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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires entitlement communities to develop and submit a One-Year Action Plan in order to access Community Development funds. The City of San Benito's Action Plan describes the activities that will be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS). The 2020 Annual Action Plan represents an extension of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan that was approved by HUD in October 2015. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the City of San Benito submitted an extension to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The one-year extension was approved by HUD on May 19, 2020. The City's next Five Year Consolidated Plan period will be from 2021-2025 and will be due no later than August 16, 2021. In August 2020, the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) was amended to reflect HUD's memorandum of waivers for certain regulatory requirements associated with CPD grant programs to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households impacted economically by COVID-19. The CPP was amended to temporarily decrease the 30-day minimum for the required public comment period for substantial amendments to five (5) days.

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.

Through the years the City of San Benito has partnered with the surrounding Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Communities (RGVEC) in a combined effort to develop a comprehensive approach to the use of HUD program funding for housing and community revitalization in the South Texas Region. The

Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Community's Consolidated Planning process provided a valuable opportunity to shape a variety of housing and community development programs into effective and coordinated neighborhood, community, and regional development strategies. It also created an opportunity for strategic planning, community-wide consultation, and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, thereby reducing duplication of effort at the local level. The City of San Benito converted to a Five-Year Consolidation Plan due to these efforts.

Despite these coordinated efforts, the City of San Benito has continued to administer its own community development program covered by the CPS. The City has addressed several high priority projects during the past years. Many residents including the youth, were afforded services producing a higher quality of life. Historically, the City has funded 15% of its CDBG entitlement to public services and 100% of the total beneficiaries have been low to moderate income households. Street improvements, park improvements, and public services have all been high priorities. The City is undertaking projects that will address these needs which will improve the quality of life and promote economic improvement in the community.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of San Benito submits a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD on an annual basis. This report describes how funding was utilized during the program year. The Consolidated Plan is used as a benchmark document in which performance can be measured. The following are the most recent accomplishments:

- Provided water/sewer improvements to eight (8) newly constructed family dwellings
- Provided health services and companionship to over 50 elderly residents
- Provided increased access to public facilities to over 10,000 residents with the reconstruction of streets
- Provided increased quality of life to over 20,000 residents with access to the Heavin Resaca Trail
- Provided health and fitness programs to over 2,000 residents by offering free exercise classes, presentations, and motivational support (UTHSCH partnership)

Provided access to improved drainage facilities to 2,273 low to moderate income residents (Disaster Recovery Funding).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rules and Regulations, the City of San Benito has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan that sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation. A copy of said plan is attached hereto in this plan's Appendices. Most recently, the plan was amended in August 2020 to reflect the new CARES funding requirements/flexibilities in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19).

The City of San Benito conducted a City Commission Meeting at the San Benito Municipal Building, 401 N. Sam Houston Blvd., on June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss, consider and possible action to approve the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. One person spoke during Public Comments at the June 16, 2020 City Commission meeting. The Proposed Year 46 Annual Action Plan was published on June 19, 2020. We offered a 30-day comment period and two Public Hearings. We had no attendees at the June 24, 2020 Public Hearing. There were no attendees at the Public Hearing on July 21, 2020 at the City Commission meeting. The 2020 Annual Action Plan was approved by the San Benito City Commission on August 11, 2020.

In order to encourage public participation in the Action Planning process, particularly among minorities, non-English speaking persons, and persons with disabilities, the City published notices in The San Benito News, the local newspaper in San Benito. The public notices advised potential attendees that special accommodations would be made for persons with disabilities if given proper advanced notification. In addition, the public notices indicated (in Spanish) that translation was available upon request.

Consultation: The City of San Benito determines the priority ranking of the City's needs through a consultation process with public agencies, community organizations, and City residents. The complete list of consultations for the Annual Action Plan may be found in the Consolidated Plan and Strategy for the RGVECs. In addition, during the Consolidated Plan process, the City reviewed relevant data on the county's and region's housing and community development needs, including the following sources: 2010 Census, 2000 CHAS Data Book, HUD Low Income Housing Tax Credit Database, Texas State Data Center, Texas A&M Real Estate Center, Texas Workforce Center, National Low Income Housing Coalition, State of the Cities, Texas Department of State Health Services, Homeless Network of RG, and Balance of State, Continuum of Care Application. The City drafted its Annual Action Plan with a jurisdictional perspective.

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.

June 16, 2020 Public Comments:

Funds will be used to support programs for abused or neglected children and various programming aimed at the City's youth.

A total of one public comment was received. The comment supported the plan and activities outline on the 2020 One Year Action Plan. The comment also thanked the City of San Benito for the continued support.

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

The City recognizes the comment provided by the public. All comments were accepted and considered.

7. Summary

The City of San Benito's Annual Action Plan is a major component of the CPS. In the Annual Action Plan, the City describes the programs and services that it will undertake during the period beginning October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2021. The Annual Action Plan details the populations that will be served, projects to be undertaken, and resources that will be used over the next year to address the next period of the CPS. The 2020 Annual Action Plan was presented before the August 11, 2020 City Commission meeting.

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
Lead Agency	SAN BENITO	
CDBG Administrator	SAN BENITO	Community Grants & Programs
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The lead agency for the development of the Consolidated Plan is the San Benito Community Grants and Programs Department (SBCGP). SBCGP contracted with the consulting firm of J-QUAD Planning Group. The City and J-QUAD consulted with a number of other agencies including the agencies involved in the Cameron County Homeless Partnership to address homelessness.

The City of San Benito receives entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis. Funding is determined by the size of HUD's approved budget and an allocation formula that factors in variables such as population, housing stock age/condition, and poverty levels. SBCGP is a department within the City of San Benito's governance structure, which was established as the conduit through which the City would administer its annual entitlements from HUD. Planning, budgeting, and the day-to-day administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received by the City are under the responsibility of SBCGP. Eligible projects can be conducted anywhere in the jurisdiction of the City. The City Commissioners have the final authority on the operations and funding allocations of the CDBG Program.

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

1. Introduction

San Benito works with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and service needs. Ongoing relationships focused on specific needs and targeted meetings designed to bring public input into the Consolidated Plan process are two of the ways that the City utilizes outside organizations in the consultation process.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City has ongoing relationships with several housing providers working on housing development activities. The City works to utilize Section 8 vouchers from the federal government to address the housing needs of the City's lowest income households. Through the Cameron County Homeless Partnership, the City maintains relationships with mental health providers, homeless shelter and services providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. The City also participates in a variety of other coalitions that seek to address other issues that relate to housing and service needs.

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.

City staff works actively with the Cameron County Homeless Partnership, the umbrella organization that addresses homeless issues in the region. Staff participates in regularly scheduled meetings and point-in-time surveys. In the past, the City has provided administrative support to supplement homeless initiatives and funding to the various agencies that make up the local membership of the regional partnership.

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

City of San Benito staff participates in the Cameron County Homeless Partnership, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in San Benito.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in Consolidated Plan forums. Reviewed application information packet. Lead-based paint abatement per AP-85.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Senior Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Review of application information packet and previous progress reports. Amigos Del Valley consultation will allow the City of San Benito to have a better understanding of the needs for elderly residents.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	CAMERON COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Youth Services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Review of application information packet and previous progress reports.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CASA of Cameron and Willacy Counties, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Youth Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Review of application information packet and previous progress reports. Consultation with CASA will allow the City of San Benito understand the needs for Children Services and Services for Domestic Violence.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys and Girls Club of San Benito
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Youth Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Review of application information packet and previous progress reports. Consultation with Boys and Girls Club of San Benito will allow the City understand the need for Children Services.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Harlingen San Benito MPO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Community Development - Transportation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of San Benito participates, along with nine other cities, in the Harlingen San Benito MPO, which is the regional transportation planning organization responsible for all modes of transportation. The City attends monthly meetings to conduct MPO business and establishing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Smartcom Telephone
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Internet
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with Smartcom Telephone allows the City of San Benito to assess the needs for broadband in the community and improve collaboration with Broadband Organizations to improve the services in the community.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	City of San Benito Public Works Dept.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Drainage and Flooding

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Action Plan development process, identified needs through partnership with the Con Plan. The anticipated outcome for this consultation is to improve in the area of resiliency for the community as well as to identify any needs for Drainage and Flooding.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	COSB Emergency Management Dept.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Emergency Response
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Action Plan development process, identified needs through partnerships with the Con Plan. Consulting with the Emergency Management Dept. will allow to assess the needs of emergency management and to have resources available in case of emergencies/disasters thus improving the overall resiliency for the community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	San Benito Police Dept.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Correctional Facility & Public Safety
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Action Plan development process, identified needs through partnerships with the Con Plan. Consulting with the Police department will allow to improve in the public safety area, as to coordinate services for the youth and services to decrease crime rate in the community.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Charter Spectrum
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Internet Provider
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Action Plan development process, identified needs through partnerships with the Con Plan. Consultation with Charter Spectrum allows the City to assess the needs for broadband in the community and improve collaboration with Broadband Organizations to improve the services in the community.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	COSB Utility Dept.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development - Water Resources
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Action Plan development process, identified needs through partnerships with the Con Plan. The anticipated outcome for this consultation is to improve in the area of resiliency for the community as well as to identify any needs for water resources.

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

The City of San Benito consulted with all agency types described above. The City continues to stride for inclusivity on all the needs of the community/partners.

Valley Metro was not formally consulted, but does provide bus service across the Rio Grande Valley at affordable rates, and currently is offering free rates through 2018. This bus service allows residents to travel across five counties (Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, and Zapata), even offering curbside pickup within a half-mile of any bus route. This bus service provides connectivity to many areas of the community for endless

reasons, such as, but not limited to, jobs, medical services, and shopping. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council provides the funding for Valley Metro. (www.lrgvdc.org/valleymetro)

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Cameron County Homeless Partnership	The City of San Benito has worked with the Cameron County Homeless partnership (CCHP) to develop goals for the organization and our Strategic Plan. Thus, goals would coincide with each other.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City participates in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Active Transportation and Tourism Plan. The plan is utilized to improve the facilities and infrastructure associated with non-motorized transportation across Cameron County. Two of the guiding principles of the plan include 1) linking Lower Rio Grande Valley communities, and 2) creating a regional active transportation network. The plan supplements the transportation, parks, and comprehensive plans of the City of San Benito and surrounding cities in Cameron County. The plan may be viewed at: https://tx-sanbenito.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1502/COMPLETE_DRAFT_090916?bidId=. The City continues to rely on its ongoing partnerships to ensure that the community input is incorporated into the plan.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

A - Notice of Funds Availability & Public Notice published February 28, 2020 to 1) inform the public regarding a public hearing scheduled for March 18, 2020 at the San Benito Municipal Building (401 N. Sam Houston Blvd., San Benito, Texas 78586) to solicit input from interested parties to express their concern or interest regarding the City's strengths and needs pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and 2) inform the public and non-profit organizations of funding availability for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Applications were accepted until April 28, 2020. There were no attendees at the public hearings. Three applications were received from non-profit organizations.

B. City Commission approved the proposed allocations for the FY 2020-2021 Draft Annual Action Plan on June 16, 2020. Public notification accomplished via Agenda which was posted no later than June 12, 2020 on the City of San Benito website and at the City of San Benito Municipal Building. The City Commission meeting video may be viewed via the City of San Benito website.

C. Public Comment received during June 16, 2020 during Public Comments portion of the City Commission Meeting. One speaker/attendee commented.

D. Public Notice - The Draft Annual Action Plan was published June 19, 2020 in the San Benito News. The plan was available for review and comment until July 22, 2020 (30-day comment period), and included the dates of the two Public Hearings. Plan available for review at City of San Benito Municipal Building.

E. First Public Hearing held June 24, 2020 at the City of San Benito Municipal Building. No attendees.

F. Second Public Hearing held July 21, 2020 during the City Commission meeting. No attendees.

G. City Commission approved the Final Annual Action Plan on August 11, 2020. Public notification accomplished via Agenda which was posted no later than August 7, 2020 on the City of San Benito website and at the City of San Benito Municipal Building. The City Commission meeting video may be viewed via the City of San Benito website.

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	February 28, 2020: Notification of Funding Availability	Not applicable, as the newspaper ad was to notify the public of funding availability, and did not solicit comments.	Not applicable, as the newspaper ad did not solicit comments.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	March 18, 2020: No attendees.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	

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)
3	Public Meeting	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	June 16, 2020: City Commission meeting was attended by several members of the community.	Funds should be used for non-profits, specifically abused or neglected children, and various programming aimed at the City's youth.	Five comments were accepted.	www.cityofsanbenito.com
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	June 21, 2019: FY 2019-2020 Draft Annual Action Plan, start of 30-day comment period.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	

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)
5	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	June 25, 2019: No attendees.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
6	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	July 16, 2019 City Commission Meeting: One speaker. City Commission Meeting was attended by several members of the community.	Funds should be used for non-profits, specifically abused or neglected children.	Comment was accepted.	www.cityofsanbenito.com
7	Public Meeting	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	August 6, 2019: City Commission Meeting: City Commission Meeting was attended by several members of the community.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	www.cityofsanbenito.com

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

San Benito only receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The CDBG program will bring \$386,229 into the City to support affordable housing, infrastructure, and community development programs and projects throughout the program year. Additional resources are restricted to capital improvement project allocation.

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	386,229	0	0	386,229	0	

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

Federal funds will be leveraged through the ability of service organizations to raise program funds through outside sources, other loan sources needed for housing development activities, and the City's General Fund, where appropriate.

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

The City of San Benito is the recipient of lots donated by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) which can be used to further affordable housing opportunities either with the Housing Authority or perhaps a partnership with Habitat For Humanity or Community Development Corporation of Brownsville.

Discussion

The City has programmed \$386,229 from the CDBG program for the FY 2020-2021 program year. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration	2015	2019	Administration	City-wide	Administration	CDBG: \$77,197	Other: 1 Other
2	Infrastructure Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Eligible Areas	Public and Community Facilities Public Improvements Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks	CDBG: \$214,853	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 13720 Persons Assisted
3	Public Facilities Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide CDBG Eligible Areas	Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks Parks and Recreation Facilities	CDBG: \$64,179	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 13720 Persons Assisted Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Senior Services Objective	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City-wide	Senior Services Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels	CDBG: \$5,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4 Persons Assisted
5	Youth Services Objective 2	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City-wide	Youth Services Domestic Violence/Child Abuse	CDBG: \$25,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4545 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Program Administration - General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement, and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design, develop annual plans and grant administration, sub-recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations, training, environmental review, and labor standards.
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure Objective
	Goal Description	Infrastructure improvements - Support the improvement of streets and infrastructure in low and moderate income census tracts.
3	Goal Name	Public Facilities Objective
	Goal Description	Public facilities improvements - Support the improvement of recreation trails, and open space in the City, including low and moderate income census tracts.

4	Goal Name	Senior Services Objective
	Goal Description	Senior Services - Funds will be used to provide services to senior citizens at low to moderate incomes at 80% or below the median income. The strategic goal is to provide operational support for delivery of meals and food services to seniors.
5	Goal Name	Youth Services Objective 2
	Goal Description	Youth services for abused or neglected children - Funds will be used to provide services to low to moderate income youth at 80% or below the median income within the City of San Benito. The strategic goal is to provide services for abused and neglected children.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects were developed by staff with consultation from non-profit service providers and community input.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration
2	Street Improvement Debt Payment
3	City Parks - Resaca Trail Property
4	Amigos Del Valle
5	CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties
6	Cameron County Children's Advocacy Centers (Maggie's House)
7	City Parks-General Park Improvements

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The projects listed above were selected from the total of project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available. Organizational competencies were also considered when selecting one project over another, leaning toward those organizations with long-standing histories of successful project management.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$77,197
	Description	General administration of Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	General administration of Program.
2	Project Name	Street Improvement Debt Payment
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Objective
	Needs Addressed	Public and Community Facilities Public Improvements Infrastructure - Streets and Sidewalks
	Funding	CDBG: \$214,853
	Description	Payment 17 of 20 toward neighborhood infrastructure improvements project completed before 2009 Waiver for Pre-Award Costs. Twenty year debt ending 2024.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Payment 17 of 20 toward neighborhood infrastructure improvements project completed before 2009 Waiver for Pre-Award Costs. Twenty year debt ending 2024.
3	Project Name	City Parks - Resaca Trail Property

	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities Objective
	Needs Addressed	Public and Community Facilities Public Improvements Parks and Recreation Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,996
	Description	Payment 14 of 20 for loan agreement to purchase property along the Resaca for the Resaca Trail Project. Waiver for Pre-Award Costs received in 2009. Twenty year Real Estate Note to end December 2026.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Payment 14 of 20 for loan agreement to purchase property along the Resaca for the Resaca Trail Project. Waiver for Pre-Award Costs received in 2009. Twenty year Real Estate Note to end December 2026. Property purchase provided an increase in parks and recreational amenities for all City residents, including 13,720 low/low-mod income residents.
4	Project Name	Amigos Del Valle
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Senior Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Provide funding for operational and food costs for the delivery of approximately 942 hot nutritious noon meals to 4 senior residents over the course of 251 days.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 Low and moderate income senior San Benito residents.
	Location Description	City-wide

	Planned Activities	Provide funding for operational and food costs for the delivery of approximately 942 hot nutritious noon meals to 4 senior residents over the course of 251 days.
5	Project Name	CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective 2
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Provide funding to cover salary and benefit expenses for employees to provide services to approximately 45 abused or neglected children in the City of San Benito.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 abused or neglected children (presumed benefit).
	Location Description	City-wide.
	Planned Activities	Provide funding to cover salary and benefit expenses for employees to provide services to approximately 45 abused or neglected children in the City of San Benito.
6	Project Name	Cameron County Children's Advocacy Centers (Maggie's House)
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective 2
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Children's Advocacy Center of Cameron and Willacy Counties (CACCWC) provides a safe haven to children who have been victimized by child abuse, providing advocacy, intervention and prevention services to approximately 4500 abused or neglected children in the City of San Benito. Deliver evidenced based prevention curriculum and provide more presentations to school students.
	Target Date	9/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	approximately 2250 low and moderate income San Benito households
	Location Description	City-wide.
	Planned Activities	Outreach expansion to provide safe and secure curriculum to prevent abuse in schools and afterschool programs. Provide a safe haven to children who have been victimized by child abuse, providing advocacy, intervention and prevention services. Provide more presentations to increase their knowledge of safe touch and child abuse reporting mechanisms to approximately 4500 school students in the City of San Benito.
7	Project Name	City Parks-General Park Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities Objective
	Needs Addressed	Public and Community Facilities Public Improvements Parks and Recreation Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,183
	Description	Park improvements to existing parks, including, but not limited to, restroom facilities and/or park equipment.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park improvements to existing parks, including, but not limited to, restroom facilities and/or park equipment. Parks serve all City residents, including 13,720 low/low-mod income residents.

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

Much of the funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is available for use in any of the CDBG neighborhoods or citywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities.

Also, some funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. CDBG funds will be used in low income minority concentrated CDBG Eligible areas. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-wide	100
CDBG Eligible Areas	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and certain areas of high minority concentration are targeted. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The only source of federal funding that could assist the San Benito Community Grants & Programs Department (SBCGP) to address its affordable housing needs is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Although a variety of housing and community development activities are eligible to be funded with CDBG dollars, the amount available is extremely scarce. The City of San Benito currently does not fund any housing activities. Currently, the Housing Authority of San Benito (PHA) administers the only affordable housing programs in the community. Outside of the normal federally funded housing programs such as Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Assistance, the PHA offers programs, such as Home Construction Program, and the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Homeownership Program.

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

Goals are set to reflect 0 households supported due to the fact that the City of San Benito does not fund any housing activities.

SBCGP supports and works closely with the PHA in an effort to provide the objectives that were adopted as part of the Consolidated Planning process. Such objectives include:

1. Ownership Housing

- Provide down Payment and closing cost assistance to low-and moderate income households.
- Provide gap-financing assistance to reduce the cost of housing for low-and moderate-income households.
- Promote housing fairs and open houses for affordable housing developments.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There is one Public Housing Authority (PHA) operating within the City of San Benito jurisdiction: The Housing Authority of the City of San Benito.

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

- Increasing the number of affordable housing units by leveraging affordable housing resources in the creation of mixed-finance housing developments.
- Continue the implementation of Resident Initiative projects that support and encourage family self-sufficiency.
- De-concentrating poverty by seeking mixed-income development opportunities.
- The Mayor of San Benito will continue to attend PHA Board meetings and appoint PHA Board members.
- The City of San Benito partners with the PHA to support programs serving the residents in Public Housing, along with senior and low income City residents.
- The City monitors and offers assistance to work together with the PHA in regards to the wet utilities (water and sewer) serving Public Housing residents.
- The City will assist in expediting permits and plan reviews for projects.
- In order to raise awareness of barriers to affordable housing the City will proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Information regarding discrimination and action for renters or homebuyers will be available. HUD authorized pamphlets are also available at the San Benito Community Grants and Programs Department.
- The City of San Benito will proclaim June as Affordable Housing Month. Information will be disseminated regarding affordable housing in both English and Spanish.

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

There has been an increasingly proactive effort to enable residents of the PHA to break the cycle of poverty and move towards greater self-sufficiency. The role of the PHA continues to evolve into one that addresses the needs to public housing residents in a holistic manner, taking into account their educational, employment, health, and social service needs. The PHA either develops its own programs or coordinates services with other providers to meet these needs. In many cases, these essential services are already available in the community and the role of the PHA is to serve as the facilitator and coordinate the delivery of these services into the public housing property to make them more accessible for residents.

Public housing residents are also encouraged to participate in the management of the PHA through a variety of advisory boards composed of residents. These advisory boards are part of the mainstream for many of the PHAs in the region. The City will encourage private sector support for market and mixed rate affordable housing. The City will support fair housing workshops and orientation among non-English speaking populations and low-income persons.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of San Benito is designated “High Performer” in its Public Housing Program and has received a score of 100% in its Section 8 Management and Assessment Performance. Therefore, at this time, the City shall continue to assist the PHA as described above.

Discussion

The main problem facing the Housing Authority of the City of San Benito continues to be the ever increasing demand for housing services with no increase in federal aid to support this demand. This reality is clearly represented in the growing number of individuals and families on the waiting lists maintained by the PHA. According to SBCGP's recent consultations with the PHA, there are an estimated 285 Section 8, 147 Stone Village, and 245 Low-Rent Public Housing households on the local waiting list. This number illustrates that the current demand for housing assistance far exceeds the ability of the PHA to meet this need.

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

Introduction

While the contributing agents to homelessness are the same locally as they are nationally, the dilemma of homelessness within the City of San Benito presents a different picture than is normally depicted by the subject. The City does not have a widespread incidence of visibly homeless people sleeping in parked vehicles, under bridges, in community parks or other public places. Their numbers are not large and are generally concentrated in very few locations.

However insignificant the homeless numbers may appear, the City of San Benito recognizes that homelessness is an issue in need of serious attention. Rising housing costs, high unemployment rates, low educational attainment, high foreclosure rates, and steep reductions in public programs are just some of the many contributors to this problem. Cameron County's temperate climate and mild winters also make it a desirable destination for the segment of the homeless population that follows the weather.

Poverty and the lack of affordable housing are the principal causes of family homelessness. As of December 2020, approximately 36 percent of all San Benito households are living below the poverty level (Source: 2019 American Community Survey (ACS), 5 year estimates, via the United States Census Bureau). Declining wages and changes in welfare programs increase poverty among families, putting housing out of reach.

Realizing the detrimental effects homelessness has on the health and well-being of its families, the San Benito Community Grants and Programs Department (SBCGP) has joined neighboring cities and homeless service providers across Cameron County to develop action steps to prevent and eventually put an end to homelessness through the creation of the Cameron County Homeless Partnership (CCHP).

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

The City of San Benito along with the San Benito Public Housing Authority (PHA) will:

- Provide facilities and services to stabilize persons in crisis or in need of support to prevent them from falling into homelessness.
- Reach out to persons who might not otherwise engage in supportive service.
- Develop flyers and posters that provide contact information on key outreach and prevention services partners
- Improve community education on the needs, conditions and characteristics of homeless persons

and how they can be assisted to become self-sufficient.

- Develop a database on homeless populations using Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), homeless surveys, counts and user data. (*Implementation of HMIS completed amongst 5 BoS/Cameron County Participants in 2008*)

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of San Benito along with the PHA will:

Provide a continuum of housing resources

- Increase the community's housing resources for the homeless responding to the identified needs and gaps in the community's continuum of care plan.
- Develop a tenant-based rental assistance program consisting of 12 units in scattered apartment complexes (*In search of funding*).
- Begin working with developers to encourage and support their efforts to develop housing serving the homeless (*Ongoing*).

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of San Benito along with the PHA will:

- Support the development of a homeless management information system covering homeless programs and housing in the valley to provide accurate, on-going information on homeless needs and successes in moving to self-sufficiency
- Establish a strong Financial Resources Plan to implement activities designed for priority housing and services projects to assist the homeless and prevent residents from falling into homelessness. The plan will develop resources to assure that existing facilities serving the homeless are sustainable as well as develop resources to create new homeless housing and services in the region.
- Establish a strong, proactive Continuum of Care plan to develop and coordinate the implementation of the strategic homeless plan and to provide a process for responding to new needs of the homeless.
- Develop alliances and cooperative efforts with United Way.
- Develop stronger relationships and communication with the Texas Homeless Network.
- Improve the capacity of the community to write successful grant proposals.

- Assure that all new programs have a feasible sustainability plan built into their proposals.

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

The City of San Benito along with the PHA will:

Work with hospitals, jails, prisons, foster care agencies and treatment facilities to plan and coordinate the release of at-risk persons to assure that they have adequate community support systems.

- Develop a committee to plan and coordinate improved discharge policies and procedures
- Review existing discharge plans and work to actuate them
- Hold a meet and greet workshop with representatives of local jails, prisons and detention centers to begin development of relationships and procedures to initiate effective discharge planning, including signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

Discussion

- SBCGP will encourage that agencies working in the community, who either receive federal funds from the City, especially those agencies who work directly with homeless persons, have an enforceable discharge policy to prevent homelessness.
- Agencies funded through the Continuum of Care and Emergency Shelter Grants will be required to actively participate in the HMIS database to effectively track discharged homeless persons throughout the Continuum of Care process. Agencies not funded through the above federal grants will be encouraged to participate in the HMIS database.
- Agencies will recognize that homeless persons face particular barriers to housing and access to resources, therefore the discharge planning process will begin as soon as possible after admission to agency or public facility.
- Agency/Facility staff will conduct a social services needs assessment for homeless persons immediately following admission and again prior to discharge.
- Agencies will develop a discharge plan for transition to the community with the participation and agreement of the individual. Barriers to appropriate discharge will be identified and addressed.

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

Introduction:

There are no public policy barriers to affordable housing in San Benito. The City of San Benito continues to successfully administer entitlement funding in accordance with Federal Regulations and consistent with the Consolidated Plan. The Analysis of Impediments and the review of any barriers to affordable housing did reveal the need for additional resources to address the needs of affordable housing and services in the City of San Benito. Additional Entitlement resources and non-federal resources are needed.

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 of San Benito has identified the following impediments:

- Removal of barriers for persons with limited English proficiency enabling them to better access the housing market is needed.
- Greater Public Awareness, outreach and education of Fair Housing is needed.
- Continued emphasis on fair housing enforcement, including training and testing is needed.

In order to overcome the above mentioned impediments, the following actions will be taken:

- Maintain a list of private partner lenders providing affordable housing, financing and subsidies, and offer buyers access to down payment and closing costs.
- Encourage private sector support for market and mixed rate affordable housing.
- Support fair housing workshops and orientation among non-English speaking populations and low-income persons.
- Partner with local industry to conduct ongoing outreach and education regarding fair housing and provide information, and bilingual flyers and pamphlets in a variety of public locations and continue to provide outreach to non-English speaking people.
- Encourage Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies to target increase fair housing testing for multifamily properties and encourage U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide increased fair housing testing in local apartment complexes.
- Continue to provide language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency as funding is available.
- Encourage recruitment of industry and job creation. A yearly job fair will be held.

Discussion:

In order to raise awareness of barriers to affordable housing the City will proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Information regarding discrimination and action for renters or homebuyers will be available. HUD authorized pamphlets are also available at the San Benito Community Grants & Program (SBCGP) Office.

SBCGP will provide assistance to any resident filing a federal fair housing discrimination complaint; provide intake services and forward the complaint to the appropriate HUD office. To date, the City of San Benito has not assisted anyone in filing a fair housing discrimination complaint.

The City of San Benito will proclaim June as Affordable Housing Month. Information will be disseminated regarding affordable housing in both English and Spanish.

Posters regarding Fair Housing and brochures are distributed to non-profits; local agencies, and governmental offices to provide awareness of fair housing.

SBCGP has entertained the idea of applying for Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) funds to assist potential homebuyers with down payment and closing cost assistance. A decision has not been made due to the minimal staff of the department.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The San Benito Community Grants & Programs Department (SBCGP) will address the community development priorities identified in the Rio Grande Valley Entitlement Community's (RGVEC) Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS).

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to look for new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed to focus on the vast variety of issues that prevent families from breaking out of poverty and from living in the best, most affordable housing possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As part of the Consolidated Planning process, SBCGP has adopted the following objectives to expand affordable housing opportunities during this One-Year Action Plan period.

A. Ownership Housing

- Provide access to down payment and closing cost assistance to low-and moderate-income households.
- Provide access to gap-financing assistance to reduce the cost of housing for low-and moderate-income households.
- Promote housing fairs and open houses for affordable housing developments.

Federal, State and Local Public and Private Sector Resources Available:

- The major source of federal funding that assists SBCGP to address its affordable housing needs is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- The San Benito Public Housing Authority (PHA) receives Section 8 Tenant Based Housing Choice Voucher Program funds from HUD that provide rental subsidies for eligible low-income households. In addition, the PHA is implementing the Section 8 Homeownership Choice Voucher Program. This program permits families that qualify the opportunity to use their rental assistance as mortgage payment subsidy towards Homeownership.
- The PHA is currently administering a Home Construction Program that builds affordable homes on scattered sites throughout the community. These homes are sold at investment value to local families of up to 120% AMFI.
- The City of San Benito participates in the Harlingen & San Benito Housing Finance Corporation.

This entity provides affordable housing finance opportunities to first-time homebuyers via tax credit and down payment assistance.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In recognition of the dangers posed by lead-based paint, the City of San Benito ensures that homes that were constructed prior to January 1, 1978 are tested for the presence of lead. The specific homes tested are those that are under contract to be rehabilitated or purchased with down payment assistance funds. The appropriate abatement or interim control methods are employed if lead is found in the home. These measures are required to be taken by an organization as the City's sub-recipient of funds.

The PHA, through its Section 8 Program, conducts inspections prior to tenant occupancy. If such presence of lead-based paint is evident, abatement of such material must take place prior to the property participating in the program. Both tenant and landlord are made aware of such hazards and are given educational material for reference.

According to local health department officials, many lead poisoning cases may be caused by sources other than lead-based paint. Some cases may be attributed to pottery and serving dishes made in Mexico that are finished with lead-based glazes, which can be dissolved by foods with high acid content—such as citrus, peppers, and tomatoes. Also, many popular herbal remedies and traditional potions, sold on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, may contain lead.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

SBCGP's Anti-Poverty Strategy focuses on the most vulnerable population segments: very low-income households (incomes between 0-30% of the median family income); those individuals in public or assisted housing; and the uncounted homeless individuals and families. Very low-income households are generally more threatened with homelessness, often living from paycheck to paycheck with financial ruin being no more than one unexpected financial setback away. Persons in public or assisted housing are dependent upon public subsidies to maintain their own residences and have just a little more piece of mind and security than their counterparts that are not residents of public housing. In all, these segments of the population have the highest incidence of poverty and possess limited economic enrichment opportunities. These households will see the most immediate benefit from a concentrated effort to increase economic opportunities for all households in the City.

It is important to recognize that the Anti-Poverty Strategy is not a housing plan; it is an economic development plan that attempts to increase incomes and job opportunities for low-income households. The changing and expanding City economy has led to a growth in the number of low as well as high-paying jobs. Nonetheless, housing is a major component of the Plan, since a secure and affordable residence allows household members to pursue jobs, education and training without having to worry about the threat of homelessness.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The strength of the City's institutional structure is derived from the variety of public agencies and community organizations in the area that are working diligently toward one common goal: to provide affordable housing, supportive services, and community development assistance to benefit low-and moderate-income individuals and families. Local agencies, community-based organizations, and social service providers must coordinate their activities in response to the City's urgent needs. Each stakeholder in the delivery system contributes valuable resources and expertise. To strengthen this delivery system, SBCGP has undertaken a more collaborative approach to develop a common vision for housing and community development activities for the community. Commitment and coordination among different levels of local government, community organizations, and the public is essential.

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

SBCGP coordinates its activities with a variety of organizations involved in the delivery of housing, homeless, non-homeless special needs, and community development activities-including many of the public agencies and community organizations consulted during the development of the CPS and the One-Year Action Plan. They include designated Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), and other community organizations whose fields of interest and service include, but are not limited to: social services, youth services, elderly services, disability services, HIV/AIDS services, abused children's services, health services, homeless services, and services for victims of domestic violence.

The City will enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies by keeping communication lines open, meeting with various organizations, and attending functions held by the various organizations.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The San Benito Community Grants and Programs Department (SBCGP) will address the community development priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS). Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The City of San Benito CDBG Program entitlement allocation for the 2020-2021 grant year is \$386,229. The approved allocations are, for General Program Administration is \$77,197, Public Facilities & Improvements is \$239,036, Public Services is \$30,000 and Acquisition of Property is \$39,996. It is not anticipated that the City of San Benito will receive any program income from any of the projects to be carried out.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

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This Annual Action Plan covers Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021)

The City of San Benito is not an entitlement recipient of ESG or HOME funds. However, the Housing Authority of San Benito competes on a state level for HOME and HTF funds in order to meet the high housing need in the community.

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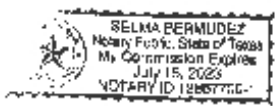
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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| Child Care Centers | * Accessibility |
| Parking Facilities | * Economic Development |
| * Public Services Needs | * Code Enforcement |
| Senior Services | |
| Handicapped Services | * Housing Needs |
| Youth Services | |
| Child Care Services | * Emergency Shelter Needs |

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The City of San Benito will hold a public hearing to solicit public comments for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Comments received will be considered for the City of San Benito's Annual Action Plan for the 46th CDBG Program Year. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and make their views known.

The public hearing will be as follows:

March 18, 2020
at 5:30 p.m.
San Benito Municipal Bldg.
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MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

On June 16, 2020 the City Commission met for a Regular City Commission Meeting at the San Benito Municipal Building, Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, San Benito, Texas.

City Commission Members Present: Benjamin Gomez, Mayor ; Antonio Gonzales, Commissioner, Place 1; Rene Villafranco, Commissioner, Place 2 ; Mark Sossi, City Attorney.

City Commission Member Absent: Carol Lynn Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tem ; Vacant, Commissioner, Place 3.

City Administration Personnel Present: Manuel De La Rosa, City Manager ; Fred Bell, Assistant City Manager ; Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary.

ITEM 1. WELCOME.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. confirming a quorum.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. FLAG AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

Ms. Michelle Ozuna, San Benito Youth Group, Templo El Salvador, led the City Commission and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

ITEM 3. INVOCATION.

Ms. Jenna Ozuna, San Benito Youth Group, El Templo Salvador, led the City Commission and audience in prayer.

ITEM 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez announced items of community interest advising precaution during COVID-19 pandemic.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Speakers/Remarks limited to three minutes. Public Comments limited to forty-five minutes).

Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary, announced Mrs. Deborah Morales, Citizen, addressed the City Commission by identifying herself and stating to be a resident of San Benito for over twenty years. I come to you today with concern about the decisions you as leaders in our community have been deciding. Right now we are in a time of uncertainty and the unknown about COVID-19. Our numbers are rising by the day, the decisions you make will determine the fate of a lot of our residents. As I go around the City, I see a lot of residents taking the necessary precautions to protect their family. But, I also see a lot of residents thinking this virus is over or never existed. The simple task of wearing a mask has become a debate. Why? I have two family members that work at HEB, one in Harlingen and one in San Benito. Both locations have had at least one employee test positive. What are we waiting for? I worry every day for their wellbeing. To those of you that think that you do not have to wear a mask because you are not going to let fear beat you, well, that same fear makes you buy medical insurance for the fear of you getting sick. That same fear makes you buy auto insurance for the fear of an accident. That same fear makes you buy homeowners insurance in the fear of your home catching fire. That same fear makes you buy some type of life insurance for the fear your family will not suffer the burden of funeral expense. I look at another aspect, responsibility. Let's all be responsible, not just for our family but for our community that is family as well. I work in the death industry, I have seen all different types of mourning, none are ever pleasant. But, there is one that sticks out the most, the loss of a child for a mother is unbearable, no matter what age, that cry will echo in your mind and heart for the rest of your life. It is something that you will never forget. I want everyone in here to close your eyes for a moment, can you hear them? Can you hear your child calling out for you? Mommy, daddy, grandpa, grandma, because I can, you'll not be able to comfort them. Our children are just as vulnerable as we are. So, when

you are making these decisions to open a park or to have upcoming events, close your eyes, listen to those voices. Don't cast your vote on a few residents that have been requesting the openings of parks and events. Base your decision on the majority that are concerned for everyone's being. I rather lose votes on an election than lives in our community.

Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary, announced Mr. Joe Medrano, Citizen, addressed the City Commission by identifying himself stating, I am the Public Relations and Communications Director for CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates. We've been serving children in foster care in Cameron and Willacy Counties for twenty-five years. Our application for CDBG funding, our requesting funding for this year, Fiscal year 2020-2021 is \$15,000.00. Our current funding received for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is \$8,000.00 and we thank you very much for that support. San Benito CDBG funds are just a portion that fund one of our volunteer supervisors assigned to San Benito children. Currently, we are serving 36 children with seven advocates. Please keep in mind that the advocates serve the child in foster care from between twelve and sixteen and sometimes eighteen months before a final decision is made on that child. We have several volunteers from the City of San Benito and one of our Board Members was born in San Benito. In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, we have served a total of forty-nine children thus far. Some of the results of those twelve from San Benito children closed with the following outcomes; seven of those children were returned home, four of those children their custody was granted to a relative, and one of those children was adopted, and we are pleased with the positive results of those outcomes. As a reminder, CASA has complied with all funding requirements and submitted all reports in a timely fashion. And I'll close with this, I ask you to consider the work we've done with the children of San Benito. I'll ask you to consider the current climate in which the kids are at home and the financial situation for many families is difficult and can be trying and sometimes there is a propensity for family situations that will result in a need for a CASA. So, I'll ask you to consider all of that in making your decisions. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening.

Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary, announced Ms. Lynn Pare, Citizen, who addressed the City Commission by stating hello, it has been a while since I've been here. I'm Lynn Pare, resident of San Benito. I was kind of surprised when I came up to the door and was refused entrance, but then they explained it to me. Then I looked at the sign outside that said, you can come in at 5:15 to sign up and to enter the room. I got here at 5:14 p.m. and I was refused entrance. How did those other people get in here before 5:15 p.m. that is announced on the door? I am going to say what many in the community are thinking and not willing to say in public. First of all, I do not think that all cops are bad but there are bad cops everywhere. Second, boy, isn't the City lucky? Given the current upheaval and disgust of an excessive force by the cops. The San Benito Police Department did not receive the attention of the nationwide media. Remember Ricky Trevino. I'd like to question Item 16 regarding a proposed memo of understanding to adopt a schedule change for law enforcement personnel as a pilot project. Since everything is discussed in Executive Session, leaving up the consideration and possible action in secret, will there be any discussion during tonight's meeting of our commission expanding this MOU any discussions or specifics of this proposal to the children you all serve? We need a culture shift, putting citizens first. Today, the federal government announced a new Executive Order safe policing for safe communities. It's over two pages long, it directly affects us today. I suggest if you haven't read it that you read it, I can give you a copy if you need to. Also, the Texas A.G. Office is proposing an independent civil rights union. But, getting to the City of San Benito when I'm short on time, it's, I think you should be inclusive of the City citizens for a police policy manual review, accountability for the city website, webpage is grossly outdated, accountability on transparency is not there. The budget is coming up, there may be some budgetary items that need to be adjusted and we as citizens know nothing about it. The check register has not been updated since 2017. I propose that there is citizens' review board to keep politics out of it that is long-term sustainable change to be included a process and unaided on police reform and review. And also, I think it should be included in picking a new police chief so that there no longer are any appearances of impropriety. Thank you.

Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary, announced the end of public comments.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez presented Certificates of Appreciation Church's Fried Chicken in San Benito for providing meals to our troops during the COVID-19 testing and to Chuy's Custom Sports for donating the signage for the COVID testing.

ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2020 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2020 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.**

ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SAN BENITO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S COMMERCIAL FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD TO UNIFORMS, ETC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$920.12.

Ms. Rebeca Castillo, Executive Director, San Benito EDC, addressed the City Commission advising this agenda item is a part of the Small Business Investment Program Commercial Façade Improvement. They have requested funding at fifty percent of the cost for a sign for Uniforms, Etc. There were three quotes, three bids that were submitted and the lowest cost is from here locally in San Benito and we are asking for your consideration to approve the award of \$920.12. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales moved to approve. Commissioner Rene Villafranco seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to **APPROVE THE SAN BENITO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S COMMERCIAL FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD TO UNIFORMS, ETC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$920.12.**

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THE U.S.D.A. INTERMEDIARY REVOLVING LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LOAN RECIPIENTS AND THE SAN BENITO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE DEFERMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM MARCH 31, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

- a) David Perez, San Bene Properties
- b) Delia Rodriguez, New Beginnings Day Care
- c) Griselda Ornelas, Ornelas Bakery
- d) Griselda Ornelas, Ornelas Bakery & Taqueria
- e) Orlando Garza, Slicks Premium Wash
- f) Veronica Aguilar, Delia's Adult Day Care

Rebeca Castillo, Executive Director of the San Benito EDC addressed the City Commission stating the USDA, we have this intermediary loan with the USDA that awards loans. We have six loan recipients, who through USDA they have been awarded or taken action to defer their payments for six months. They have all opted to take advantage of this. We are asking for your consideration to approve the loan agreements where we are setting the terms of the deferment for six months and the maturity of the date will change to six months after their original date. Each of the loan agreements are attached to your packet and I am here to answer any questions that you may have. The six recipients have been up to date so they are eligible to be able to be consider for the deferment. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to **APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THE U.S.D.A. INTERMEDIARY REVOLVING LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LOAN RECIPIENTS AND THE SAN BENITO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE DEFERMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM MARCH 31, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-0010 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANY LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT NUMBER 3150905 THAT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION, ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021. (BL-21 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM).

Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police Fred Bell addressed the City Commission advising at the last City Commission Meeting, the Local Border Security Program Grant Resolution was approved. When the agenda packet was prepared, it reflected the previous year's grant number. It's the same grant, it's just been revised, corrected with the right grant number. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-0010 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANY LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT NUMBER 3150905 THAT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION, ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021. (BL-21 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM).

ITEM 10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2574 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2436 AND ABANDONING THE SIXTY (60) FOOT RIGHT OF WAY BEING ON THE NORTH PART OF LOT 15, BLOCK 200 OF SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, AS DESCRIBED IN THE TWO EXHIBITS TO ORDINANCE 2436.

Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police, Fred Bell addressed the City Commission advising this is the second reading of this ordinance. What's been included in your packets this go-around at the request of some of you elected officials. You have copy of Ordinance 2574, we've included a copy of the City Commission Meeting of April 6th and April 20th, 2004 pertaining to Ordinance 2314 which is the one that created the initial sixty-foot wide section of land. There is also a copy of Ordinance 2314. We've also included a copy of City Commission Meeting from June 2nd and 16th from 2009 pertaining to Ordinances 2435 and 2436 and the exhibits that go with it. Basically, the short version of that is, in 2009 they repealed the ordinance setting the initial sixty-foot wide and passed some ordinances moving that sixty-foot to the northern end part of the cemetery property. So, we included all those minutes as well as including the City Commission Minutes from July 24, 2018 when this was initially brought to you all consideration. There was a quest about obtaining the minutes from the previous meetings and those are included in your packets. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2574 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2436 AND ABANDONING THE SIXTY (60) FOOT RIGHT OF WAY BEING ON THE NORTH PART OF LOT 15, BLOCK 200 OF SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, AS DESCRIBED IN THE TWO EXHIBITS TO ORDINANCE 2436.

ITEM 11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A TWENTY (20) FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SAN BENITO MEMORIAL PARK IDENTIFIED BY LEGAL DESCRIPTION SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, 10.00 ACRES, LOT 15, BLOCK 200 (VOLUME 1 PAGE 6 CCMR) AS DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS.

Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police, Fred Bell addressed the City Commission advising at the last City Commission Meeting, this item was tabled in order for you to consider and make a decision on the previous agenda item. As indicated in the previous item, the purpose of this item is to create a twenty-foot access easement across the north section of San Benito Memorial Park which will in effect prevent land locking adjacent properties. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales moved to approve. Commissioner Rene Villafranco seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE

A TWENTY (20) FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SAN BENITO MEMORIAL PARK IDENTIFIED BY LEGAL DESCRIPTION SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, 10.00 ACRES, LOT 15, BLOCK 200 (VOLUME 1 PAGE 6 CCMR) AS DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS.

ITEM 12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 DRAFT ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CORRESPONDING APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.

Elvira Cavazos, CDBG Coordinator addressed the City Commission advising the City CDBG award for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is \$386,288.00. In your packets is a spreadsheet detailing the allocation of funds based on previous commitments. After deducting the street debt payment, the general administration percentage and Resaca Trail property payment, \$54,183.00 is available for disbursement. City Manager Manuel De La Rosa requested permission to address the City Commission advising the spreadsheet indicates there were three applicants during this time period. One is Amigos Del Valle for \$55,000.00. The second was Maggie's House in the amount of \$8,000.00, and third, CASA in the amount of \$15,000.00. Those three added up to \$78,000.00. Certainly over the \$54,183.00 that is available. It is staff recommendation that the allocation be that Amigos Del Valle be allocated \$5,000.00 and not \$55,000.00. Maggie's House be allocated \$10,000.00, \$2,000.00 more than they requested and CASA be allocated \$15,000.00 as they requested and you heard during the public comments portion from the gentleman that represents CASA. So, those three allocations come out to \$30,000.00. That leaves a residual of \$24,183.00, which I recommend it be allocated towards park improvements. HUD is very detailed about where these park improvements can be. We know they can be used to rehabilitate bathrooms, it has to be new construction. They cannot be used to do parking lots, new parking lots. We have plenty of parkways. We have some parks that may qualify and some may not due to Census tracks. It is my recommendation you leave it fairly open for these parks and you communicate with us which parks you would like for us to look at. We'll verify with HUD if City can use all or part of those funds, and as far as those \$24,183.00 will carry us. It is staff recommendation, and you can certainly go with the three and as long as the total is up to \$54,183.00 or as I've recommended these other allocations. Ms. Cavazos already went through the publishing and she can detail all that information we published in the newspapers and we've taken applications. It cannot be opened again until the end of the year, if there are any funds left over, they do not qualify. The commission will have the opportunity to do an application process to reallocate funds. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve as staff recommended. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 DRAFT ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING AS STAFF RECOMMENDED, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CORRESPONDING APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.

ITEM 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL RESACAFEST 2020, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 4, 2020 AT THE W.H. HEAVIN MEMORIAL PARK, DUE TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FROM COVID-19.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez referred to public comment by Ms. Deborah Morales on her concerns on the COVID-19 which he shares the same concern. The health of our community, exposing everyone, our police, our fire department, our employees, our staff out at the park. The other concern is that we don't have a lineup and if we try to get something right away, it is going to be very costly. I don't see how we can the Resacafest with the pandemic numbers continuing to increase. It is not right or ethical to have a concert at this moment. City Manager Manuel De La Rosa stated, just for the record, the City received a letter from Mr. Julian Rios, the Chairman of the San Benito Economic Development. Mayor Benjamin Gomez confirmed receiving the letter. City Manager Manuel De La Rosa advised the letter is in your packet confirming it will be part of our records and it is staff recommendation that the event not be held this year in the interest of public health. Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE THE CANCELLATION

OF THE RESACAFEST 2020, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 4, 2020 AT THE W.H. HEAVIN MEMORIAL PARK, DUE TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FROM COVID-19.

ITEM 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL HOG WADDLE COUNTRY CONCERT AND COOK-OFF, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 AT THE SAN BENITO FAIRGROUNDS, DUE TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FROM COVID-19.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez advised this is another event he recommends to cancel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE HOG WADDLE COUNTRY CONCERT AND COOK-OFF, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 AT THE SAN BENITO FAIRGROUNDS, DUE TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FROM COVID-19.

ITEM 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Consultation with City Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, to receive legal advice regarding the City rights, duties, privileges, and obligations under Chapter 174 of the Texas Government Code, the current labor agreement, and the proposed memorandum of understanding relating to modification of police department schedules and related legal issues.

THE CITY COMMISSION CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:04 P.M. AND ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.

ITEM 16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, THE CITY OF SAN BENITO POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE, AND THE SAN BENITO POLICE EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION (SBPEA) TO ADOPT A SCHEDULING CHANGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AS A PILOT PROJECT.

Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police, Fred Bell addressed the City Commission thanking the City Commission for considering this agenda item as discussed in Executive Session. He presented the San Benito Police Employee's Association President, Police Officer Lupe Andrade and Board Member Carlos Andrade, and representing the San Benito Police Administration is Assistant Police Chief Mario Perea, stating these were the workers that did the discussions. Mayor Benjamin Gomez stated he thought it's a great idea because every other weekend everybody is going to get a weekend off. You all voted on it and the majority and as long as you guys are comfortable with it and you think you can do it, let's go for it. I know it's a pilot program, you said thirteen weeks. Assistant Police Chief Perea advised it's twelve weeks. SBPE Association President, Officer Lupe Andrade confirmed twelve weeks. Mayor Benjamin Gomez advised if you all feel that it's necessary not to have that rescheduling, we can always go back to whatever it was, right. SBPE Association President, Officer Lupe Andrade confirmed advising that is part of the agreement. Commissioner Rene Villafranco advised this is a great boost morale for patrolmen and everybody in general because now you get to have the weekends off every other weekend and you get to make plans with your family. I think it's a great idea and thank you guys for coming together and brining this to us. SBPE Association President, Officer Lupe Andrade thanked the City Commission. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales questioned if the all police officers are good with this change. Officer Lupe Andrade confirmed advising everything is fine and they gave every member the opportunity to vote, whatever they wanted and the majority voted that they wanted to give it a try. City Manager Manuel De La Rosa advised the City Commission before they vote for Interim Police Chief Fred Bell to summarize the Memorandum of Understanding so the public may understand the action being taken and how it affects the Collective Bargain Agreement. Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police Fred Bell advised Mayor and Commissioners, what this is, is a twelve-week trial period in which we are going to put the patrol officers on twelve-hour schedules. The benefit of that is going to be an eight-hour work week and it will actually change

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the ten-day working period down to seven days. Every patrol officer will have every other weekend off. We believe this is going to be strictly for a trial. After ten weeks, TMPA, who conducted the initial survey and gave us the results that said the majority of the department is in favor of giving this a try. The TMPA will come in and conduct another survey and if the majority of the officers are still satisfied and like the twelve-hour schedule, then we will come back before and requesting to extend the MOU until we go into contract negotiations with the association next year. If, after the survey, the majority of the department does not like it and wants to return to the eight-hours, then two weeks after that twelve-week period, Assistant Police Chief Mario Perea will return the department to eight-hour shifts. Commissioner Rene Villafranco questioned if the Association was requesting the MOU from the City Commission. Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police, Fred Bell advised, no, I initiated it, but obviously this wouldn't happen without the support of the Association. We've had multiple meetings, every meeting we had was very productive. It has been very open and very transparent. We're very satisfied, all of the attorneys representing, all of the parties have reviewed the MOU. Mayor Benjamin Gomez commented that is great and it is something new hoping it'll work out for everyone that is involved. Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales moved to approve. Commissioner Rene Villafranco seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, THE CITY OF SAN BENITO POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE, AND THE SAN BENITO POLICE EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION (SBPEA) TO ADOPT A SCHEDULING CHANGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AS A PILOT PROJECT.

ITEM 17. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Commissioner Antonio Gonzales seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Commissioner Antonio Gonzales, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to ADJOURN AT 6:30 P.M.

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CITY OF SAN BENITO

BENJAMIN "BEN" GOMEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

RUTH MCGINNIS
CITY SECRETARY

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PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF CDBG 46TH YEAR PROPOSED ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, the City of San Benito hereby provides PUBLIC NOTICE that the Proposed One Year Action Plan for the B-20: 2020-2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$386,288.00 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is available for public comment. There will be a 30-day comment period from June 22, 2020 through July 22, 2020. The Draft One Year Action Plan may be reviewed at the Community Grants and Programs Department, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, San Benito, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on regular business days. Interested parties are encouraged to make their views known concerning the proposed One Year Action Plan via e-mail to ecavazos@cityofsanbenito.com or via telephone at (956) 361-3800, extension 419.

The One Year Action Plan is a major component of the Consolidated Plan and sets forth the City's specific plan for activities that are expected to be implemented utilizing CDBG Funds during the fiscal year which begins October 1, 2020 and ends on September 30, 2021. Each of the activities supports priorities established in the Consolidated Plan.

PROGRAM GOALS:

The City's primary goals are to meet the CDBG national objectives which are:

- Benefit Low/Moderate income persons
- Prevent/Eliminate Slum and Blight
- Meet Urgent Need

PROPOSED ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount Allocated</u>
Street Improvement Debt Payment	\$ 214,853
General Administration	\$ 77,256
City Parks (Resaca Trail Property Payment)	\$ 39,996
Park Improvements	\$ 24,183
Amigos Del Valle	\$ 5,000
CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties	\$ 15,000
Cameron County Children's Advocacy Center (Maggie's House)	\$ 10,000
TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING (YEAR 46)	\$ 386,288

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

In addition to the 30-day comment period, two (2) public hearings will take place as follows:

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.: San Benito Municipal Building, Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, San Benito, Texas 78586.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.: San Benito City Commission Meeting, San Benito Municipal Building, Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, San Benito, Texas 78586.

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(6/19/2020)



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

On July 21, 2020 the City Commission met for a Regular City Commission Meeting at the San Benito Municipal Building, Cesar Gonzalez Meeting Hall, 401 North Sam Houston Boulevard, San Benito, Texas.

City Commission Members Present: Benjamin Gomez, Mayor; Carol Lynn Sanchez, Mayor Pro Tem; Rene Villafranco, Commissioner, Place 2; Mark Sossi, City Attorney.

City Commission Member Absent: Antonio Gonzales, Commissioner, Place 1; Vacant, Commissioner, Place 3

City Administration Personnel Present: Manuel De La Rosa, City Manager; Fred Bell, Assistant City Manager; Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary.

ITEM 1. WELCOME.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. confirming a quorum.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U S FLAG AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

Martha McClain, Public Relations Director led the City Commission and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

ITEM 3. INVOCATION.

Pastor Loya from Cross Church led all present in prayer.

ITEM 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST.

Mayor Benjamin Gomez expressed the importance of continuing to use face coverings and keep social distancing due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Speakers/Remarks limited to three minutes. Public Comments limited to forty-five minutes).

Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary announced no public comments.

ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2020 SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Mayor Benjamin Gomez seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2020 SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP.**

ITEM 7. PUBLIC HEARING: TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

- a) Open Public Hearing
- b) Close Public Hearing

Elvira Cavazos, CDBG Coordinator addressed the City Commission by identifying herself and advising this is the second of two required public hearings held. The first hearing was held on June 24th, 2020. This public hearing is to solicit input from citizens on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan published on June 19, 2020 in the San Benito News. The thirty-day comment period ends July 22, 2020. We will present the Final Action Plan for City Commission approval on August 4th, 2020

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez opened the floor at 5:34 p.m. to solicit input from the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez closed the floor at 5:35 p.m. being there were no comments from the public. No motion carried **PUBLIC HEARING ONLY.**

ITEM 8. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN BENITO PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF SAN BENITO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG).

Elvira Cavazos, CDBG Coordinator identified herself and addressed the City Commission advising the City Commission approved \$5,000.00 on the 2018-2019 Action Plan to the San Benito Public Housing Authority for the installation of water and sewer lines for the Magnolia Gardens Project. The original agreement expired on September 30, 2019. In August 2019, the Housing Authority requested an extension until December 2019. The installation was completed on January 2020. According to the HUD Office in San Antonio, payment cannot be made unless the agreement is amended. The amended date is until July 31, 2020. Commissioner Rene Villafranco questioned if this is carrying over. City Manager, Manuel De La Rosa advised it allows us to allocate the \$5,000.00 that was awarded with the new deadline. As long as this City Commission agrees to extend it to the end of the month then they can qualify to close up the project. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Mayor Benjamin Gomez seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN BENITO PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF SAN BENITO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG).**

ITEM 9. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO'S MAJOR MEDICAL GROUP HEALTH PLAN AND EMPLOYEE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 20202021.

Yolanda Villafranca, Human Resources Director addressed the City Commission by identifying herself and Ruben Garza, Vice-President of Lone Star Insurance Services and Agent of Record for the City. Ms. Villafranca addressed the City Commission advising together, they will answer any questions during their review the City's major medical group, health and supplemental insurance plans. Mayor and commissioners, if I may, I would like to provide an overview of the City's plan by means of a PowerPoint. On slide one, you will see that the City of San Benito Major Medical Plan which has three components, the major medical carrier which is ABA (Assured Benefits Administrators), the Stop Loss Insurance carrier which is American National and the Pharmacy Benefit Manager which is Welldyne. On the second slide, you will see that our Stop Loss Insurance carrier is American National and if we continue with this carrier, the re-write is a 4.88 cost savings from this prior year. They propose to lock in the rate, which is a 4.88% in savings after reviewing the claims in June and stop loss carrier covers any claims over \$50,000.00. On slide three, we are proposing a change to our Pharmacy Benefits Manager from Welldyne RX to Medalist RX. The change includes a 29% cost savings from this prior year and employees will have all current prescriptions grandfathered with Medalist RX. There will be no change in benefits. On slide four, as per Supplemental Insurances, we are proposing a change to our Hospital Indemnity Plan from SIS Link to Colonial Life. Colonial Medical Bridge would provide additional benefits for ground and air ambulances and annual wellness benefits for medical devices such as crutches, and, a benefit of \$25.00 per doctor visit up to three visits per year. Benefits for hospital confinement, outpatient ER visits and X-rays will also be included as before. Supplemental Insurances are paid at 100% by the employee. The City does not contribute to that. Mayor Benjamin Gomez questioned how does the air ambulance coverage work. Ms. Villafranca advised, if an employee purchases this plan and they were to be taken by air, they submit their claim and they would be paid a benefit for that. That has nothing to do with their major medical. If their major medical insurance, that is why there are three components, if that part of it covers that ambulance rate, then the insurance pays that and whatever your out-of-pocket is, you pay towards that. But, if you purchase this separately, like an accidental plan, you can submit a claim and you would get paid that benefit. Mayor Benjamin Gomez stated he thought we do not have any air ambulance services in the Harlingen and San Benito area. Ms. Villafranca advised the air ambulance that we have is out of Hidalgo. Mr. Garza advised yes, they serve the Valley, so this would pay any air ambulance servicing the Valley. There is, I believe, one company that services the Valley and this plan covers it. Mayor Benjamin Gomez advised his employer was deducting for it for so many years and later found out they did not have that service in the Valley. He does not want employees to paying for something they are not going to receive. Yolanda Villafranca advised they will verify. Ruben Garza advised there's other features on Colonial Plan covered aside from that, that is sort of an enhancement. I think there's only like ten people that are currently on the plan, so, it just enhances what they currently have and this is just an added benefit but we will definitely

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check on that. [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#), inaudible. [Ms. Villafranca](#) confirmed it is a voluntary product, if you want to purchase it you can purchase it and currently we have ten employees in the City that have opted to purchase. Overall, our self-fund plan has proposed to see a 33.88 % cost savings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. We are available to answer any questions you may have. [City Manager Manuel De La Rosa](#) stated, Mayor and Commissioners, if I may make a comment, she is going to go through some other items but what we are trying to do is lock in some of the rates now. This COVID-19 is so early, we are really not seeing people affect our employment and once we lock in the rates, you cannot change them. If you read today's article in the Valley Morning Star about City of Harlingen employees' health insurance plan, it jumped \$376,815.00. I think the City is doing relatively good in managing its health care for its employees. We have the supplemental, whether it is dental, vision, or other supplemental. We try to manage those for them and we are seeing those benefits and again, we had a conversation with the department directors and coordinators about a week ago just to discuss this so they could go back to their employees. The prescriptions, regular prescriptions, which probably about ninety-nine percent of our employees are, we may have one or two that take special medication because they are older or something doesn't work well with them, but you have to go through a process to go from the generic to the more specialty, it's a tier step system. Overall, we are not taking anything away and no increases for them or for us. As a matter of fact, it's a savings for us in the long run. [Yolanda Villafranca](#), [Human Resources Director](#), advised, that concludes our presentation unless you have any questions. No further questions were received. No motion carried **PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ONLY.**

ITEM 10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT CITY OF SAN BENITO'S MAJOR MEDICAL GROUP HEALTH PLAN WITH A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CURRENT PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER FROM WELLDYNE RX TO MEDALIST RX.

[Yolanda Villafranca](#), [Human Resources Director](#) addressed the City Commission stating agenda item number ten is to request your authorization to continue with ABA, which is our current major medical carrier, and to change our pharmacy benefit manager to Medalist RX. Medalist RX has proposed a 29% cost savings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. [Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez](#) requested a motion. [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#) moved to approve. [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#) seconded the motion. Voting Aye; [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#), [Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez](#), and [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#). Motion carried to **CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT CITY OF SAN BENITO'S MAJOR MEDICAL GROUP HEALTH PLAN WITH A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CURRENT PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER FROM WELLDYNE RX TO MEDALIST RX.**

ITEM 11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 WITH A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE HOSPITAL INDEMNITY PLAN.

[Yolanda Villafranca](#), [Human Resources Director](#) addressed the City Commission stating agenda item number eleven is to request your authorization to change the Hospital Indemnity Plan to Colonial Life for the Colonial Bridge Product. This product will provide employees the option to purchase a Supplemental Insurance and provide additional benefits. [Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez](#) requested a motion. [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#) moved to approve. [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#) seconded the motion. Voting Aye; [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#), [Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez](#), and [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#). Motion carried to **CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 WITH A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE HOSPITAL INDEMNITY PLAN.**

ITEM 12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE FROM AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF SAN BENITO'S MAJOR MEDICAL GROUP HEALTH PLAN, THE MANAGED PHARMACY BENEFIT PREFERRED PRICING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER, AND THE COLONIAL LIFE FLEX PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

[Yolanda Villafranca](#), [Human Resources Director](#) addressed the City Commission advising agenda item twelve is to request your consideration to authorize the Mayor to sign the application, agreements and forms required to make the necessary changes to the City's major medical health and supplemental plans for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. [Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez](#) requested a motion. [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#) moved to approve. [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#) seconded the motion. Voting Aye; [Mayor Benjamin Gomez](#), [Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez](#), and [Commissioner Rene Villafranco](#). Motion carried to **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE FROM AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF SAN BENITO'S MAJOR MEDICAL**

GROUP HEALTH PLAN, THE MANAGED PHARMACY BENEFIT PREFERRED PRICING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER, AND THE COLONIAL LIFE FLEX PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

ITEM 13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NUMBER 2575-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, TEXAS, ("CITY") APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("TGS" OR "THE COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 30, 2020 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT ("COSA") FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING NEW TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITY'S AND TGS' REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

City Manager Manuel De La Rosa addressed the City Commission stating, Mayor and Commissioners as you may recall on April 30th of this year, Texas Gas Service filed a rate increase. The attorneys in Austin that represent all the coalition of cities is recommending a settlement, this is what is before you. It is pretty self-explanatory but it talks about the rate increase; we are commending approval as this is the directions that all the cities are looking to settle with, thank you. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Mayor Benjamin Gomez seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE ORDINANCE NUMBER 2575-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN BENITO, TEXAS, ("CITY") APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("TGS" OR "THE COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 30, 2020 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT ("COSA") FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING NEW TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITY'S AND TGS' REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

ITEM 14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-0012, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANY OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG) GRANT NUMBER 3186805 THAT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE OF APRIL 1, 2020 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2021 (CAMERON2019 OPSG).

Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police, Fred Bell addressed the City Commission by identifying himself and stating, the City of San Benito Police Department has participated on the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program for several years. This grant provides funds for the officers to work overtime in certain areas of the county in order to coordinate operations and information sharing with the U.S. Border Patrol to support border security efforts within the Rio Grande Valley sector. Law enforcement officers patrol rural areas in order to reduce offenses related to human smuggling, drug trafficking and firearms smuggling. The grant award is for two years but the resolution must be passed by participating departments and communities every year. The resolution is included in your packet. I've also included an insert from the overall award packet detailing the amount that was awarded to the San Benito Police Department. Commissioner Rene Villafranco asked if only ten officers participate. Fred Bell advised that it varies, it's open up to the entire department and the officers are on a first come, first served. I believe they are pretty much scheduled for four-hour shifts trying to spread it out. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Mayor

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Benjamin Gomez seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 20200012, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANY OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG) GRANT NUMBER 3186805 THAT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE OF APRIL 1, 2020 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2021 (CAMERON20190PSG).

ITEM 15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE SAN BENITO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND STATE PLAN OF OPERATION STATE OF TEXAS AGREEMENT.

Assistant City Manager and Interim Chief of Police, Fred Bell addressed the City Commission advising the San Benito Police Department has an on-going partnership with the state Plan of Operation of the State of Texas Agreement which provides the Police Department access to additional equipment and resources. In your packets is the State Plan of Operation Agreement between the State of Texas and the San Benito Police Department. This agreement does require annual agreement of the City Commission in order to keep the City and department in compliance. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion. Mayor Benjamin Gomez moved to approve. Commissioner Rene Villafranco seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to APPROVE THE UPDATED LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE SAN BENITO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND STATE PLAN OF OPERATION STATE OF TEXAS AGREEMENT.

ITEM 16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EXHIBIT LOAN AGREEMENT FOR EXHIBITION PREOCCUPATIONS BY PAUL VALADEZ UP TO OCTOBER 16, 2020 AT THE SAN BENITO CULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM.

Luis Contreras, Cultural Arts Director addressed the City Commission by identifying himself and stating this item is in effort to maintain the quality of exhibitions and program as we continue to maintain a calendar of events at the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum. The original exhibit loan agreement with Mr. Valadez was approved on June 2nd. We are simply requesting an extension to October 16th to maintain that calendar. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Mayor Benjamin Gomez seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to EXTEND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EXHIBIT LOAN AGREEMENT FOR EXHIBITION PREOCCUPATIONS BY PAUL VALADEZ UP TO OCTOBER 16, 2020 AT THE SAN BENITO CULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM.

ITEM 17. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rene Villafranco moved to approve. Mayor Benjamin Gomez seconded the motion. Voting Aye; Mayor Benjamin Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Lynn Sanchez, and Commissioner Rene Villafranco. Motion carried to ADJOURN AT 5:51 P.M.

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CITY OF SAN BENITO

BENJAMIN "BEN" GOMEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

RUTH MCGINNIS
CITY SECRETARY

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CITY OF SAN BENITO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The City of San Benito is required by law to have a detailed Citizen Participation Plan that contains the City's policies and procedures for public involvement in the Consolidated Plan process and the use of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA money. This Citizen Participation Plan must be available to the public.

Encouraging Public Participation

The law requires that our Citizen Participation Plan both provide for and encourage public participation, emphasizing involvement by low and moderate income people – especially those living in low and moderate income neighborhoods. Also, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) expects San Benito to take whatever actions are appropriate to encourage participation of minorities, people who do not speak English, and people with disabilities.

The Role of Low Income People

The law declares that the primary purpose of the programs covered by this Citizen Participation Plan is to improve communities by providing: decent housing, a suitable living environment, and growing economic opportunities – all principally for low and moderate income people.

The amount of federal CDBG money San Benito receives each year is mostly based upon the severity of both poverty and substandard housing conditions in San Benito, therefore, it is necessary that public participation genuinely involve low income residents who experience these conditions. Genuine involvement by low income people must take place at all stages of the process, including:

- Identifying needs;
- Setting priorities among these needs, deciding how much money should be allocated to each high-priority need, and suggesting the types of programs to meet high-priority needs;
- Overseeing the way in which programs are carried out.

The Various Stages of the Consolidated Plan Process

Revised on August 11, 2020

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The policies and procedures in this Citizen Participation Plan relate to several stages of action mentioned in law or regulation. In general, these stages or events include:

1. Identification of housing and community development needs;
2. Preparation of a draft use of funds for the upcoming year called the proposed Annual Year Action Plan currently known as the Annual Action Plan. Sometimes there might also be the development of a proposed new Five-Year Strategic Plan;
3. Formal approval by elected officials of a final Annual Action Plan or Five-Year Strategic Plan;
4. On occasion during the year, it might be necessary to change the use of the money already budgeted in an Annual Action Plan, or to change the priorities established in the Five-Year Strategic Plan. In that case, a formal Substantial Amendment will be proposed, considered, and acted upon;
5. After a "program year" is complete, an Annual Performance Report must be drafted for public review and comment and then submitted to HUD.

The Program Year

The "program year" chosen by the City of San Benito is October 1 through September 30.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Items Covered by the Public Notice Requirement

There shall be advance public notice once a federally required document is available, such as the Proposed Annual Action Plan or Five-Year Consolidated Plan, any proposed Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Performance Report (currently the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report [ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT]).

In addition, there shall be advanced public notice of all public meetings relating to the funds or planning process covered by this Citizen Participation Plan.

"Adequate" Public Notice

Adequate advance notice is "timely"; it is given with enough lead time for the public to take informed action. The amount of lead time can vary, depending on the event. Specific amounts of time are given for different events later in this Citizen Participation Plan. The content of notices will give residents a clear understating of the event being announced.

Forms of Public Notice

1. Public notices will be published in the San Benito News in the non-legal section of the newspaper.
2. Notices will be sent to any person or organization requesting to be on a mailing list.
3. Public notices may be posted throughout the community in places that are readily accessible to the general public.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

As required by law, San Benito will provide the public with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the date or content of the Consolidated Plan, as well as, the proposed, actual, and past use of funds covered by this Citizen Participation Plan. Regarding the past use of funds, the law requires reasonable public access to records about any uses of these funds during the previous five years.

Also as required by law, San Benito will provide the public with reasonable and timely access to local meetings relating to the proposed or actual use of funds (such as City Commission meetings, etc.).

Standard Documents

Standard documents include:

- 🔗 The proposed and final Annual Action Plan;
- 🔗 The proposed and final Five-Year Strategic (the "Consolidated Plan");
- 🔗 The proposed and final Substantial Amendments to either an Annual Action Plan or the Five-Year Strategic Plan;
- 🔗 Annual Performance Reports;
- 🔗 The Citizens Participation Plan.

Availability of Standard Documents

In the spirit of encouraging public participation, copies of standard documents will be provided to the public at a minimum cost.

These materials will be available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities, when requested.

Places where Standard Documents Are Available

Standard documents will be available at the office where the CDBG program is administered and the office of the City Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings are required by law in order to obtain the public's views and to provide the public with the City's responses to public questions and proposals.

The law requires public hearings at all stages of the process, including at least a hearing about community needs, a public hearing to review proposed uses of funds, and a public hearing to assess how funds were spent during the previous year. (More about these specific hearings is in the section of the Citizen Participation Plan relating to each of the "stages").

Access to Public Hearings

Public hearings will be held only after there has been adequate notice as described in the Public Notice part of this Citizen Participation Plan.

Public hearings will be held at a time convenient to most people who might benefit from the use of funds.

Public hearings will be held at places accessible by public transportation and otherwise convenient and not intimidating to most people who might benefit from the use of funds. Locations may include the public library, community building and town hall.

Public Hearings and Populations with Unique Needs

All public hearings will be held at locations accessible to people with disabilities, and provisions will be made for people with disabilities when requests are made.

Translators will be provided for persons requiring one; provided that a 24 hour notice be given to staff.

The Conduct of Public Hearings

To ensure that public hearings are meaningful to residents, each resident choosing to speak will be allowed five minutes to make a verbal presentation.

THE STAGES IN THE PROCESS

A. Identifying Needs

Housing and community development needs of low and moderate income people are so great and so diverse, therefore, priorities must be set in order to decide which needs should get more attention and more resources than other needs. This is the basic reason the Consolidated Plan exists.

The laws and regulations require a public hearing each year to obtain resident's opinions about needs, and what priority those needs have. If time permits, public hearings will be held in different neighborhoods to determine the specific needs and priorities identified by low and

moderate income people. At a minimum, two (2) public hearings will be held in order to allow citizens to actively participate in the community development process.

Public hearings regarding needs may be completed 30 days (unless a federal waiver has been issued establishing an alternate period) before a draft Annual Action Plan is published for comment, so that the needs identified can be considered by the City and addressed in the draft Annual Action Plan.

B. The “Proposed” Annual Action Plan (and/or Five-Year Strategy)

The law calls for improved accountability of jurisdictions to the public. In that spirit and in compliance with the terms of the law, San Benito will use the following procedures.

General Information

At the beginning of this stage, San Benito will provide the public with an estimate of the amount of CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds it expects to receive in the upcoming year, along with a description of the range of types of activities that can be funded with these resources. Also, the public will be given an estimate of the amount of these funds that will be used in ways that will benefit low and moderate income people.

San Benito takes all necessary measures to ensure that residents will not be displaced as a result of a funded activity. In the event displacement may occur, San Benito will minimize the extent to which low and moderate income people will have to leave their homes as a result of the use of these federal dollars and a plan will be available at that time. This “anti-displacement plan” will also describe how San Benito will compensate people who are actually displaced as a result of the use of these funds, specifying the type and amount of compensation.

Technical Assistance

City staff will work with organizations and individuals representative of low and moderate income people who are interested in submitting an application to obtain funding for an activity. All potential applicants for funding are encouraged to contact City staff for technical assistance before completing an application.

Availability of a Proposed Annual Action Plan

After City Commission approval of the Proposed Annual Action Plan, City will notify the public that a Proposed Annual Action Plan is available for comment and review for a period of 30 days (unless a federal waiver has been issued establishing an alternate period).

Copies of the proposed annual Action Plan will be made available to the public for free and without delay. In addition, copies will be available at the locations specified above in the section, “Public Access to Information.”

So that low and moderate income people can determine the degree to which they might be

affected, they will be provided complete copies of the Proposed Annual Action Plan, containing: all HUD-required sections, the HUD-required Priorities Table, and a written description of all proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds. At a minimum, this description shall include the type of activity, its location and the amount of federal money to be allocated to it.

Public Hearing and Further Action

The Mayor and City Commission will conduct a public hearing about the Proposed Annual Action Plan before the Plan becomes final allowing for further public comments. A public hearing by the CDBG Staff shall be held during the required 30 day comment period (unless a federal waiver has been issued establishing an alternate period).

In preparing a Final Annual Action Plan, careful consideration will be given to all comments and views expressed by the public, whether given as verbal testimony at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the review and comment period. The Final Annual Action Plan will have a section that presents all comments and explains why any comments were not accepted.

C. The “Final” Annual Action Plan (and/or Five-Year Strategic)

Copies of the Final Annual Action Plan and summary of it will be made available to the public for free and within two days of a request. In addition, copies will be available at the locations specified above in the section, “Public Access to Information.”

D. “Amendments” to the Annual Action Plan (and/or Five-Year Strategic)

The Final Annual Action Plan will be amended any time there is:

- ↗ A change in one of the Priorities presented on the HUD-required Priority Table;
- ↗ A change in the use of money to an activity not mentioned in the Final Annual Action Plan;
- ↗ A change in the purpose, location, scope, or beneficiaries of an activity (described more fully later).

The public will be notified whenever there is an amendment.

“Substantial” Amendments

The following will be considered “substantial” amendments:

1. A change in the use of CDBG money from one activity to another exceeding \$50,000;
2. The addition of an activity not originally described in the Annual Action Plan;
3. The elimination of an activity originally included in the Annual Action Plan;

4. A significant change in the location of an activity; and
5. A decrease of 20% or more in the number of low and moderate income beneficiaries.

Public Notice and Public Hearing for Substantial Amendments

There must be reasonable notice of a proposed Substantial Amendment so that residents will have an opportunity to review and comment on it. Notice will be made according to the procedures described earlier in the Citizen Participation Plan, with the addition of the following procedures specifically for substantial Amendments:

1. A detailed written description of the proposed Substantial Amendment will be made available to the public at no cost within two working days of a request for same. The public has 30 days (~~unless a federal waiver has been issued establishing an alternate period~~) to review the proposed Substantial Amendment. Also, copies will be available at the locations indicated earlier in this Citizen Participation Plan under "Public Access to Information."
2. There will be a public hearing regarding the proposed Substantial Amendment conducted by the department. ~~followed by the Mayor and City Commission. A second public hearing will be conducted during a City Commission meeting.~~
3. ~~The final public hearing will be held no sooner than two weeks prior to the submission to HUD.~~
3. In preparing a Final Substantial Amendment, care consideration will be given to all comments and views expressed by the public, whether given as verbal testimony at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the review and comment period. The Final Substantial Amendment will have a section that presents all comments and explains why any comments were not accepted.
4. ~~The amendment will be forwarded to HUD upon final approval by the City Commission.~~

E. The Annual Performance Report

Every year San Benito must forward to HUD an Annual Performance Report which is currently referred to as the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) within 90 days of the close of the program year. In general, the Annual Performance Report must describe how funds were actually used and the extent to which these funds were used for activities that benefited low and moderate income people.

Public Notice and Public Hearing for the Annual Performance Report

There must be reasonable notice (15 days) (~~unless a federal waiver has been issued establishing an alternate period~~) that an Annual Performance Report is available so that residents will have an opportunity to review it and comment on it. Notice will be made according to the procedures described earlier in this Citizen Participation Plan, with the

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addition of the following procedures specifically for the Annual Performance Report:

1. A complete copy of the Annual Performance Report will be made available to the public;
2. There will be a public hearing regarding the Annual Performance Report;
3. In preparing an Annual Performance Report for submission to HUD, careful consideration will be given to all comments and views expressed by the public, whether given as verbal testimony at the public hearing or submitted in writing. The Annual Performance Report sent to HUD will have a section that presents all comments and explains why any comments were not accepted.

Contents of the Annual Performance Report

The Annual Performance Report presented in the public hearing will have an accounting for each activity in any Annual Action Plan, until an activity is officially "closed out" with HUD by the jurisdiction. For each activity the details presented will include, but not limited, to:

1. Activity Number for the Annual Action Plan;
2. Name of the Activity plus its HUD "Activity Title" with regulation reference;
3. A description of the activity that is in enough detail for the public to have a clear understanding of the nature of the activity;
4. The name of the entity carrying out the activity;
5. The location of the activity;
 - a. Generally this will be a street address or some other information showing specifically where the activity was (or is) being carried out.
 - b. For public facility activities, such as street reconstruction not located at a specific address, the beginning and ending points of the activity will be indicated.
 - c. For activities claiming to meet the "area wide benefit test", the location will also include the census tracts and/or block groups making up the service area of the activity. Also, the percentage of the low/moderate income persons in the service area will be indicated.
 - d. For multi-family housing activities, the address of each building and the number of units in the building, both before and after assistance, will be given.
6. The description of economic development activities will include the amount of the loan, the interest rate, and the length of the loan. It will also indicate the number of permanent, full-time jobs to be created or retained, with the number of such jobs to be held by or available to low/moderate income people indicated in the parentheses. The same information will be provided for part-time jobs, stating the number of hours per week the part-time job offers;

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7. "Float Loan Funded" activities and "Section 108 Loan Guaranteed" activities should be clearly identified as such;
8. The date the activity was initially funded;
9. The "national objective" the activity claims to meet;
10. The status of an activity, such as whether it is completed, underway, or cancelled;
11. The amount of CPD dollars "budgeted" and the amount "spent". The amount "spent" shall be given for the year, and separately for the life of the activity to date.
12. For public service activities, the amount of money which meets HUD's definition of "unliquidated obligation" will be reported;
13. If "program income" dollars and/or "revolving loan fund" dollars are being used for an activity, this will be indicated;
14. The Accomplishments for the activity will be a description of what was actually done, including numerical measures when appropriate, such as number of units of housing rehabilitated and number of individuals or households served. For economic development activities, the report will show the total number of jobs created or retained, plus the number of these held by or available to low/moderate income people. For part-time jobs, the report will include the number of hours worked per week, and separately indicate the total number of "full-time equivalent" jobs.
15. For activities that provide a direct benefit to individuals or households, the report will show the number of individuals or households served; the number which were "moderate" income; the number which were "low" income; and the number which were White, Black, Latin, or Asian.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Written complaints from the public will receive a meaningful, written reply within 15 working days.

CHANGING THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN


This Citizen Participation Plan can be changed only after the public has been notified of an intent to modify it, and only after the public has had reasonable time to review and comment on proposed substantial changes to it.

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
<p>*1. Type of Submission:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	
<p>*2. Type of Application: * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):</p> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
<p>*3. Date Received: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>4. Applicant Identifier: B-20-HC-48-0509</p>	
<p>5a. Federal Entry Identifier: 484770</p>	
<p>5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-20-HC-48-0509</p>	
<p>State Use Only:</p>	
<p>6. Date Received by State: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>7. State Application Identifier: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</p>	
<p>* a. Legal Name: CITY OF SAN BENITO</p>	
<p>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 74-6002218</p>	
<p>* c. Organizational DUNS: 0105349560000</p>	
<p>d. Address:</p>	
<p>* Street: 401 N. SAN HOUSTON BOULEVARD</p>	
<p>Street2: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>* City: SAN BENITO</p>	
<p>County/Parish: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>* State: TX: TEXAS</p>	
<p>Province: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>* Country: USA: UNITED STATES</p>	
<p>* Zip / Postal Code: 78668-4666</p>	
<p>e. Organizational Unit:</p>	
<p>Department Name: COMMUNITY GRANTS & PROGRAMS</p>	
<p>Division Name: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>	
<p>Prefix: Mrs. * First Name: KIMERA</p>	
<p>Middle Name: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>* Last Name: CAVAZOS</p>	
<p>Suffix: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>Title: COORDINATOR</p>	
<p>Organizational Affiliation: [REDACTED]</p>	
<p>* Telephone Number: 855-361-3900 EXT 019 Fax Number: 856-361-3905</p>	
<p>* Email: CCAVAZOS@CITYOFSANBENITO.COM</p>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/> Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> * Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.210"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="N/A"/> * Title: <input type="text" value="COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="34"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="CX-004"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="10/01/2020"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="09/30/2021"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="356,229.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="356,229.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> . <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="RICARDO"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="DOERBA"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="MAYOR"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="956-361-3800"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="956-361-3805"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="RDOERBA@23CITYOFDALLAS.TX.GOV"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="01/05/2021"/>

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

01/05/2021
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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2020-2021 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0038
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (C348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4901 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
15. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11583 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1995 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	SENIOR
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
CITY OF SAN BERNITO	01/05/2021

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