

## **2024-2025 CAPER**

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### **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

# Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

The City of Chino Hills 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) covers the fourth year of performance and accomplishments under the City's 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. The City's 2024 program year covers the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and is aligned with the goals and activities proposed in the City's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. State and local governments that directly receive Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to submit the CAPER ninety days after the end of the program year (normally due September 28th).

During the 2024-2025 program year, the City funded the following projects:

- Literacy Services (San Bernardino County Library)
- Domestic Violence Services (House of Ruth)
- Food Bank (Chino Neighborhood House)
- Support for Adults with Disabilities (Anthesis)
- Fair Housing Services(Inland Fair Housing & Mediation Board)
- Los Serranos Infrastructure Project
- Home Improvement Project

All CDBG-funded programs were operational and running at levels comparable to pre-pandemic operations over the course of the 2024-2025 program year. Economic factors, namely high costs of building materials and labor, have continued to impact capital improvement and homeowner improvement projects, making them more expensive and stretching the capacity of the CDBG funding. As the City moves forward, it will be important to work even more closely with service providers that will be able to make modifications to their programs and adapt as needed while still being able to provide services to City residents.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

TABLE 1 - ACCOMPLISHMENTS - PROGRAM YEAR & STRATEGIC PLAN TO DATE

Goal	Category	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected  - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected  - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Administration	Other	Other	20	29	145.00%	40	29	72.50%
Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/ Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	4,000	28,000	700.00%	4,000	4,000	100.00%
Maintain and Expand Housing Affordability	Affordable Housing	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	4	20	500.00%	3	2	66.67%
Public Services	Public Services	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	213	1,387	651.17%	233	229	98.28%
Public Services	Public Services	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	1		0	0	

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

### **Public Services Programs**

- Literacy Services (San Bernardino County Library) The Chino Hills Library's Literacy Program assisted 55 residents.
- Domestic Violence Services (House of Ruth) House of Ruth was able to assist 3 residents.
- Food Bank (Chino Neighborhood House) Chino Neighborhood House was able to assist 154 households with groceries.
- Support for Adults with Disabilities (Anthesis) Anthesis served 17 Chino Hills residents with disabilities through its Learning Lab program.

### Fair Housing

Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB) assisted 29 Chino Hills residents with complaints of alleged housing discrimination. Of the 29 residents assisted, 25 alleged cases were based on disability, 2 on sex discrimination, 1 on national origin, and 1 on age. IFHMB continues to build relationships with community-based organizations, and around Chino Hills in order to promote and encourage residents to use their services to receive assistance addressing housing discrimination and landlord-tenant mediation services. In PY 2024, IFHMB assisted 113 residents with landlord-tenant issues and screened these cases for potential fair housing implications.

### **Home Improvement Program**

During the FY 2024-2025 program year, the City was able to assist 2 low- and moderate-income households with improvements to their homes.

### **Los Serranos Infrastructure Improvements**

During the 2024-2025 Program Year, work continued on the Sierra Vista Drive (West) & Del Norte Avenue (North) Project. In March 2024 the City Council awarded the construction contract to Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. The project scope includes rehabilitating Sierra Vista Drive between Pipeline Avenue and Del Norte Avenue, as well as Del Norte Avenue between Lugo Avenue and Gird Avenue. The work comprises, but is not limited to street pavement rehabilitation, new curb, gutter, and sidewalk installation, private property improvements (such as removal and replacement of driveways, new retaining and slough walls, fencing and gates), ADA-compliant ramps, driveway approaches, relocation of water meters and fire hydrants. These improvements are taking place along the south side of Sierra Vista Drive from Pipeline Avenue to Del Norte Avenue and along the east side of Del Norte Avenue from Lugo Avenue to Gird Avenue. The

work was completed February 2025 and benefited 4,000 residents.

In April 2025, the City began the process of bidding out new work to make transit access improvements along Montecito Drive in Los Serranos. The City's CDBG funds will be used to support this activity, which includes removal and reconstruction of deteriorated pavement; adjustment of utility manholes and covers; construction of access ramps; storm drain improvements; street light conduits; driveway approaches; sidewalks; fence removal and replacement; and construction of slough walls along Montecito Drive between Los Serranos Boulevard and Lugo Avenue.

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

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

TABLE 2 - TABLE OF ASSISTANCE TO RACIAL AND ETHNIC POPULATIONS BY SOURCE OF FUNDS

	CDBG
White	50
Black or African American	4
Asian	146
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	200
Hispanic	16
Not Hispanic	184

### **Narrative**

Local jurisdictions that receive CDBG funds must maintain data on the extent to which each racial and ethnic group and single-headed households (by gender of household head) have applied for, participated in, or benefitted from, any program or activity funded in whole or in part by CDBG funds. The racial and ethnic status of families assisted during the 2024 program year are shown above.

During the 2024-2025 program year, the City's CDBG programs assisted a total of 229 beneficiaries under public services programs. Of those, 200 identified as a single race and the racial breakdown of these beneficiaries is provided in the above table. Another 29 beneficiaries identified as other or multi-racial and are not included in the figures in Table 2.

As a share of the 229 total beneficiaries, those identifying as Asian alone constituted 64%, and those identifying as white alone made up 22%, representing the two largest racial groups served. The Black or African American alone share was 2% and the 16 other and multi-racial beneficiaries not included in the above table constituted another 13% of the beneficiaries. Of the beneficiaries for whom data is reported in Table 2, the majority of people served by the City's CDBG program (92%) identified as non-Hispanic while 8% were Hispanic.

### CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

**TABLE 3 - RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE** 

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	\$433,116.97	\$216,767.60

### **Narrative**

The entitlement resources made available for the 2024-2025 program year totaled \$433,116.97. This amount includes the City's annual allocation of \$407,848.00, plus \$25,268.97 in unexpended CDBG funds from previous program years. The City expended a total of \$216,767.60 and carried over a balance of \$216,349.37 into the 2025-2026 program year. PY 2024-2025 expenditures went toward the following activities:

• Home Improvement Grant Program: \$17,250.00

House of Ruth Domestic Violence Program: \$17,891.46

• Chino Hills Library Literacy Program: \$12,248.10

• Chino Neighborhood House Food Bank Program: \$18,969.00

• Support for Adfults with Disabilities (Anthesis): \$9,177.73

• Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board Fair Housing Services: \$18,200.00

Los Serranos Infrastructure Project: \$78,485.06

Administration and Planning: \$44,546.25

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

TABLE 4 - IDENTIFY THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND LOCATION OF INVESTMENTS

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City Wide	100	100	The City has no local target areas and CDBG funds are distributed citywide.

### **Narrative**

During the program year, \$216,767.60 was expended to further the objectives of the City's Consolidated Plan (which includes unexpended CDBG funds from prior years). All public service activities met the Low/Mod Clientele objective and were available community wide. The Los Serranos Infrastructure Improvement project met the Low/Mod area (LMA) national objective and was restricted to the low-and-

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moderate-income census tracts and block groups of that area (Census Tract 1.10 Block Groups 01, 02, 03, 04, and 05). The Home Improvement Program met the Low/Mod Housing (LMH) objective and was available community wide.

### Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The City of Chino Hills leverages its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds with County general funds and other fund sources to address the Consolidated Plan priorities and activities, particularly the infrastructure improvements underway in the Los Serranos LMA. These leveraged funds have included funding from Measure I, gas tax revenues, the Mitigation Fee Fund, and a SBCTA TDA Grant. The City's General Fund also supports many community services and community development activities integral to the Consolidated Plan. Similarly, federal funds under the San Bernardino County Home Consortium provide for a variety of housing projects.

The City has been working with Habitat for Humanity on the development of two affordable single-family homes on City-owned residential lots located on Fairway Drive. The development of these two homes is part of Habitat's Veteran Build Program. The program is Habitat's national initiative to provide housing solutions, as well as volunteer and employment opportunities, to income-qualified U.S. veterans, military service members, and their families. The Chino Hills City Council executed a Transfer Agreement with Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity in 2021 in order to convey the two lots to Habitat. Habitat was issued building permits in July 2023. Construction was completed on the first of the two homes (4628 Fairway Drive) in March, 2025 and the second (4528 Fairway Drive) remains under construction as Habitat works to qualify a homebuyer for the property. Under the terms of Habitat's program and the City's lot transfer conditions, each of the two properties must be sold to an income-eligible purchaser at an affordable purchase price and thereafter will be subject to a recorded affordable housing agreement providing that, for a period of not less than 45 years after the date of the initial purchase of each home, the home may be sold only to persons or households of very low-income (not exceeding 50% of the San Bernardino County area median income, adjusted for household size).

## **CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)**

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

**TABLE 5 – NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS** 

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be	0	0
provided affordable housing units		U
Number of non-homeless households		
to be provided affordable housing	0	2
units		
Number of special-needs households		
to be provided affordable housing	0	0
units		
Total	0	2

TABLE 6 – NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported	0	0
through rental assistance	0	0
Number of households supported	0	)
through the production of new units	U	U
Number of households supported	0	ı
through the rehab of existing units	U	2
Number of households supported		
through the acquisition of existing	0	0
units		
Total	0	2

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

During the 2024-2025 program year, a total of 2 home repair projects were completed. The City's annual goal was to complete 3 home improvement projects. With 2 completed projects in PY 2024-2025, the City fell short of its annual goal, but has already exceeded the 5-year goal set in the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan for housing units rehabilitated. Due to cost increases associated with labor and materials, the City increased the maximum project budget to \$7,500 as of July 1, 2022 to better align the program standards with current market prices.

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

The market conditions described above are expected to continue into the coming program year. While interest in the City's Home Improvement Grant Program has remained high, the program's capacity may be strained by the high costs of building materials and labor. If material and labor prices remain high, the City may consider further increasing the maximum project budget to better align the program standards with current market prices. The City will communicate these uncertainties to applicants to ensure their expectations are in line with the current market realities.

Future Annual Action Plans will provide additional information on program changes that are currently in development as the City continues to determine the needs of residents in Chino Hills. During the coming years, the City will continue to support organizations to expand affordable housing opportunities, homeless assistance and supportive services, and to meet the other needs of the low-income residents. Through the use of CDBG funds, the City offers grants to low-income households for emergency/health and safety repairs and accessibility modifications for disabled homeowners.

### **Worst Case Needs**

Worst case affordable housing needs are defined as housing needs of low-income renters with severe cost burden, in substandard housing, or involuntary displaced. The City of Chino Hills services the worst-case needs by working with the Housing Authority of San Bernardino. The Housing Authority of San Bernardino provides 10 Project-Based Rental Assistance Program units in Chino Hills. These units are privately owned, with rent subsidies paid directly to owners by the Housing Authority. This program is managed by the Housing Authority of San Bernardino. In addition, the Heights Apartments, a 124-unit apartment complex, has an affordability requirement on 25 units. All 25 units are consistently occupied. The second phase of the Country Club Villas project was completed in 2019 and includes 9 affordable housing units.

### Other Efforts Taken to Foster and Maintain Affordable Housing

The City has established an in-lieu Housing Fee Program which is aimed at generating funds for the City's affordable housing program. The program requires an in-lieu fee in the amount of \$1 per square foot of livable space for each residential dwelling unit and not to exceed \$3,500 for a new single-family residential unit and not to exceed \$1,000 for a new multi-family residential unit. The City's available in-lieu fund balance as of May 31, 2025 was \$3,582,275.00. The Chino Hills City Council executed a Transfer Agreement with Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity in 2021 in order to convey two lots to Habitat. Habitat was issued building permits in July 2023 for construction of a single-family detached house with a garage on each lot. Habitat completed construction on the first of the two homes (4628 Fairway Drive) in March, 2025 and the second (4528 Fairway Drive) remains under construction as Habitat works to qualify a homebuyer for the property. Habitat is committed to sell each property to an income-eligible purchaser at an affordable purchase price as part of its Veteran Build Program.

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

**TABLE 7 – NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED** 

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	76	0
Low-income	66	0
Moderate-income	56	0
Total	198	0

### **Narrative Information**

During the 2024-2025 program year, the City's CDBG program assisted a total of 229 beneficiaries under public services programs. Of those, 76 were classified as extremely low-income (below 30% of AMI); 66 as low-income (30%-50% AMI); 56 as moderate-income (50%-80% AMI); and 31 as non-low/moderate income (greater than 80% AMI).

During the 2024-2025 program year, the Home Improvement Program was able to assist 2 homeowner households make improvements to their homes. Households participating in the Home Improvement Grant Program are income qualified at the time of assistance.

Note that Table 7 does not include beneficiaries of the City's Los Serranos infrastructure project.

## CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

## Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Chino Hills partners with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership and a variety of agencies and organizations to provide services to the homeless. San Bernardino County uses ESG funds for outreach, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and data collection and analysis. Housing providers and street outreach workers seek to access homeless persons and guide them to appropriate services. The City continues to play a role in the involvement with the Continuum of Care in the planning and execution of the countywide point-in-time homeless count.

Nonprofit organizations working in Chino Hills also help meet the needs of persons experiencing homelessness. The City formed a new partnership during the 2022-2023 Program Year with SWAG, the Social Work Action Group, to come into Chino Hills and provide periodic street outreach to people experiencing homelessness in the city. During the 2024-2025 program year, they made 380 contacts with people experiencing homelessness in Chino Hills. In the course of these contacts, SWAG initiated 11 referrals for housing placement, with a total of 9 people initially placed in shelter or transitional housing returning to the streets. Additionally, the House of Ruth provides emergency shelter, a transitional living program, children's programs, child abuse treatment, prevention education, and other services, including housing assistance, career counseling, classes in resume writing, parenting, domestic violence, and computer skills. Organizations outside the City of Chino Hills also provide services and shelter to persons experiencing homelessness in Chino Hills. For example, the Chino Neighborhood House provides food, clothing, and hygiene items.

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

A number of agencies in the area provide services addressing emergency shelter and transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness:

• House of Ruth offers 24-hour emergency shelter, transportation, counseling for approximately 100 battered women and their children. Serving the west-end of San Bernardino County and east-end of Los Angeles County, House of Ruth is the only domestic violence shelter in the area. During the 2024-2025 program year, the House of Ruth assisted 3 Chino Hills individuals using CDBG funding from the City. The organization offers in-person Domestic Violence 101, Parenting, and Life Skills classes. Staff has seen an increase in requests for services, but also an increase in no-shows for sessions, as people are juggling multiple responsibilities, making it a challenge to prioritize services.

- Homeless Outreach Programs and Education (HOPE) provides cold weather shelter for the homeless in Ontario and the west area of San Bernardino County. Shelter is provided in the form of vouchers issued from a facility at 213 N. Fern Avenue in Ontario. The vouchers are funded in part by the County's Emergency Shelter Grant.
- Boys Republic offers transitional housing across four duplexes (eight two-bedroom units) which
  provide transitional student housing for program graduates while they are completing their
  vocational training before they establish themselves off campus.
- Salvation Army operates two homeless shelters in the City of San Bernardino. In addition, the Salvation Army issues shelter vouchers at six locations throughout San Bernardino County.
- **County of San Bernardino Human Services** System administers Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. The program provides vouchers to qualified homeless families with children to purchase temporary or permanent shelter, or to assist with living expenses.
- **Social Work Action Group (SWAG)** works with community partners on creative ways to help individuals exit life on the streets.

The City itself does not operate transitional housing or emergency shelters but does participate in the San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care (CoC). Under the CoC, the San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) serves as the collaborative applicant and is responsible for maintaining the housing inventory count of all save havens, emergency, transitional, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing providers. According to the 2024 HUD Housing Inventory Count for the San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care, there were a total of 890 emergency shelter and 418 transitional housing beds identified within the countywide Continuum of Care.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City provides referral (food, clothing, and utility assistance), information, and outreach to area residents through the Community Services Department and also supports the efforts of the San Bernardino County Interagency Council on Homelessness to prevent homelessness. The San Bernardino CoC Health Committee works closely with hospitals, foster care facilities, mental health agencies, and correctional institutions to develop and implement a countywide homeless prevention policy for person leaving publicly funding institutions or systems of care that have no identified immediate housing. All hospitals in California are required to develop plans for safely discharging patients without homes and to coordinate with appropriate community service providers as a condition of licensure. Under this law, all hospitals must:

- Attempt to secure a sheltered discharge location, resource permitting, or discharge a patient to the location of their choice;
- Provide transportation to a discharge location that must be within 30 miles or minutes of the hospital;
- Offer the patient weather-appropriate clothes;
- Offer the patient a meal; and
- Provide referrals to health and mental health resources.

Rental assistance is a component of the City's strategy to prevent homelessness by individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness. Among this group are extremely low-income renters who are spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs. Also among the people who are threatened with homelessness are the persons and families on the Section 8 waiting list.

The City will continue to support the San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care Health Committee as they continue to bridge the gap between homeless and health related services and the County of San Bernardino Housing Authority's Section 8 rental assistance program.

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 San Bernardino County CoC implements a regional strategy to serve homeless persons and families. Through this collaboration of service providers and local government agencies, efforts are coordinated for outreach, needs assessment, provision of services for the homeless. The consortium also determines the priorities and allocation of countywide Emergency Shelter Grant funds.

Housing, along with supportive services, is the best intervention to end homelessness. Therefore, the City is committed to providing services to assist the most vulnerable in the community. The City continues to support House of Ruth. House of Ruth provides life-saving domestic violence services. Services include Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living Program, Children's Programs, Child Abuse Treatment Program, prevention education, and domestic violence counseling. During the program year, House of Ruth was able to assist 3 residents using CDBG funding from the City of Chino Hills.

Additionally, to increase permanent affordable housing options within the city, Chino Hills is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build two additional affordable housing units in the Los Serranos neighborhood as part of Habitat's Veteran Build Program. This initiative helps provide homeownership and employment opportunities to U.S. Veterans, military service members, and their families. In 2021, City Council transferred two vacant lots to Pomona Valley Habitat for construction of new homes. Building

permits were issued in July 2023 and construction on the first home was completed in March 2025; the second home remains under construction as Habitat works to qualify a homebuyer for the property. In addition, the second phase of the Country Club Villas project was completed in 2019, which includes 9 affordable housing units for sale.

The City will continue to support the San Bernardino Continuum of Care efforts as they implement their strategy throughout the region.

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

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

There are no public housing units in Chino Hills. Therefore, there are no planned actions to address the needs of public housing. The nearest units, administered by the San Bernardino County Housing Authority, are located in the City of Chino.

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

There are no public housing units in Chino Hills. Therefore, there are no planned actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership. The nearest units, administered by the San Bernardino County Housing Authority, are located in the City of Chino.

### Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

N/A

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

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

Actions of the City can have an impact on the price and availability of affordable housing in the City. As part of the City's Housing Element, the City identifies adequate housing sites and policies to remove barriers to affordable housing. An in-lieu fee was approved during the Housing Element update and, as of May 31, 2025, there was a balance of \$3,582,275.00 in the Affordable Housing Program Fund. In addition, the City regularly reviews land use regulatory controls, site improvement requirements, building codes, fees, and other local programs to improve the quality of housing.

The City has been working with Habitat for Humanity on the development of two affordable single-family homes on City-owned residential lots located on Fairway Drive. The Chino Hills City Council executed a Transfer Agreement with Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity in 2021 in order to convey the two lots to Habitat. Habitat was issued building permits in July 2023. Construction was completed on the first of the two homes (4628 Fairway Drive) in March, 2025 and the second (4528 Fairway Drive) remains under construction as Habitat works to qualify a homebuyer for the property. Under the terms of Habitat's program and the City's lot transfer conditions, each of the two properties must be sold to an incomeeligible purchaser at an affordable purchase price and thereafter will be subject to a recorded affordable housing agreement providing that, for a period of not less than 45 years after the date of the initial purchase of each home, the home may be sold only to persons or households of very low-income (not exceeding 50% of the San Bernardino County area median income, adjusted for household size).

The City also utilizes the following programs to remove barriers to affordable housing:

- Expedited Project Review This program provides fast-track permit processing for projects with an affordable component. The City will continue to assist developers and non-profit entities with financing and priority processing for affordable housing projects.
- Development Fees Deferment This program reduces fees for affordable housing projects. The City waives the housing in-lieu fee for projects that have developed affordable housing units. In addition, the City defers the payment of development impact fees until the issuance of building permits. In some cases, some fees are deferred even further until prior to the final inspection.
- In-lieu Housing Fee This program is aimed at generating funds for the City's affordable housing programs.

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

The two primary obstacles to meeting the needs of underserved populations in Chino Hills are:

- 1. Limited City funding for support services
- Costs associated with acquiring and maintaining affordable housing for low- and extremely lowincome and/or homeless residents. The City of Chino Hills took the following actions to address obstacles to meeting undeserved needs:
  - Promoted and encouraged housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community, regardless of age, sex, ethnic background, physical condition, or family size.
  - Maintained and enhanced the quality of existing residential neighborhoods.
  - Provided support services to meet the housing needs of the City's residents, specifically homeless households and at-risk youth or other special needs groups.
  - Improved the quality and increased the quantity of public improvements that benefit low-and moderate-income residents.
  - Provided services to non-homeless special needs populations.

Over the years, community partnerships with county, state, and federal agencies have also been integral to meeting the needs of the undeserved community. However, with the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agencies in California under ABX1 26, Low/Moderate Income Housing Funds are no longer available to use for site assembly and other forms of assistance for affordable housing development.

The City's popular Mobile Recreation Program is a free after-school program that visits various neighborhoods throughout Chino Hills (including the Los Serranos area) to offer such activities as homework assistance, arts and crafts, sporting activities, outdoor games, board games, team building activities, and healthy snacks. The program meets underserved needs by bringing these activities, free of charge, into neighborhoods where children can access them without transportation challenges.

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

The City of Chino Hills ensures that all homes for which CDBG assistance is provided meet the regulatory lead-based paint standards, including the completion of lead-based paint inspections and testing where applicable. Home Improvement Program applicants are provided printed information concerning lead-based paint hazards.

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

The City has continued to address the issue of poverty by enhancing the quality of life of its residents. The City has implemented the following activities:

- The Home Improvement Program supports housing preservation programs that ensure lowincome households have a safe, decent, and appropriate place to live. During the 2024-2025 program year, the City was able to assist 2 low-income households with improvements to their home.
- Public services through various nonprofits that support and serve the community's families, and those with special needs. Some programs include offering English classes to non-English speaking persons, food distribution assistance, domestic violence assistance, and recreational activities for disabled individuals.

The City has an in-lieu Housing Fee Program which is aimed at generating funds for the City's affordable housing program. The program requires an in-lieu fee in the amount of \$1 per square foot of livable space for each residential dwelling unit and not to exceed \$3,500 for a new single-family residential unit and not to exceed \$1,000 for a new multi-family residential unit. Currently, this local funding source is being used to support the development of two affordable single-family homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity as part of their Veteran Build Program. Through a previously-granted density bonus, the second phase of the Country Club Villas project was completed in 2019, which includes 9 units of affordable forsale housing.

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

The City relied on various methods to strengthen the City's institutional structure and enhance coordination of service delivery including:

- The Community Services Department, acting as the lead agency for the City's CDBG program, met
  with various City departments (Public Works, Police, Finance, and Community Development) and
  with outside agencies to gain input on the needs, enhance coordination of services, prevent
  duplication of service, and maintain the interagency institutional structure.
- City staff participated in trainings developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure that the City was in full compliance with the program and to ensure the maximum use and availability of CDBG funds. Training knowledge was shared with in-house staff and sub-recipients to ensure the collection of data for monitoring the progress of the Consolidated Plan activities.
- Oversight of subrecipients and reviews of their reports and reimbursement submissions was conducted to ensure that there was accountability and productivity, and sub-recipient contracts were updated to ensure regulatory compliance.
- Homeless Coalition meetings were attended to better identify potential homeless individuals in the City of Chino Hills and their needs and/or to better assist in the Continuum of Care model.
- Communication with the Community Development Department to keep abreast of housing issues and affordable housing options, particularly in reference to the development of the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan, the Housing Element and changes to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, if any.

The Community Services Department administers the CDBG program, including the Home Improvement Program. The Community Development Department is responsible for implementing the City's housing and economic development programs. The Finance Department facilitates sub-recipient payments and project tracking, and the Public Works Department oversees capital projects, including the Los Serranos Infrastructure Project.

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

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, Chino Hills worked closely and partnered with San Bernardino County, local organizations, nonprofits, and the SBHAC to address regional issues that affect the needs of low-income persons, special needs populations, and other at-risk groups. The City continues to collaborate as a member of the Continuum of Care and with public service providers to market programs to our residents. This program year, the City partnered with SWAG, the Social Work Action Group, to provide periodic street and personal outreach to people experiencing homelessness in the city. Chino Hills also continued collaboration and marketing efforts with the Chino Neighborhood House. The Chino Neighborhood House along with the Community Services Adult Services Coordinator have developed a

direct relationship to include program services in communication with the City's senior groups.

The City worked closely with the Chino Valley Unified School District HOPE Resource Center that serves all the Chino Valley Unified School District with resources and support. The center assists individuals with Medi-Cal & Cal-Fresh applications, food bank referrals, and more. In addition to assisting with marketing efforts, the City has established a direct connection with the Resource Center to offer priority access to the Summer Recreation Scholarship Program funded by the Chino Hills Community Foundation. The program offers scholarships to the City's day camp program to low-income residents. The City also coordinates with the HOPE Resource Center to assist individuals in need during the holidays through the City's Adopt a Family Program.

During the program year, the City also worked with the City of Chino Human Services Department to market the program and showcase the available programs to residents through a partnership with the City of Chino and the Chino Valley Unified School District. This is part of a bigger collaboration with the City of Chino as part of monthly meetings to keep each other informed of programs and services available to the public.

# Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdiction's analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City's most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) was completed in 2020, along with development of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. A complete listing of the goals and actions to overcome the effects of the identified impediments are presented in the City's 2020 Analysis of Impediments and a summary is provided here. The AI identified the following four impediments to fair housing choice in Chino Hills:

- 1. Affordable Housing Needs Disproportionately Affect Protected Classes
- 2. Community Policies and Public Opinion Limit Affordable Housing
- 3. Continued Need for Neighborhood Infrastructure and Public Improvements
- 4. Continued Need for Fair Housing Education

To take action toward overcoming these impediments, the City adopted an SB9 ordinance to allow 2 houses and/or 2 lots on a single-family property; completed the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing analysis for its 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element; and completed, adopted and received HCD's compliance for its 6<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element that creates new very high-density residential sites intended to increase housing affordability. Earlier this year, the City completed a comprehensive update to its General Plan. A primary goal of the update to the General Plan was to revise the Land Use Element to accommodate land use changes contained in the new 2021-2029 Housing Element, which was adopted August 16, 2022. As required by State law, the Housing Element identifies sites for future housing development to meet the State mandated fair share of regional housing needs. The City formally adopted the General Plan update on June 10, 2025.

In addition to these housing accomplishments, the City's 2020 Analysis of Impediments recommended two additional strategies to address barriers to affordable housing:

- Develop and deliver community education around the concept of affordable housing and its cultural and economic value to the community.
- Market the education program and available speakers to community groups such as neighborhood/homeowners' associations, Rotary and other similar clubs, and associations of Realtors, homebuilders, and lenders.

To assist the City in carrying out these fair housing education programs, the City contracts with Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board (IFHMB), providing \$18,200 in 2024 CDBG funding to provide fair housing services within the community.

### CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Since suspending monitoring site visits with subrecipients due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Chino Hills has continued to perform monitoring through a remote desk monitoring process. Items reviewed included subrecipient records, reports, financial management practices, service intake processes, program implementation progress, and regulatory compliance. By issuing payment to subrecipients on a reimbursement basis and monitoring their quarterly reimbursement requests, the City has been able to successfully identify and disallow any ineligible project costs before drawing down and expending CDBG funds. As needed, City staff interviewed subrecipient staff to clarify or resolve any issues encountered.

Monitoring Standards for CDBG-CV Activities: The City's CV-funded Microenterprise Business Grant Program and Small Business Grant Program grants will be monitored by City staff over a two-year period from the date of receipt of the grant. The City requires periodic updates from grant recipients to ensure that funded entities are meeting their benchmarks. Additionally, the City collects documentation from each grant recipient to ensure the CDBG-CV funds were used for eligible expenses and according to the grant terms.

### Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The CAPER was made available for citizen comment for fifteen days from September 9, 2025 through September 23, 2025, as required by HUD regulations. Copies were available through the Community Services Department, and Chino Hills website. The City's website has the ability to convert website content into different languages. Notices, including the availability of interpreters, are available upon request. As per City policy, citizens with a disability who need special accommodations in order to access program information must contact the Community Services Department with a reasonable accommodation request.

A public hearing on the draft CAPER was held before the Chino Hills City Council on September 23, 2025. The City did not receive any public comments at the public hearing or during the public comment period.

### CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

All CDBG-funded programs were operational and running at levels comparable to pre-pandemic operations over the course of the 2024-2025 program year. Economic factors, namely high costs of building materials and labor, have continued to impact capital improvement and homeowner improvement projects, making them more expensive and stretching the capacity of the CDBG funding. As the City moves forward, it will be important to work even more closely with service providers that will be able to make modifications to their programs and adapt as needed while still being able to provide services to City residents.

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

No

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

N/A

## CR-58 - Section 3

## Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

### **TABLE 8 – TOTAL LABOR HOURS**

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0				
Total Labor Hours	0				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

### TABLE 9 – QUALITATIVE EFFORTS - NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES BY PROGRAM

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are	0				
Public Housing Targeted Workers	U				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are	0				
Other Funding Targeted Workers.	U				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or	0				
paying tuition for, off-site training.	U				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete	0				
for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	U				
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section	0				
3 business concerns.	U				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns	0				
understand and bid on contracts.	U				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate	0				
participation by Section 3 business concerns.	U				
Provided or connected residents with assistance in					
seeking employment including: drafting resumes,	0				
preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities,	U				
connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.	0				
Provided or connected residents with supportive	0				
services that can provide direct services or referrals.	U				

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Provided or connected residents with supportive					
services that provide one or more of the following: work	0				
readiness health screenings, interview clothing,	U				
uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community	0				
college or a four year educational institution.	U				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend	0				
vocational/technical training.	U				
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training	0				
and/or coaching.	U				
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to	0				
support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	U				
Provided or connected residents with training on	0				
computer use or online technologies.	U				
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to					
create opportunities for disadvantaged and small	0				
businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one					
stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the	0				
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					
Other.	0				

### **Narrative**

N/A