



Fifth Program Year CAPER

The CPMP Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report includes Narrative Responses to CAPER questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

The grantee must submit an updated Financial Summary Report (PR26).

GENERAL

Executive Summary

This module is optional but encouraged. If you choose to complete it, provide a brief overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the first year.

Program Year 5 CAPER Executive Summary response:

The City of Mesquite received its 2009 Program Year entitlement grant in the amount of \$920,644.00. The entitlement grant along with \$104,115.45 in unexpended funds from the previous year made available \$1,024,759.45 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2009 Program Year. A total of \$797,933.34 was expended during the program year. Other than administrative and planning costs, all of the funds expended during this reporting period directly benefited the low- to moderate-income (LMI) population of Mesquite. The City does not participate in any other Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula grant programs offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City continued to focus its efforts on the following strategies:

1. Improve and preserve the City's housing stock, including housing for special needs populations.
 - Rehabilitate single family properties owned by low- and moderate-income households and special needs persons, including the elderly and persons with disabilities.
 - Preserve existing housing stock through the City's rehabilitation efforts.
 - Reduce the number of single-family homes with lead-based paint risk through the City's housing rehabilitation program.
2. Support organizations that assist the City's special needs populations.
 - Assist with operational expenses of nonprofit organizations serving persons with special needs.
 - Continue involvement and support of the Dallas County Continuum of Care process and the semi-annual Homeless Street Count.

3. Improve and maintain the City's neighborhoods.
 - Continue strong code enforcement of substandard single-family and multi-family properties.
 - Continue supporting community policing efforts in target neighborhoods.

General Questions

1. Assessment of the one-year goals and objectives:
 - a. Describe the accomplishments in attaining the goals and objectives for the reporting period.
 - b. Provide a breakdown of the CPD formula grant funds spent on grant activities for each goal and objective.
 - c. If applicable, explain why progress was not made towards meeting the goals and objectives.
2. Describe the manner in which the recipient would change its program as a result of its experiences.
3. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:
 - a. Provide a summary of impediments to fair housing choice.
 - b. Identify actions taken to overcome effects of impediments identified.
4. Describe Other Actions in Strategic Plan or Action Plan taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
5. Leveraging Resources
 - a. Identify progress in obtaining "other" public and private resources to address needs.
 - b. How Federal resources from HUD leveraged other public and private resources.
 - c. How matching requirements were satisfied.

Program Year 5 CAPER General Questions response:

The summary of accomplishments below lists all activities carried out with CDBG funds during the program year and assesses efforts to carry out the activities as described in the Annual Action Plan (see Summary of Specific Annual Objectives Table 3A at the end of the CAPER). Of the \$1,024,759.45 in CDBG funds available during the program year, \$840,630.45 was budgeted for the activities listed below and \$613,804.34 (73%) was expended. The unexpended balance of \$226,826.11 is available for programming in PY-10.

- Public Services—Funds obligated to Public Services activities are limited to 15% of the CDBG Entitlement grant for the program year, plus any prior year program income. The grant received in PY-09 was \$920,644.00. A total of \$136,042.00 was expended in PY-09 for the public services activities listed below.
 - New Beginning Center—The New Beginning Center provides shelter and counseling services to Mesquite women and children who are

victims of domestic violence. During PY-09 New Beginning Center served 35 new clients and 37 continuing clients for a total of 72 total clients (vs. stated goal of 80 clients). The agency expended 100% of its budgeted \$21,000.00.

- Mission East Dallas—Mission East Dallas (MED) provides urgent medical care (dentistry, diabetes screening, pharmaceuticals, counseling, etc.) to uninsured Mesquite residents. During PY-09 MED served 31 new clients (vs. proposed goal of 100 clients) with CDBG funds. Of its \$2,500.00 budgeted amount, 100% has been expended.
- Sharing Life Community Outreach (SLCO)—Offers food/non-food necessities, clothing closet, rent and utility assistance, holiday programs, 12-step addiction recovery program, and parenting and job skills training. During PY-09 SLCO served 1,695 clients (vs. proposed goal of 100 clients).
- Problem-Oriented Policing (POP)—POP helps fund the salaries of police officers who spend their time on problem-oriented policing strategies throughout CDBG-eligible areas. These officers, who routinely patrol an assigned area, make personal contact with residents, provide a more proactive and higher level of community-oriented policing, and provide residents and neighborhood groups an avenue for positive feedback to the officers in the field. Although this is a LMA activity, 2,578 residents further benefited by taking part in youth rallies, crime watch meetings, adult safety meetings and other outreach activities during the program year. Of the \$109,597.00 budgeted for the activity in PY-09, 100% was expended.

➤ Other Projects/Activities

- Code Enforcement—Code Enforcement provides inspections and enforcement of code violations in CDBG-eligible areas to assist in the prevention of neighborhood decline. This portion of the activity funds the salaries and related costs for two code enforcement officers covering all the CDBG areas. Total expenditure for this activity is \$217,567.95.
- Addressing Mesquite—This activity is designed to restore declining residential neighborhoods by enforcing minimum property standards which ultimately will regain quality neighborhoods while eliminating the threat of health and safety hazards to restore and increase property values. This activity ensures maintenance of both rental and homeowner structures throughout CDBG areas. This activity proactively addresses substandard living conditions, both interior and exterior, with an aggressive Rental Certificate of Occupancy program. It requires all single-family and duplex rental homes in CDBG-eligible areas throughout the city to pass an on-site interior and exterior inspection before a new tenant can occupy the home. In PY-09 \$170,461.56 was expended.
- Neighborhood Economic Development—Ultimately, the goal of this activity will be to allocate funds for forgivable loans, low-interest rate

loans and grants to CDBG area retail stores for business expansion, job creation, structural improvements and façade improvements. The City of Mesquite has been working with a local minority business in the Truman Heights target neighborhood to build a new retail facility. The City intends to use economic development funds to close a funding gap necessary to the project's completion. The retail facility will be the first major project to build to the neighborhood's form based codes. PY-09 funds (\$30,000) will be carried forward for the PY-10 Neighborhood Economic Development activity and additional funding (\$90,000 for a total of \$120,000) will be available to have greater impact on the activity.

- Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation—This program provides exterior home repair (Exterior Renewal Program) and limited repair (Limited Repair Program) grants to low-income, single-family households to improve, repair or replace items necessary to meet minimum building codes or to repair items that pose an imminent threat to health and/or safety. Repairs included replacing such items as defective water heaters, HVAC systems, unsecured doors and windows, deteriorated flooring, siding, plumbing and electrical systems. The Housing Department rehabilitated 7 homes (4 Exterior Renewals and 3 Limited Repairs) expending \$89,732.83 for PY-09. The City fell short of its stated goal of rehabilitating 14 homes due to a decrease in funding for this activity. Funding in PY-10 will dramatically increase and the City expects to meet or exceed stated housing rehabilitation goals.
- Planning and Administration—Funds obligated to planning and CDBG program administration activities are limited to 20% of the CDBG Entitlement grant for the program year, plus program income for the current year. The grant received in PY-09 was \$920,644.00. A total of \$184,129.00 was expended in PY-09 for planning and administration activities.
 - Administration—This activity reimburses salaries and related costs for the general management, oversight and coordination of the CDBG program. Additionally, the City's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan was developed and an Analysis of Impediments was conducted. In PY-09, \$116,000.00 was expended.
 - Planning—This activity reimburses salaries and related costs for planning staff time engaged in comprehensive planning, community development plans and other functional plans. Of the \$68,129.00 budgeted, 100% was expended. The following CDBG planning activities occurred in PY-09:

Neighborhood Planning:

- The City of Mesquite Staff worked with the property owners within the NGTC District to create public-private partnerships that would revitalize the Casa View Heights target neighborhood. Corridor revitalization is one of the objectives of the Casa View Heights Neighborhood Plan.
- The City of Mesquite Staff worked with the property owners within the Truman Heights District to create public-private partnerships that would revitalize the target neighborhood and provide incentives for

owners to redevelop. Corridor revitalization is one of the objectives of the Truman Heights Neighborhood Plan.

- A Sustainable Development grant application was approved by the North Central Texas Council of Governments in June, which sought \$3.75 million for infrastructure improvements within the NGTC to compliment future revitalization.
- The City of Mesquite Staff also worked on the Neighborhood Revitalization Programs. The City of Mesquite Staff conducted informational meetings to get feedback on how the programs have been working. Staff worked with Historic Mesquite and the Community Services Department to encourage housing rehabilitation as a means to revitalization.

Implementation of Neighborhood Plans

- The Planning Department, assembled funds to reconstruct Hillview Drive. Improvements to the waterline, drainage, safety, and appearance on Hillview Drive are outlined in the Truman Heights Neighborhood Plan as a neighborhood infrastructure strategy. The first infrastructure project is slated to begin in the Spring of 2011. Further funds are being assembled to complete the above ground street and sidewalk plans outlined in the Truman Heights Form Based Code and the City of Mesquite's complete streets ordinance, which addresses how to improve street and pedestrian safety.
- Planning staff and consultants worked to pass an interlocal agreement between the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the City of Mesquite to administer received Sustainable Development grant dollars for the Gus Thomasson Corridor Project. Further efforts are being put toward budget planning and developing bid proposals.
- The City of Mesquite has been working with a local minority business in the Truman Heights neighborhood to build a new retail facility. The City intends to use economic development funds to close a funding gap necessary to the project's completion. The retail facility will be the first major project to build to the neighborhood's form based codes.

Planning

- Planning staff conducted interviews with residents about the Gus Thomasson redevelopment project.
- The Planning Staff continued drafting work on a city-wide Unified Development Code. The UDC is a form-based code that will foster infill development and neighborhood revitalization throughout the community. The UDC is anticipated to go to council at the beginning of 2011.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing-- The City of Mesquite completed an Analysis of Impediments in 2005 during the development of the City's PY2005-2009 Consolidated Plan. The only identifiable impediment (across race, gender, loan type and most income categories) was regarding housing loan application denials due to poor credit history and high debt-to-income ratios. To help overcome this impediment, the City provides a link on its website to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas (CCCS) which has a location in Mesquite. CCCS is a non-profit, community service organization that provides financial education to consumers.

In order to meet underserved needs, the City continues to fund organizations (Sharing Life Community Outreach, New Beginning Center, Mission East Dallas) that provide outreach services to vulnerable low-mod income residents.

To leverage private resources with CDBG funds, the City of Mesquite has partnered with Benjamin Moore Paint to address neighborhood revitalization. Benjamin Moore has made a commitment to the City that over a 3-year period they will provide exterior house paint free-of-charge to all residents (49 households) who live in the CDBG target neighborhood Truman Heights. The City has worked with Benjamin Moore to develop cohesive color scheme choices which will preserve and reflect the historic character of the aging homes. Residents who do not meet the low-mod income qualification will receive the paint and the City will coordinate with volunteer groups to apply it to these homes. Residents who do qualify as low-mod will receive the paint (subject to lead-based paint regulations at 24 CFR 570.608) and Exterior Renewal repairs.

Managing the Process

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to ensure compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements.

Program Year 5 CAPER Managing the Process response:

The City of Mesquite employed the following actions during PY-09 to monitor its housing and community development projects to ensure compliance with program requirements.

1. The City prepared an Annual Action Plan to illustrate how the City will utilize CDBG resources during the fiscal year to meet one of the National Objectives.
2. Monitoring of the City's housing and community development projects occurs on a continual basis to ensure compliance with federal regulations. Included in the monitoring process:
 - Subrecipients are required to report to the City quarterly. The subrecipients submit a report form which details their accomplishments to date (i.e., the number of clients served, number of homes rehabilitated, etc.).
 - The City completed on-site monitoring visits during the program year. The monitoring visit ensures compliance with program requirements and identifies any findings, concerns or comments. Inspections of building projects must meet Housing Quality Standards and require an onsite inspection.
 - The subrecipients were reimbursed at least quarterly once their invoices are completed and approved.
 - The City determined the subrecipients are doing a satisfactory job because federal regulations are being followed, provisions in the contract are being met, and proper documentation has been completed.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of citizen comments.
2. In addition, the performance report provided to citizens must identify the Federal funds made available for furthering the objectives of the Consolidated Plan. For each formula grant program, the grantee shall identify the total amount of funds available (including estimated program income), the total amount of funds committed during the reporting period, the total amount expended during the reporting period, and the geographic distribution and location of expenditures. Jurisdictions are encouraged to include maps in describing the geographic distribution and location of investment (including areas of minority concentration). The geographic distribution and expenditure requirement may also be satisfied by specifying the census tracts where expenditures were concentrated.

Program Year 5 CAPER Citizen Participation response:

Notice of the Program year 2009 CAPER for the City of Mesquite was published in the Daily Commercial Record on December 2, 2010. The CAPER was available for review and public comment at the North Branch Library, at the Community Services Building and on the City's website from December 2 through December 17, 2010. No comments were received.

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Geographic allocation: The City of Mesquite's public services component of CDBG is allocated Citywide. Public service grants are provided for assistance to special needs populations, including persons who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence (including children), low-income seniors, low-income adults and families, and persons with disabilities. The City's low- to moderate-income Census Tract Block Groups are primarily concentrated in the central and eastern portion of the City. Funds were prioritized for impacting all CDBG target areas with particular attention to neighborhoods that have a high concentration of low-mod rent homes.

A table showing the City's low- to moderate-income Census Tract Block Groups appears at the end of the CAPER.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to overcome gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination.

Program Year 5 CAPER Institutional Structure response:

The City continued its successful efforts to overcome gaps in institutional structure and enhance coordination by fostering and maintaining the City's existing partnerships and networks, described below, and supporting the City's housing authority's goals and needs.

- ❖ Mission East Dallas County Health Ministries (MED)--MED offers holistic health care to low-income and uninsured population within the Mesquite community.
- ❖ New Beginning Center--The mission of New Beginning Center is to foster an environment of safety, support and respect for families affected by domestic violence. This is achieved through crisis intervention, counseling, shelter, education, advocacy, and diverse community partnerships. The vision of New Beginning Center is to promote social change that will lead to the elimination of domestic violence.
- ❖ Sharing Life Community Outreach--This program offers food/non-food necessities, clothing closet, rent and utility assistance, holiday programs, a 12-step addiction recovery program, and parenting and job skills training.
- ❖ Problem Oriented Policing Program--This program establishes optimal police-community relations within CDBG eligible neighborhoods, fostering maximum citizen involvement in problem nomination and resolution, curtailment of order violations and maintenance of the community's sense of well-being.

Monitoring

1. Describe how and the frequency with which you monitored your activities.
2. Describe the results of your monitoring including any improvements.
3. Self Evaluation
 - a. Describe the effect programs have in solving neighborhood and community problems.
 - b. Describe progress in meeting priority needs and specific objectives and help make community's vision of the future a reality.
 - c. Describe how you provided decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunity principally for low and moderate-income persons.
 - d. Indicate any activities falling behind schedule.
 - e. Describe how activities and strategies made an impact on identified needs.
 - f. Identify indicators that would best describe the results.
 - g. Identify barriers that had a negative impact on fulfilling the strategies and overall vision.
 - h. Identify whether major goals are on target and discuss reasons for those that are not on target.
 - i. Identify any adjustments or improvements to strategies and activities that might meet your needs more effectively.

Program Year 5 CAPER Monitoring response:

The City of Mesquite conducted one on-site monitoring visit for each subrecipient in PY-09. Subrecipients were monitored continuously throughout the year with quarterly progress reports, proper accomplishment and expenditure documentation and recordkeeping. All subrecipient activities are compliant with federal regulations.

All funds used during the program year were used exclusively for one of the three national objectives, and no actions or willful inaction on the part of the City hindered the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. Of the \$1,024,759.45 budgeted during the program year, \$797,933.34 (78%) was expended, with \$613,804.34 (60%) spent on LMI high priority needs/objectives as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Mesquite determined the following Objectives and Outcomes for the 2009 Program year activities:

- Code Enforcement--Suitable Living, Sustainability
- Addressing Mesquite--Suitable Living, Sustainability
- New Beginning Center--Suitable Living, Availability/Accessibility
- Mission East Dallas--Suitable Living, Availability/Accessibility
- Sharing Life Community Outreach-- Suitable Living, Availability/Accessibility
- Problem Oriented Policing--Suitable Living, Sustainability
- Housing Rehabilitation--Suitable Living, Sustainability
- Neighborhood Economic Development--Economic Opportunity, Sustainability
- Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program—Suitable Living, Availability/Accessibility

All activities meet or exceed the City's stated Consolidated Plan goals with the exception of Neighborhood Economic Development. Program Year 2009 funds for the activity (\$30,000) will be carried forward to the 2010 program year. Additional funding (\$90,000 for a total of \$120,000) will be added to the program for greater impact.

The City of Mesquite continues to meet the established goals of the FY2006-2010 Consolidated Plan. By meeting its goals the City is impacting identified needs by improving and preserving the City's housing stock, supporting organizations that assist the City's special needs populations, and improving and maintaining the City's neighborhoods.

The City provided decent housing and a suitable living environment through its Housing Rehabilitation program. There were 4 Exterior Renewal and 3 Limited Repair grants awarded. These grants are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to help maintain and preserve an aging housing stock.

The City expanded economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income persons by funding the Sharing Life Community Outreach activity which offers computer and job training. Residents who attend the classes improve their marketability in the workforce.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Program Year 5 CAPER Lead-based Paint response:

HUD has regulations to protect children from the hazards of lead-based paint in federally funded projects. HUD continues to provide training for compliance with these regulations. Staff from the City's Housing Rehabilitation Department has attended trainings and is currently in compliance with these regulations. In addition, the City continues to provide the required notices and information about the hazards and risks of lead-based paint to all program participants.

HOUSING

Housing Needs

1. Describe Actions taken during the last year to foster and maintain affordable housing.

Program Year 5 CAPER Housing Needs response:

During the program year, the City provided assistance to 7 low-income households. There were 4 Exterior Renewal grants (2 at 0-31% of MFI, 1 at 31-50% of MFI and 1 at 51-80% of MFI) and 3 Limited Repair grants awarded (2 at 0-31% of MFI and 1 at 31-50% of MFI). These grants are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to help maintain and preserve an aging housing stock.

Affordable housing needs for renter households are met, in part, through the City's Section 8 Voucher program. The Consolidated Plan indicates that households in the extremely low-income category (0-31% of MFI) are a high priority for renter affordable housing needs and the stated goal in the Consolidated Plan is to meet the needs of extremely low-income households under the Section 8 program. During the program year there were 894 households assisted under Section 8 (no data was available to separate low- and extremely low-income groups).

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Evaluate progress in meeting specific objective of providing affordable housing, including the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income renter and owner households comparing actual accomplishments with proposed goals during the reporting period.
2. Evaluate progress in providing affordable housing that meets the Section 215 definition of affordable housing for rental and owner households comparing actual accomplishments with proposed goals during the reporting period.
3. Describe efforts to address "worst-case" housing needs and housing needs of persons with disabilities.

Program Year 5 CAPER Specific Housing Objectives response:

During the program year, the City provided assistance to 7 low-income households. There were 4 Exterior Renewal grants (2 at 0-31% of MFI, 1 at 31-50% of MFI and 1 at 51-80% of MFI) and 3 Limited Repair grants awarded (2 at 0-31% of MFI and 1

at 31-50% of MFI). Included in the rehab projects were accessibility modifications (wheelchair ramps, grab bars, walk-in showers, etc.) to homes of disabled residents for improved mobility. The Exterior Renewal and Limited Repair grants are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to help maintain and preserve an aging housing stock.

Fifty-seven percent of the housing rehabilitation grants, 4 total, addressed "worst-case" housing needs of recipients with the lowest income (0-31% of MFI). These grants are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to help maintain and preserve an aging housing stock. See Housing Table 3B at the end of the CAPER.

Public Housing Strategy

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to improve public housing and resident initiatives.

Program Year 5 CAPER Public Housing Strategy response:

Not applicable for the City of Mesquite

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to eliminate barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 5 CAPER Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

The City will continue to work with developers and residents to provide opportunities for affordable housing to locate in Mesquite. Developers will be encouraged to construct housing that conforms to existing housing stock and current city regulations. Further attempts will be made to eliminate the concentration of affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. To combat the NIMBY attitude associated with affordable housing, the City will encourage developers to work with neighborhood groups through public education, development task forces and involvement with the design and location of housing.

HOME/ American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Assessment of Relationship of HOME Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Evaluate progress made toward meeting goals for providing affordable housing using HOME funds, including the number and types of households served.
2. HOME Match Report
 - a. Use HOME Match Report HUD-40107-A to report on match contributions for the period covered by the Consolidated Plan program year.
3. HOME MBE and WBE Report
 - a. Use Part III of HUD Form 40107 to report contracts and subcontracts with Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs).

4. Assessments
 - a. Detail results of on-site inspections of rental housing.
 - b. Describe the HOME jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions.
 - c. Describe outreach to minority and women owned businesses.

Program Year 5 CAPER HOME/ADDI response:

Not applicable for the City of Mesquite

HOMELESS

Homeless Needs

1. Identify actions taken to address needs of homeless persons.
2. Identify actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.
3. Identify new Federal resources obtained from Homeless SuperNOFA.

Program Year 5 CAPER Homeless Needs response:

Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Identify actions taken to prevent homelessness.

Program Year 5 CAPER Specific Housing Prevention Elements response:

The city of Mesquite does not have any homeless shelters located within its borders. Mesquite continues to experience a low degree of homelessness. In order to maintain this, programs conducted by the Housing Office will continue to be given a high priority. By continuing these programs, the City will continue to ensure that low- and moderate-income households are able to maintain and afford homes. The City is a participant of the Dallas County Continuum of Care (CoC) and supports the CoC through housing rehabilitation. This prevents households at-risk of homelessness through maintenance of the affordable housing stock.

The City will fund New Beginning Center, located in Garland, to assist in the treatment, outreach and support of victims of domestic violence. They also provide emergency and transitional shelter.

Other organizations (non CDBG funded) also provide homeless preventative services in Mesquite. These include:

- Housing and Community Services Department—Offers several programs to low- and moderate-income persons. The Mesquite Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled (MTED) provides transportation services to residents in

Mesquite who are elderly, physically or mentally disabled. The Mesquite Public Health Clinic offers immunizations at a very low cost, or no cost, to children 18 years old and under.

- Parks and Recreation Department—Offers several programs for low- and moderate-income persons. The programs are funded through the City or by private, state and federal funding. Programs directed at youth include a Free Lunch program and a discounted after-school care program for children whose parents cannot afford the cost of day care.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

1. Identify actions to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including significant subpopulations such as those living on the streets).
2. Assessment of Relationship of ESG Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Evaluate progress made in using ESG funds to address homeless and homeless prevention needs, goals, and specific objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.
 - b. Detail how ESG projects are related to implementation of comprehensive homeless planning strategy, including the number and types of individuals and persons in households served with ESG funds.
3. Matching Resources
 - a. Provide specific sources and amounts of new funding used to meet match as required by 42 USC 11375(a)(1), including cash resources, grants, and staff salaries, as well as in-kind contributions such as the value of a building or lease, donated materials, or volunteer time.
4. State Method of Distribution
 - a. States must describe their method of distribution and how it rated and selected its local government agencies and private nonprofit organizations acting as subrecipients.
5. Activity and Beneficiary Data
 - a. Completion of attached Emergency Shelter Grant Program Performance Chart or other reports showing ESGP expenditures by type of activity. Also describe any problems in collecting, reporting, and evaluating the reliability of this information.
 - b. Homeless Discharge Coordination
 - i. As part of the government developing and implementing a homeless discharge coordination policy, ESG homeless prevention funds may be used to assist very-low income individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless after being released from publicly funded institutions such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or corrections institutions or programs.
 - c. Explain how your government is instituting a homeless discharge coordination policy, and how ESG homeless prevention funds are being used in this effort.

Program Year 5 CAPER ESG response:

Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

1. Assessment of Relationship of CDBG Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Assess use of CDBG funds in relation to the priorities, needs, goals, and specific objectives in the Consolidated Plan, particularly the highest priority activities.
 - b. Evaluate progress made toward meeting goals for providing affordable housing using CDBG funds, including the number and types of households served.
 - c. Indicate the extent to which CDBG funds were used for activities that benefited extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons.
2. Changes in Program Objectives
 - a. Identify the nature of and the reasons for any changes in program objectives and how the jurisdiction would change its program as a result of its experiences.
3. Assessment of Efforts in Carrying Out Planned Actions
 - a. Indicate how grantee pursued all resources indicated in the Consolidated Plan.
 - b. Indicate how grantee provided certifications of consistency in a fair and impartial manner.
 - c. Indicate how grantee did not hinder Consolidated Plan implementation by action or willful inaction.
4. For Funds Not Used for National Objectives
 - a. Indicate how use of CDBG funds did not meet national objectives.
 - b. Indicate how did not comply with overall benefit certification.
5. Anti-displacement and Relocation – for activities that involve acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition of occupied real property
 - a. Describe steps actually taken to minimize the amount of displacement resulting from the CDBG-assisted activities.
 - b. Describe steps taken to identify households, businesses, farms or nonprofit organizations who occupied properties subject to the Uniform Relocation Act or Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and whether or not they were displaced, and the nature of their needs and preferences.
 - c. Describe steps taken to ensure the timely issuance of information notices to displaced households, businesses, farms, or nonprofit organizations.
6. Low/Mod Job Activities – for economic development activities undertaken where jobs were made available but not taken by low- or moderate-income persons
 - a. Describe actions taken by grantee and businesses to ensure first consideration was or will be given to low/mod persons.
 - b. List by job title of all the permanent jobs created/retained and those that were made available to low/mod persons.

- c. If any of jobs claimed as being available to low/mod persons require special skill, work experience, or education, provide a description of steps being taken or that will be taken to provide such skills, experience, or education.
7. Low/Mod Limited Clientele Activities – for activities not falling within one of the categories of presumed limited clientele low and moderate income benefit
 - a. Describe how the nature, location, or other information demonstrates the activities benefit a limited clientele at least 51% of whom are low- and moderate-income.
8. Program income received
 - a. Detail the amount of program income reported that was returned to each individual revolving fund, e.g., housing rehabilitation, economic development, or other type of revolving fund.
 - b. Detail the amount repaid on each float-funded activity.
 - c. Detail all other loan repayments broken down by the categories of housing rehabilitation, economic development, or other.
 - d. Detail the amount of income received from the sale of property by parcel.
9. Prior period adjustments – where reimbursement was made this reporting period for expenditures (made in previous reporting periods) that have been disallowed, provide the following information:
 - a. The activity name and number as shown in IDIS;
 - b. The program year(s) in which the expenditure(s) for the disallowed activity(ies) was reported;
 - c. The amount returned to line-of-credit or program account; and
 - d. Total amount to be reimbursed and the time period over which the reimbursement is to be made, if the reimbursement is made with multi-year payments.
10. Loans and other receivables
 - a. List the principal balance for each float-funded activity outstanding as of the end of the reporting period and the date(s) by which the funds are expected to be received.
 - b. List the total number of other loans outstanding and the principal balance owed as of the end of the reporting period.
 - c. List separately the total number of outstanding loans that are deferred or forgivable, the principal balance owed as of the end of the reporting period, and the terms of the deferral or forgiveness.
 - d. Detail the total number and amount of loans made with CDBG funds that have gone into default and for which the balance was forgiven or written off during the reporting period.
 - e. Provide a List of the parcels of property owned by the grantee or its subrecipients that have been acquired or improved using CDBG funds and that are available for sale as of the end of the reporting period.
11. Lump sum agreements
 - a. Provide the name of the financial institution.
 - b. Provide the date the funds were deposited.
 - c. Provide the date the use of funds commenced.
 - d. Provide the percentage of funds disbursed within 180 days of deposit in the institution.

12. Housing Rehabilitation – for each type of rehabilitation program for which projects/units were reported as completed during the program year
 - a. Identify the type of program and number of projects/units completed for each program.
 - b. Provide the total CDBG funds involved in the program.
 - c. Detail other public and private funds involved in the project.
13. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies – for grantees that have HUD-approved neighborhood revitalization strategies
 - a. Describe progress against benchmarks for the program year. For grantees with Federally-designated EZs or ECs that received HUD approval for a neighborhood revitalization strategy, reports that are required as part of the EZ/EC process shall suffice for purposes of reporting progress.

Program Year 5 CAPER Community Development response:

The City of Mesquite continues to meet the established goals of the FY2006-2010 Consolidated Plan. All activities completed during the program year had a positive impact on the community with 80% of non Planning and Administration grant funding expended on LMI high-priority needs and objectives. Activities that help neighborhood revitalization efforts will continue to be high priorities of the City.

The Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation program provides exterior home repair and limited repair grants to low-income, single-family households to improve, repair or replace items necessary to meet minimum building codes or to repair items that pose an imminent threat to health and/or safety. Repairs included replacing such items as defective water heaters, HVAC systems, unsecured doors and windows, deteriorated flooring, siding, plumbing and electrical systems. The Housing Department rehabilitated 7 homes (4 Exterior Renewals and 3 Limited Repair Grants).

All funds used during the program year were used exclusively to meet a national objective. No actions or willful inaction on the part of the City hindered the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The City pursued all resources that it indicated it would pursue and provided any requested certifications of consistency for HUD programs in a fair and impartial manner.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level.

Program Year 5 CAPER Antipoverty Strategy response:

The City of Mesquite is committed to providing its lowest income residents with quality housing and neighborhoods, in addition to helping these residents move out of poverty and become self-sufficient. The City's housing and community development programs are targeted to improving the housing and neighborhood conditions of low-income residents.

The City continues its efforts to attract high paying jobs and industry to the community. The City works with and through the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce

and other similar bodies in the region to increase the quality and size of the labor force in Mesquite. The City continues to support the Mesquite Independent School District, by providing each child with a sound educational foundation. Therefore, they will be better prepared to assume effective positions in the work place in the future and thus help reduce the level of poverty in Mesquite.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

Non-homeless Special Needs

1. Identify actions taken to address special needs of persons that are not homeless but require supportive housing, (including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families).

Program Year 5 CAPER Non-homeless Special Needs response:

The City of Mesquite provided funding to the agency New Beginning Center, Inc. The mission of New Beginning Center is to foster an environment of safety, support and respect for families affected by domestic violence. This is achieved through crisis intervention, counseling, shelter, education, advocacy, and diverse community partnerships. The vision of New Beginning Center is to promote social change that will lead to the elimination of domestic violence.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

1. Overall Assessment of Relationship of HOPWA Funds to Goals and Objectives
Grantees should demonstrate through the CAPER and related IDIS reports the progress they are making at accomplishing identified goals and objectives with HOPWA funding. Grantees should demonstrate:
 - a. That progress is being made toward meeting the HOPWA goal for providing affordable housing using HOPWA funds and other resources for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families through a comprehensive community plan;
 - b. That community-wide HIV/AIDS housing strategies are meeting HUD's national goal of increasing the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS;
 - c. That community partnerships between State and local governments and community-based non-profits are creating models and innovative strategies to serve the housing and related supportive service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families;
 - d. That through community-wide strategies Federal, State, local, and other resources are matched with HOPWA funding to create comprehensive housing strategies;
 - e. That community strategies produce and support actual units of housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and finally,
 - f. That community strategies identify and supply related supportive services in conjunction with housing to ensure the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families are met.
2. This should be accomplished by providing an executive summary (1-5 pages) that includes:
 - a. Grantee Narrative

- i. Grantee and Community Overview
 - (1) A brief description of your organization, the area of service, the name of each project sponsor and a broad overview of the range/type of housing activities and related services
 - (2) How grant management oversight of project sponsor activities is conducted and how project sponsors are selected
 - (3) A description of the local jurisdiction, its need, and the estimated number of persons living with HIV/AIDS
 - (4) A brief description of the planning and public consultations involved in the use of HOPWA funds including reference to any appropriate planning document or advisory body
 - (5) What other resources were used in conjunction with HOPWA funded activities, including cash resources and in-kind contributions, such as the value of services or materials provided by volunteers or by other individuals or organizations
 - (6) Collaborative efforts with related programs including coordination and planning with clients, advocates, Ryan White CARE Act planning bodies, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, homeless assistance programs, or other efforts that assist persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- ii. Project Accomplishment Overview
 - (1) A brief summary of all housing activities broken down by three types: emergency or short-term rent, mortgage or utility payments to prevent homelessness; rental assistance; facility based housing, including development cost, operating cost for those facilities and community residences
 - (2) The number of units of housing which have been created through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction since 1993 with any HOPWA funds
 - (3) A brief description of any unique supportive service or other service delivery models or efforts
 - (4) Any other accomplishments recognized in your community due to the use of HOPWA funds, including any projects in developmental stages that are not operational.
- iii. Barriers or Trends Overview
 - (1) Describe any barriers encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement
 - (2) Trends you expect your community to face in meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS, and
 - (3) Any other information you feel may be important as you look at providing services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the next 5-10 years
- b. Accomplishment Data
 - i. Completion of CAPER Performance Chart 1 of Actual Performance in the provision of housing (Table II-1 to be submitted with CAPER).
 - ii. Completion of CAPER Performance Chart 2 of Comparison to Planned Housing Actions (Table II-2 to be submitted with CAPER).

Program Year 5 CAPER Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

Not applicable for the City of Mesquite.

OTHER NARRATIVE

Include any CAPER information that was not covered by narratives in any other section.

Program Year 5 CAPER Other Narrative response: