



City of Twin Falls 2021 Annual Action Plan

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**City of Twin Falls
203 Main Avenue East
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AP-05 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - 24 CFR 91.200(C), 91.220(B)

2. Summarize the Objectives and Outcomes Identified in the Plan

The Consolidated Plan’s priority needs were developed based on input from public meetings and a survey, consultation with housing and community development stakeholders, and analysis of the city’s top housing, homeless, special needs populations, and non-housing community development needs.

High priority needs include:

PUBLIC FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Public infrastructure and facility improvements such as **parks**, sidewalks, streets, trails, access to high-speed internet, streetlighting, ADA accessibility, senior or youth centers, public safety facilities, and others.
- Assist community service organizations in improving their physical structures to meet the organization’s goals for serving low- and moderate-income households, homeless people, and other special needs populations.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Prevention, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to possibly include, but not be limited to, **infrastructure or facility improvements to support social distancing**, rent and utility assistance, small business assistance, infrastructure or technology for remote learning, medical supplies or personal protective equipment (PPE), and assistance with food access.

FAIR HOUSING

- Fair housing education services to help residents, community organizations, and housing providers understand fair housing rights and responsibilities.
- Consumer education around landlord tenant issues.
- Fair housing education and enforcement for people with limited English proficiency.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- Support general administration, planning, and staff costs for Twin Falls’ CDBG program.

Needs related to housing affordability and condition and public services were also identified during the development of the Consolidated Plan and are summarized below. Given limitations on administrative capacity as the City initiates its CDBG program, Twin Falls will focus the use of its CDBG funds on Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements, COVID-19 Response, and Program Administration during its first consolidated planning cycle. Needs related to Housing Affordability and Public Services may be addressed by the City using CDBG funds under its second Consolidated Plan.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND CONDITION

- Support the development of affordable rental and owned housing, including projects located near employment and transportation.
- Expand the useful life of existing affordable housing through rehabilitation, repair, or weatherization programs.
- Provide homeownership opportunities for households through down payment or closing cost assistance.
- Provide short-term emergency rental or utility assistance to renter households, including those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or at risk of homelessness.

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Fund community services such as youth-focused activities, childcare, services for abused or neglected children, senior activities, transportation, healthcare including mental health, support for victims of domestic violence and rape, job training/job search assistance, case management/wrap around services for people who are homeless, and others.

7. Summary

During the 2021 program year, the City of Twin Falls will use CDBG funds to address priorities identified in its 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Specifically, Twin Falls will fund public facility improvements, housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and ADA accessibility ramp improvements, public services, and program administration.

ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

AP-20 ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals Summary Information

TABLE 1 – GOALS SUMMARY

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Areas	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2021	2024	Affordable Housing	CDBG Benefit Area	Housing Affordability and Condition	CDBG: \$106,004	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 10 units
1 2	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Benefit Area Citywide	Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements	CDBG: \$289,432 \$129,160	Public facility or infrastructure activity other than low/mod income housing benefit: 2,910 1,000 persons assisted
3	Public Services	2021	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services Fair Housing	CDBG: \$54,268	Public service activity other than low/mod income housing benefit: 100 persons assisted
2 4	Program Administration	2021	2024	Other- Program Administration	CDBG Benefit Area Citywide	Program Administration Fair Housing	CDBG: \$72,358	Other: Not applicable

Goal Descriptions

TABLE 2 – GOAL DESCRIPTIONS

Goal Name	Description
<u>Housing Rehabilitation</u>	Expand the useful life of existing affordable housing through rehabilitation, repair, or weatherization programs.
Public Facilities and Infrastructure	Public infrastructure and facility improvements such as parks , sidewalks, streets, trails, high-speed internet access, streetlighting, ADA accessibility, community centers, public safety facilities, and others. Assistance for community service organizations to improve their physical structures.
<u>Public Services</u>	Fund community services such as youth focused activities, childcare, services for abused or neglected children, senior activities, transportation, healthcare including mental health, support for victims of domestic violence, job training/job search assistance, fair housing activities, case management/wrap around services for people who are homeless, and others.
Program Administration	Support general administration, planning, and staff costs for Twin Falls' CDBG program.

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PROJECTS

AP-35 PROJECTS – 91.220(D)

Introduction

The projects listed below represent the activities Twin Falls plans to undertake during the 2021 program year to address the City’s goals related to improving the living environment through public facility, public infrastructure, and accessibility improvements. ~~goals of providing decent affordable housing, promoting a suitable living environment, and encouraging economic opportunity.~~

Projects

TABLE 3 - PROJECT INFORMATION

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
1 2	Sidewalks and ADA Accessibility Upgrades Ramps
3	Public Services
2	City Park Upgrades
3 4	Program Administration

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

The projects listed above were selected based on input received from the community, including residents and representatives from nonprofit agencies, housing providers, homeless housing and service providers, community service organizations, and others, during the development of Twin Falls’ 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Data regarding housing needs, homeless needs, needs of non-homeless special populations, and non-housing community development needs also informed allocation priorities. Finally, this project list was developed to complement ongoing revitalization efforts and plans, and to ensure that adequate administrative capacity is available for each identified project. The City of Twin Falls does not anticipate obstacles to successfully completing the above-listed projects.

AP-38 PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Summary Information

1	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG)</u>
	<u>Target Area</u>	<u>CDBG Benefit Area</u>
	<u>Goals Supported</u>	<u>Housing Rehabilitation</u>
	<u>Needs Addressed</u>	<u>Housing Affordability and Condition</u>
	<u>Funding</u>	<u>CDBG: \$106,004</u>
	<u>Description</u>	<u>Homeowner and rental housing rehabilitation</u>
	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>09/30/2022</u>
	<u>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</u>	<u>Homeowner housing rehabilitated – estimated goal of 10 units</u>
	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Various locations within the CDBG Benefit Area to be determined during the program year</u>
	<u>Planned Activities</u>	<u>Rehabilitation of rental and homeowner units (e.g., repairs for roofs, water/sewer issues, electrical, plumbing or HVAC, lead paint mitigation)</u>
2	Project Name	Sidewalks and ADA <u>Accessibility Improvements Ramps</u>
	Target Area	CDBG Benefit Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements

Funding	CDBG: \$64,432 \$129,160
Description	Sidewalk and ADA ramp construction in LMI neighborhoods/census tracts
Target Date	09/30/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public facility or infrastructure activity other than low/mod income housing benefit – approximately 500 1,000 people
Location Description	Locations within the CDBG Benefit Area to be determined during the program year
Planned Activities	Sidewalk and ADA ramp construction in LMI neighborhoods/census tracts
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<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Public Services (CDBG)</u>
<u>Target Area</u>	<u>Citywide</u>
<u>Goals Supported</u>	<u>Public Services</u>
<u>Needs Addressed</u>	<u>Public Services</u> <u>Fair Housing</u>
<u>Funding</u>	<u>CDBG: \$54,268</u>
<u>Description</u>	<u>Community services to be determined during the program year, possibly to include youth focused activities, children's services/childcare, senior activities, transportation assistance, services for people who are homeless, or other critical services for vulnerable/low and moderate income groups</u>
<u>Target Date</u>	<u>09/30/2022</u>
<u>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</u>	<u>Approximately 100 individuals served through public service activity other than low/mod income housing benefit</u>
<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Citywide, with specific locations to be determined during the program year</u>
<u>Planned Activities</u>	<u>Community services to be determined during the program year</u>

<u>2</u>	Project Name	<u>City Park Upgrades (CDBG)</u>
	Target Area	<u>CDBG Benefit Area</u>
	Goals Supported	<u>Public Facilities and Infrastructure</u>
	Needs Addressed	<u>Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements</u>
	Funding	<u>CDBG: \$225,000</u>
	Description	<u>Enhancements to City Park, possibly including but not limited to improvements to public restrooms, playground, pathways and accessibility, and other park components</u>
	Target Date	<u>09/30/2023</u>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<u>Public facility or infrastructure activity other than low/mod income housing benefit – approximately 2,410 people</u>
	Location Description	<u>City Park, 400 Shoshone St E, Twin Falls</u>
	Planned Activities	<u>Enhancements to City Park</u>
<u>3</u> <u>4</u>	Project Name	Program Administration (CDBG)
	Target Area	CDBG Benefit Area Citywide
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$72,358
	Description	Administration of CDBG program

Target Date	09/30/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	City of Twin Falls, 203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls
Planned Activities	Program administration costs associated with the coordination and delivery of the CDBG program

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AP-50 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION – 91.220(F)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

The City anticipates using approximately ~~80%~~ **65%** of its grant funds in census tracts with a concentration (51%) of households with low or moderate incomes (under 80% AMI). The remaining ~~20%~~ **35%** will be used ~~to provide public services to income-eligible recipients living throughout the city and~~ for program administration.

Geographic Distribution

TABLE 4 - GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	20% 35%
CDBG Benefit Area	80% 65%

Rationale for the Priorities for Allocating Investments Geographically

Twin Falls proposes to distribute its CDBG resources throughout the city to the extent neighborhoods receiving CDBG investments are eligible under CDBG area benefit or other applicable standards. Otherwise, the City does not intend to target CDBG funds to any particular area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AP-55 AFFORDABLE HOUSING – 91.220(G)

Introduction

Over the 2021 program year, the City of Twin Falls will concentrate use of its CDBG funds on ADA accessibility improvements and other enhancements to public facilities and infrastructure. The City does not anticipate undertaking any housing activities during the 2021 program year. provide affordable housing assistance through the rehabilitation of affordable units, including home repairs for low- and moderate-income homeowners. The City estimates that it will assist about 10 non-homeless households through the repair of existing units.

TABLE 5 - ONE YEAR GOALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUPPORT REQUIREMENT

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0 10
Special Needs	0
Total	0 10

TABLE 6 - ONE YEAR GOALS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUPPORT TYPE

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
Production of New Units	0 10
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0 10

Discussion

In addition to its PY 2021 funding, the City will also use its CDBG-CV funding toward a homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing program to assist households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic remain housed. While this program was funded during PY 2020, the City will continue to use this funding into the 2021 program year.