caldwell continues to work with SWDH on several regional coalitions.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) provides services to eight counties in Southwestern Idaho: Adams County, Boise County, Canyon County, Gem County, Owyhee County, Payette County, Valley County, and Washington County. WICAP Program areas include Child Care, Head Start (Educational), Emergency Food Assistance, Community Services Block Grant, Energy Assistance, Senior Services, YouthROC and Project LAUNCH (a program identifying developmental & behavioral concerns in children from birth to 8 years old) and more. Like the City of Caldwell they are also involved in several of the regional coalitions and committees throughout the Treasure Valley.</p>
7	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Metro Community Services</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Metro Community Services offers assistance to senior citizens, people with disabilities, and the economically-disadvantaged in Canyon County and surrounding areas. Their mission is to provide assistance to seniors, people with disabilities, and financially limited individuals through a variety of human service programs to promote self-sufficiency and to protect dignity, safety and independence. Their many Services include Prescription Assistance, Weatherization of homes, Transportation Services, Food Security, Senior Medicare Patrol, and more. The City of Caldwell works with Metro Community Services on the Caldwell Health Coalition.</p>
8	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Idaho Foodbank</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Regional organization Food Assistance</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization. It is the largest statewide distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. The Idaho Foodbank was established in 1984 and since that time has distributed millions of pounds of nutritious food through its facilities in Lewiston, Meridian, and Pocatello. In the last fiscal year, The Foodbank provided food for 23.8 million meals to Idahoans living with food insecurity. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 440 partners including schools, food pantries, senior centers, feeding sites, shelters, mobile pantries, and churches. Recognizing the crucial connection between hunger and health, The Idaho Foodbank focuses on providing nutritious food and collaborates with community organizations to promote nutrition education, wellness resources, and healthy living. The Foodbank also operates direct-service programs that promote healthy families and communities through good nutrition and education. In Fiscal Year 2023, food for 23.8 million meals were distributed statewide with 86% of all food being nutritional serving as many as 212,922 people statewide.</p>
9	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CITY OF NAMPA</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local</p>

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City of Nampa collaborates with the City of Caldwell to develop and execute strategic plans aimed at enhancing the living standards of low- and moderate-income families in the Treasure Valley. Like Caldwell, Nampa is also a member of several regional coalitions that keep abreast of the latest developments and continue to make progress in our neighboring communities. Thanks to this invaluable effort, we are witnessing positive changes in the region.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CITY OF MERIDIAN</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local</p>

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City of Meridian collaborates with the City of Caldwell to develop and execute strategic plans aimed at enhancing the living standards of low- and moderate-income families in the Treasure Valley. Like Caldwell, Meridian is also a member of several regional coalitions that keep abreast of the latest developments and continue to make progress in our neighboring communities. Thanks to this invaluable effort, we are witnessing positive changes in the region.</p>

11	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED WAY OF TREASURE VALLEY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The United Way of Treasure Valley has helped more than 13,100 students both inside and outside the classroom. They've also provided assistance to 45,489 individuals by increasing access to preventative medical services, dental care, and mental health support. Additionally, they've helped 4,288 individuals by improving access to affordable and permanent housing. The City of Caldwell has been working closely with the United Way of Treasure Valley on various regional coalitions, including the Caldwell Health Coalition and Community Schools Strategy within the Caldwell School District.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	ADVOCATES AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Advocates Against Family Violence (AAFV) works to eliminate violence in families and homes by empowering individuals to make positive life choices through advocacy, support, education, affordable housing, awareness, and community involvement. They serve Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian, Boise and the Surrounding Treasure Valley by providing Emergency Shelter, Crisis Services and Abuse Resources 24 Hours a Day. They have outreach advocates that provide in-person classes and support groups for families who have experienced abuse.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Caldwell School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Other government - Local Services - Special Needs Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Community School Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Caldwell School District serves over 5,500 pre-school through 12th-grade students in Caldwell, Idaho through its six elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. Caldwell School District students lead in accessing courses that allow them to earn college credit through advanced placement and dual credit courses. Students also explore high-quality career technical education programs which include: agriculture, automotive, business, technology, engineering, family consumer science, health occupations, and welding. The City of Caldwell is proud to be a part of Caldwell School District's Community Schools Advisory Committee and continues to work with them through several other coalitions and boards throughout the Treasure Valley.</p>
14	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CATCH</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>CATCH (Charitable Assistance to the Community's Homeless) works to create a safe, healthy, connected community by embracing Housing First best practices, empowering those without housing, building collaborative partnerships, and increasing public understanding to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Their vision like the City of Caldwell is to help households secure stability in housing and to help those who are experiencing a current housing crisis.</p>
15	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>THE JESSE TREE OF IDAHO, INC.</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Jesse Tree of Idaho is an organization that was found 25 years ago and provides Emergency Rental Assistance, Case Management, Eviction Court Assistance, Housing Navigation, Tenant Resources and Education. 90% of all private donations go directly to emergency rental assistance and eviction court assistance for families who need it. The City of Caldwell is proud to collaborate and be a partner with Jesse Tree to help provide emergency rental assistance to some of Caldwell's most vulnerable families.</p>

16	Agency/Group/Organization	Intermountain Fair Housing Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure open and inclusive housing for all persons without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, a source of income, or disability. The IFHC attempts to eradicate discrimination through, education on fair housing laws, housing information and referral, housing counseling, and assistance with mediating and or filing fair housing complaints, among other things. The IFHC also provides education and outreach on fair housing laws and practices to housing providers and others. The City of Caldwell has partnered up with IFHC to help educate families about Fair Housing in Caldwell.

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

The City of Caldwell Intends to seek input from all types of agencies and partners to ensure the most positive outcome for our community as a whole.

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	Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)	Idaho Housing and Finance Authority (IHFA) and the City of Caldwell share a commitment to providing fair and affordable housing, preventing homelessness, and facilitating access to credit for homeownership. Together, we collaborate in various joint efforts and organizations across the Treasure Valley to support the expansion of housing options for residents.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Throughout the planning process, a range of needs, priorities, and goals are identified. The City then selects projects and activities that align with these identified priorities, needs, and goals yearly. By doing so, the City continues to make progress towards all of the goals set out in the Annual Action Plan.

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

Throughout the planning and development process, public input has been encouraged along with stakeholder engagement. We are working together with various partners and agencies at the local and regional levels to gather citizens' input. The City of Caldwell publishes information related to Public Comment Periods & Public Hearings in the newspaper of record, which is the Idaho Press Tribune.

This information, along with the CDBG Budget Summary, a Draft of the Annual Action Plan, and public notice, is also provided to citizens through the City of Caldwell's Website, & at the City Library.

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	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The CDBG program holds a City Council Workshop and Public Meeting for all residents to attend. This includes the City Councilors, Mayor, City Staff and any Citizen attendees.	Councilmembers ask questions about the overall plan and expressed their support for the Annual Action Plan and the many accomplishments CDBG has achieved in the past years.	All comments are accepted, none rejected.	

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)
2	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	N/A	All comments are received and never rejected. We have a comment participation section on our City's CDBG Website.	N/A	https://www.cityofcaldwell.org/your-government/block-grant-program
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	As a means of advertising for public participation and to show grant funding for the new grant year.	N/A	N/A	www.idahopress.com

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Caldwell has made projections for its funding allocation in the 2024 program year. Through community outreach sessions and partnerships with local organizations, the City has identified key goals and objectives for utilizing this funding to make a positive impact on various needs of Caldwell residents. To maximize the impact of the CBDG funding, the City expects its partners to make the most of the funding and implement comprehensive programs that address the community's needs.

Pre-Award costs incurred prior to the agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are allowable & accounted for with 2CFR200.458 and 24 CFR 570.200. Any Pre-Award costs incurred by projects included in the 2024 Annual Action Plan will not impact future projects or future year's funding. These incurred costs are necessary to continue the implementation of established activities

within the community.

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	439,577	0	394,982	834,559	952,044	The City of Caldwell, in collaboration with local partners, plans to utilize the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in conjunction with private, public, and grant funds. This will enable the agencies and partners to pool their resources and provide a more diverse range of services to the community. The funding allocations are based on the five-year projections from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and are subject to change accordingly.

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 City of Caldwell is not currently participating in any additional HUD programs such as HOME, HOPWA, or ESG, and is not receiving any funding from these programs. However, the projects outlined in the Strategic Plan will be implemented by external agencies and are expected to use CDBG funding to leverage their initial financial resources.

The City encourages its partners to secure other funding for projects and activities to leverage resources to the best extent possible. It is expected that affordable housing supply projects will use other local, state, federal, and/or private funds to leverage their funding. Many of the proposed projects are currently being offered by the surrounding CDBG communities of Nampa, Boise, and Meridian, and these projects are being replicated in Caldwell.

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

The City of Caldwell is committed to improving the quality of life in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and buildings. To achieve this goal, we will undertake various projects that focus on making life easier for residents who face mobility challenges. This includes upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We will also prioritize the buildout of public infrastructure, such as multi-modal paths, park upgrades, and public infrastructure improvements, to support low- to moderate-income areas. This will ensure that residents have better access to transportation and outdoor recreation facilities. Our aim is to provide all residents with equal opportunities to enjoy the benefits of living in a safe and comfortable environment.

Discussion

The City of Caldwell plans to make the most of CDBG funding by implementing comprehensive programs that address the needs of local residents. All CDBG funds will be utilized to support eligible activities in compliance with all Federal regulations.

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	Acquisition and Disposition	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Caldwell	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons	CDBG: \$30,000	Rental units constructed: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Facilities and Improvements	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Caldwell	Provide Decent Housing	CDBG: \$571,662	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2021	2025		City of Caldwell	Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons	CDBG: \$60,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	City of Caldwell	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment	CDBG: \$40,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 3 Households Assisted
5	General Administration	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Caldwell	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons	CDBG: \$87,915	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Acquisition and Disposition
	Goal Description	<p>Projects may include acquisition, demolition, and disposition of property. Caldwell generally does acquisition, disposition, and clearance activities as a way to support the creation of new rental housing and new homeowner housing.</p> <p>Acquisition</p> <p>CDBG funds may be used to acquire real property either in whole, or in part by purchase, long-term lease, donation, or otherwise for any public purpose. CDBG funds may be used under this category by the grantee; a public agency; a public nonprofit entity, or a private nonprofit entity.</p> <p>Real property to be acquired may include, but is not limited to:</p>

- Land;
- Air rights;
- Easements;
- Water rights;
- Rights-of-way; and
- Buildings and other real property improvements.

Disposition

Disposition refers to the sale, lease, and donation of real property. CDBG funds may be used to pay the costs associated with the disposition of real property acquired with CDBG funds through sale, lease, donation, or other means, including its disposition at less than fair market value if the property will be used to meet a national objective of the CDBG program.

Disposition costs may include:

- Preparation of legal documents;
- Surveys;
- Marketing;
- Financial services;
- The transfer of taxes;
- Other costs involved in the transfer of ownership; and

Reasonable costs of temporarily managing property with CDBG funds or acquired under urban renewal until final disposition is made. Costs of long-term management of properties for which there are no plans for disposition in the near future are not CDBG eligible.

Clearance

Clearance of activities are usually related to demolishing structures or preparing a site for development.

2	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>The City of Caldwell may use CDBG funds to undertake a variety of public facilities and public improvement projects. In general, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to general public.</p> <p>The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and improvements are eligible activities under CDBG and can be carried out by the City of Caldwell, a subrecipient, or other nonprofit.</p> <p>Eligible types of facilities and improvements may include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure improvements (construction or installation) including, but not limited to streets, curbs, and water and sewer lines; • Neighborhood facilities including, but not limited to public schools, libraries, recreational facilities, parks, playgrounds; and • Facilities for persons with special needs such as facilities for the homeless or domestic violence shelters, nursing homes, or group homes for the disabled. <p>Eligible costs associated with eligible activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency improvements; • Handicapped accessibility improvements (including improvements to buildings used for the general conduct of government); and • Architectural design features and other treatments aimed at improving aesthetic quality (e.g., sculptures, fountains).

3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>Public services can strengthen communities by addressing the needs of specific populations and by supporting economic development. Public services are an integral part of a comprehensive community development strategy. They can address a range of individual needs and increase CDBG dollars' impact by complementing other activities.</p> <p>Projects may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment services (e.g., job training) • Crime prevention and public safety • Child Care • Health Services • Substance abuse services (e.g., counseling and treatment) • Fair housing counseling • Education programs • Energy conservation • Services for senior citizens • Services for homeless persons • Welfare services (excluding income payments) • Recreational services <p>The City of Caldwell may allocate up to 15% of CDBG funds to public services programs that provide supportive services to low-to moderate-income persons or prevent homelessness.</p>

4	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The City of Caldwell is committed to improving and expanding access to safe and affordable housing for low-and moderate-income (LMI) residents. Affordable and safe housing helps to provide financial stability, reduces the chances of a person becoming homeless, and promotes housing sustainability.</p> <p>The City currently has a successful down payment assistance program and rehabilitation program.</p> <p>Caldwell's projects to improve housing sustainability may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeownership Assistance • Rehabilitation (single-unit residential and/or multi-family residential) • Energy efficiency improvements • Acquisition • The administrative cost for rehabilitation activities • Lead-based paint testing/abatement • Housing counseling

5	Goal Name	General Administration
	Goal Description	<p>Administering federal funds and ensuring compliance is a critical part of utilizing federal resources. The City of Caldwell is committed to using CDBG entitlement funding for administration to help to continue growing a community development program that is efficient, effective, and resourceful.</p> <p>Caldwell may have administration projects that include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General management, oversight, and coordination • Providing local officials and citizens with information about the CDBG program • Preparing budgets and schedules • Preparing reports and other HUD-required documents • Program Planning • Public Information • Monitoring program activities • Fair Housing activities • Indirect costs • Submission of applications for Federal programs

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Caldwell is focused on projects that help to reduce poverty and improve the lives of low-to moderate-income residents.

The 2024 Annual Action Plan will help achieve the following goal outcome indicators (GOI):

- **Acquisition and Disposition:** 3 rental units constructed
- **Public Facilities and Improvements:** 200+ Persons assisted
- **Public Services:** 100 persons assisted (May allocate up to 15% of CDBG Funds)
- **Housing:** Assist tenants with Emergency Rental Assistance & Rapid Rehousing to prevent homelessness - 12 persons/households
- **General Program Administration & Planning:** The City may not spend more than 20% of this amount on eligible program administrative costs. Administering federal funds and ensuring compliance is a critical part of utilizing federal resources. The City of Caldwell is committed to using CDBG entitlement funding for administration to help continue growing a community development program that is efficient, effective, and resourceful.

The City does not anticipate undertaking any projects utilizing the national objective of slum/blight or urgent need. All the projects in FY2024 are designed to help meet the needs of low-and moderate-income residents in Caldwell.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2024 General Program Administration & Planning
2	2024 Public Services
3	2024 Public Facilities and Infrastructure
4	2024 Housing
5	2024 Acquisition & Disposition

Table 7 - Project Information

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

When determining which activities to prioritize in order to meet the needs of the city, all types of activities are considered to ensure maximum impact on the residents of Caldwell. To continue providing services to vulnerable populations, the City has allocated the maximum possible amount to services that

have been proven to be effective in the past. A significant portion of the CDBG allocation has been directed towards public services and housing, with the primary focus on benefiting low- and moderate-income households. Moreover, the allocation process considers the underrepresented and underserved populations in Caldwell.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2024 General Program Administration & Planning
	Target Area	City of Caldwell
	Goals Supported	General Administration
	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	<p>Administering federal funds and ensuring compliance are critical to utilizing federal resources. The City of Caldwell is committed to using CDBG entitlement funding for administration to help continue growing an efficient, effective, and resourceful community development program.</p> <p>Caldwell may have administration of this program that includes, but is not limited to:</p> <p>General management, oversight, and coordination; Providing local officials and citizens with information about the CDBG program, preparing budgets and schedules, Preparing reports and other HUD-required documents, Program Planning, Public Information, Monitoring program activities, Fair Housing activities, Indirect Costs, Submission of applications for Federal programs.</p> <p>The City may not spend more than 20% of this amount on eligible program administrative costs.</p>
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is for general administration of the CDBG grant and does not directly benefit residents.
	Location Description	205 S. 6 th St. Caldwell, ID 83605
	Planned Activities	CDBG Planning and Administration
2	Project Name	2024 Public Services
	Target Area	City of Caldwell

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Public Service activities provide a wide range of activities that address needs in the community provided for the target population. Public services can strengthen communities by addressing the needs of specific populations. Public services can address a range of individual needs and increase CDBG dollars' impact by complementing other activities. The City of Caldwell may allocate up to 15% of annual CDBG funds to public services.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 Persons assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The City of Caldwell has funded subsistence payments in previous program years. It is anticipated that the City will continue to fund this activity with \$30,000 toward subsistence payments for temporary rental and utility assistance. We are possibly going to be partnering with other agencies in regards to benefitting our youth of Caldwell.
3	Project Name	2024 Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Target Area	City of Caldwell
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Create a Suitable Living Environment
	Funding	CDBG: \$571,661

Description	<p>Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure improvements can include an array of activities and are intended to benefit all the residents of an area. Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements can include and are not limited to;</p> <p>Public Facility Improvements: Public schools, Libraries, Recreational Facilities, Facilities for Special Needs groups (Homeless, Domestic Violence Shelters, Nursing Homes or Group Homes for Disabled)</p> <p>Public Infrastructure Improvements: Streets and Curbs, Sidewalks and Pathways, Playgrounds and Parks, Aesthetic Amenities, and Public Property such as Trees, Sculptures, Pools of Water, Fountains, and other works of art. It is also important to note that Infrastructure Improvements can involve Construction and Installation.</p>										
Target Date	9/30/2025										
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City estimates that approximately 200+ persons will benefit from these projects.										
Location Description	City of Caldwell										
Planned Activities	<p>On May 21st, 2024, the City Council canceled/suspended the Arthur St Project of the Multi-Modal sidewalk / pedestrian pathway between 11th Street and 21st Street on the Southside.</p> <p>Caldwell City Council wants to look at doing other activities/projects within this category that they feel would benefit and create a greater impact for our residents.</p> <p>Planned activities will be any other eligible public facilities and infrastructure improvements that are eligible under CDBG federal regulations. These activities may be undertaken with funding permitted and the necessary approvals by HUD and City Council.</p>										
4	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Project Name</td> <td>2024 Housing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Target Area</td> <td>City of Caldwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Goals Supported</td> <td>Housing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Needs Addressed</td> <td> Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funding</td> <td>CDBG: \$50,000</td> </tr> </table>	Project Name	2024 Housing	Target Area	City of Caldwell	Goals Supported	Housing	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
Project Name	2024 Housing										
Target Area	City of Caldwell										
Goals Supported	Housing										
Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons										
Funding	CDBG: \$50,000										

	Description	The City of Caldwell is dedicated to enhancing and broadening the availability of secure and reasonably priced housing for individuals with low-to-moderate income. Access to affordable and safe housing assists in achieving financial stability, minimizing the risk of homelessness, and supporting housing sustainability.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City of Caldwell is estimating assistance to 12 households with the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing activities to prevent homelessness.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Helping tenants with Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing activities to prevent homelessness.
5	Project Name	2024 Acquisition & Disposition
	Target Area	City of Caldwell
	Goals Supported	Acquisition and Disposition
	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The City of Caldwell will utilize funds for the acquisition and development of new Low- to Moderate-Income LMI housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is estimated to assist with the acquisition of 3 rental units. This subject is based off property availability.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Property Acquisition for Low- and Moderate-income housing development.

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

All the projects that receive support from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are located within the city limits of Caldwell. Although the city doesn't allocate funds based on geographic location, it gives priority to projects that address the needs of specific target areas. The allocation of funds is not limited to any particular areas within the municipal boundaries. Furthermore, any proposed housing projects are thoroughly reviewed for compliance with neighborhood standards. These standards include considerations such as low-income and racial diversity, access to transportation and essential services, as well as environmental concerns.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Caldwell	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City and its partners/agencies identify areas of greatest need by holding regional meetings and thus allocating resources accordingly.

Discussion

The projects listed in the 2024 Action Plan will continue to benefit low-and moderate-income residents throughout the City of Caldwell.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The United States is facing a major problem with Affordable Housing and this is definitely being felt in Idaho and within the City of Caldwell.

According to a recent study conducted by Pew Research in October of 2021, the data shows the following synopsis:

Prospective homebuyers and renters across the United States have seen prices surge and supply plummet during the coronavirus pandemic. Amid these circumstances, about half of Americans (49%) say the availability of affordable housing in their local community is a major problem, up 10 percentage points from early 2018, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted in October 2021. Americans' concerns about the availability of affordable housing have outpaced worries about other local issues.

Opinions on the question of housing affordability differ by a variety of demographic factors, including income, race and ethnicity, and age. A majority of adults living in lower-income households (57%) say availability of affordable housing is a major issue in their community, larger than the shares of those in middle- (47%) or upper-income households (42%) who say it is a major problem.

Americans' perceptions of this issue also vary based on *where* they live. About six-in-ten U.S. adults living in urban areas (63%) say that the availability of affordable housing in their community is a major problem, compared with 46% of suburban residents and 40% of those living in rural areas.

Regardless of income level, city dwellers generally tend to view affordable housing availability as a bigger issue than those living in the suburbs or rural areas. Two-thirds of urban adults with lower household incomes (66%) say affordable housing in their area is a major problem, compared with 56% of suburban dwellers with lower incomes and 52% of those with lower incomes living in rural areas. Among upper-income adults, 58% of those living in urban areas say housing affordability is a major problem, compared with 43% of upper-income Americans living in suburban places and 25% of upper-income rural residents.

There are also regional differences. Around seven-in-ten Americans living in the West (69%) say affordable housing availability is a major problem locally. This compares with 49% of Northeasterners, 44% of Americans in the South and 33% of those living in the Midwest.

Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2022/01/18/a-growing-share-of-americans-say-affordable-housing-is-a-major-problem-where-they-live/>

In Caldwell the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing are some of the pressing needs along with the constant challenge associated with an elevated housing cost burden.

The 2024 Action Plan will take specific steps to help LMI residents gain access to affordable housing and to continue to prevent homelessness.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	2
Special-Needs	0
Total	2

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	2
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

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

Discussion

The City of Caldwell continues to set aside grant funding to support projects in relation to housing affordability. In correlation with other Partners & Agencies in the Valley, we will strive to continue finding ways to increase single-family and multi-family housing for low- to moderate-income residents.

The City of Caldwell has recently partnered up with 2 different agencies that provide Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing funds to prevent homelessness within Caldwell.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) provides rental assistance to qualified low-income families in Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington, and Valley counties in Southwest Idaho.

SICHA strives to maintain high-quality management and operations of its housing programs and units. **SICHA** uses various HUD devised manuals in implementing its management and maintenance policies including Admissions and Continued Occupancy Handbook, PH Maintenance Document, FSS Action Plan, Public Housing Assessment System Manual, Section 8 Administrative Plan, Housing Inspection Manual, Section 8 and Voucher Program Master Book, and HUD Handbook 7420.7.

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

City staff coordinates with **SICHA** regularly. Both agencies are active participants in Idaho's Region III Housing Coalition.

The Coalition has the following activities: The House Idaho Collaborative (HIC) and SHARE the Day, Point-In-Time Homeless Count, and Housing Forum.

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

SICHA is committed to providing quality, affordable housing to residents. A **Resident Advisory Board (RAB)** was formed to assist **SICHA** with various issues relevant to apartment living. Staff and residents are working together and making new strides in creating safer communities. The **RAB** members are key players in the quest to build safe communities and are committed to making their complexes a place they are proud to call home.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help voucher families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. The goal of the program is to assist families in overcoming the obstacles that keep them from being self-sufficient. This may mean job training, education, homeownership counseling, budgeting, working on credit issues, etc. Any family now being assisted on the Section 8 housing program who want to become economically self-sufficient is eligible.

As a family's goal are accomplished, and they start to pay more towards their rent, an amount comparable to their rent increase is deposited into an escrow/savings account for them if the increase in

rent is due to earned income. When the family successfully completes their goals and fulfills their obligations in the contract, they will receive the money in the account. Many of the families who complete the FSS program use the escrow funds to purchase a home.

Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option

The Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option (HCVHO) is a Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority program designed to promote and support homeownership. Qualifying families must be currently receiving Section 8 rental assistance in Canyon, Gem, or Elmore Counties to use their HCV toward the purchase of a home. Your mortgage payment will be subsidized rather than your rent. The **HCVHO** program is administered locally by **SICHA**, who receives federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the HCVHO program.

Income Requirement

- Disabled and/or Elderly Families must meet a minimum income standard equal to the monthly Federal SSI benefit for an individual living alone multiplied by twelve. ($\$674.00 \times 12 = \$8,088.00$)
- All Other Families must have a total annual income of not less than the Federal minimum hourly wage (presently \$7.25) multiplied by 2000 hrs. ($\$7.25 \times 2000 = \$14,500$)

Eligibility Requirements

An individual or family must:

- Be a participant in good standing in the HCV rental assistance program for a minimum of one year.
- Meet the minimum income requirement and employment requirements, if applicable.
- Submit a letter of pre-approval from a participating lending institution.
- Sign a statement of Homeowner Obligations.
- Complete the Home Buyer Education class prior to entering into a purchase sale agreement.
- Provide a minimum of \$500.00 toward the purchase of the home.
- Pay the settlement cost associated with purchasing a home. (These costs may be covered by non-profit grant funds.)
- Comply with any additional requirements for homeownership assistance as specified by HUD and/or SICHA.

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

provided or other assistance

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

For further information on what Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) provides please visit: ***<https://www.sicha.org/Public/Section8Vouchers/VoucherHomeownership.htm>***

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

Introduction

The City of Caldwell is not eligible to receive other HUD funds, including HOME, ESG, or HOPWA. **Idaho Housing and Finance (IHFA)** is the agency designated by the State to administer these funds to communities in Idaho who are not eligible to receive direct funding. The Continuum of Care plan funds are distributed through **IHFA** with input from regional coalitions. The City of Caldwell participates as a member of the Region III Housing Coalition. While the City of Caldwell does not receive these funds directly, agencies within the City may apply for these funds thru **IHFA** as needed.

IHFA administers the HUD Emergency Shelter and Supporting Housing Grant funds that benefit area homeless individuals and providers.

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

The City of Caldwell will continue to work with the local Continuum of Care (**IHFA**) and local partners in reaching the local homeless population and assessing their needs. The City will provide short-term emergency assistance to low- and moderate-income residents who are facing an immediate risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, the City will help support Rapid Rehousing projects that help transition persons experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.

Caldwell will continue to take direct steps to reduce homelessness in FY 2024 by:

- Continue with Subsistence Payments - Jesse Tree of Idaho and CATCH Inc are currently helping Caldwell Residents by providing Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid-Rehousing programs for up to 3 months per household. This program helps families find stable and permanent housing solutions and prevents homelessness in Caldwell.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Caldwell will provide emergency short-term housing assistance to LMI households who are at risk of becoming homeless due to short-term challenges making rental or mortgage payments. Additionally, the City will provide support for Rapid Rehousing of individuals experiencing homelessness.

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 2024 Action Plan places a high priority on helping homeless persons transition to permanent housing and independent living. Local partners have experience in implementing successful rapid rehousing programs in neighboring CDBG communities that are replicable in Caldwell.

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.

The 2024 Action Plan places a high priority in helping to prevent individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. The City of Caldwell, working diligently with local partners, will provide support to LMI individuals and families.

Temporary emergency assistance will be available to LMI individuals and families facing a financial crisis that may result in an imminent foreclosure or eviction.

Discussion

The City of Caldwell does not specifically target persons with disabilities or other special needs for receiving services related to homelessness. The City will work with partners to better understand the scope of homelessness in Caldwell and what actions in future years might best assist the population. The Point-In-Time Count conducted by IHFA counts homelessness by Region 3 and does not provide specific data on the City of Caldwell. There is a general understanding that Caldwell may have a large percentage of homeless persons who are children, teenagers, and young adults.

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

Introduction:

Like the Rest of the Country there are numerous barriers to Affordable Housing that are also occurring with Caldwell too.

Some of the most recognized barriers are as follows:

1. In Caldwell’s “North End” neighborhood there is a higher concentration of poverty and older homes than other areas in the Community.
2. Rental Occupancy Rate is drastically low while rents are high in comparison to the median income, causing rent inflation.
3. Zoning of Land: CDBG continues to encourage continuation of rezoning land for Single-Family Units and Multi-Family unit housing.
4. Contractors & Supply Chain shortages: due to laborer shortages and increased costs for supplies to build there is a trickle down effect with all around shortages in this area.

The City will continue to explore ways to overcome these barriers that can include land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment might create a barrier 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

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Caldwell is dedicated to ensuring that low- and moderate-income residents have access to affordable housing options. In this regard, the City has certain provisions to waive or reduce development fees and installation costs of city utilities for qualifying projects. Additionally, the City is committed to assisting developers of low- and moderate-income housing by providing lot size variances to incentivize single-family development in the area.

The City of Caldwell's Planning and Zoning Department is currently working on code amendments to increase flexibility within the City code as it relates to Accessible Dwelling Units - ADU's.

The Planning and Zoning Department is rewriting the Comprehensive Plan for Caldwell. A Comprehensive Plan is a visionary document that serves as a roadmap for the future development and growth of the community. It's a comprehensive, long-term strategy that outlines the goals, policies, and priorities to guide many elements including, but not limited to land use, transportation, housing, economic development, and natural resources. The plan is not just a technical document; it will be a reflection of Caldwell’s values, aspirations and dreams for the future. Updating this Comp plan will

provide more flexibility in zoning and reexamine permitted densities City wide.

The City continues to partner with **Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA)** to promote the use of applicable tax credits for the construction of new affordable housing.

Discussion:

Over the past decade, efforts to diversify housing options have been fruitful. These efforts have involved revising codes and ordinances to enable more multi-family and mixed-use developments, as well as other high-density options. Continuing to collaborate with developers, stakeholders and councils has been effective. It's worth noting that public policies have a significant influence on affordable housing development, and we must continue to explore ways to educate councils and commissions on this matter.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Caldwell is actively engaged in multiple initiatives aimed at meeting the needs of underserved communities and promoting measures to ensure suitable living environments for low- to moderate-income residents. This includes working closely with various committees, partners and agencies across the community. As a member of these groups, we strive to provide better services to the residents of Caldwell while promoting safer and healthier living conditions.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The main challenge in addressing underserved needs is the shortage of identified and accessible resources. To tackle this issue, the City of Caldwell will strive to establish innovative partnerships, both financially and actively involved in developing projects, to maximize the available funds. Additionally, the City aims to enhance communication and engagement with residents, business owners, partners, and other key stakeholders.

The City will continue to explore ways to increase awareness among underserved communities about the financial informational resources at their disposal, particularly the programs supported by the CDBG initiative.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City plans to collaborate with local agencies to increase the number of housing units available to residents whose income is 80% or lower than the area median income (AMI). It will conduct regular follow-up to determine the impact of City policies on affordable housing. In addition, the City will team up with community partners to provide residents with information about their rights to access fair and affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In collaboration with our regional partners, the City of Caldwell is committed to providing support, outreach and training to contractors operating in the area. Our aim is to reduce the hazards associated with lead-based paint by ensuring compliance with the federal requirements set forth in 24 CFR Part 35. This includes meeting the requirements for notification, identification, stabilization of deteriorated paint, identification and control of lead-based paint hazards, and identification and abatement of lead-based paint hazards. We are always ready to distribute the '***Protect Your Family from Lead in Your***

Home' pamphlets provided by the EPA and HUD, when needed.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The feedback received from residents and stakeholders was clear that there is a pressing need for greater access to affordable housing in Caldwell. The City of Caldwell is committed to promoting the construction of more affordable housing units, as well as supporting the rehabilitation of homes and improving safety for low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters. Additionally, the City will assist in reducing and preventing homelessness by providing support to those who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The creation of more low- and moderate-income housing units will also help to reduce poverty by providing more affordable housing options. The City of Caldwell actively works to use general funds and other funding mechanisms to support and reduce the number of poverty-level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Caldwell is dedicated to maintaining their expertise in managing CDBG funding for the community and closely collaborating with HUD to achieve that goal. Whenever possible, the City will send its staff to training sessions and participate in essential webinars and on-site trainings. Additionally, the City will provide regular updates to the City Council on the status of projects and progress towards program goals, while also welcoming feedback from them.

The City is committed to supporting the community and working closely with HUD to achieve that goal. The City will send its staff to training sessions and participate in essential webinars and on-site trainings as often as possible. In addition, the City will provide regular updates to the City Council on the status of projects and progress towards program goals. They welcome any feedback or suggestions from the Council, as well as from the community members. The City of Caldwell are members of the National Community Development Association (NCDA) and the regional Northwest Association of Community Development Managers (NWACDM). These organizations help to provide policy guidance and trainings on HUD Programs such as CDBG that are relevant to creating a structured program.

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

The City of Caldwell will participate in regional planning groups and coalitions that address homelessness, affordable and fair housing, and economic development. We continue to explore more ways to coordinate CDBG activities with other regional CDBG entitlement communities to help utilize limited funding in a strategic and efficient manner that helps low- and moderate-income residents.

Currently, the City of Caldwell CDBG program participates in the following regional & local coalitions,

committees and stakeholder groups to further progress in the community:

- Fair Housing Council (FHC)
- Region III Housing Coalition, Continuum of Care
- Caldwell Health Coalition
- Southwest Idaho Healthcare Coalition
- House Idaho Collaborative (HIC)
- Community Schools Advisory Committee
- Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Committee
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee
- Early Learning Advisory Committee
- Caldwell Youth Master Plan Committee

Discussion:

The City of Caldwell will continue to provide ongoing engagement with local stakeholders to ensure CDBG funds are utilized for the most significant community benefit.

This strategy allows the City to assess the most pressing community needs and program successes continually.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Caldwell does not have any activities funded with float-funds and does not have any income from float-funds. The City will not have any program income over \$25,000.

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	0
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
Total Program Income:	0

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%

All activities in Caldwell will benefit low-and moderate-income residents.