



**FY 2019 Annual Action Plan  
Amendment for the  
COVID-19 Community Development  
Block Grant (CDBG-CV)  
(Additions in *bold italics*)**

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The amendment to the PY 2019 AAP describes the CARES-Act (COVID-19) activities to be undertaken under CDBG-CV.

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The City of League City is an Entitlement Jurisdiction (EJ) receiving an annual non-competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). League City's Program Year 2019 begins on October 1, 2019 and ends on September 30, 2020. The PY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan also includes PY 2020 Cares Act funding to address the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will continue through December 30, 2021 and may be extended into 2022 if necessary. The City of League City will receive \$387,552 for the regular PY 2019 CDBG program, a \$12,383 increase over PY 2018.

**Additionally, the City received \$264,907 in PY 2020 Round 1 COVID relief (CDBG-CV) funds to be expended during the allowed time period from receipt of funds. HUD released Round 2 COVID funding to states only and will award League City \$375,632 in Round 3 funds. While the grant is non-competitive, the EJ must produce an Annual Action Plan (AAP) each year to receive the funds from HUD. This AAP amendment describes the changes in the City's planned CDBG-CV investments using PY 2020 CDBG-CV funding from both Rounds 1 and 3.**

Pursuant to League City's umbrella 5-Year Consolidated Plan, which is in effect from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2022, the City is focusing its efforts on improving the quality of life in the Main Street/Park Avenue low- to moderate-income neighborhood, as well as supporting public service agencies that provide needed services to low- to moderate-income residents. The City will be using CDBG funds to augment local capital improvement dollars and other grant funds. The overall improvements for the Main Street/Park Avenue CDBG Target Area will cost more than \$3 million, with CDBG contributing approximately 35% of the total over the life of the project.

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

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

During PY 2019-2020, the City of League City intends to:

1. Allocate the total allowable 15% **of the PY 2019 CDBG allocation to two public services agencies; and, 98% of the PY 2020 CDBG-CV Round 1 allocation and 53.24% of the CDBG-CV Round 3 allocation to one public service agency.** Both agencies, consisting of three activities, will provide assistance to low-income city residents. **The CARES Act has provided regulation flexibility by removing the 15% allocation cap for public services for the COVID-19 funds. Therefore, 98% of the PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funds and 53.24% of Round 3 funds will be allocated to public service activities.**
  - a) Communities in Schools – Bay Area to provide partial funding for counselors in three schools for the provision of a variety of academic, social, and emotional support to 60 at risk students and their parents. The counseling is aimed at reducing drop outs and dysfunctional behaviors as well as addressing the families’ needs, including referrals to other social services and housing assistance. Each year, approximately 10% of the students assisted are homeless.
  - b) Interfaith Caring Ministries to provide emergency funds to those in need of food, emergency rental assistance and emergency utility assistance. The funds will provide salary support and direct service support to approximately 310 individuals in 150 households through the CDBG Program. **Using CDBG-CV Round 1 and 3 funds, an additional 225 individuals in 90 households affected by COVID-19 will be supported for up to six consecutive months through PY 2020 CDBG-CV through December 2021.** Although the agency is located in the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area, the services are available city-wide.
2. Augment local funds for improvements to League Park, including the: Reconstruction of a portion of the existing parking lot; Construction of a new parking lot to serve the park and those using the new and existing hike and bike trails; and Drainage in and around the park.
3. The City will utilize \$165,632 of Round 3 funds to retrofit a portion of at least one public building to provide a COVID-safe indoor area for administering COVID tests and vaccines.
4. Planning and administration/management of the CDBG program. **The City has allocated 20% of its PY 2019 funds to planning and administration, 1.9% of its PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funds, and 2.7% of its PY 2020 Round 3 CDBG-CV funds to support the additional manpower and direct costs required to effectively manage the separate CDBG-CV program.**

The City will continue to use PY 2018 funds to complete the reconstruction of Park Avenue with additional drainage and parking. This project was begun in PY 2018 and will continue to completion, but will not use PY 2019 funds.

### 3. Evaluation of past performance

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

During the past years, Communities in Schools and Interfaith Caring Ministries have met or exceeded their proposed goals. Communities in Schools has consistently served more students each year and their outcomes have shown to be benefit the students, their families, and the community. Interfaith Caring Ministries has, in the past, met their goals and objectives. However, during PY 2017 and PY 2018 they have fallen short of meeting their goals and expending their contracted funds. This has been due to an extended illness of their Client Services Director in PY 2017 and the replacement of both the Client Services Director and the Food Pantry Director in early PY 2018. In addition, to comply with other funding sources, the agency transitioned to a new client tracking software. The new software also has to be restructured to accommodate the CDBG requirements. As a result, clients are not being tracked appropriately to comply with federal regulations, and therefore, are not being funded by CDBG. This is being rectified and the agency and City are confident that in PY 2019 all goals will be met.

The primary infrastructure activity using CDBG funds for the Main Street/Park Avenue area has been the reconstruction of Park Avenue, including the addition of angled parking on both sides of the street and improved drainage for the street and immediate neighborhood. The project has been delayed over the past two years, however, it is underway and the City anticipates expending \$591,616.76 in PY 2016-PY 2018 funding to complete the activity. Due to the delay in beginning the Park Avenue reconstruction and expansion, and to comply with the timely spending requirements, the City has completed the reconstruction of several neighborhood streets in the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area.

The City initiated an application for a Section 108 Loan Guarantee in PY 2017, but opted to abandon the process in PY 2018. It was determined that other local funds would be more appropriate at this time to expedite the improvements slated for the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area. As a result, the PY 2019 CDBG funds will be used directly for the League Park project rather than the repayment of the Section 108 loan.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Throughout the year, the City has continued to consult with planners, engineers, stakeholders, and residents on the Main Street Improvement Plan, which includes the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area. CDBG funds are an integral part of the overall improvement plan for this low-income neighborhood. Any public and professional participation in the decision-making process of the complete plan is tied closely with the public participation and consultation of the CDBG infrastructure programming. Additionally, the City works closely with its public service recipients and reaches out to all other public service agencies to determine the changing social service needs and amenities in the community.

For the PY 2019 planning process, the City hosted two public hearings. The first, on February 28, 2019 explained the CDBG program and invited questions and comments from attendees. In addition, there was a section devoted to educating attendees on the issues of fair housing and affirmatively furthering

fair housing. In conjunction with the public hearing, the City released its PY 2019 application for funding to the public service agencies, and provided a pre-application workshop. During the application process, the City was available to meet with all interested public service agencies to discuss their programs, determine their needs and the needs of the community that they are addressing. Communities in Schools and Interfaith Caring Ministries were the only two agencies that requested a meeting and they were assisted in determining the most effective way to utilize the CDBG funds.

The second public hearing was held on June 13, 2019. This included a review of the Annual Action Plan draft. The public hearing launched the 30-day public comment period.

Both public hearings, the 30-day public comment period, and the public service application were published in the local general circulation newspaper, at City Hall and on the City's website in English and Spanish. On July 23, 2019, the City Council approved the Annual Action Plan and the agenda item was posted more than 72 hours in advance at City Hall and on the website. Attendees had time at the start of the meeting to voice their opinions and concerns. No comments were made.

***For the first amendment regarding the use of the PY 2020 CDBG-CV funds, the City has complied with the CARES Act regulation flexibilities that allows for a 5-day public comment period rather than a 30-day comment period. Additionally, the City posted the list of programmatic and financial changes on the City's website and at City Hall on May 15, 2020 and posted the notice in the local paper on May 16, 2020 with comment period through May 21, 2020. The local paper, Galveston Daily News, printed a joint May 16/May 17 paper that was delivered and available on May 16, 2020 as evidenced in the attachments. The City also hosted a virtual public hearing on May 21, 2020 through Zoom, with notice of the public hearing included in the May 15, 2020 notices on the website and City Hall and May 16, 2020 notice in the Galveston Daily News. Three attended on-line live and the hearing was archived for viewers at <http://leaguecitytx.swagit.com/play/05212020-643>. At this time an additional 2 viewers have accessed the archived video and at least one has downloaded the video. The City Council meetings are televised, with the agenda posted at least 72 hours in advance. The meeting in which the CDBG-CV funding was discussed allowed for the viewers to post comments. No comments were received during or after the public comment period, the public hearing or the City Council meeting.***

***For the second amendment regarding the use of the PY 2020 CDBG-CV funds, the City has also complied with the CARES Act regulation flexibilities that allows for a 5-day public comment period rather than the 30-day comment period. The public notice of the public comment period and the public hearing appeared in the local newspaper, at City Hall and on the City's website in English and Spanish on February 4, 2021. The comment period ran from February 5, 2021 through February 9, 2021, with a public hearing and City Council reading/approval on February 9, 2021.***

## 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.

There were no public comments, though the City and Interfaith Caring Ministries staff person did discuss the eligibility of some projects.

**During the CDBG-CV public comment periods, public hearings and City Council meetings, there were no public comments.**

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

The City of League City accepts and reviews every comment voiced at public hearings, or provided via phone, email, in person, or general postal mail. Comments that are not relevant to the CDBG program are noted and forwarded to the appropriate department. Any comments that are discriminatory or derogatory toward an individual or group are not considered. Otherwise, all comments and view are considered in the planning process and the general administration of CDBG funds.

## **7. Summary**

The City strives to be as effective and efficient as possible when disbursing and managing CDBG funds. Given the limited annual allocation, the funds are used to supplement local and other grant funding to the extent possible for public services city-wide to low-income residents and for infrastructure and public facilities within the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area – the area with the highest percent of low-income in the city. Because League City is a suburban community, the economies of scale prevent most public service agencies from locating in League City or Houston-based agencies having satellite offices in League City. As a result, few agencies apply for funding each year and the City makes every attempt to fund all applicant agencies that have eligible activities. This year only Communities in Schools – Bay Area and Interfaith Caring Ministries applied and were awarded funds. **For the PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funding, the City opted to fund agencies that are receiving funds at this time in order to expedite the process. Communities in Schools declined the offer to increase their allocation through CDBG-CV as they are fully funded at this time. Interfaith Caring Ministries began seeing a dramatic increase in requests for rent and utility assistance when the COVID-19 pandemic began. Therefore, the City committed \$259,907 in PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funds to ICM to provide rent and/or utility assistance for up to six consecutive months for those who have been economically affected by COVID-19. An additional \$5,000 of Round 1 CDBG-CV funds were reserved for program administration. For Round 3, the City has opted to fund Interfaith Caring Ministries an additional \$200,000 for rent and/or utility assistance, as they have expended in six months all of their Round 1 funds to assist those unable to pay their rent or utilities. In addition, for Round 3, the City plans to utilize \$165,632 to retrofit a part of at least one public building to provide a COVID-safe space for indoor COVID testing and vaccinations for League City residents. The City will utilize \$10,000 of Round 3 funds for administering the program.**

The City makes every attempt to involve its residents and stakeholders in the planning and implementation process. Public hearings and meetings are held in central, known locations in or adjacent to the primary CDBG Target Area. Public notices are provided in the local daily general circulation newspaper, on the City's postings at City Hall, and on the City's website.

**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		Planning

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Planning and Development Department of the City of League City is responsible for preparing all appropriate HUD documents and administering the CDBG program on a daily basis. The Finance Department is responsible for paying all invoices and drawing funds from the U.S. Treasury once the invoices have been verified as eligible and approved by the Planning and Development Department. Public improvement projects are carried out by the appropriate department, such as Engineering, Public Works, and Parks and Cultural Services. The Communications and Media Relations Department facilitates disbursing information.

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

### **1. Introduction**

League City consults with a number of local and regional agencies throughout the year and works to coordinate with all agencies serving the community. During the development of the PY 2017- PY 2021 Consolidated Plan the City consulted and coordinated with the regional and state agencies as well as local social service agencies in the community. Each year, the City has and will continue to coordinate with Federal and State agencies and the Houston Galveston Area Council for activities and funding related to transportation, environmental issues, and hazard mitigation, particularly Hurricane Harvey disaster relief and hazard mitigation activities.

### **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))**

There is no public housing agency that serves League City and no private non-profit or for-profit assisted housing providers in the area. The City coordinates with Southeast Texas Housing (SETH), which has provided housing rehabilitation services on a limited basis to needy League City homeowners. There are few health and mental health agencies in League City. Gulf Coast Center, serving Galveston and Brazoria Counties, has a satellite office in League City that provides intellectual and development disability services. Devereux, a national behavioral healthcare provider, has a facility in League City and the City is working to establish a relationship with them to access relevant local information about mental health issues and services in the area. League City is fast becoming a medical hub for northern Galveston County with the development of UTMB League City campus clinic and hospital. Other medical facilities are following suit. As the medical complex develops the City will be coordinating activities and information to the extent possible. In the past, the City has provided CDBG funding to Anchor Point for prenatal services for low-income uninsured teens and women. At this time, they are not requesting CDBG funds. Bay Area Turning Point provides emergency shelter and crisis intervention to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault and periodically requests/receives CDBG funds from League City. The City’s Police Department coordinates with Bay Area Turning Point with a number of protective and educational efforts. There are no other health and mental health facilities in League City.

### **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.**

League City is located in Galveston County which is part of the Balance of State CoC process. The Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition serves Galveston, Brazoria, Liberty and Chambers Counties but has no facilities or partners in the League City area. The Point in Time Count does cover Galveston County but most of the efforts are within the City of Galveston. The City of League City does assist Bay Area Turning Point as

it addresses homelessness among victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. When Bay Area Turning Point has applied for CDBG funds, the City has provided funding. The League City Police Department works closely with Bay Area Turning Point in serving victims of domestic violence, including homeless individuals and families. Additionally, the City funds Communities in Schools that provides counseling and support services to low-income children and their families, including homeless families. Approximately 10% of the CDBG-funded students in PY 2018 were homeless. Interfaith Caring Ministries receives League City CDBG funding for emergency rent/utility assistance and their food pantry. They also provide prescription assistance for low-income, particularly elderly, residents to cease having to choose between prescription medications and housing.

**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**

The City does not receive ESG funds and relies on the Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition to coordinate and consult with the Texas Homeless Network that leads the Balance of State program. The GCHC conducts the Point In Time count and does not delineate specific locations outside of the City of Galveston and Brazoria County. The City is available to assist with the Point In Time count within the city limits if needed and requested.

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

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SOUTHEAST TEXAS HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Community Development Financial Institution
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Needs for owner occupied housing rehab and potential for more support by SETH
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	GALVESTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Direct interview to determine if any Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders access League City rentals or have attempted to access unsuccessfully.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Houston-Galveston Area Council
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development Transportation & disaster recovery

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City coordinates with HGAC on a regular basis in many areas, particularly in the area of transportation, with the City's work in the Main St/Park Ave area; and, in disaster recovery as a result of FEMA and CDBG-DR plans for recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Anticipated outcomes for information and coordination were met.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	INTERFAITH CARING MINISTRIES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services - food and prescription assistance
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Food, Rent/Utility, Prescription assistance needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The agency receives CDBG funding and coordinates/collaborates with the city on an on-going basis. The agency provides rent/utility assistance, food assistance, and prescription assistance to residents. The consultation included ways in which both the agency and the City can better serve the very low- and extremely low-income residents. The anticipated outcome was met.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS - BAY AREA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Public service needs of children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The agency has provided information on the number and needs of homeless children attending League City middle and high schools as well as the general needs of LMI youth and their families. Anticipated outcomes were met.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - State

<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	CDBG-eligible Disaster Recovery needs and activities
<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City has been in direct communication with GLO regarding the City's overall needs and CDBG-eligible needs to recover from Hurricane Harvey. GLO has been providing information and guidance regarding disaster recovery and hazard mitigation. Anticipated outcome for information was met. Anticipated outcome for funding has not yet been realized pending approval of City's plans.

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

All relevant agencies were consulted for the consolidated planning and fair housing processes. Annually, the City consults with those agencies which are serving the low- to moderate-income populations and those stakeholders in the Main Street/Park Avenue CDBG Target Area. Many of the agencies serving special needs populations and the homeless in the area are located in Houston and do not serve or track League City clientele specifically. There are very limited resources in League City for the homeless and those precariously housed. Likewise, the area-wide advocacy groups for protected classes serve a much broader geographic region and did not have information specific to League City. What little information they can provide is in the 2017-2021 Fair Housing Plan.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Texas Homeless Network	While the City intends to do all that it can to address the needs of the homeless, there are no organizations with programs in League City funded through CoC.
Main Street Implementation Plan	City of League City	The CDBG Strategic Plan goals are focused on public services and targeted area improvements. The targeted area corresponds with the Main Street Redevelopment Area and the plans and funding not only overlap but are coordinated

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Fair Housing Plan 2017-2021	City of League City	The two plans are interlinked and the data/analysis in the FHP are included in the Consolidated Plan and the City maintains records of progress in affirmatively furthering fair housing through the plan
2035 Comprehensive Plan	City of League City	The plan is used in conjunction with the Main Street Implementation Plan to determine the best integration into the community

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

**Narrative (optional)**

## **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**

League City encouraged public participation through public meetings and public hearings for the CDBG program and the non-CDBG-funded activities in the primary CDBG Target Area – the Main Street/Park Avenue area. The development of the overall improvement plan was centered around a number of public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and consultations with professional planning and engineering consultants. Within the scope of the Main Street improvement plan is the CDBG infrastructure and facility focus. Specific to CDBG funding in the area, the City conducted extensive activities in 2017 during the development of the PY 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. For the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan, the City hosted two public hearings, both advertised in the general circulation newspaper, on the City’s website, and at the City Hall bulletin board. Additionally, the 30-day public comment period was advertised in a like manner. The City Council agendas are posted online and at City Hall at least 72 hours before the meeting. The agenda item for the approval of the Annual Action Plan was included in the agenda items, giving interested parties the opportunity to attend the meeting and voice their concerns or opinions prior to the vote. The City is striving to include more CDBG information and solicit more resident participation through its municipal access channel.

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**For Round 3 of funding, the City posted the list of programmatic and financial changes on the City’s website, City Hall, and in the locals paper on February 4, 2021 with the comment period running through February 9, 2021. The public hearing for Round 3 funds was held on February 9, 2021 as part of the City Council meeting, and City Council approved the funding plan at that time. There were approximately xxx attending the public hearing with the City Council meeting, and an undetermined number watching the live stream from another location. There were no comments received during the public comment period nor any voiced during the public hearing and City Council meeting.**

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	3 attended	no comments were received	No comments were made, therefore not applicable	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A second public hearing had 4 attendees	No comments were given. One question about CDBG was asked and discussed.	No comments were made, therefore not applicable	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper ads in English and Spanish for both public hearings and the 30-day comment period. No comments were received and attendance is not applicable.	None	No comments were made, therefore not applicable	

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4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	No information on the number accessing the notices and information. Attendance not applicable	No comments resulted	No comments were made, therefore none were not accepted.	
5	City Council Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	30+ individuals. Time given prior to the agenda items for public comment.	No comments were made regarding CDBG or the Annual Action Plan	No comments were made, therefore none were not accepted.	
6	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	30-day city-wide opportunity, publicized with 2nd public hearing in newspaper, on line, and at City Hall; 5-day city-wide comment period for CDBG-CV funding.	No comments resulted	No comments were not made therefore none were not accepted.	

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)
7	CV Posted Public Notice	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Non-targeted/broad community	This notified public of public comment period and public hearing for the CDBG-CV funding.	No comments resulted	No comments were made, therefore none were not accepted.	www.leaguecity.com
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Virtual public hearing for CDBG-CV funding with 3 attending, 2 viewing later, 1 downloading presentation	No comments resulted	No comments were made therefore none were not accepted	www.leaguecity.com
9	CV Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	5-day city-wide opportunity to comment on or question the CDBG-CV program;	No comments resulted	No comments were made therefore none were not accepted	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City will receive \$387,552 in CDBG funds for PY 2019. Additionally, there will be remaining funds unspent from public services and administration that will carry over into the PY 2019 League Park Parking Lot program. The PY 2018 Park Avenue reconstruction uses prior year funds which have been committed and are being expended at this time. In PY 2018, the City abandoned the plans to seek a Section 108 loan. **The City received \$264,907 in PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funds and will receive an additional \$375,632 in Round 3 funds to be used during Program Years 2019 and 2020.**

#### 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	387,552	0	35,000	422,552	625,000	The prior year resources include unexpended funds from Administration and Public Services to be re-allocated to infrastructure/park improvements

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: \$		
Section 108	public - local	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Other</b>	<b>public - federal</b>	<b>Admin and Planning Public Services</b>	<b>640,539</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>640,539</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Funding to Public Services and Administration to address the economic effects of COVID-19 on residents.</b>

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 following is in eCon but did not download.*

There is no matching fund requirement for the CDBG program. However, the City utilizes local funding to cover the majority of the costs for infrastructure and facility projects in the CDBG Target Area. CDBG funds generally leverage local funds at a ratio of 1:3 for CDBG-based activities. Communities in Schools uses CDBG funds to leverage approximately \$3.50 in other expenditures for CDBG-served and CDBG-eligible clients. Interfaith Caring Ministries provides approximately \$4 for every \$1 in CDBG funds for its CDBG-eligible food pantry clients. Interfaith Caring Ministries utilizes other grants to provide emergency rent and utility assistance to approximately twice as many CDBG-eligible clients as CDBG-funding permits.

**The PY 2020 CDBG-CV funding will be used to leverage additional funding for COVID-related economic effects to low- to moderate-income households in need of emergency rent and utility assistance. The City will use Round 3 CDBG-CV funds to leverage additional funding for a building retrofit to provide an indoor space for administering COVID tests and vaccines. This will leverage funds used by the testers and vaccine providers who will be stationed in the new space.**

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

League Park and the property on which the new parking lot will be constructed are city-owned and will be the site of the CDBG improvement project for PY 2019. Other publicly owned properties in the area that benefit the residents of the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area are Mustang Park, Helen's Garden, Heritage Park, Fire Station 1, League City Elementary School.

**Discussion**

Through substantial analysis and public input, the City has determined that the area of greatest need and potential is the Main Street/Park Avenue area, previously comprised of two CDBG-eligible block groups which have the highest percentage of low- to moderate-income residents of any block group in the city. As a result, all of the City's CDBG resources, outside of public service and administration funds will be focused in this area. For PY 2019, the funds will be used to address the parking for League Park, which will be available also for neighboring businesses when spaces permit. The improvements to League Park, including adding new parking and expanding the park which will result in a loss of approximately half of the existing parking, have a high priority for residents and other stakeholders involved in the development of the Main Street improvement plan. The parking will not only be an asset to League Park, but also will be at the trailhead of the proposed hike and bike trail providing parking for hikers and bikers.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information add Facility

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Park Improvements	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Park Improvements	CDBG: \$303,042	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1795 Persons Assisted
6	Subsistence Payments	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development		Subsistence Payments	CDBG: \$7,500 CDBG-CV: \$238,417	Homelessness Prevention: 150 Persons Assisted
7	Food Pantry	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Food Bank	CDBG: \$2,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Persons Assisted
8	Youth Service	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Youth Services	CDBG: \$32,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Park Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will reconstruct half of the existing strip parking lot at League Park and construct a new lot on city-owned property across the street from the park for use by League Park and as the trailhead for the proposed hike and bike (park) trails. The City will use \$268,042 in PY 2019 funds and \$35,000 in carry over funds from unexpended Public Services and Administration
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Subsistence Payments
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries to provide emergency rent and/or utility payments on a one-time basis to families at risk of eviction or unsafe living conditions due to lack of water or power. <b><i>In addition, the City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries with PY 2020 CDBG-CV funds to provide emergency rent and/or utility payments for those affected by COVID-19.</i></b>
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Food Pantry
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries to manage the food pantry that provides food to low-income families in need. They also deliver the food on a monthly basis to home-bound seniors and disabled.
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Service
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will fund Communities in Schools Bay Area to provide counselors in three schools who will assist at risk youth and their families. This program addresses risky behaviors, drop-out risks, and social service needs.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

This City will be focusing the majority of its CDBG resources to complement the local funds for improving the Main Street/Park Avenue area. For PY 2019, the funds will be used to reconstruct approximately half of the strip parking lot at League Park and construct a new parking lot for the park and for the hike and bike trail that is proposed on property directly across the street from the park from N. Michigan Avenue to Railroad Avenue. In addition, the City will utilize appropriate 11% of the PY 2019 allocation for public service activities. These include counseling by Communities in Schools – Bay Area in three League City schools; Interfaith Caring Ministries’ food pantry in the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area; and emergency rent and utility assistance for clients of Interfaith Caring Ministries. The remaining funds will be used for in-house administration and management of the CDBG program.

Additionally, though not included as a PY 2019 project, the City will be completing its PY 2018 Park Avenue Reconstruction project, using only prior years’ funding.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	League Park Parking Lots
2	Communities in Schools
3	ICM Rent/Utility Assistance
4	ICM Food Pantry
5	Program Administration
7	<b>CDBG-CV ICM Rent/Utility Assistance</b>
8	<b>CDBG-CV Facility Improvements</b>
8	<b>CDBG CV - Program Administration</b>

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The reasons for the allocation priorities are 2-fold -- (1) need expressed in the community through studies, surveys, meetings, input from stakeholders and agencies, and staff discussions; (2) agencies that applied for public service funding. Both agencies that applied are receiving funds for all activities for which they applied. The shortage of funds to meet all the needs is the main obstacle to addressing underserved needs. A secondary obstacle is the shortage of public service agencies in League City to address many of the underserved needs, as well as a shortage of those agencies willing to receive

federal funds. The economies of scale and limited resources prevent many public service agencies from locating in higher-income suburban areas such as League City. The smaller agencies, for the most part, located in the area do not have the staffing or administrative budget to manage federal funds.

***The PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funds were prioritized first, to expedite the allocation process, by those agencies with a successful record using CDBG funds. Secondly, those agencies were contacted and Interfaith Caring Ministries was the only agency requesting additional funding. Due to the increased volume of households requesting rent and/or utility assistance due to the economic effects of COVID-19, it was determined to allocate 98% of the CDBG-CV funding to Interfaith Caring Ministries Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance program, reserving 10% of the funds for in-house administration.***

***The PY 2020 second City round (Federal Round 3) CDBG-CV funds were prioritized based on the new and continued needs from the continuing pandemic. Interfaith Caring Ministries has expended all of its Round 1 funding and will utilize \$200,000 of new funding to continue providing rent and/or utility assistance to low- to moderate-income households negatively impacted by COVID-19. In addition, the City has been sponsoring drive-through COVID testing at 500 W. Walker and will be using \$165,632 of the Round 3 funds to retrofit public building(s) to conduct COVID tests and vaccinations indoors. The building changes will remain in effect as part of the plans for managing future pandemics and community-wide medical emergencies. The City has retained \$10,000 to administer the funds and oversee the building retrofits in accordance with Federal labor laws, and building and environmental regulations.***

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	League Park Parking Lots
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Park Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Park Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$303,042
	<b>Description</b>	Reconstruction of part of an existing parking lot and the construction of a new parking lot for League Park
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,795 people living in the Main St/Park Ave Target Area
	<b>Location Description</b>	The project is located in the Main St/Park Ave Target Area in CT/BG 721300/3, east of SH 3, west of Egret Bay Blvd and north of Main
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Complete the reconstruction of a portion of the existing parking lot that will be retained and the construction of a new lot to replace the portion of the lot to be repurposed for expansion of the park itself
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Communities in Schools
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Service
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Youth Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$32,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide funding for partial salaries for 3 counselors, 1 in each of 3 schools to provide counseling to 60 at risk youth and their families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 60 unduplicated youth in 40 families will benefit
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-wide services. The activities will take place in 3 schools at the following locations: 4380 Village Way (Bayside Intermediate); 2451 E. Main (Clear Creek Intermediate) & 2305 E. Main (Clear Creek High School)

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide partial funding for counselors in three League City schools to counsel with at risk youth and their families to reduce drop-out rates, improve school performance and link them to other resources they may need
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ICM Rent/Utility Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Subsistence Payments
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Subsistence Payments
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,500
	<b>Description</b>	Provide funding for one-time rent and/or utility assistance to households at risk of eviction or losing their water or power.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 families or households, including 60 persons who are low- to moderate-income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-wide services with client intake/approval and fund disbursement at Interfaith Caring Ministries, located at 151 Park Ave.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City will provide funds to Interfaith Caring Ministries to pay rent and/or utilities on a one-time emergency basis to households at risk of eviction or loss of power or water.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ICM Food Pantry
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Food Pantry
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Food Bank
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$2,500
	<b>Description</b>	The City will provide funds to support part of the salary of the manager that provides direct services to the program participants and for transportation costs for the delivery of food boxes to home-bound elderly
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 250 persons in 125 families or households will benefit. These will include families and individuals, especially the elderly and disabled.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City wide services from the food pantry located at 149 Park Ave and via delivery to home-bound elderly
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City will fund part of the salary of Interfaith Caring Ministry's food pantry manager, who is the person directly serving the clientele. In addition, the funds will support the transportation costs for delivering the food boxes to home-bound elderly or disabled clients who cannot pick up their food in person.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$77,510
	<b>Description</b>	This project and activity will consist of staff and consultant to administer the CDBG program and Fair Housing requirements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Not Applicable for Administration
	<b>Location Description</b>	City wide services located at 500 W Walker, League City TX
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Manage the CDBG program through planning and administration of activities.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>CDBG-CV ICM Rent/Utility Assistance</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	<b>Subsistence Payments</b>
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	<b>Subsistence Payments</b>
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>CDBG-CV: \$459,907.00</b>

<b>Description</b>	<b>To provide funding to Interfaith Caring Ministries for providing up to 6 consecutive months of emergency rent and/or utility payments to Low- to moderate-income households affected by COVID-19, as allowed per the CARES Act waivers. The funds include \$259,907 from Round 1 funding and \$200,000 from Round 3 funding</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>12/30/2021</b>
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<b>It is estimated that 90 low- to moderate-income households totaling 225 individuals who have been financially affected by COVID-19 will benefit from receiving emergency rent and/or utility assistance to prevent eviction or termination of utility services.</b>
<b>Location Description</b>	<b>Interfaith Caring Ministries, located at 151 Park Avenue, League City will provide client intake and services to all eligible applicants living within the corporate limits of the City of League City.</b>
<b>Planned Activities</b>	<b>PY 2020 CDBG-CV will provide funding to Interfaith Caring Ministries to pay up to 6 consecutive months of rent and/or utilities for 90 low- to moderate-income households who have been adversely financially affected by COVID-19 and are at risk of eviction or termination of services. This includes funding from Round 1 and Round 3 of CDBG-CV funds.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b> CDBG CV - Program Administration
<b>Target Area</b>	
<b>Goals Supported</b>	
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
<b>Funding</b>	<b>CDBG-CV: \$15,000</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Management and administration of CARES Act funding to address the needs of those affected by COVID-19.</b>
<b>Target Date</b>	<b>12/30/2021</b>
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
<b>Location Description</b>	<b>City Hall, City of League City -- 300 W. Walker, League City.</b>
<b>Planned Activities</b>	<b>To manage and administer the CDBG-CV activities, including staff time, consultant fees, public information costs, and other related costs associated with administering the CDBG-CV funds.</b>

8	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>COVID-Related Facility Retrofits</b>
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	<b>Public Improvements</b>
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	<b>Public Improvements</b>
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>\$165,632</b>
	<b>Description</b>	<b>The City will use Round 3 CARES Act funds to retrofit public building(s) for space to be allocated for conducting indoor COVID testing and vaccinations.</b>
	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>12/30/21</b>
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<b>Approximately 500 families, including 2,000 individuals will benefit from having a convenient and COVID-safe indoor location centrally located to the majority of the low-to moderate-income and minority neighborhoods for receiving COVID tests and vaccinations.</b>
	<b>Location Description</b>	<b>500 W. Walker</b>
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<b>Retrofit a portion of 500 W. Walker, and perhaps another site, to facilitate administering COVID tests and vaccinations to approximately 5,000 individuals in a COVID-safe indoor environment</b>

## 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

The low- to moderate-income area for which CDBG funds are being concentrated is also the area of the greatest minority concentration. This is the Main St/Park Ave area extending east from Highway 3 to FM 270 (Egret Bay) and from Clear Creek south to W. Walker. The city is concentrating infrastructure and park improvements in this area and both funded public service agencies are located in the area.

***Note that the NRSA designation for the Main St/Park Ave area cannot be deleted from the template in the eCon Suite. The Target Area prepopulated by IDIS in that box states that it is the Main St/Park Ave NRSA when, in fact, it is a CDBG Target Area.***

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Main St/Park Ave NRSA	81

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

League Park serves the Main Street/Park Avenue CDBG Target Area and will be expanded and improved to better address the needs of the community. Part of the expansion includes the conversion of part of the existing strip parking lot to park area. With an existing shortage of parking, removing approximately half of the spaces will create a hardship to those coming to the park and on the surrounding residents and business owners with park patrons parking on the street. As a result, the City will be reconstructing the part of the lot that is remaining and constructing a new lot across the street from the park on land owned by the City. This new lot also will be the trailhead of the planned hike and bike trails through the neighborhood. The new lot also will be accessible to those patronizing the businesses and other cultural activities. It is anticipated that the new lot will reduce on-street parking on the adjacent or surrounding narrow streets improving safety and enhancing the accessibility to the park and the small neighboring businesses. Both funded public service agencies are within walking distance from the park and proposed parking.

### Discussion

The Main St/Park Ave Target Area was established as the City's core focus for CDBG funds because it is the eligible CDBG area in greatest need of concentrated facility and infrastructure improvements, both for the livability of the residents and for economic development purposes. This is in the oldest area of the city and the one with the most potential, but greatest overall need. Through a number of studies and public meetings, the Main Street Redevelopment Plan was created, and the City's CDBG program dovetails the planned activities. The City is investing significant Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and

general funds into the area. The City has been using and will continue to use CDBG funds to augment local funds. It is anticipated that for the next few years all of the infrastructure and public facility activities funded by CDBG will continue to be expended in this primary area.

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

Due to the size of the CDBG allocation and the fact that League City is not a HOME Participating Jurisdiction, no HUD funds are being expended in PY 2019 for providing or improving affordable housing. The City will continue to fund Interfaith Caring Ministries for emergency rent and utility assistance on a one-time basis.

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

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

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

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

#### Discussion

At this time the City has no capacity to use CDBG funds to provide rental assistance, produce new housing units, acquire units, or rehabilitate existing units. The City will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries for emergency rent/utility assistance which is classified as a public service, not housing activity as it is a one-time/single month assistance.

***The City funded Interfaith Caring Ministries \$24,000 in CDBG funds along with an additional \$259,907 in PY 2020 Round 1 CDBG-CV funds and will fund Interfaith Caring Ministries for an additional \$200,000 in Round 3 CDBG-CV funds for a one-time emergency assistance for no more than 6 consecutive months for those who have been affected economically by COVID-19. It is anticipated that 225 persons in 905 households will be assisted.***

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

### **Introduction**

There is no public housing in League City. Harris County does have Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and a small corner of League City is in Harris County. However, that corner has few rental properties and none for which Section 8 voucher holders have sought to lease through Harris County Public Housing Authority.

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

Without a public housing authority, there are no plans that can be made or implemented to address the needs of public housing.

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

### **Discussion**

There is no public housing in League City.

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

### **Introduction**

In the past, League City has funded Bay Area Turning Point (BATP) to provide shelter and services to homeless victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. BATP opted to not apply for funds for PY 2017, PY 2018 or PY 2019 due to the uncertainty of the continuance of CDBG and the limited funds available for a high-maintenance program. No other agencies serve League City's homeless individuals or families. The City's Police Department continues to work closely with BATP through other funding to protect victims and potential victims, provide transportation to the shelter, and educate the public on domestic violence and sexual assault issues and the resources available for those who become homeless as a result of a violent situation.

### **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 Gulf Coast Homeless Coalition conducts the annual Point In Time count in which they attempt to locate, reach out to, and enumerate the homeless in Liberty, Chambers, Galveston and Brazoria Counties. To date they have not located or counted any homeless in League City. There are no programs or facilities to which to refer the homeless. The City funds Communities in Schools-Bay Area which provides counseling and referrals to homeless youth and their families. Interfaith Caring Ministries provides one-time rental assistance as a stop-gap measure to prevent homelessness and provides food and other essentials to homeless individuals and families. Those coming to the food pantry are provided with information about other services in the area.

Communities in Schools – Bay Area provides counseling to homeless League City youth who are enrolled in school. Part of the counseling is to assist unaccompanied youth and the families of other homeless youth to find suitable housing and services.

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

There are no agencies or programs in the area to address the needs of homeless persons, other than Bay Area Turning Point which addresses the needs of victims of domestic violence or sexual assault who find themselves homeless. The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, located in Pasadena north of League City is a family crisis center providing shelter to homeless families who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Sarah's House, also in Pasadena, is a shelter for women and their children. Women and families seeking assistance are referred to one of these three shelters.

#### **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 only program in the immediate area is Bay Area Turning Point which provides shelter, social services, job training and assists in the transition from shelter to independent living. Gulf Coast Center does serve homeless and non-homeless clients with its Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services that focuses on service coordination. They assist their homeless program participants in securing shelter at their facility in the City of Galveston or other accessible appropriate facilities.

Communities in Schools – Bay Area provides counseling to homeless League City youth who are enrolled in school. Part of the counseling is to assist unaccompanied youth and the families of other homeless youth to find suitable housing and services.

**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.**

Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) provides once-a-year emergency rent and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. ICM's food pantry, which includes the delivery of bags of food to home-bound elderly and disabled, assists in preventing homeless by eliminating a family's need to choose between food and shelter. Other social services, such as Meals on Wheels, provide hot home-delivered meals to the elderly which improves their ability to remain in their home and not move to assisted living or become homeless.

***Using PY 2020 CDBG-CV funding ICM will continue to provide up to 6 months of emergency rent and utility assistance to households who have been financially affected by COVID-19 and are low- to moderate-income, particularly the extremely low- and very low-income who have had their rent and utility payments deferred and are at risk of eviction due to the inability to pay back and current bills at one time.***

## **Discussion**

There are no shelters or specific programs for the general homeless population in League City. BATP provides comprehensive shelter, transitional living, and services through a continuity of care to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Likewise, The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, which serves

Pasadena but will accept League City clients, provides shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Sarah's House in Pasadena serves Pasadena women and families but, when space allows, will accept League City single women and women with children.

***During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of households that were not low- to moderate-income but have become low- to moderate-income and have been adversely affected by the economic realities of COVID-19. These households are at risk of becoming homeless, especially those who were able to defer their rent and utility payments and now must pay past due and current payments on a reduced income. In order to prevent homelessness, the City has invested 98% of its Round 1 CDBG-CV funds and will invest an additional 53.24% of Round 3 CDBG-CV funds to provide up to 6 months of emergency rent and/or utility assistance.***

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

### **Introduction:**

All low- to moderate-income households, regardless of their protected-class status under the Fair Housing Act, face impediments in accessing affordable housing and housing in choice locations. This is often especially true for elderly and disabled individuals and large families. The limited stock of the housing within a price range affordable to the low- to moderate-income is, for the most part, older housing that has not been retrofitted for ADA compliance and accessibility to the physically disabled and/or may not meet Housing Quality Standards as set forth by HUD. The rental market, while relatively new, is lacking sufficient units with more than three bedrooms for large families, and is not affordable to most lower-income households. Many middle-income residents are living in units well below their affordability limits, pushing the lower-income residents to higher-cost housing that is out of their affordability level.

***One major barrier to affordable housing on a temporary basis is the COVID-19 pandemic that has resulted in a spike in unemployment and underemployment causing households to not be able to afford their rent or mortgage payments. While the CARES Act set aside provisions for lenders and landlords to defer mortgage and rent payments for up to 6 months, the owners and renters are required to make the back payments within a short period of time. Even if they return to full employment, they likely will be unable to afford 3 months of deferred housing payments in addition to the fourth month of current payments. In addition, for rental properties, landlords may be inclined to raise rents for all tenants to repay the loans and interest required to maintain housing through the 6-month deferred payments that COVID-19 affected tenants used.***

**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 City will not be using CDBG funds directly to ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing. There is a shortage of funding to address the housing needs in the community, particularly the barriers to affordable housing. The City does review and, when appropriate, support the development of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties and other properties for low-income residents. Additionally, because the greatest percent of low-income residents fall into one or more of the Fair Housing Act protected classes, the City does provide a level of assistance by maintaining a Fair Housing Officer, funded through CDBG Administration funds. Generally, the City's policies to not hamper the development of affordable housing and it does review and approve to the state all viable applications for LIHTCs. At this time 4 properties have been approved by the state and 2 are operational. The Main Street Redevelopment Plan includes the possibility of mixed use development and the improvements being made with CDBG and other funds will encourage developers to include

mixed income housing in the area.

One way the City's public policies are addressing the barriers to affordable housing is through economic development activities that help nurture local small businesses and bring new larger businesses to town to improve the job market and incomes of those who cannot afford the housing stock in the area. Currently, there are four tax increment financing zones in League City which support commercial development and bring new job opportunities to the city.

**Discussion:**

The City will be focusing this year and the next three years on substantial improvements in the Main Street/Park Avenue CDBG Target Area. This will create a viable market for in-fill mixed income housing and for mixed use developments that can include affordable housing. While the City acknowledges that there always will be a need for housing affordable to the low- to moderate-income, the economies of scale are not such for developers to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of potential renters/buyers in the area for developing such housing in new subdivisions or apartment complexes. As a result, the City will be focusing its efforts in providing incentives and encouragement for mixed use developments with mixed income housing in the Main Street Redevelopment Area west of SH 3.

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

### **Introduction:**

The City coordinated the creation of the Main Street Redevelopment area with the Main St/Park Ave CDBG focus area in order to blend a number of funding sources to create sufficient leverage to redevelop this older area of the city. The 5-year plan is to improve the roads, sidewalks, lighting, signalization, parks, historic area, commercial areas and housing with CDBG, general, and CIP funds. During PY 2018, the City began the major reconstruction and enhancement of Park Avenue using CIP and CDBG funds and will complete the project in PY 2019 with CIP funds. During PY 2019, the City will use local and CDBG funds for the improvements to League Park, including the expansion of the park and of the parking for the park.

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

The City staff will continue to reach out to agencies that can provide needed services to the community. In PY 2017, the City received a grant from the Southeast Texas Housing Finance (SETH) to rehabilitate an owner-occupied house and provide accessibility retrofits to a home owned by a disabled veteran. The plans are to reach out to SETH for additional assistance. Hurricane Harvey did considerable damage to League City in August 2017, and the City is slated to receive disaster recovery and hazard mitigation funds to repair the damage and rectify the problems that allowed the damage to occur. As is typical, the older areas and older homes received the greatest damage from Hurricane Harvey and subsequent unnamed storms. The City is currently determining the use of disaster recovery and hazard mitigation funds to improve the CDBG-eligible areas, including the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area.

***The City will use the PY 2020 CDBG-CV funds to assist approximately 90 additional households (225 persons) affected by COVID-19 with up to 6 months of emergency rent/utility assistance.***

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

The City plans to request more assistance from SETH to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing that will assist in maintaining the quality and safety of affordable owner-occupied housing. Additionally, the City will review, and when appropriate, approve the development of affordable housing units through the LIHTC and other programs. Without a public housing authority providing public housing or Section 8 housing choice vouchers to League City residents, there is no way to ensure housing for those in need.

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

At any time that the City conducts or supports the rehabilitation of housing built before 1978, it ensures that the structure is tested for Lead Based Paint (LBP) and that any remediation necessary is carried out. During this next year, the City will provide information to Clear Creek ISD, Interfaith Caring

Ministries, and Communities In Schools-Bay Area about lead poisoning, testing, and ask them to share the information with their program participants to inform parents of dangers of lead in paint, toys, cookware, clothes of workers working around lead.

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

League City's Economic Development Corporation will continue to facilitate the growth of a diverse and sustainable economic base, recruiting businesses that can increase the employment opportunities for all workers, including those who are currently at or below the poverty level. Various ranking systems have ranked League City as the 2nd fastest growing city in America, in the top 10 safest large cities by value, and the 7th best small city for families. The downtown revitalization efforts are encouraging small businesses to open and provide job opportunities for unskilled and skilled labor as it becomes more of a tourist attraction with retail and entertainment venues. Throughout League City, the City provides grants, loans, tax abatements, freeport property tax exemption, public improvement districts, municipal management districts, and industrial revenue bonds to promote economic development projects. The City can reduce the number of poverty-level families only through encouraging and supporting job growth through commercial and industrial developments.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City staff will continue to attend as many HUD trainings as possible and to participate in webinars and local HUD meetings. Additionally, staff will continue to interface with the HUD staff to receive assistance in addressing issues. During the contract negotiations and monitorings the City will continue to work with the subrecipients to ensure that they are not only complying with the regulations, but are developing their institutional structure to better address the needs of their clientele and to know to whom they can refer their program participants. The expanded coordination between CDBG staff, other planning staff, and other departments involved in the Main Street activities will continue to develop a much more cohesive and stronger institutional structure.

***Due to the CARES Act and the unexpected receipt of two rounds of PY 2020 CDBG-CV funding, with its flexibilities in regulations, the City has amended its Policies and Procedures and its Citizen Participation Plan to:***

- 1. Better detail regulations regarding the supplanting of funds and duplication of benefits for both subrecipients and their program participants;***
- 2. Include the ability through regulation flexibilities to allocate more than the allowed 15% for public services; and***
- 3. Include the altering of regular funding and public participation procedures to address the current and possible future flexibilities in Federal regulations.***

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

## **service agencies**

At this time there are no public or private housing agencies serving League City. The City has a good relationship with Bay Area Turning Point and, though BATP opted not to apply for PY 2019 funding, the City will continue to coordinate with them where possible. The City coordinates, to the extent possible, with SETH and UM Army, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. The City will work to coordinate with Gulf Coast Center, which has an office in League City. The City will continue to coordinate with the current subrecipients in addressing the needs of the community. The activities in the Main Street/Park Avenue area will enhance the coordination and communication between City staff in all departments, the school district, Interfaith Caring Ministries, and Communities in Schools-Bay Area, that are located in the Target Area. The activities in the Target Area will also enhance coordination between the CDBG staff and the various commissions and committees such as the City's Historic Commission and the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership.

## **Discussion:**

The main activities that the City can accomplish, given the shortage of support agencies, is to: (1) work with SETH and UM Army, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, to rehabilitate more homes; (1) continue and expand its coordination with the social service agencies that do serve the city; and, (3) to aggressively work to complete the Main Street/Downtown redevelopment that will not only improve the amenities in the Main Street/Park Avenue Target Area but will provide significant business and employment opportunities to help raise skilled and unskilled workers out of poverty.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

**Introduction:**

The City has not funded activities that produce program income; and, opted to not secure a Section 108 Loan. We do not have any urban renewal settlements and there are no grant funds that were returned to the line of credit for several years. Additionally, we have no float-funded activities.

***With the award of the PY 2020 CDBG-CV funding, the City has taken advantage of the CARES Act flexibilities of regulations to allow for a faster turn-around time in order to expend these special funds in a timely manner to help those affected economically by COVID-19 from eviction or termination of utilities.***

### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	85.52%

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The City does not conduct any CDBG activities that result in program income and has not received Section 108 loan guarantee funds. The urgent need activities are a result of Hurricane Harvey and will be funded through disaster recovery funds, though no funds have been received as of yet. Approximately 98%-99% of all public service allocations benefit low- to moderate-income persons. All CDBG non-public service and non-administration funds are expended within the Main St/Park Ave CDBG area, which houses the majority of the low- to moderate-income residents in the City.