



Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan FY 2025-2029

City of Sparks
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Five-Year Consolidated Plan outlines the activities the City of Sparks, Nevada, will undertake leveraging Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to invest in affordable housing, public services, homelessness initiatives, community revitalization and public and infrastructure projects for Program Years 2025 through 2029.

The city worked with the City of Reno, Washoe County government, the Reno Housing Authority, Northern Nevada Continuum of Care Leadership Council, community stakeholders and organizations, as well as citizens through the Citizen Participation Process to identify the priority needs included in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

The City of Sparks is a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) of the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), in which the City of Reno serves as the Lead Agency, and through this partnership, HOME Investment Partnership Program dollars continue to be invested in affordable housing projects throughout the region, increasing housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income (LMI) households.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The City of Sparks has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in this plan and an extensive community participation and consultation process. Through these efforts, the city has identified four priorities to address those needs. The City of Sparks 2025-209 Consolidated Plan priorities are:

1. Priority - Community Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
 - 1A. Goal – Improve Public Infrastructure
 - 1B. Goal – Improve Public Facilities
2. Priority – Community Revitalization
 - 2A. Goal – Neighborhood Preservation
3. Priority – Community Assistance
 - 3A. Goal – Public Services to Low and Moderate Income and vulnerable households
4. Priority –Affordable Housing
 - 4A. Goal – Preserve and Develop Affordable Housing
 - 4B. Goal – Homeownership Preservation

3. Evaluation of past performance

In the FY 2020-2024, Consolidated Plan, the City of Sparks identified the following priorities:

1. Make improvements to public infrastructure to increase accessibility and public safety.
2. Provide supplemental support for the operations of nonprofits that provide shelter and supportive services to extremely LMI households, residents with special needs and people who are homeless.
3. Implement Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) measures to ensure Fair Housing Activities are in place in the Sparks community.
4. Support activities that create affordable and mixed-income housing opportunities.

Make improvements to public infrastructure to increase accessibility and public safety

The City of Sparks invested \$1.9 million dollars toward Pedestrian Improvement projects in West Sparks. Over 14,000 LMI households benefited from the improvements to their neighborhoods through the installation of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and accessibility modifications.

The city invested \$219,280.45 for the replacement of worn and cracked tennis courts, with the installation of new tennis courts and the addition of pickleball courts at Oppio Park, directly impacting on over 1,500 LMI households.

Provide supplemental support for the operations of nonprofits that provide shelter and supportive services to extremely LMI households, residents with special needs and people who are homeless

The City of Sparks expended \$112,320.00 in funding to the former homeless shelter, the Community Assistance Center (CAC). The CAC closed in 2021 and in 2022, the city began allocating CDBG funding to support the operations of the Eddy House, a local non-profit providing shelter and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. The city invested \$185,008.16 through the remaining 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Additionally, the city partnered with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to expend \$231,222 in CDBG-COVID funds for the purchase and distribution of food at schools and food pantries located in LMI neighborhoods in the City of Sparks. Though the city's partnership with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, 12,213 individuals and families were assisted.

Implement Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) measures to ensure Fair Housing Activities are in place in the Sparks community

The city allocated \$100,020.15 in CDBG funds during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) to provide fair housing training, advocacy and outreach to the residents and housing providers of the City of Sparks and Washoe County. Silver State Fair Housing Council assists residents and housing providers with reasonable accommodation and modification guidance; reporting discrimination; and conducts investigations. If necessary, Silver State Fair Housing Council will assist residents with submitting a Fair Housing complaint to HUD.

Support activities that create affordable and mixed-income housing opportunities

During the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 30 LMI households benefited from the city's Homeowner Rehabilitation Programs, utilizing the city's CDBG revolving loan fund. The city expended \$120,250.03 assisting City of Sparks homeowners. The Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant allows residents to receive up to \$10,000 to address emergencies in their home. The city spent \$4,720 in CDBG entitlement funds.

During the Coronavirus Pandemic, the city partnered with the Reno Housing Authority to provide rental assistance to LMI households unable to pay their rent due to the pandemic. The city utilized \$374,493.78 in CDBG-COVID funds to provide rental assistance to 143 households ensuring these families remain in their homes.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The city held a public workshop on October 22, 2024, soliciting input from the public on community needs and priorities. The city launched a community survey from October 8, 2024, to December 7, 2024. The survey was available in English and Spanish on the city's website. Both the public workshop and survey were advertised in the *Reno Gazette Journal*, as well as through the city's social media platforms. The highest scoring priority needs based on the community survey and public workshop are listed in the table labeled City of Sparks - Survey Results.

On February 24, 2025, city staff requested direction from the Sparks City Council on priorities to be included in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The City Council meeting was noticed in both English and Spanish.

A public meeting/hearing was held on March 19, 2025, to review the proposed priorities supported by the Sparks City Council to be included in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This meeting was advertised in the *Reno Gazette Journal*.

The 30-day public comment period for the review of the draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan began on May 9, 2025 and concluded on June 9, 2025. Notification was advertised in the *Reno Gazette Journal* in English and Spanish.

A public meeting was held on May 20, 2025, soliciting comments from the public on the draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan. Notification was advertised in the *Reno Gazette Journal* in English and Spanish.

A Public Hearing before the Sparks City Council was held on June 9, 2025, requesting approval of the draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan. Notification was advertised in the *Reno Gazette Journal* in English and Spanish.

Choice	Score
Housing – Emergency Housing	
Transitional Housing	505
Rental Assistance	471
Emergency Shelter	467
Rental Assistance	467
Housing – Permanent Housing	
Accessible Housing	584
Housing Repair and rehabilitation for homeowners	520
Community Needs – Public Infrastructure	
Sidewalks, streetlights, streets and similar neighborhood improvements	590
Improvements to parks – installation of tables, benches and/or shade structures; new or improved restrooms; and new or updated play equipment.	564
Community Needs – Enhancement	
Elimination of Blight	590
Code enforcement and zoning ordinance regulation	553
Public Service – Support Nonprofits	
Mental Health	571
Domestic Violence	566
Economic Development	
Job Training	523
Workforce Development	505

City of Sparks - Survey Results Chart

5. Summary of public comments

Attendees of the public workshop held on October 22, 2024 identified the following community needs:

Housing Needs: Emergency Shelters and Homeless Shelters; Transitional Housing; and Housing Repair and Rehabilitation.

Community Needs: Elimination of blight; increased or improved senior centers or community centers; ADA improvements to public buildings, parks and recreational facilities; and sidewalks, streetlights, streets and/ or other similar neighborhood improvements.

Public Services: Affordable childcare; food insecurity; senior service; and youth services.

Economic Development: Workforce development; business assistance; grants for small businesses; microenterprise programs; and low-cost loans.

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

None, all comments were accepted.

7. Summary

None.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	SPARKS	Community Services Department
HOME Administrator	SPARKS	Washoe County HOME Consortium

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

None

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PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

This section summarizes the process of consulting with stakeholders and residents in the region during the development of the Consolidated Plan. It begins with a summary of how the cities and county support a coordinated system of housing and service delivery.

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 Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Leadership Council (NNCLC) is the official board acting on behalf of the Northern Nevada CoC. The role of the NNCLC is to act on all business requiring direction and/or formal actions to support the CoCs mission of ending homelessness in the region. The NNCLC is responsible for strategic planning, coordination and direction of working groups, and administrative items as needed. The NNCLC is comprised of representatives from each of the three local jurisdictions (City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County government); an agency representing homeless youth; private sector business and industry; the Veterans Administration; faith-based organizations; emergency shelter providers; CoC grantees; the Washoe County School District; substance abuse treatment providers; the local housing authority; mental health service provider; person(s) experiencing homelessness or formally homeless; law enforcement; representative for coordinated entry; domestic violence provider; and health care providers. Washoe County government supports the NNCLC as the lead agency and acts as the CoC Coordinator.

The NNCLC supports the Regional Alliance to end Homelessness (RAH), which is comprised of stakeholders who work to end homelessness across the region. RAH members meet monthly to provide guidance on local issues that need to be addressed and facilitate cross agency collaboration. Concerns raised at the RAH meetings are communicated to the NNCLC.

The Reno Housing Authority and Two Hearts Development, both affordable housing developers, are members of the NNCLC and regularly provide input on affordable housing needs.

The Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) was created in 2011. The CHAB is comprised of elected representatives from the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County. The need around homeless issues in Washoe County has expanded and, as a result, the CHAB is intended to serve as the lead entity and to provide recommendations and coordination regionally regarding homelessness. The board is tasked with providing input and making recommendations on homeless issues in the region, as needed.

In 2020, Washoe County government, in partnership with the City of Reno and the City of Sparks, along with 35 organizations, joined Built for Zero, a national movement to end homelessness. Through the efforts of Washoe County government, City of Reno, City of Sparks, CHAB, the membership of Built for Zero and the Northern Nevada CoC, the region has streamlined processes; increased the participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), providing for increased and more accurate data; improved homeless services and facilities; and improved policies and procedures.

The City of Sparks staff is a member of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) for the WCHC. The TRC is comprised of members from the three jurisdictions (City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County government), as well as community members from each of the jurisdiction that have experience with the development of affordable housing and/or social service programs. This committee reviews and recommends the award of HOME funds to affordable housing developers and nonprofits for projects located in Washoe County.

Additionally, the City of Sparks collaborates with the Reno Housing Authority, the local housing authority serving Washoe County, on affordable housing projects, housing authority programs, and rental assistance.

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

The City of Sparks is an active participant of the NNCLC. The mission of the Northern Nevada CoC is to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. During the annual CoC funding competition, the NNCLC analyzes new project proposals, reviews past performance of renewal projects, and recommends programs to ensure compliance with grant requirements and CoC priorities. The Rating and Ranking Committee, a subcommittee of the NNCLC, is responsible for reviewing the submissions for funding and prioritizing the programs to best address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. City of Sparks staff participate in the Rating and Ranking Committee annually. Standing committees of the CoC include but are not limited to:

- HMIS ensure the CoCs service providers are kept up-to-date with regard to technical services and data collection. This subcommittee also recommends data and technical standards to the Continuum.
- Point in Time Planning establish policies and practices for conducting the point in time (PIT) count of the homeless. Assist in collection and validation of data to include a street count, motel count, provider survey and interviews.
- Statewide CoC Coordination communicates and coordinates CoC specific activities and ensures statewide approaches to implementing the CoC as appropriate.
- CoC Rating and Ranking analyzes new project proposals, reviews past performance of renewal projects to ensure compliance with grant requirements and recommends prioritization of projects to the NNCLC.

- Regional Alliance to end Homelessness (RAH) RAH is comprised of stakeholders who work to end homelessness across the region. RAH members meet monthly to provide guidance on the local issues that need to be addressed and facilitate cross agency collaboration.

Ad hoc workgroups include, but are not limited to:

- Advocacy advocates on behalf of the CoC to local and state leadership and prioritizes the issues to advocate.
- Coordinated Entry oversees the Coordinated Entry system on behalf of the CoC and ensures the CoC is utilizing up to date Coordinated Entry policies in compliance with HUD.
- Diversion develops and oversees a diversion process for all populations served within the CoC from entering the homeless system or provide rapid resolution to homelessness.
- Data evaluates CoC data, provides oversight of HMIS licenses and utilization, and oversees utilization of the Data Quality Management Plan.
- Youth studies the problems of homeless youth and identifies long-range solutions to this complex issue.
- Veteran studies the problems of veteran homelessness and identifies long-range solutions to this complex issue.

The City of Sparks allocated CDBG public service funds to the Eddy House to support their operations of providing support and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. Eddy House is the central intake and assessment facility in Washoe County. The objective of Eddy House is to end youth homelessness. Eddy House provides youth in Washoe County experiencing homelessness with shelter, counseling, meals, transportation, case management, clothing, showers, medical assistance, education assistance, workforce development, and transitional housing.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

The City of Sparks does not receive Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds; however, the City of Reno receives a direct allocation. The use of ESG funds is directed by the Reno City Council. As stated above, the NNCLC is responsible for setting the policies and procedures for the administration and compliance of HMIS and maintains a standing subcommittee to ensure the CoCs service providers are kept up to date regarding technical services and data collection. This subcommittee also recommends data and technical standards to the Continuum. Updates to the policies and procedures are presented to the NNCLC and voted on as needed. The policies and procedures related to Coordinated Entry (HMIS) are available on the NNCLC website, maintained by Washoe County government.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Volunteers of America
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	NEVADA HOUSING DIVISION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Eddy House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Ulysses Development Group, LLC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	WASHOE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Child Welfare Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Northern Nevada CoC Lived Experience Advisory Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Molina Healthcare of Nevada
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	PacificWest Companies
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	US Senator Cortez Masto
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State State Senator
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	VA for Homeless Veterans
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Be Who You Needed
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	The Empowerment Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Health Treatment Program for Women
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Inland Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Hosanna Home
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Treatment Program for Women

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Life Changes, Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Reno Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.

18	Agency/Group/Organization	Northern Nevada Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - County Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Sparks
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Reno
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.

21	Agency/Group/Organization	Silver State Fair Housing Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization consulted through a stakeholder survey to help determine the community and housing development needs in the Consolidated Plan.

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

None

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	Northern Nevada Continuum of Care	The Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Leadership Council (NNCLC) is the official board acting on behalf of the Northern Nevada CoC. NNCLC supports the development of affordable housing and supports LMI and vulnerable individuals.
City of Sparks Affordable Housing Audit	City of Sparks/ ECO Northwest	The City of Sparks contracted with ECO Northwest to conduct a Housing Affordability Audit. The scope of the audit includes review of the city's existing policies and zoning regulations, review of existing land uses and utilization, interviews with affordable housing developers and community stakeholders, a financial feasibility analysis, and a final report of findings. The final report will help the City of Sparks identify possible policy and regulatory changes to further support affordable housing.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	Western Nevada Development District	City of Sparks staff reviewed this document to support data related to the Market Analysis.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County government, as participating jurisdictions of the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC) collectively work to develop the WCHC Consolidated Plan as a regional collaborative effort.

The City of Reno, as the lead agency for the Washoe County Home Consortium, also released a joint survey to all Washoe County residents and a separate survey was released to community stakeholders requesting input on community needs and barriers to affordable housing.

Narrative (optional):

None

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The citizen participation process included public meetings and a public workshop that was attended by members of the community and local service providers. A survey was deployed in both Spanish and English via the city’s website, social media, and local newspaper. A presentation of the Consolidated Plan process and the survey link were presented to City of Sparks boards and commissions. The FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2029 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan were made available to the public for 30 days, providing the opportunity for the community to review the plan and make comments. A public hearing was held before the Sparks City Council prior to adoption of the plans.

The City of Reno, as the lead agency for the Washoe County Home Consortium, also released a survey to all Washoe County residents and a separate survey was released to community stakeholders requesting input on community needs and barriers to affordable housing.

The city used the results of the community survey and public input to assist in setting the priorities and goals for the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, as well as the activities in the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.

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	Community Survey - City of Sparks	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Sparks received 136 responses from City of Sparks residents.	See Appendix A - City Sparks Survey Results	All Comments were accepted.	www.cityofsparks.us/ConsolidatedPlanSurvey and www.cityofsparks.us/SpanishConsolidatedPlanSurvey

2	Public Meeting	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	A community workshop was held on October 22, 2024 to discuss the priority needs of the community. Seven people were in attendance.	Participants identified the following community needs: Housing Needs: Emergency Shelters and Homeless Shelters; Transitional Housing; and Housing Repair and Rehabilitation. Community Needs: Elimination of blight; increased or improved senior centers or community centers; ADA improvements to public buildings, parks and recreational	All Comments were accepted.	
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				facilities; and sidewalks, streetlights, streets and/ or other similar neighborhood improvements . Public Services: Affordable childcare; food insecurity; senior service; and youth services. Economic Development: Workforce development; business assistance; grants for small businesses; microenterpris e programs; and low-cost loans. Participants identified the		
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				other similar neighborhood improvements . Public Services: Affordable childcare; food insecurity; senior service; and youth services. Economic Development: Workforce development; business assistance; grants for small businesses; microenterprise programs; and low-cost loans.		

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-targeted/broad community	A presentation was made on October 15, 2024 to the City of Sparks Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board and 12 people were in attendance, including Board Members.	No comments were received.	N/A	
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A presentation was made on November 21, 2024, to the City of Sparks Planning Commission and 12 people were in attendance, including Board Members.	No comments were received.	N/A	

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 Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A presentation was made on October 23, 2024, to the City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission and 12 people were in attendance, including Board Members	No comments were received.	N/A	

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)
6	Public Meeting	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	A public meeting was held on February 24, 2025 before the Sparks City Council. In attendance was the Mayor City of Sparks, Sparks City Council Members, City Attorney, City Manager, City staff, and members of the public.	The Sparks City Council voted to include the following priorities in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan: Community Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements ; Community Revitalization; Community Assistance; and Affordable Housing	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Meeting/Hearing and Presentation on the proposed CDBG Consolidated Plan Priorities, March 19, 2025. Zero community members attended the meeting.	N/A	N/A	

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)
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public meeting was held on May 20, 2025 for public comment and review of the draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 25-26 Annual Action Plan and City of Sparks Citizen Participation Plan. Zero community members attended the meeting.	N/A	N/A	

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)
9	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 25-26 Annual Action Plan and City of Sparks Citizen Participation Plan was made available for to the public for review and comment beginning May 9, 2025 to June 9, 2025. The public comment period was advertised in the Reno Gazette Journal in both Spanish and English.	No comments were received.	N/A	

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)
10	Public Hearing	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	Public Hearing held before the Sparks City Council. Presentation and approval of the draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 25-26 Annual Action Plan and City of Sparks Citizen Participation Plan. Mayor City of Sparks, Sparks City Council Members, City Attorney, City Manager, City staff, and members of the public.	No comments were received.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The Needs Assessment analyzes the HUD prepopulated data tables, in conjunction with relevant local data sources and data gathered through the citizen participation and stakeholder engagement. This analysis identifies the community's highest needs, as it relates to affordable housing, barriers to affordable housing, community development and homelessness. The city will incorporate the results into the Strategic Plan.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

The Truckee Meadows Region (i.e., City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County) has experienced strong population growth. Between 2009 and 2020, the number of people living in the Truckee Meadows region increased by 13.7% from 416,632 to 473,606 (Nevada State Demographer Certified Population Estimates). More recently, the population of the Truckee Meadows region increased by 7.4% from 473,606 to 508,759 persons between 2020 and 2023 (Nevada State Demographer Certified Population Estimates).

The City of Sparks has experienced similarly strong population growth. The HUD-generated table below shows the population of the City of Sparks increased by 10% from 93,435 to 102,895 people between 2009 and 2020. Between 2020 and 2023 City's population increased another 10% from 103,230 to 113,816 people between 2020 and 2023 (Nevada State Demographer Certified Population Estimates).

Looking ahead, the 2024 Washoe County Consensus Forecast projects the population will continue to grow throughout Washoe County over the next 20 years, but at a faster rate. Population is estimated to increase 16.9% from 515,085 to 602,455 people between 2024 and 2044. For the City of Sparks, the 2024 Washoe County Consensus Forecast projects population will increase by 20,686 persons between 2023 and 2044, which is an 18.2% increase. The projected 20,686 new residents of the City of Sparks would create demand for an additional 8,308 new housing units. Continued population growth will exacerbate existing housing affordability challenges in the City of Sparks and broader Truckee Meadows Region.

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2020	% Change
Population	93,435	102,895	10%
Households	34,990	39,500	13%
Median Income	\$52,795.00	\$67,187.00	27%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2016-2020 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Discussion Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Household income as reported in the HUD-generated table for the City of Sparks also grew by approximately 27% from 2009 to 2020. Using the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) inflation calculator, a City of Sparks household earning an income of \$52,795 in 2009 would have the same purchasing power as \$64,505 in 2020. This means that a household earning the median income of \$67,187 had greater purchasing power in 2020 than 2010. However, median household income only presents a single data point and does not provide insights into the distribution of wealth across the City of Sparks.

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	3,930	5,160	8,000	4,595	17,810
Small Family Households	1,039	1,875	2,820	1,690	9,365
Large Family Households	205	395	970	490	1,950
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	1,205	1,075	1,795	1,110	3,920
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	540	1,120	1,015	540	1,205
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	515	1,230	1,474	395	2,605

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Discussion Table 6 - Total Households Table

This document will use the following income group definitions:

- Extremely Low Income: 0-30% HAMFI
- Very Low Income: 30-50% HAMFI
- Low Income: 50-80% HAMFI
- Moderate Income: 80-100% HAMFI
- Above Moderate Income: >100% HAMFI

The HUD-generated table above contains demographic information based on relative income using 2016-2022 CHAS data.

Family Size

Small families appear to have higher incomes while large families have lower incomes. Approximately 26.4% of extremely low-income households are small while 52.6% of households earning more than 100% AMI are small.

Elderly

Extremely low income and very low income households have greater percentages of elderly residents over 62 years old than above moderate income households. Approximately 44.4% extremely low-income households and 42.5% of very low income households contain residents 62 years or older whereas approximately 28.8% of above moderate income households have such residents.

Children

Households with children appear to have lower incomes than those without. Approximately 8.6% of households earning between 80 and 100% HAMFI and 14.6% of households earning over 100% HAMFI had one or more children 6 years old or younger present. In comparison, approximately 23.8% of very low income households had one or more children 6 years old or younger present.

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	15	155	20	4	194	0	50	95	0	145
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	90	55	245	35	425	25	40	25	0	90
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	80	95	170	0	345	60	20	70	20	170
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,950	915	420	10	3,295	590	570	215	75	1,450

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	260	1,370	1,320	585	3,535	385	550	1,260	455	2,650
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	115	0	0	0	115	120	0	0	0	120

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Discussion Table 7 - Housing Problems Table

Using the HUD-generated CHAS data, the table above gives an overview of housing problems in the City of Sparks by income group and tenure (renter or homeowner). In Sparks, the most prevalent housing problem is cost burdened households. In the city there are 3,535 renters and 2,650 homeowners who pay 30% or more of their income to housing expenses. More troubling, approximately 93% of these renter households and 54% of these homeowner households are severely cost burdened and spend more than half their income on housing expenses. The data presented above makes it clear that the most common housing problem is cost burden.

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	2,140	1,215	860	50	4,265	675	685	405	95	1,860
Having none of four housing problems	510	1,740	3,490	1,800	7,540	610	1,530	3,240	2,645	8,025

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Discussion Table 8 - Housing Problems 2

Severe Housing Problems

Severe housing problems are more likely for lower income residents. Approximately 80.8% of extremely low income renter households and approximately 52.5% of extremely low income homeowner households have a severe housing problem. Very low income households face similar challenges with over 41% of very low income renters and almost 31% of very low income homeowners facing severe housing problems. In contrast, approximately 2.7% of moderate income renters and 3.5% of moderate income homeowners have a severe housing problem.

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	725	965	575	2,265	210	500	615	1,325
Large Related	90	200	130	420	90	45	265	400
Elderly	735	845	340	1,920	580	380	465	1,425
Other	845	510	730	2,085	160	235	130	525
Total need by income	2,395	2,520	1,775	6,690	1,040	1,160	1,475	3,675

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Discussion Table 9 - Cost Burden >30%

The HUD-generated table above shows the number of households that are cost burdened by income group and demographics.

For renters, the lower income a household has, there is a greater likelihood that they are cost burdened. Of cost-burdened renter households making 80% or less of area median income, 36% are in the extremely low income category and 38% are in the very low income category whereas 27% are in the low income category. For owners, the likelihood of being cost burdened increases with income. Approximately 40% of cost-burdened renter households making 80% or less of area median income are in the low income category whereas 28% are in the extremely low income category.

Within the individual income categories, elderly and small related households comprise the highest proportion of extremely low income and very low income cost-burdened households for both renter and owner-occupied households.

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	0	0	270	270	95	150	0	245
Large Related	0	0	80	80	65	0	0	65
Elderly	680	515	130	1,325	350	235	145	730
Other	0	750	190	940	130	0	0	130
Total need by income	680	1,265	670	2,615	640	385	145	1,170

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

Discussion Table 10 - Cost Burden >50%

Severely Cost Burdened Households

A large proportion of cost burdened households pay enough of their income towards household costs to be classified as severely cost burdened. Approximately 39% of cost burdened renter households and 32% of cost burdened owner-occupied households are severely cost burdened. Elderly renter households are particularly vulnerable as approximately 69% of these cost burdened households are considered severely burdened cost burdened.

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	170	140	375	35	720	75	75	95	10	255
Multiple, unrelated family households	0	0	40	0	40	10	0	0	10	20
Other, non-family households	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	10
Total need by income	170	150	415	35	770	85	75	105	20	285

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Discussion Table 11 - Crowding Information 1/2

Overcrowding is relatively rare in the City of Sparks with the HUD-generated CHAS data indicating there are 1,055 households that have more than one occupant per room. However, overcrowding is more prevalent among renter than owner-occupied households.

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source:
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

Single person households within the City of Sparks have fewer resources than larger households and therefore have an increased risk of housing insecurity. Approximately 11,820 Sparks residents live alone, which is 11% of Sparks households (United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates). The median household income for a 1-person household is \$36,796, which is \$68,791 less than the median household income of \$105,587 for a 4-person household (United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, B19019). In addition, approximately 10% of owner-occupied households and 35% of renter

households earning less than \$50,000 are cost burdened (United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates). Acknowledging the prevalence of cost burden within the City of Sparks, many single person households are likely cost burdened.

In addition, elderly households are more likely to be cost burdened. For Sparks residents 60 years or older, approximately 61.8% of renters and 23.5% of owners pay 30 percent or more towards housing costs (United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, S0102). Of the total Sparks population, 48.4% of renters and 21.3% of owners are cost burdened (United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, S2503). The senior population is typically on fixed income and has limited resources to sustain a reasonable "Quality of Life" in their later years of life.

From 2010 to 2020, the number of seniors (i.e. residents aged 60 years or older) in the region doubled. In 2020, this age group represented 22.8% of Truckee Meadows residents and 21.0% of Sparks residents (United States Census Bureau, 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates). In addition, the Washoe County Consensus Forecast projects that seniors will make up an increasingly large share of the region's population through 2024. The growing senior population has unique housing needs - for instance, seniors interested in aging in place may need physical modifications to their homes (i.e., the City of Sparks Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan and Emergency Repair Grant Programs can address these needs), while others may be looking to downsize or relocate to housing that offers services or other amenities. Identifying opportunities to lower existing housing costs or create new affordable housing options suitable for seniors is particularly important for this age group as they retire and begin living on fixed incomes.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Disability

Residents with disabilities often have additional housing needs in order to maintain safe, secure, and affordable homes. For instance, residents with disabilities may need to make modifications to their residence to make it accessible or easily maintained. In the City of Sparks, there are 13,327 residents, or 12.2% of the total population, with a disability. Expectedly, the likelihood that a resident has a disability increases with age and 50% of all residents 75 or older report a disability (United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, S1810).

To understand the needs of the disabled population, it is important to understand the prevalence of different types of disabilities. The most common disability is an ambulatory disability (5,914 individuals), which is defined by the US Census Bureau as having serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs. The second most common disability is a cognitive difficulty (5,119 individuals), which is defined by the US Census Bureau as having serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. The third most common disability is a hearing difficulty (4,943 individuals), which is defined by the US Census Bureau as a serious difficulty with hearing.

Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Obtaining accurate data on the number of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking is difficult as many incidents go unreported. Survivors of the listed crimes may choose not to report the listed crimes based on fear of future violence, loss of children, housing loss, and/or reduced economic support.

The Nevada Attorney General publishes annual domestic violence reports for the State of Nevada that track the listed crimes. According to the 2022 Calendar Year Statistics Report, 20,714 first time adult and child victims were served and contact made with 46,242 victims. Of the first time adult and child victims, 1,969 (or 9.5%) were in Washoe County. It is important that resources are dedicated to providing support and safety for residents in need of escaping and reporting violence.

What are the most common housing problems?

The most common housing problem in the City of Sparks is cost burden. The 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates show that approximately 13,025 households in Sparks are cost burdened, which accounts for 32% of the population. Renters experience cost burden more frequently than owners with approximately 48% of renters paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs compared to 21% of owners.

From October 2017 to October 2023, the median home price for an existing single-family home increased by 59% from \$327,500 to \$520,000. Similarly, the median sales price for an existing condominium or townhome increased by 108% from \$155,000 to \$323,000 over this same period (Sierra Nevada Realtors). Sparks has also experienced substantial increases in rents. From 2017 to 2022, the median gross rent increased by 64% from \$1,028 to \$1,597 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 1-Year Estimates). These price increases in both the ownership and rental markets have contributed to a large number of cost-burdened households. The proportion of cost burdened households in 2017 was 34.2%. By 2022, this number slightly decreased to 32.3%. However, cost-burdened renter households experienced an increase from 46.3% to 48.4% over this period (U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 and 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates). While the median household income (in 2022 dollars) increased 23% from 2017 to 2022 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 and 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates), this increase has not been enough to offset rising housing costs.

As home prices and cost burden continue to increase, the lack of affordable housing makes it difficult to acquire and maintain an affordable home (rent or ownership). This situation directly impacts homelessness as individuals struggle to get out of poverty and stay sheltered.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Extremely low and very low income renter households are more affected by cost burden than other higher income renters and owners. These extremely low and very low income renter households are particularly vulnerable to increased housing costs that may lead to them becoming unsheltered.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

HUD defines extremely low-income households as households that earn 0-30% HAMFI (HUD area median family income), and severe housing cost burden as housing expenses that exceed 50% of income.

The 2020 CHAS data provided in the Housing Needs Summary Tables indicates that the lack of affordable housing is the greatest housing problem for extremely low income households and families with children. Approximately 3,785 extremely low income households experience a severe housing cost burden greater than 50%. These households are at the highest risk of becoming homeless and may need rapid rehousing assistance.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Renters make up an increasing share of households throughout all jurisdictions (i.e., City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County). From 2009 to 2020, renters came to occupy a slightly larger share of the region's housing units, growing from approximately 40 percent of all households to 42 percent in 2020 (United States Census Bureau, 2009 and 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates). This trend is consistent across all three jurisdictions. In the City of Reno, a majority of households are renters, while owners make up the majority of households in the other jurisdictions.

Extremely low and very low income renter households are more affected by cost burden than other higher income renters and owners. These extremely low and very low income renter households are particularly vulnerable to increased housing costs that may lead to them becoming unsheltered.

Discussion

None

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

Evaluating the needs of racial and ethnic groups in comparison to the broader population is necessary to understand housing needs within a community. A disproportionate housing need is defined as a circumstance when the members of a racial or ethnic group within an income level experience housing problems at least 10 percentage points more frequently than the entire population at that income level.

Among the various racial and ethnic groups residing in the region, the largest growth in the City of Sparks has occurred among residents identifying as Hispanic or Latino - this group increased by 31 percent from 2010 to 2022 (U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates). By 2035, the Latino population is expected to grow to 32 percent of the total population across Washoe County. As the region's racial and ethnic composition changes, the region's housing needs may also become more varied. For instance, Hispanic households generally face greater barriers when entering the homeownership market (particularly when seeking conventional mortgages than White or Asians households). Additionally, research has shown that Asian and Hispanic households are more likely to live in multi-generational households, which may drive more demand for larger units.

Residents identifying as Hispanic or Latino constitute the largest non-White racial or ethnic group in the City of Sparks with 27.9 percent of Sparks residents identify as Hispanic or Latino (U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2022 5-Year Estimates).

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,000	209	150
White	1,730	150	115
Black / African American	110	0	0
Asian	120	29	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	50	0	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	880	25	35

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,520	750	0
White	2,310	495	0
Black / African American	75	10	0
Asian	115	45	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	0	0
Pacific Islander	8	4	0
Hispanic	915	194	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,175	2,535	0
White	2,060	1,575	0
Black / African American	105	75	0
Asian	140	100	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	10	0
Pacific Islander	14	0	0
Hispanic	769	735	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,460	3,065	0
White	1,015	1,780	0
Black / African American	15	65	0
Asian	64	150	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	35	0
Pacific Islander	55	10	0
Hispanic	295	960	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

The HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data shows that 93.1% of the City of Sparks population in the 0-30% AMI category (Extremely Low Income) experiences one or more of four housing problems (i.e., lacks complete kitchen facilities, lacks complete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%). There are no racial or ethnic groups that are disproportionately impacted in this income group.

Focusing on households in the 30-50% AMI category (Very Low Income), the HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data indicates that city-wide rate of housing problems for this income groups is 82.4%. Pacific Islander households in this income group are disproportionately impacted by housing problems with 100% of these households experiencing at least one housing problem.

Moving into the 50-80% AMI category (Low Income), the HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data shows 55.6% of this income group experiences at least one housing problem. There are two groups that are disproportionately impacted by housing problems in this income group: 66.7% of American Indian/Alaska Native and 100% of Pacific Islander households experience at least one housing problem.

Within the 80-100% AMI income category (Moderate Income), the city-wide rate of housing problems for this income group is 32.3%. of households in the City of Sparks as a whole experience one or more

of the four housing problems. Pacific Islander households in this income group are disproportionately impacted by housing problems with 84.6% of these households experiencing at least one housing problem.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

Similar to the section above, the HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data presents severe housing problems by race and ethnicity for various income groups. The goal is to identify racial and ethnic groups that are disproportionately impacted by severe housing problems (i.e., lacks complete kitchen facilities, lacks complete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, and cost burden over 50%). A disproportionate housing need is defined as a circumstance when the members of a racial or ethnic group within an income level experience housing problems at least 10 percentage points more frequently than the entire population at that income level.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,590	615	150
White	1,580	305	115
Black / African American	110	0	0
Asian	120	29	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	35	15	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	645	260	35

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,925	2,350	0
White	1,300	1,500	0
Black / African American	60	25	0
Asian	75	85	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	20	0
Pacific Islander	8	4	0
Hispanic	455	649	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,065	4,650	0
White	635	3,000	0
Black / African American	55	125	0
Asian	35	205	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	10	0
Pacific Islander	14	0	0
Hispanic	304	1,205	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	340	4,175	0
White	200	2,590	0
Black / African American	0	80	0
Asian	20	190	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	35	0
Pacific Islander	0	65	0
Hispanic	115	1,145	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

The HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data shows that 77.2% of the City of Sparks population in the 0-30% AMI category (Extremely Low Income) experiences severe housing problems. There are two groups that are disproportionately impacted in this income group: 100% of Pacific Islander and Black/African American households experience severe housing problems.

Looking at households in the 30-50% AMI category (Very Low Income), the HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data indicates that city-wide rate of housing problems for this income group is 55.0%. Pacific Islander and Black/African American households in this income group are disproportionately impacted by housing problems with 66.7% and 70.6% of these households, respectively, experiencing severe housing problems.

Moving into the 50-80% AMI category (Low Income), the HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data shows 28.6% of this income group experiences severe housing problems. There are three groups that are disproportionately impacted by housing problems in this income group: 66.7% of American Indian/Alaska Native, 100% of Pacific Islander households, and 30.6% of Black/African American households experience severe housing problems.

Within the 80-100% AMI income category (Moderate Income), the city-wide rate of housing problems for this income group is 7.5%. There are no racial or ethnic groups that are disproportionately impacted in this income group.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has a disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

Households that pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs are considered “cost-burdened.” Households that pay more than 50 percent of their income on housing costs are “severely cost-burdened.” These severely cost-burdened households are particularly vulnerable to poor housing conditions and housing displacement. A group is disproportionately impacted when persons of a particular racial or ethnic group experience cost burden or severe cost burden at a rate at least 10 percentage points higher than the jurisdiction as a whole.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	24,945	6,985	4,915	185
White	17,755	4,455	3,450	150
Black / African American	505	130	190	0
Asian	1,250	300	195	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	240	35	25	0
Pacific Islander	55	55	27	0
Hispanic	4,725	1,870	900	35

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Discussion:

Cost Burden

According to the HUD-generated 2016-2020 CHAS data, 18.9% of the City of Sparks population pays between 30% and 50% of their income towards housing. One racial or ethnic group is disproportionately impacted: 40.1% of Pacific Islander households are cost burdened.

Severe Cost Burden

At the city level 13.8% of the population is severely cost burdened by paying over 50% of their income towards housing costs. There are no racial or ethnic groups that disproportionately experience severe cost burden.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

Within the City of Sparks there are several racial or ethnic groups that have a disproportionately greater need as summarized below.

Housing Problems

- Extremely Low Income: No racial or ethnic groups
- Very Low Income: Pacific Islander households
- Low Income: Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native households
- Moderate Income: Pacific Islander households

Severe Housing Problems

- Extremely Low Income: Pacific Islander and Black/African American households
- Very Low Income: Pacific Islander and Black/African American households
- Low Income: Pacific Islander, Black/African American, and American Indian/Alaska Native households
- Moderate Income: No racial or ethnic groups

Housing Cost Burden

- Cost Burden: Pacific Islander households
- Severe Cost Burden: No racial or ethnic groups

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

The MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion identified housing located to the south and west of the City of Sparks city limits, having historically demonstrated severe housing problems due to age. Additionally, there is a higher concentration of households with persons of Hispanic origin in these neighborhoods.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

N/A

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

This Needs Assessment (NA) section describes the provision of public housing in Reno, Sparks and Washoe County, including the number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), characteristics of public housing clients, and the needs of households receiving public housing subsidies. The primary provider of assisted housing in the region is the Reno Housing Authority (RHA). RHA assisted with updating the information in this section.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	26	735	2,529	7	2,340	125	0	55

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Annual Income	0	7,692	12,255	11,438	9,764	11,616	8,531	0
Average length of stay	0	4	4	5	0	5	0	0
Average Household size	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	0
# Homeless at admission	0	3	0	30	0	6	24	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	13	257	805	7	774	17	0
# of Disabled Families	0	6	148	829	0	734	46	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	26	735	2,529	7	2,340	125	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	25	652	2,161	6	1,998	107	0	49
Black/African American	0	0	51	304	1	284	13	0	5
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	26	56	0	50	5	0	1
Pacific Islander	0	1	6	8	0	8	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	2	208	416	1	398	11	0	5
Not Hispanic	0	24	527	2,113	6	1,942	114	0	50
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

The Reno Housing Authority (RHA) owns and manages 607 public housing units. RHA screens applicants for accessibility needs when they are selected from RHA's waitlist. Generally, the needs identified by applicants range from fully accessible units to barrier-free units (no stairs) and bathroom modifications (grab bars, etc.). RHA follows fair housing regulations as they pertain to reasonable modifications and makes modifications on a regular basis when the need for accommodation is verified. Of RHA's 607 units of public housing, 30 are fully accessible. Priority of fully accessible units is made for those with an identified need. Transfers to these units are made when a need is identified for current tenants through RHA's transfer process.

Based on AEI's Capital Needs Assessment, various accessibility upgrades are needed at all public housing sites based on current accessibility standards in comparison to those in place when the sites were built. RHA is addressing these needs through repositioning as well as through use of HUD's Capital Improvement grants for public housing.

RHA's recently converted public housing site, Silverada Manor, will include 10 fully accessible units based on current building code requirements.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

The most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders are suitable housing, utility assistance, and community resources. As a Move to Work (MTW) agency, RHA has been working to increase resident self-sufficiency and connect its residents to additional services/resources in the community such as financial guidance, continuing education, and job training.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

The needs of public housing residents and non-PHA residents in the community at large are similar—except for affordable rental housing. Rental housing cost burden for residents without public subsidies has become more severe as rental prices have risen. In addition to the need for affordable rentals, low income residents at large face challenges finding stable employment.

Discussion

None

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

This section discusses the extent of homelessness in Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, including the characteristics of persons who are homeless and their primary challenges in finding housing. The Northern Nevada Continuum of Care conducts a comprehensive count and survey of persons who are homeless and their families each January. The following tables are based on this information.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	1,361	329	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	196	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	389	68	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	7	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	137	15	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	76	8	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: 2023 HUD PIT Reno, Sparks/Washoe County CoC

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

According to the 2023 PIT Count, there were 457 individuals that were reported as chronically homeless with 68 being unsheltered (15%). There were also seven (7) chronically homeless families.

Families with Children:

According to the 2023 PIT Count, there were 196 persons in families experiencing homelessness, all of which were sheltered. There were also three (3) homeless parenting youth under 25 years of age that were also sheltered. Homeless families with children are in need of multi-bedroom housing, access to schools, and educational resources. Working to get children out of homelessness will greatly improve their future success. Prolonged exposure to homelessness may adversely affect childhood development due to housing instability and poverty that impacts hunger and healthcare access.

Veterans and Their Families:

There were 152 veterans in the 2023 PIT count with 15 being unsheltered (10%). There was no data with veterans and their families. Overall, veterans are more likely to have a disability than non-veterans and are often in need of veteran-specific supportive services such as trauma counseling and assistance with navigating the resources available through the VA.

Unaccompanied Youth:

Homeless youth are likely to have fled or been abandoned by parent(s) with mental health issues, drug addiction, abuse, rejection due to sexual orientation or gender identity, or another family crisis. Similar to families with children, increased exposure to homelessness can cause

developmental harm due to housing instability and poverty that impacts hunger and healthcare access. According to the 2023 PIT Count, there were 84 unaccompanied youth under age 25, eight (8) of which were unsheltered. The total number of unaccompanied youth has decreased since 2016 when 129 unaccompanied youth were reported. However, since 2021 when 58 unaccompanied youth were reported, the number of homeless youth has been increasing.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	1,006	269
Black or African American	196	23
Asian	16	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	87	19
Pacific Islander	23	5
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	222	141
Not Hispanic	1,139	188

Data Source

Comments: 2023 HUD PIT Reno, Sparks/Washoe County CoC

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

See above.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

According to the 2023 PIT data for race and ethnicity, White residents make up the majority of persons experiencing homelessness, approximately 75%. Looking at ethnic groups, Hispanic residents total 22 people, or 21%. Across racial and ethnic groups unsheltered residents are relatively rare, fewer than 26% and 20% are unsheltered, respectively.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

According to the 2023 PIT Count, there were 1,690 total homeless persons with 1,361 being sheltered (81%) and 329 being unsheltered (19%). As shown in the chart below, the total number of overall homeless has increased since 2007 with a significant increase from 2020 to 2021. However, the total number of sheltered homeless has also significantly increased from 2020 to 2023. The increase in sheltered homeless is due to the Nevada Cares Campus that opened in May 2021. The Nevada Cares Campus provides emergency shelter and wrap-around services.

Discussion:

None

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

Non-homeless special needs residents are those who are not homeless but may be at-risk and who have additional challenges finding housing to meet their specific needs. Non-homeless special needs populations may include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Elderly and frail elderly,
- Persons with disabilities,
- Persons with HIV/AIDS,
- Persons with severe and persistent mental illness,
- Substance abusers, including those in recovery,
- Victims/survivors of domestic violence, and
- Youth exiting the foster care system.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

According to federal data on special needs populations:

Elderly and frail elderly.

There are approximately 16,527 residents in the City of Sparks over the age of 65. Of these residents, 1,188 – or 7.2% - are below the poverty level (2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, S1701). Of the 11,928 households with people 65 years and over, 3,950 are 1-person households, meaning 33% a third of Sparks' seniors aged 65 or older live alone (2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, B11007).

Persons with disabilities.

There are an estimated 14,058 persons in the City of Sparks who are disabled, which equates to 13.1% of the Sparks population. Of these residents, approximately 2,987 - or 21% - live below the poverty line (2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates).

Persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reports data on persons with mental illness for counties. According to SAMHSA, 5% of Washoe County residents over the age of 18 experienced a serious mental illness in the past year and 8% had a major depressive episode. (SAMHSA State Estimates, 2021-2022)

Persons with substance abuse challenges.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also reports data on persons with alcohol and drug abuse disorders for counties. Of Washoe County residents over the age of 12, 7% have experienced alcohol abuse disorder in the past year, 23% report using marijuana in the past year, 3% report using cocaine in the past year, and 0.5% report using heroin in the past year.

Victims/survivors of domestic violence.

According to the Nevada Victims Services Needs Assessment Report, the number of individuals receiving services for intimate partner violence (IPV), which includes stalking and verbal abuse, decreased in Washoe County between 2019 and 2021 from 2,402 to 1,676 persons. However, over this same time period rates of rape in Washoe County increased from approximately 51 to 82 per 100,000 persons.

Youth.

Washoe County youth are more likely to be depressed and experience sadness than youth nationwide. They also have a higher suicide rate than youth nationwide.

Youth exiting the foster care system have few financial resources and skills to live independently. The majority of services and shelters in the region serve adults and offer little help to youth aging out of foster care or who are homeless. Needs are amplified for disabled youth, sex-offending youth and/or youth who are pregnant or are parents, the numbers of which are unknown.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

The most critical housing and supportive service needs of special needs groups in the region include:

- A shortage of rental housing affordable to residents who live below the poverty level (rents of less than \$500/month) for all special need's populations.
- Senior housing developments for seniors across the income spectrum. Weekly motels served as temporary housing for seniors; however, in recent years, many weekly motels have been demolished, further increasing the shortage of rental housing affordable to seniors. Higher income seniors who want to downsize and desire to live in housing with walkability and near health care and other supports cannot find products to meet their preferences.
- Accessible housing for persons with disabilities located near transit and services.
- Assistance for renters who have imperfect credit scores, rental or criminal histories and are repeatedly turned away by landlords.
- Severe shortage of housing for youth, including those aging out of foster care, who have no rental history and credit history.

- Lack of affordable, safe, comprehensive transportation that connects low-income workers to employment centers and housing to supportive services.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health maintains reports with statistics and trends on HIV and AIDS at the county level. For Washoe County, in 2023 there were 1,258 people living with HIV, 50 new HIV diagnoses, and 19 new HIV Stage 3 (AIDS) diagnoses. Approximately 87% of persons living with HIV in Washoe County are male. Of persons living with HIV, 57% are white, non-Hispanic and 26% are Hispanic.

If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))

N/A

Discussion:

None.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

Each year, in coordination with the City's annual budget review and preparation, the City of Sparks evaluates its public facilities, parks and recreation facilities, and public improvement needs for the community. The following breakdown is an overview of needs:

- Public facility needs - Improvements to expand access (i.e., ADA requirements) and bring some facilities into compliance, improvement to wastewater collection systems and processes.
- Public building needs - Improvements of heating, ventilation and air conditioning needs and systems, electrical upgrades, water heaters to preserve, extend and maintain the useful life of the facilities; and
- Parks and recreation needs - Improvements to public parks, trails walkways, and equipment to maintain and improve safety and extend their useful life, numerous improvements to public pools, marina and associated equipment, and community centers.

How were these needs determined?

Public facilities and public improvements are determined by the city annually as part of its Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) update. The CIP is updated as a budget document each year.

Recent surveys also show support for public facility improvements. A citywide survey released during the winter of 2024 to gather resident opinions and feedback on various aspects of City services found the condition of streets, pavement, and sidewalks was the highest ranked community priority. Additionally, for public facilities, the community survey released to gather feedback on priorities for this Consolidated Plan shows the highest levels of community support for improvements to public parks and sidewalks, streetlights, streets and other similar neighborhood improvements.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

In determining the geographic area the city would invest its CDBG dollars, staff reviewed census tract data to ensure the areas meet qualifications as well as areas of aging infrastructure. City staff meet regularly with Public Works Department for information related to community requests, needs and areas requiring improvements. Due to aging infrastructure primarily in the "West End" of the Sparks community (the oldest area of the city), the concentration of pedestrian improvements has been targeted for neighborhoods in the West End of Sparks. Community survey respondents ranked improvements to sidewalks, streetlights, streets and/or other similar neighborhood improvements as the most important public facility improvement CDBG funds could support.

How were these needs determined?

Public improvement needs were identified by staff and the community via the two online surveys discussed above.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

In October 2024 the City of Sparks released a community survey to gather input on priorities for this Consolidated Plan. The community was asked to assess the importance of the following public services:

1. Internet access
2. Food insecurity
3. Mental health services
4. Addiction treatment services
5. Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking resources
6. Senior services
7. Youth services
8. Landlord/tenant counseling
9. Legal services
10. Employment training

Mental health services, senior services, and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking resources were rated the highest among survey respondents.

The City of Sparks also released a survey during the winter of 2024 to gather resident opinions and feedback on various aspects of City services. The results, which are statistically significant, found the condition of streets, pavement, and sidewalks and the enforcement of City codes and ordinances were the highest community priorities.

Additionally, Northern Nevada Public Health prepared the 2022-2025 Community Health Assessment, which is a comprehensive overview of health-related statistical data and data from engagement with community members, to inform the development of the Washoe County Health District's 2022-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The resultant CHIP identifies the following four focus areas and associated goals to improve the health of the community in Washoe County:

- Focus Area 1: Social Determinants of Health
 - o Goal 1: Increase access to affordable rental housing (no more than 30% of income spent on housing).
 - o Goal 2: Increase access to healthy food in Washoe County to prevent chronic disease.
- Focus Area 2: Mental Health
 - o Goal 1: Retain and expand the behavioral health workforce to improve access to behavioral health care.
 - o Goal 2: Reduce the number of suicide attempts and deaths by suicide in Washoe County.
 - o Goal 3: Divert individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis from emergency rooms and detention facilities into an appropriate and effective system of care.

- o Goal 4: Improve access to behavioral health care for youth experiencing a behavioral health crisis and their families in an appropriate child/family-oriented behavioral health system.

- Focus Area 3: Preventative Health Behaviors

- o Goal 1: Improve physical activity and nutrition behaviors among children in Washoe County.

- o Goal 2: Improve physical activity among adults in Washoe County.

- o Goal 3: Increase access to healthy food in Washoe County to prevent chronic disease.

- Focus Area 4: Access to Health

- o Goal 1: Retain and expand the health care workforce to improve access to care.

- o Goal 2: Enhance systems of care to increase the likelihood that a resident of Washoe County receives care in the care setting most likely to achieve positive health outcomes while also managing cost for the patient and the health care system.

- o Goal 3: Increase access to health care through increased enrollment in and utilization of insurance benefits.

- o Goal 4: Improve access to health care through establishment of a primary care home for residents in Washoe County.

How were these needs determined?

Public service needs were identified by the community via the two online surveys discussed above and through the Community Health Assessment and associated Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) prepared by Northern Nevada Public Health.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

Washoe County's recent economic growth has attracted residents, business, and investment from across the country. The Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC), while located in Storey County, is approximately 9 miles east of Sparks. Over the past two decades, TRIC has attracted large businesses including Tesla, Panasonic, Google, Switch, Wal-Mart Distribution, Chewy, FedEx Supply Chain, Inc, and Blockchains. This influx of businesses and associated employees have increased demand for housing in the City of Sparks as well as regional services and infrastructure.

Cost burden is identified as the most common barrier to affordable housing in the Needs Assessment. The Market Analysis further confirms this. Investing in affordable housing, as well as all housing types, will help existing residents withstand these pressures and help the region can grow sustainably over the long run.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	25,715	62%
1-unit, attached structure	2,060	5%
2-4 units	3,195	8%
5-19 units	6,565	16%
20 or more units	3,070	7%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	1,140	3%
Total	41,745	100%

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	170	1%	865	5%
1 bedroom	450	2%	3,965	24%
2 bedrooms	3,550	16%	6,035	36%
3 or more bedrooms	18,535	82%	5,925	35%
Total	22,705	101%	16,790	100%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) maintains an inventory of affordable housing throughout Washoe County relying on local and state data sources. According to their data, there are 10,059 subsidized units in Washoe County with 13% (1,339) located in the City of Sparks, with the remaining 87% (8,720) located in the City of Reno or unincorporated Washoe County. Over the last five years, of the number of subsidized units increased by 2,638 units, with 742 of those units located in the City of Sparks.

In 2022, the State of Nevada appropriated \$500 million in funding to the Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI) to support the development of affordable housing in Nevada, specifically for the construction of new affordable multifamily housing; affordable housing preservation; homeownership opportunities

and homeownership rehabilitation; and land acquisition for the future development of affordable housing. The HMNI funds require that 100% of the units serve households earning 60% and below the Area Median Income (AMI) and that the property must remain affordable for a minimum of 30 years. Approximately, \$198,713,000 was awarded to developers, nonprofits and local governments in Washoe County for the development of new construction or preservation of affordable housing. An additional \$5,071,000 in funding was awarded for the acquisition of land for the future development of affordable housing. This influx of funding has provided a rare opportunity to invest in affordable housing in the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Washoe County.

The Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC) continues to award HOME funds annually for the development and preservation of affordable housing throughout Washoe County. The WCHC funding priorities include:

Level I Priorities:

- Average rent for all HOME units is at or below 40% of the AMI for family units or 45% of the AMI for senior projects.
- Project provides supportive services, or owner/manager partners with a service provider to provide supportive services.

Level II Priorities:

- Project is accessible and located near public transportation options.
- Project contains one or more green components above and beyond the minimum energy efficiency requirements.
- Project addresses one or more objectives of the current Consolidated Plan for the region.
- Project addresses one or more objectives of the current Regional Plan.
- Project is a mixed income/use project.

In addition to the annual HOME funds, the WCHC received an additional \$4,306,874 in FY 2023-2024 in HOME-ARP funds for the development of affordable housing and supportive services.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

There are two HUD Multifamily Project Based Section 8 contracts in Washoe County that will expire in the upcoming five years: Golden Apartments expires in 2027 and Sierra Manor expires 2029. However, it is anticipated both properties will renew the contracts.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

No, as identified in the Needs Assessment, there is a lack of affordable housing available in the region. The City of Sparks has experienced strong population growth. The HUD-generated data in the shows the population of the City of Sparks increased by 10% from 93,435 to 102,895 people between 2009 and 2020. The city's population increased an additional 10% from 103,230 to 113,816 people between 2020 and 2023 (Nevada State Demographer Certified Population Estimates).

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

There is a demand for affordable multifamily housing, missing middle housing products, and entry level single family homes in the region. Table-1 Residential Properties by Unit Number above demonstrates that 1-unit detached structures make up 62% of the city's housing stock. As outlined below in Table 3- Cost of Housing, the median home price has increased 76% between 2009 to 2020. Single family residential home prices have continued to increase in Washoe County and are at an all-time high with the average purchase price of \$615,000, based on Washoe County Government Data from August 26, 2024. This significant increase in single family residential home prices further compounds the lack of affordability. The production of a variety of housing types will support a range of income levels, reducing the strain on the demand for affordable housing and increasing the availability of affordable housing for low-income households.

Discussion

None

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

The following section examines the cost of housing for both homeowners and renters within the City of Sparks. A review is made of current home values and rents, as well as the recent changes in home values and rents. Finally, a closer look is given to the affordability of the existing housing stock for the residents of the jurisdiction.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2020	% Change
Median Home Value	184,100	324,000	76%
Median Contract Rent	817	1,104	35%

Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2016-2020 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	754	4.5%
\$500-999	6,295	37.5%
\$1,000-1,499	6,060	36.1%
\$1,500-1,999	2,790	16.6%
\$2,000 or more	905	5.4%
Total	16,804	100.1%

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Housing Affordability

Number of Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	435	No Data
50% HAMFI	2,475	785
80% HAMFI	9,170	3,305
100% HAMFI	No Data	6,240
Total	12,080	10,330

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	1,072	1,257	1,582	2,229	2,669
High HOME Rent	1,072	1,214	1,459	1,677	1,851
Low HOME Rent	886	949	1,138	1,315	1,467

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Data Source Comments:

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

No, there is not sufficient housing for all households. The region is experiencing increased population growth causing a lack of housing, not only among low-income households, but also households with higher earnings, 120-150% AMI. Single family residential home prices in Washoe County are at an all-time high, with the average purchase price of \$615,000, based on Washoe County government data from August 26, 2024. The ACS data chart above cites a 76% increase in home prices between 2009 and 2020. This significant increase in single family residential home prices further compounds the lack of affordability. The increase in home prices is putting a strain on the rental market. Higher earning households are unable to afford to purchase a home and are therefore forced into the rental market for single family residential or multi-family housing products. This shift from homeownership to renting has increased the demand on the rental market for all income levels, increasing rents and increasing the cost burden, particularly for low-income households.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

The housing affordability crisis is likely to worsen if current trends continue. If home prices and rents continue to rise cost burden will continue to be an issue for residents. There is a demand for affordable multifamily housing, missing middle housing products, and entry level single family homes in the region. The production of a variety of housing types will support a range of income levels, reducing the strain on the demand for affordable housing, and increasing the availability of affordable housing for low-income households.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are set by HUD and used to determine the payment standards for HUD Programs. HUD annually estimates FMRs for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by defined metropolitan areas, some HUD defined subdivisions of OMB metropolitan areas, and each nonmetropolitan county.

The table above labeled Monthly Rent (Table-6) lists the 2024 FMRs and HOME rents for Washoe County. The median contract rent for the City of Sparks is \$1,104 (2020) based on the Cost of Housing Table (Table-3) above.

A more accurate analysis of the comparison of FMRs to the area median rent, assesses the 2020 two-bedroom FMR of \$1,071 and the market rent for a two bedroom of \$1,341, during the same period (Johnson Perkins Griffin Apartment Report 1st Quarter 2020 Data for the Reno/Sparks Metro Area - reference table Overall Reno/Sparks Rents & Vacancy Data-All Unit Type). Based on the data, the HUD published FMR of \$1,071 is not keeping pace with the median rent.

Further analysis of the table shows the overall market rent in Washoe County has increased 22% from \$1,341 (Q1 2020) to \$1,639 (Q1 2024), whereas the FMR's have increased 48% from \$1,071 (2020) to \$1,582 (2024); however, the FMRs are still below the current market.

Discussion

The above analysis supports the discrepancy between the market rent and the HUD published FMRs. Housing authorities rely on the FMRs when setting payment standards for their voucher programs. Affordable housing developers rely on the FMRs, payment standards, and HOME rents when setting the rents for their properties. There is a limited number of affordable properties throughout Washoe County, providing a limited number of units for low-income individuals. The increase in market rents increases cost burden and puts demand and strain on affordable housing properties, limiting the availability of units.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

Describe the jurisdiction's definition of "standard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation":

The city does not maintain definitions of standard condition and substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	5,200	23%	7,775	46%
With two selected Conditions	115	1%	530	3%
With three selected Conditions	25	0%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	17,365	76%	8,485	51%
Total	22,705	100%	16,790	100%

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	8,485	37%	3,745	22%
1980-1999	7,095	31%	6,560	39%
1950-1979	6,600	29%	5,705	34%
Before 1950	519	2%	785	5%
Total	22,699	99%	16,795	100%

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Discussion Year Unit Built Data

There has been a 68% increase in new housing from 1980 to 2020 in the City of Sparks; however, this growth has also caused housing prices and rents to increase substantially during this period, as identified in the Cost of Housing analysis above. The growth is seen on the map titled "CPD Maps - Rental Housing Built Prior to 1980," primarily in the outlying areas of the city. This area lacks the availability of transportation and proximity to resources, making it not a viable housing option for low-income individuals that may not have access to transportation.



Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	7,119	31%	6,490	39%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	4,034	18%	2,360	14%

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Total Units) 2016-2020 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Discussion Vacant Units

The city does not maintain definitions of standard condition and substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation.

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

As stated above, single-family dwellings in these neighborhoods have experienced deferred maintenance due to lack of income and aging homeowners that are unable to make the repairs.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

The 2016-2020 ACS data regarding Risk of Lead Based Paint Hazard shows 18% of the owner-occupied homes built before 1980 have children present and 14% of the renter-occupied built before 1980 have children present.

Discussion

The City of Sparks considers the year the home was built when processing applications for the Homeowner Deferred Loan and Emergency Repair Grant programs. Work being requested will be assessed and lead-based paint testing will be completed, if necessary for homes built prior to 1978.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

The Reno Housing Authority (RHA) owns, manages, and maintains seven public housing developments consisting of 607 units. All complexes are located within Washoe County with one located in Sparks and the remaining six in Reno.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	23	750	2,581	6	2,575	560	0	662
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

In preparation for the adoption of a public housing repositioning strategy, RHA contracted with AEI Consultants in late 2022 to conduct a Capital Needs Assessment of all eight of RHA's public housing sites. The following reflects AEI's overall property condition assessment:

Tom Sawyer Village: 100 units Overall fair condition

Mineral Manor:	144 units	Overall fair condition
Myra Birch Manor:	56 units	Overall good condition
Stead Manor:	68 units	Overall good to fair condition
Essex Manor:	106 units	Overall good condition
McGraw Court:	34 units	Overall good condition
Hawkview Apartments:	99 units	Overall fair condition

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Tom Sawyer Village	99
Mineral Manor	99
Myra Birch	99
Stead Manor	97
Essex Manor	93
McGraw Court	99
Hawkview Apartments	99

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

As with the majority of the nation's public housing stock, RHA's public housing is aging and in need of significant capital improvements. Two of RHA's seven complexes were constructed in the 1960's, four in the early 1980's and the remaining site was constructed in the mid 1990's. Although in overall fair to good condition through excellent stewardship by the housing authority, all units require some level of rehabilitation to modernize and preserve the life of the units as affordable housing.

RHA's former public housing site, Silverada Manor, has recently closed financing utilizing a blend of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)/Section 18 Demolition/Disposition repositioning tools to convert all 144 units of public housing to the voucher program. Substantial rehabilitation will begin in December 2024.

RHA is in the process of utilizing HUD's Section 18 Demolition/Disposition tool to dispose and demolish 99 units of public housing that were determined to be obsolete under the public housing program due to extensive capital needs that exceed the cost of rehabilitation. Hawk View Apartments is anticipated to close financing in November 2024 which will remove all 99 units from the public housing program at that time. The site will be redeveloped utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits. RHA will add 100 units to this site and all 199 newly constructed units will carry a Project Based Voucher.

In addition to repositioning Silverada Manor and Hawk View Apartments, RHA is conducting significant rehabilitation at two other public housing complexes, Stead Manor and McGraw Court. RHA is utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provided through the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) to perform the rehabilitation. The scope of work being conducted at these sites will ensure the preservation of affordability of the combined 102 units of public housing by addressing all capital needs identified by AEI in addition to other modernization and energy efficiency improvements.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

As always, RHA will utilize good financial stewardship and best practice to maximize both operating and capital funding provided by HUD through the public housing program.

RHA's commitment to preserving existing public housing units to ensure their affordability and long-term viability remains a priority. As demonstrated by RHA's award of ARPA funds through the Nevada Housing Division, RHA will continue to utilize any and all available funding, HUD and non-HUD, to ensure the continued viability of affordable public housing units, even if those units become assisted under the Housing Choice Voucher program.

As mentioned above, RHA's Board of Commissioners has adopted a repositioning strategy that will address ongoing capital needs at the remaining four public housing sites in the future. This strategy could include conversion of public housing units utilizing one of HUD's repositioning tools; RAD, Section 18 or a combination of both.

Discussion:

None

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	187	0	57	135	0
Households with Only Adults	962	56	248	546	170
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	78	0
Veterans	24	0	93	510	0
Unaccompanied Youth	40	0	40	14	36

Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments: 2023 HUD HIC Count by CoC NV-501

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

The Resource Center, located at the Nevada Cares Campus opened in 2024 and provides and/or directs persons experiencing homelessness to resources including meals, restrooms, showers, laundry services, case management, electronic device charging and mail service. Also located at the Nevada Cares Campus is the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center provides additional on-site resources delivered by partnering service providers including WellCare Health, Mobile One Docs, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Vitality, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Bristlecone Recovery Center. The Welcome Center provides for intake and training space, case management, therapy, dining hall, and on-site staff offices.

Community Health Alliance (CHA) provides affordable healthcare throughout Washoe County at one of their six locations or through their mobile healthcare services. Low-income individuals can access services such as primary care, pediatric care, reproductive health, maternal health and prenatal services, dental, low-cost pharmacies, mental health, and medical treatment assisted programs.

Northern Nevada Hopes offers two clinics, with one located adjacent to the Nevada Cares Campus. Services provided include primary care, pediatric, behavioral health, HIV care, low-cost pharmacy, medical assisted treatment programs, transportation, and nutrition and wellness.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

The Eddy House provides shelter and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. The Eddy House provides overnight shelter beds, a six month residential Community Living program offering intensive case management toward sustainable independence, a transitional living program, and an aftercare program. Additionally, the Eddy House is developing 36 units of transitional living that will house youth as they transition to independent living. Along with their shelter and housing programs, the Eddy House provides the following: drop-in center, meals, pantry bags, showers, clothing, therapy, and life skills.

The Nevada Cares Campus emergency shelter provides 600 beds for men and couples. Safe Camp, also located on the campus provides 40 pods to house individuals not wishing to move into the congregate shelter. Our Place is the women and family shelter and provides shelter and wrap around services for 138 women, 38 families and 28 seniors.

The Nevada Cares Campus continues to expand, new resources include the Resource Center and the Welcome Center. Future phases of the expansion will include 220 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

In 2023 the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) awarded \$1,868,472 for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs and \$671,786 for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. Individuals are referred to a program based on their Community Housing Assessment Tool (CHAT) score in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Eligibility requirements for the RRH program include:

- Staying in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation.
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.
- In an institution where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.

Requirements for PSH include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing projects not dedicated for use by the chronically homeless may serve an individual or family that meets both the following criteria:
 - A family member must have a qualifying disability, and be:
 - Staying in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation; or
 - Staying in Transitional Housing if in a shelter, place not meant for human habitation; or
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence immediately prior; or
 - In an institution where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.
- Permanent Supportive Housing projects that are dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families may serve:
 - An individual who:
 - Has a qualifying disability; and
 - Staying in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation; and
 - Has been doing so continuously for 12+ months or has had 4+ episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; or
 - An individual in an institution (e.g., jail, hospital, rehab facility, etc.) for 90 days or less who met all of the above criteria before entering the institution; or
 - An individual participating in a Rapid Rehousing project who met all of the above criteria before entering the project; or
 - A family with a Head of Household who meets all of the above criteria.

Washoe County government is listed under SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure. Washoe County government is the entity responsible for the administration and management of the Nevada Cares Campus, Safe Camp, Our Place and the Resource Center. Additionally, Washoe County government is the lead agency in the administration and oversight of the Northern Nevada CoC, supporting the CoC funded programs, the NNCCLC, and Reno Alliance to end Homelessness (RAH).

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

Elderly: Housing serving elderly and frail elderly individuals, may require accessibility features, such as accessible bathrooms with grab bars, higher toilets, or a roll in shower; wider hallways and doorways; lower counters and removable cabinets; emergency strobe lighting; emergency pull cords; emergency audible signals; elevators; lever doorknobs; and additional grab bars. Additionally, elderly and frail elderly may require supportive services to allow them to meet their activities of daily living (ADL), including, homemaker services; in-home therapy; medical care; and other health professionals. Elderly households often live on a fixed income, which may limit their options for housing, particularly, those that include the accessibility requirements listed above.

HIV/Aids: Access to health care providers, treatment options and medical facilities is essential. Housing serving this population should be near transit. Housing offering wraparound services to provide support and resources would benefit individuals living with HIV/Aids.

Alcohol and/ or Drug Addiction: Individuals dealing with addiction often require housing options that will provide a safe, sober place for recovery. It is important that these persons have access to health services, support groups, employment assistance, and access to family and friends. Additionally, detoxification facilities are necessary when addiction is first recognized.

Mental and Physical Disabilities: Housing serving individuals with disabilities will vary depending upon the individual's personal needs. Individuals with mental or physical disabilities experience many of the same issues as the general population, in addition to needs that are unique to their situation. Similar to housing serving elderly households, individuals with disabilities often need accommodations like those listed above. Individuals with disabilities may require a higher level of care requiring, such as offering in-home care, supportive services, and case management. Housing should be near transit to allow for access to stores and health care professionals. There are fewer housing options that meets the needs of this population. Many individuals with disabilities have a limited capacity to work and/or receive fixed income, which further reduces their ability to find housing that meets their needs.

Public Housing: Individuals residing in Public Housing may be living on a fixed, minimal or no income. Housing serving this population should be near transit, medical facilities, resource centers, schools, and access to food.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

In 2023, the Reno, Sparks and Washoe County (NV-501) CoC was awarded \$1,868,472 for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs and \$671,786 for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. Individuals are referred to a program based on their Community Housing Assessment Tool (CHAT) score in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The CHAT score helps ensure individuals with the highest needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for permanent support housing. The coordinated entry process prioritizes individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals who are more likely to need some form of assistance to end their homelessness or who are more vulnerable to the effects of homelessness, which is determined by CHAT score and case conferencing. Factors the CoC uses to prioritize persons experiencing homelessness include but are not limited to:

- Significant challenges or functional impairments, including physical, mental, developmental, or behavioral health challenges, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing
- High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs
- Extent to which persons, especially youth and children, are unsheltered
- Vulnerability to illness or death
- Risk of continued homelessness
- Vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking, or sex work

The eligibility requirements for the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and programs both include the following language, “In an institution (e.g. jail, hospital, rehab facility, etc.) where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.”

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The City of Sparks has identified affordable housing as a priority in the Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan. In year one, FY 2025-2026 of the Annual Action Plan, the city has allocated funding to the Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan and Emergency Repair Grant programs. These programs support homeowners with essential and emergency repairs in their homes, that may include ADA improvements to support elderly or disabled households to remain in their homes.

Additionally, the City of Sparks will allocate funding to Silver State Fair Housing Council to support City of Sparks residents that feel they have been discriminated against, as well as educate the community of fair housing rights. Based on the community survey, twenty-one percent of City of Sparks residents felt they have been discriminated against in housing.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

See above

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

The City of Sparks, in partnership with the City of Reno, released a survey soliciting feedback from the community regarding barriers to affordable housing and housing discrimination. City of Sparks residents identified the following barriers to affordable housing:

- Increased rents
- Increased security deposit
- Increase in evictions
- Increased housing prices
- Lack of affordable housing stock
- Inadequate funding for low-income housing programs
- Discriminatory lending and housing policies
- Zoning and land-use regulations that limit housing diversity
- Insufficient support for homelessness prevention programs
- Lack of economic growth or opportunity

Additionally, the City of Sparks contracted with ECONorthwest to conduct a Housing Affordability Audit in Fall 2024. The scope of the audit includes review of the city's existing policies and zoning regulations, review of existing land uses and utilization, interviews with affordable housing developers and community stakeholders, a financial feasibility analysis, and issuance of a final findings report. The audit is scheduled to be completed in late spring or early summer 2025. ECONorthwest will evaluate infrastructure limitations, land availability, market conditions and policy. The final report will help the City of Sparks identify possible policy and regulatory changes to further support both income-restricted affordable housing and the production of market-rate housing.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	488	162	1	0	-1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	8,585	6,437	20	16	-4
Construction	4,205	6,770	10	17	7
Education and Health Care Services	5,703	3,710	13	9	-4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,277	1,435	5	4	-1
Information	646	209	1	1	0
Manufacturing	4,971	4,340	11	11	0
Other Services	1,279	1,361	3	3	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,909	1,679	7	4	-3
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	5,611	5,331	13	13	0
Transportation and Warehousing	4,387	5,679	10	14	4
Wholesale Trade	2,545	3,838	6	9	3
Total	43,606	40,951	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Workers), 2020 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	55,299
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	52,080
Unemployment Rate	5.82
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	28.21
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.14

Table 41 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	11,060
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,830
Service	5,455
Sales and office	11,850
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	5,140
Production, transportation and material moving	4,080

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	34,607	71%
30-59 Minutes	11,995	25%
60 or More Minutes	2,049	4%
Total	48,651	100%

Table 43 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	5,855	415	1,905

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	10,980	585	2,410
Some college or Associate's degree	14,945	490	3,745
Bachelor's degree or higher	10,465	200	1,785

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	45	340	895	2,195	1,010
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	930	1,275	1,415	2,060	925
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,550	3,655	3,480	6,834	4,390
Some college, no degree	3,455	4,380	3,385	6,580	4,515
Associate's degree	335	1,250	1,060	2,535	1,345
Bachelor's degree	885	2,760	2,295	3,675	2,275
Graduate or professional degree	10	745	1,240	1,790	1,535

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	98,407
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	112,680
Some college or Associate's degree	131,826
Bachelor's degree	136,582
Graduate or professional degree	125,714

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Based on the Business Activity table above, the major employment sectors within the City of Sparks are Arts, Entertainment and Accommodations making up 18% of the total share of workers and Education

and Health Care Services and Retail Trade each making up 12% of the share of workers. Manufacturing is the 4th largest sector for the City of Sparks.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

As stated above, the major employment sectors in the City of Sparks are the Arts, Entertainment and Accommodations; Education and Health Care Services; Retail Trade and Manufacturing. During the five-year period of 2017-2021, the Reno-Sparks MSA saw an increase in 24,332 jobs, according to the 2020-2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) updated in 2023. As many large businesses have moved to TRIC (east of the City of Sparks), an influx of people have decided to locate in the City of Sparks. While the businesses located at TRIC have provided new jobs and employment opportunities, the location is nine miles from the City of Sparks, making transportation challenging for many people. Additionally, the increase in daily commuting has put a strain on the physical infrastructure, specifically the freeway, as well as public safety resources for the Nevada Department of Transportation, Highway Patrol, and first responders due to the increase in accidents.

As the City of Sparks continues to expand to the north, there is a need for increased public transportation in these areas to accommodate for both housing and employment opportunities.

Providing resources and opportunities for residents to obtain employment in the City of Sparks that provides a livable wage and affordable housing options is critical for the community. It is important that there is a wide range of employment available for residents of varying skill sets.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The Reno-Sparks MSA has seen an influx of large manufacturing and tech business moving into the region. The Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC), located in Storey County and, approximately 9 miles from Sparks, includes Tesla, Panasonic, Google, Switch, Wal-Mart Distribution, Chewy, FedEx Supply Chain, Inc, and Blockchains, to name a few. Based on the 2020-2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) updated in 2023, the region has experienced substantial economic growth, including an approximately 11.5% increase in jobs between 2017-2021. Again, due to the City of Sparks and Washoe County's proximity to TRIC, the increase in jobs has resulted in an increase to the population. This growth has negatively impacted the housing market in the City of Sparks, resulting in a shortage of housing, and increased rent and housing prices. The CEDS projects a 23% increase in the population for Washoe County between 2021-2040.

As identified in MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing, there is not sufficient housing for all households. Single family residential home prices in Washoe County are at an all-time high with the average purchase price of \$615,000 (Washoe County Government Data- August 26, 2024). The ACS data

chart in this section above cites a 76% increase in home prices between 2009 and 2020. The current home price of \$615,000 further compounds the lack of affordability. The increase in home prices is putting a strain on the rental market. Households are unable to afford to purchase a home and therefore, they are forced into renting a unit, either single family residential or multi-family. This shift from homeownership to rental housing has increased the demand on the rental market for all income levels and increased the cost burden, particularly for low-income households.

The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County continue to prioritize affordable housing in the region through the Washoe County Home Consortium. Additionally, as identified in MA-10 Number of Housing Units, the influx HMNI funding has provided a rare opportunity to invest in affordable housing in Washoe County and the City of Sparks. The City of Sparks was awarded \$2,871,000 for the purchase of vacant land for the future use of affordable housing. The City of Sparks purchased two vacant parcels. These parcels will be transferred to an affordable housing developer to further support the need for affordable housing.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Table 14 – Business Activity evaluates the number of workers versus the number of jobs by businesses sector in the City of Sparks. The following sectors demonstrate a demand for a larger workforce:

- Construction – 2,565 workers needed
- Other Services – 82 workers needed
- Transportation and Warehousing - 1,292 workers needed
- Wholesale Trade – 1,293 workers needed

The skills and education of the current workforce relatively correspond to the demand for employees in the business sectors listed above, generally requiring a high school diploma and/ or some college.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The 2020-2025 CEDS (2023 update) identifies the following goals to further support the workforce and infrastructure needs for the region as it continues to grow:

Support the development of a skilled workforce to meet the growing needs of business and industry.

A: Support and participate in the Nevada Governor's Workforce Development Board and subcommittees to execute a state plan with a strong vision and strategies to create a robust, user-friendly, straightforward and seamless workforce system.

B: Increase the percentage of residents older than 18 who have completed post-secondary education or training with a particular focus on certificates, technical degrees and apprenticeships relevant to employment in middle-skill, living wage occupations.

C: Advocate for and support a dynamic lifelong learning system with ongoing training for advancing skills and knowledge, keeping pace with industry adjustments and expectations.

D: Develop and launch a marketing campaign across a broad range of agencies, including education, workforce development, employers, health and human services, and economic development to promote work readiness for the 21st century.

Opportunity Alliance Nevada offers workforce development training to residents throughout the region. Their programs include Bridges to a Thriving Nevada, Financial Navigator Program and EmpowerNV.

The Northern Nevada Building Trades and affiliates offer paid on-the-job apprenticeship training in fields such as HVAC, plumbing, construction labor, electrical work, painting, welding, and sheet metal fabrication.

The Reno Housing Authority support households participating in one of their programs and/ or resides in a property owned by the housing authority through their workforce development programs.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Goals identified in the 2020-2025 CEDS (2023 update) can be incorporated into the Consolidated Plan, including encouraging new, existing, and creative development that expands housing types to serve the region; work with regional partners and stakeholders to identify barriers to housing development and determine best practices, including improved cross coordination amongst municipalities; evaluate opportunities for resources to fund affordable housing, including those available via government, nonprofits, and financial institutions.

The City of Sparks contracted with ECONorthwest to conduct a Housing Affordability Audit in Fall 2024. The scope of the audit includes review of the city's existing policies and zoning regulations, review of existing land uses and utilization, interviews with affordable housing developers and community stakeholders, a financial feasibility analysis, and issuance of a final findings report. The audit is scheduled to be completed in late spring or early summer 2025. ECONorthwest will evaluate

infrastructure limitations, land availability, market conditions, and policy. The final report will help the City of Sparks identify possible policy and regulatory changes to further support affordable housing.

Discussion

None

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Using the HUD-generated CHAS data table in the NA-10 section provides an overview of housing problems in the City of Sparks by income group and tenure (renter or homeowner). In the City of Sparks, the most prevalent housing problem is cost burdened households. In the city there are 3,535 renters and 2,650 homeowners who pay 30% or more of their income to housing expenses. More troubling, approximately 93% of these renter households and 54% of these homeowner households are severely cost burdened and spend more than half their income on housing expenses. The data presented above makes it clear that the most common housing problem is cost burden.

The map titled "Households with Any 4 Severe Housing Problems," identifies the areas within the City of Sparks with a higher concentration (a cluster or close group of things or people) of extremely low income (ELI) households with any of the four severe housing problems. The housing located to the south and west of the City of Sparks city limits has historically demonstrated severe housing problems due to age; however, as the housing stock continues to age throughout the City, new areas to the east and north are becoming a concern.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The map titled "Persons of Hispanic Origin," identifies the areas within the City of Sparks with a higher concentration (a cluster or close group of things or people) of households of Hispanic origin to the south and west of the City of Sparks city limits.

The map titled "Median Household Income," identifies median household income within the City of Sparks with a higher concentration (a cluster or close group of things or people) of households with low income to the south and west of the City of Sparks city limits, with household incomes between \$0 - \$68,021.01.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

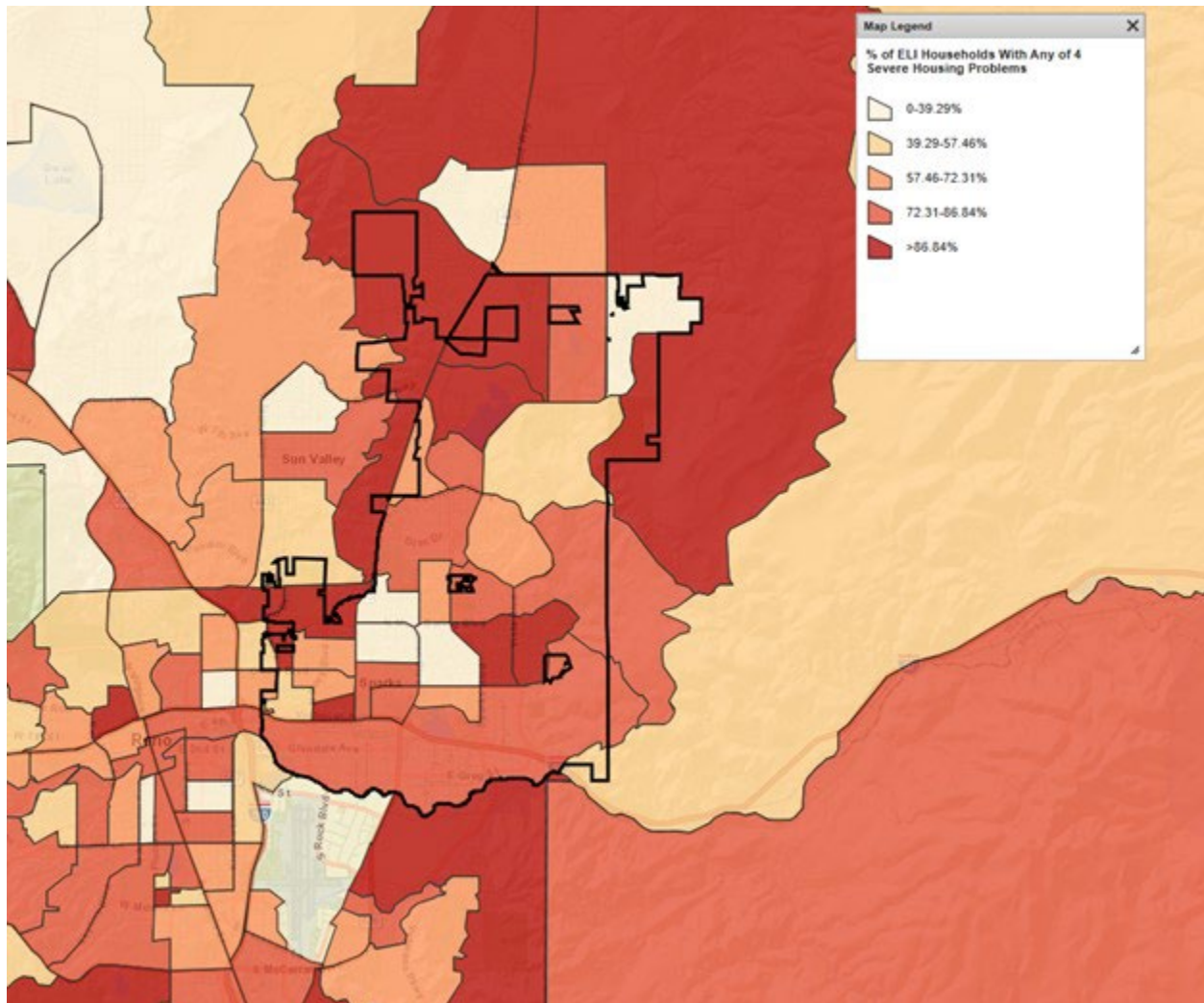
As stated above, the areas identified are predominantly located in the south and west portions of the City of Sparks. These neighborhoods consist of older single family homes, mobile home parks, and older multifamily properties that have experienced deferred maintenance due to lack of available resources.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

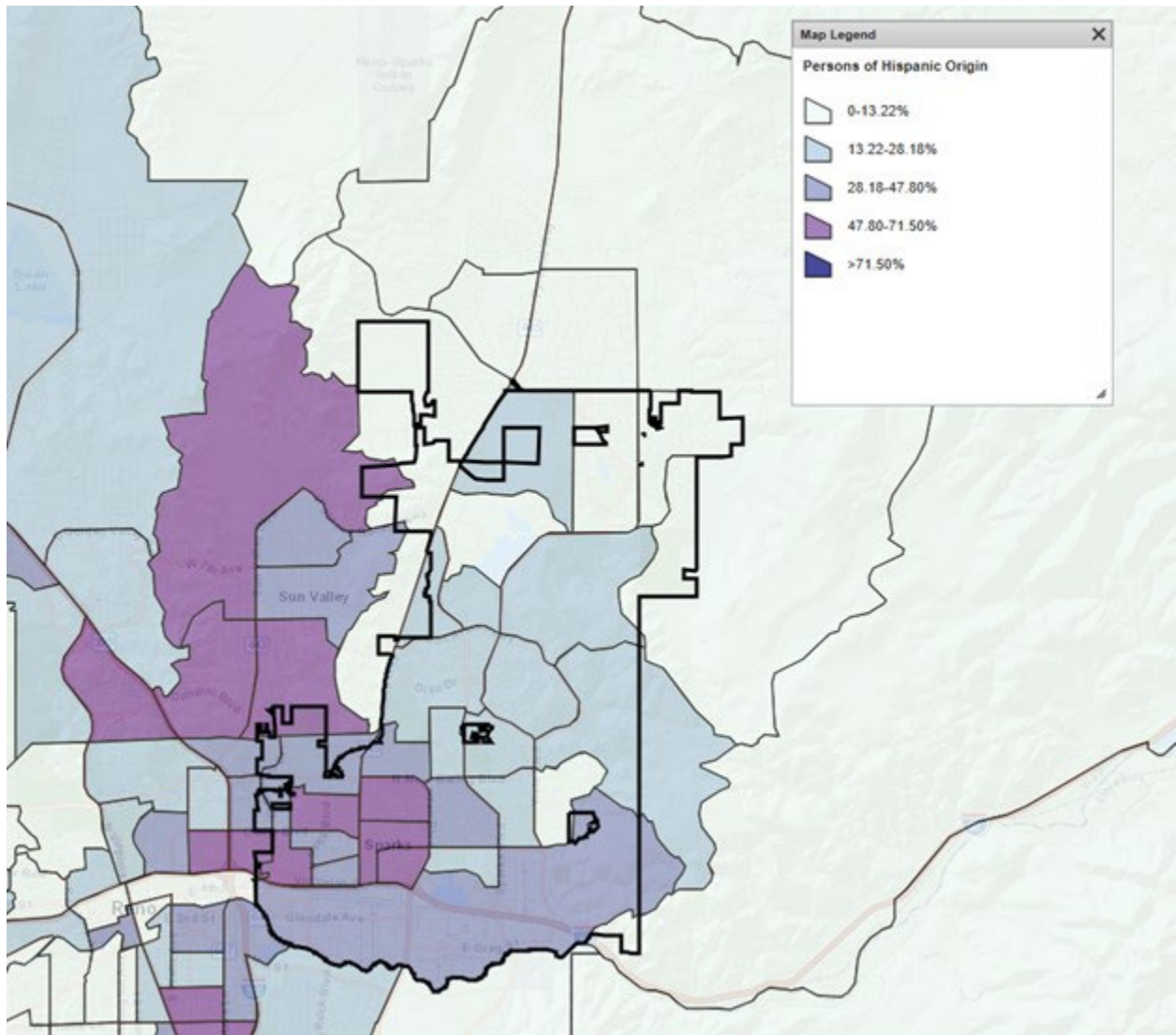
The areas identified are located near public transit, parks and community centers, grocery and retail and other public services.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

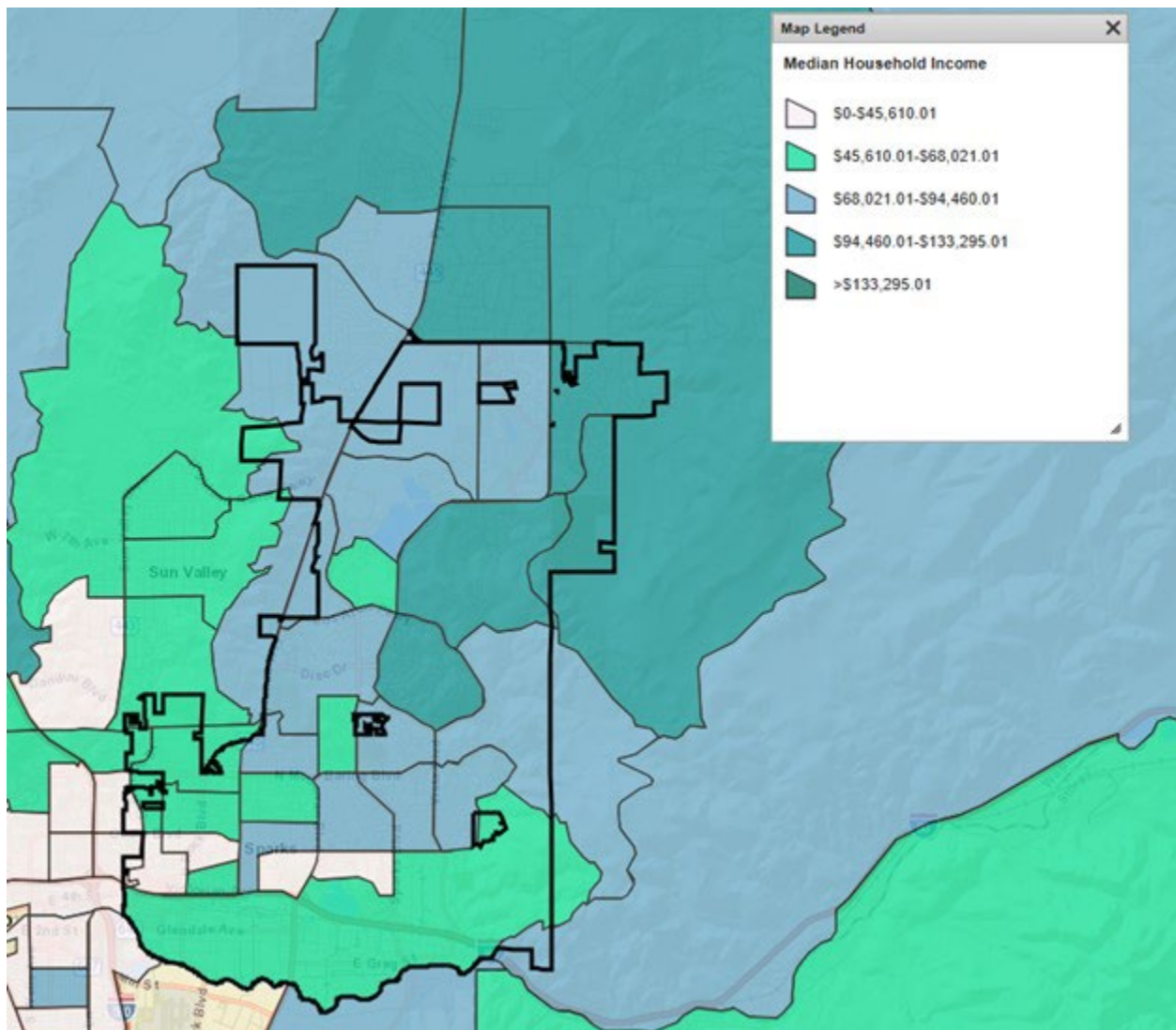
The City of Sparks continues to prioritize CDBG funding to Pedestrian Improvement projects in west Sparks, improving streets, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The city also received an appropriation of Economic Initiative Community Project Funding to fund the Pedestrian Improvement project targeting the neighborhoods surrounding Kate Smith Elementary School.



Households with Any of 4 Severe Housing Problems



Persons of Hispanic Origin



Median Household Income

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Households that do not have access to internet services through a broadband connection are at a significant disadvantage economically when seeking new employment and educationally if children or adults in the household are attending school. If these households are also low- or moderate-income households then a lack of internet connection could prove to be one of the largest barriers to economic growth for the household.

The State of Nevada, Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) launched a Five-Year Action Plan in 2023, titled High Speed Nevada. The Five-Year Action Plan establishes the goals and objectives, and priorities the State of Nevada will take to increase access to Modern Broadband Infrastructure and Access to Digital Equity. OSIT has been actively promoting affordability resources. The most common affordability program for devices and internet access in Nevada is the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

According to the OSIT's Five-Year Action Plan, many households rely on smartphones as their only resource to access internet. It is very difficult to write a term paper for school, apply for a job, participate in workforce training, or submit eligibility paperwork for public benefits on a smartphone. While having access to the internet is very important to low-and moderate-income households, it is equally important to have access to a computer or tablet.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

Affordability is cited as the number one reason why households do not currently subscribe to a home internet service. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is the largest and most important tool the State has to meet affordability needs. ACP provides \$6.8 million in support to Nevada households monthly. While that enrollment rate is higher than the national average, fewer than half of eligible Nevadans participate. Lack of awareness remains the biggest challenge, followed by needs for enrollment assistance. Even among households that self-identified as low-income, many assumed they would not qualify and had decided not to apply.

Broadband services are available throughout the City of Sparks from the following providers:

- AT&T
- Spectrum
- Viasat

- T-Mobile
- EarthLink
- Hughesnet
- Net WiFi
- SkyFiber
- Rango
- Net NV
- Starlink
- Verizon

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Natural hazard risks associated with climate change that the City of Sparks faces include drought, flood, wildfires, and earthquakes. Nevada is the third most seismically active state in the United States, and Washoe County is located in one of the most seismically active areas in Nevada.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Low- and moderate-income residents are at particular risk due to having less available resources to combat the impacts of natural disasters. A dramatic rise in electricity or housing costs could put them at imminent risk of homelessness or living in substandard conditions. Residents in rural communities will have less access to public support in case of emergencies and will have fewer resources to repair or prevent damage to their homes. Low-moderate-income residents may be at risk of obtaining safety in the event of a wildfire or flood due to lack of transportation. Elderly and disabled households are more vulnerable to prolonged weather events, such as heat waves or severe cold and cannot afford the increase to utility bills.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to identify the priority needs of the City of Sparks and describe strategies that the city will undertake to serve the priority needs. This section provides an overview of the goals, activities and outcomes for the City of Sparks Five-year (2025-2029) Consolidated Plan.

The City of Sparks FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan priorities are:

1. Priority - Community Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements
 - 1A. Goal – Improve Public Infrastructure
 - 1B. Goal – Improve Public Facilities

2. Priority – Community Revitalization
 - 2A. Goal – Neighborhood Preservation

3. Priority – Community Assistance
 - 3A. Goal – Public Services to Low and Moderate Income and Vulnerable Persons

4. Priority –Affordable Housing
 - 4A. Goal – Preserve and Develop Affordable Housing
 - 4B. Goal – Homeownership Preservation

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	City of Sparks
	Area Type:	
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	City wide
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA). N/A

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state. N/A

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA). N/A

The City of Sparks allocates CDBG funds based on need, not necessarily geographic area. The City of Sparks uses its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to identify community development priorities and utilizes CDBG funding for improvements in LMI neighborhoods.

During the Five-year Consolidated Plan, the public facility and public infrastructure projects will include pedestrian improvement projects in LMI neighborhoods consisting of improvements to curbs, gutters, sidewalks and ADA modifications. Additionally, the city will assess public facilities located in LMI neighborhoods, including city parks, to prioritize the allocation CDBG funds. The city will assess LMI

neighborhoods and allocate CDBG funds toward revitalization efforts as needed. Public service funds will be allocated to nonprofits that provided essential resources to LMI persons in the City of Sparks and Washoe County.

The city will allocate CDBG funds toward rehabilitating and increasing affordable housing in the City of Sparks. This may include providing CDBG funds to homeowners for the rehabilitation of their home in the form of a grant or loan. Additionally, as allowable under the CDBG regulations, the city may support developers in rehabilitating or developing affordable multifamily housing.

Public Service funds will be allocated to nonprofits that support LMI and vulnerable populations in the City of Sparks and/or Washoe County depending upon the services provided.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Public Facilities 1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV) Administration
	Description	Improve public infrastructure and facilities in LMI neighborhoods and/or serving LMI persons.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need to improve public infrastructure and public facilities was identified, including streets, gutters, sidewalks and ADA modifications in LMI neighborhoods, as well as improvements to city owned parks and facilities.
2	Priority Need Name	Community Revitalization
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	2A. Neighborhood Preservation Administration

	Description	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need for community revitalization was identified, such as street scaping and/or tree installation, and assisting LMI households to comply with code standards for property preservation.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need for community revitalization was identified, such as street scaping and/or tree installation, and assisting LMI households to comply with code standards for property preservation.
3	Priority Need Name	Community Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households Administration

	Description	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need to support organizations and nonprofits that provide services to vulnerable and LMI persons was identified.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need to support organizations and nonprofits that provide services to vulnerable and LMI persons was identified.
4	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	4A. Preserve and Develop Affordable Housing 4B. Homeownership Preservation Administration
	Description	Support the development of affordable housing and preservation of affordable housing through homeowner rehabilitation.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need to preserve existing housing stock (both owner occupied and rental housing) and further the development of affordable housing was identified.
5	Priority Need Name	Administration
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	

	Associated Goals	Administration
	Description	Administration of the CDBG program including the administration of CDBG funds, program income and CDBG-CV funds. The administration of the CDBG program includes but is not limited to preparing plans and reports in accordance with HUD regulations and guidelines; monitoring of subrecipients; implementation of priorities, goals, projects and activities and compliance with HUD regulations. Funds will be allocated to staff salaries and associated costs.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Through the city's consultation with the community stakeholders, residents, Sparks City Council and city staff, the need to improve public infrastructure and public facilities was identified, including streets, gutters, sidewalks and ADA modifications in LMI neighborhoods; improvements to city owned parks and facilities; support nonprofits providing support and services to LMI and vulnerable persons; support neighborhood preservation and revitalization; and promote affordable housing through development and homeowner rehabilitation. The city will allocate funds to support the salaries and costs associated with administering the programs.

Narrative (Optional)

None

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The Washoe County Home Consortium (WCHC) allocates Nevada Affordable Housing Trust funds for Security Deposit Assistance and TBRA for residents of the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County. As identified in the Needs Assessment, cost burden is the largest housing problem in the City of Sparks. TBRA will target individuals and families at-risk of homelessness.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	The Reno Housing Authority administers the Housing Choice Voucher, HUD VASH, Project Based Vouchers, and Public Housing programs.
New Unit Production	The WCHC allocates HOME funds toward the development of new construction of affordable housing units throughout Washoe County.
Rehabilitation	The WCHC allocates HOME funds toward the rehabilitation of affordable housing units throughout Washoe County.
Acquisition, including preservation	N/A

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

During the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the city anticipates receiving CDBG entitlement funds. The WCHC anticipates receiving HOME funds and Affordable Housing Trust funds from the State of Nevada.

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	739,006	82,434	874,428	1,695,868	2,956,025	The City of Sparks will allocate the CDBG entitlement funds to Community Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements; Community Revitalization; Community Assistance; Affordable Housing; and program delivery costs.

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Sparks will use local, state, and federal funds to support public facility and infrastructure improvements. The city will continue to identify private and state funding resources to support CDBG activities.

The Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), a partnership between Washoe County government and the cities of Reno and Sparks, receives an allocation of HOME Funds each year. The HOME allocation will collectively be applied to specific affordable housing developments in the

region, recommended by the WCHC Technical Review Committee (TRC) and approved by the County and City Managers from the three local jurisdictions.

The City of Sparks received FY 2024 Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the Oddie Project. The Oddie Project will use the CPF to develop a multi-faceted regional community center located in an LMI neighborhood in the City of Sparks. The community center named The Oddie Project, will offer licensed childcare/early learning center; workforce training and job placement; culinary workforce training; commercial grade production kitchen; community resource hub; wraparound case management; community food pantry market; and multi-purpose classroom/training and meeting space. The Oddie Project will use Federal, State, local and private donations to develop the project.

The City of Sparks received a second award of FY 2024 CPF in the amount of \$1,372,000 for pedestrian improvements in the neighborhoods surrounding Kate Smith Elementary School. This project will be completed using Federal and city Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding.

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

The State of Nevada appropriated \$500 million dollars toward the development of affordable housing throughout the State. The City of Sparks was awarded \$2,781,000 to purchase vacant land for the future development of affordable housing. The city acquired two parcels. The city will release a Request for Proposal for each of the sites to solicit affordable housing projects. Upon approval by the Sparks City Council, the parcels will be transferred to the selected developer. Both properties will be deed restricted and the affordable housing project must serve households earning 60% and below AMI and must remain affordable for 50 years.

Discussion

See above.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Sparks	Government	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
City of Reno	Government	Rental	Jurisdiction
Washoe County Human Services	Government	Homelessness	Region
Washoe County HOME Consortium	Other	Ownership Rental	Region
Reno Housing Authority	PHA	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Public Housing Rental	Region
Northern Nevada Continuum of Care	Continuum of care	Homelessness	Region

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The region maintains strong relationships and partnerships among the three jurisdictions, supporting each jurisdiction's respective roles in the community. Additionally, the City of Reno, City of Sparks, Washoe County, and the Reno Housing Authority actively participate in the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Mortgage Assistance			
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X	X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	X
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	
Other			

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The delivery system listed above provides a framework to deliver the vast number of resources available in Washoe County. The region continues to make efforts to collaborate and work together to provide resources for families and individuals experiencing homelessness throughout Washoe County. This is seen through the work of the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care Leadership Council (NNCLC) and the prioritization of HUD funds allocated to programs supporting homelessness, drafting of policies and procedures to streamline processes, and collaborating on the region's greatest needs. Many of the agencies that provide homelessness prevention services, street outreach services and supportive services are members of the NNCLC. As part of the effort to combat homelessness, the NNCLC has adopted HUD's policy of Coordinated Entry. Coordinated Entry aims to provide housing to those individuals most in need through a cohesive process involving multiple community partners. Agencies with HUD funded rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing have been tasked to utilize Coordinated Entry within their programs to ensure homeless individuals and families in Northern Nevada have fair and equal access to housing.

The goal of Coordinated Entry for the Northern Nevada CoC is not only to identify those individuals who most need housing, but to bring agency resources together to help the community in an efficient manner. A successful Coordinated Entry process will meet the needs of those who need it most and identify areas where the needs of those most vulnerable in the community are not being met.

Through the community survey conducted by the City of Sparks, community members identified domestic violence resources, mental health services, senior services and youth services as the highest priorities. Through the direction of City of Sparks leadership, city staff will partner with local nonprofits to support community needs.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The region has a strong delivery system for the services listed above through the Continuum of Care, Volunteers of America, Department of Veteran Affairs, Northern Nevada HOPES, Community Health Alliance, among other nonprofits providing essential resources and the three local jurisdictions; however, the region still lacks enough resources to support mental health, substance abuse, permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and childcare. This was also identified in the results of the city's community survey. Specifically, mental health services rank as the highest Public Service need.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The Reno-Sparks region is fortunate to have a dedicated, well-established and organized system of housing and supportive service provision. Providers work together well, there is little duplication of services and, based on the Consolidated Plan survey, local leadership and residents have consistent views on prioritizing and addressing top needs.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$1,276,769	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4000 Persons Assisted
2	1B. Improve Public Facilities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$500,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
3	1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV)	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$329,844	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3200 Persons Assisted
4	2A. Neighborhood Preservation	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Sparks	Community Revitalization	CDBG: \$150,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Homeless	City of Sparks	Community Assistance	CDBG: \$554,254	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted
6	4A. Preserve and Develop Affordable Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City of Sparks	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$175,000	Rental units constructed: 50 Household Housing Unit
7	4B. Homeownership Preservation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City of Sparks	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$300,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
8	Administration	2025	2029	Administration	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements Community Revitalization Community Assistance Affordable Housing Administration	CDBG: \$739,006	Other: 10000 Other

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Installation and/or improvements of curbs gutters sidewalks accessibility modifications and/ or installation of crosswalk signals in LMI neighborhoods.
2	Goal Name	1B. Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Installation and/ or improvements to city owned public facilities and city owned parks located in LMI neighborhoods or facilities serving LMI individuals or families.
3	Goal Name	1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV)
	Goal Description	Installation and/ or improvements to city owned public facilities and city owned parks located in LMI neighborhoods or facilities serving LMI individuals or families utilizing CDBG-CV funds.
4	Goal Name	2A. Neighborhood Preservation
	Goal Description	Supporting the revitalization of LMI neighborhoods through neighborhood enhancements and assisting LMI households with complying with property preservation code standards.
5	Goal Name	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households
	Goal Description	Support organizations and nonprofits that provide services to vulnerable and LMI persons.
6	Goal Name	4A. Preserve and Develop Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Preserving and developing affordable housing through land acquisition, site work for the development of affordable housing, and other related activities associated with expanding affording housing in the City of Sparks.
7	Goal Name	4B. Homeownership Preservation
	Goal Description	Support City of Sparks homeowners with essential repairs to their homes through the deferred loan/ emergency repair grant programs.

8	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of CDBG funds, program income, CDBG-CV funds, implementation of priorities, goals, projects and activities of the approved Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans in accordance with HUD regulations and guidance. Allocated funds will pay for staff salaries and program expenses.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

During the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the city anticipates assisting twenty-five households through the Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant and three Households through the Homeowner – Deferred Loan Rehabilitation Program utilizing the revolving loan funds. As outstanding loans are repaid to the city, additional homeowners will be assisted through this program.

The city will consider affordable housing projects or other funding sources to support the development and/or preservation of affordable housing. Should these projects be funded, this will increase the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families served.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

N/A

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

The Reno Housing Authority (RHA) has a long history of providing self-sufficiency services to clients. The RHA has renamed and restructured the Family Self Sufficiency program to the Workforce Development program. RHA works with participants by providing workshops and training to achieve their goals, including employment, self-sufficiency, and in some cases home ownership. RHA staff work with the entire family, including the youth. The city actively collaborates with RHA to continue to explore additional affordable housing development opportunities.

RHA promotes ongoing resident activities, including year-round youth programs at the family sites and regular Resident Council meetings at all public housing sites. RHA solicits input from residents at each of the Resident Council meetings regarding improvements within their complex and future resident activities. Resident service contracts are executed with residents to help maintain certain aspects of their complex.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

N/A

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Sparks, in partnership with the City of Reno, released a survey soliciting feedback from the community regarding barriers to affordable housing and housing discrimination. City of Sparks residents identified the following barriers to affordable housing:

- Increased rents
- Increased security deposit
- Increase in evictions
- Increased housing prices
- Lack of affordable housing stock
- Inadequate funding for low-income housing programs
- Discriminatory lending and housing policies
- Zoning and land-use regulations that limit housing diversity
- Insufficient support for homelessness prevention programs
- Lack of economic growth or opportunity

Additionally, the City of Sparks contracted with ECONorthwest to conduct a Housing Affordability Audit in Fall 2024. The scope of the audit includes review of the city's existing policies and zoning regulations, review of existing land uses and utilization, interviews with affordable housing developers and community stakeholders, a financial feasibility analysis, and issuance of a final findings report. The audit is scheduled to be completed in late spring or early summer 2025. ECONorthwest will evaluate infrastructure limitations, land availability, market conditions and policy. The final report will help the City of Sparks identify possible policy and regulatory changes to further support both income-restricted affordable housing and the production of market-rate housing.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Sparks contracted with ECONorthwest to conduct a Housing Affordability Audit in Fall 2024. The scope of the audit includes review of the city's existing policies and zoning regulations, review of existing land uses and utilization, interviews with affordable housing developers and community stakeholders, financial feasibility analysis, and issuance of final findings report. The audit is scheduled to be completed in late spring or early summer 2025. ECONorthwest will evaluate infrastructure limitations, land availability, market conditions and policy. The final report will help the City of Sparks identify possible policy and regulatory changes to further support affordable housing.

Through the WCHC, the City of Sparks, as a partnering jurisdiction, will recommend projects that support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the region.

The city will continue to maximize the public service activities to utilize CDBG funds to support LMI and vulnerable individuals in the community. Through the community survey conducted by the City of Sparks, community members identified a variety of public service needs, including supporting fair housing. As identified in the community survey and detailed above, households feel they have been discriminated against related to housing. The city will work with nonprofit organizations that will assist individuals that feel they have been discriminated against, investigate the claim, and attempt to resolve the concerns and/ or assist with filing a complaint with HUD, as well as educate and support community members and property owners on fair housing rights and responsibilities. Throughout FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, city staff will identify, as applicable, activities that promote affordable housing in partnership with community organizations.

The city has identified affordable housing as a priority in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, including preserving and developing affordable housing and homeownership preservation. This priority will assist in reducing the barriers of affordable housing through the city's Emergency Repair Grant and Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan programs. These programs allow homeowners to remain in their homes, rather than having to purchase another home or enter the rental market which may be unaffordable for them. Additionally, the city will support the development of affordable housing through this priority and assist developers with affordable housing projects as allowable under the CDBG program.

As mentioned previously in this plan, the City of Sparks was awarded \$2,871,000 to purchase vacant land for the future development of affordable housing. The city acquired two parcels. The city will release a Request for Proposal for each of the sites to solicit affordable housing projects. Upon approval by the Sparks City Council, the parcels will be transferred to the selected developer. The development of affordable housing on the two parcels will increase the available units for LMI households in the region.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The City of Sparks is an active member of the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care Leadership Council (NNCCLC) and the Reno Area Alliance against Homelessness (RAH). The agencies that participate in both the NNCCLC and RAH meetings conduct ongoing outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness. These agencies include the Veterans Administration, Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services, the HOPE Team through the Washoe County Sheriff's Department, and the MOST Team through the Reno Police Department, as well as numerous nonprofit organizations. The Eddy House conducts outreach to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Nevada Cares Campus emergency shelter opened in May 2021, replacing the existing Community Assistance Center (CAC). The Nevada Cares Campus provides 600 beds for men and couples. Also located on the Nevada Cares Campus is the Safe Camp providing 40 pods to house individuals not wishing to move into the congregate shelter. Women are referred to Our Place, the women and family shelter. Our Place provides shelter and wrap around services for 138 women, 38 families and 28 seniors.

The Eddy House provides shelter and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. The Eddy House provides overnight shelter beds, a six month residential Community Living program offering intensive case management toward sustainable independence, a transitional living program, and an aftercare program. Additionally, the Eddy House is developing 36 units of transitional housing. The project includes 36 units that will house youth as they transition to independent living. Along with their shelter and housing programs, the Eddy House provides the following Drop-in Center, meals, pantry bags, showers, clothing, therapy, and life skills.

Additional agencies are listed by HUD in the 2023 Housing and Inventory Count (HIC) for the Reno, Sparks and Washoe County (NV-501) Continuum of Care (CoC) providing resources to support emergency and transitional housing needs.

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.

In 2021, Washoe County government took over the administration of the Nevada Cares Campus and continues to expand the resources available on site. The Resource Center provides meals, restroom, showers, laundry, case management, electronic device charging, and mail service. The Welcome Center opened of December 2023, adding on-site community partners, including WellCare Health, Mobile One Docs, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Vitality, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Bristlecone Recovery Center. The Welcome Center provides for intake and training space, case management, therapy, dining hall and on-site staff offices. Future phases of the expansion of the Nevada Cares Campus will include 170 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

As part of the effort to combat homelessness, the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) has adopted HUD's policy of Coordinated Entry. Coordinated Entry aims to provide housing to those individuals most in need through a cohesive process involving multiple community partners. Agencies with HUD funded rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing have been tasked to utilize Coordinated Entry within their programs to ensure homeless individuals and families in Northern Nevada have fair and equal access to housing.

The goal of Coordinated Entry for the Northern Nevada CoC is not only to identify those individuals who most need housing, but to bring agency resources together to help the community in an efficient manner. A successful Coordinated Entry process will meet the needs of those who need it most and identify areas where the needs of those most vulnerable in the community are not being met.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

The Eddy House provides shelter and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. The Eddy House provides overnight shelter beds, a six month residential Community Living program offering intensive case management toward sustainable independence, a transitional living program, and an aftercare program. Additionally, the Eddy House is developing 36 units of transitional living that will house youth as they transition to independent living. Along with their shelter and housing programs, the Eddy House provides the following: drop-in center, meals, pantry bags, showers, clothing, therapy, and life skills.

The Nevada Cares Campus emergency shelter provides 600 beds for men and couples. Safe Camp, also located on the campus provides 40 pods to house individuals not wishing to move into the congregate shelter. Our Place is the women and family shelter and provides shelter and wrap around services for 138 women, 38 families and 28 seniors.

The Nevada Cares Campus continues to expand, new resources include the Resource Center and the Welcome Center. Future phases of the expansion will include 220 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

In 2023 the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) awarded \$1,868,472 for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs and \$671,786 for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. Individuals are referred to a program based on their Community Housing Assessment Tool (CHAT) score in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Eligibility requirements for the RRH program include:

- Staying in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation.
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.
- In an institution where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.

Requirements for PSH include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing projects not dedicated for use by the chronically homeless may serve an individual or family that meets both the following criteria:
 - A family member must have a qualifying disability, and be:
 - Staying in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation; or
 - Staying in Transitional Housing if in a shelter, place not meant for human habitation; or
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence immediately prior; or
 - In an institution where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.
- Permanent Supportive Housing projects that are dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families may serve:
 - An individual who:
 - Has a qualifying disability; and
 - Staying in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation; and
 - Has been doing so continuously for 12+ months or has had 4+ episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; or
 - An individual in an institution (e.g., jail, hospital, rehab facility, etc.) for 90 days or less who met all of the above criteria before entering the institution; or
 - An individual participating in a Rapid Rehousing project who met all of the above criteria before entering the project; or
 - A family with a Head of Household who meets all of the above criteria.

Washoe County government is listed under SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure. Washoe County government is the entity responsible for the administration and management of the Nevada Cares

Campus, Safe Camp, Our Place and the Resource Center. Additionally, Washoe County government is the lead agency in the administration and oversight of the Northern Nevada CoC, supporting the CoC funded programs, the NNCCLC, and Reno Alliance to end Homelessness (RAH).

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

The City of Reno, City of Sparks and the WCHC will continue to ensure that all housing projects funded with CDBG and HOME funds will comply with the revised Federal guidelines regarding notification and abatement requirements. WCHC requests for funding will require developers to sign Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Certifications and Assurances and that renovation firms be certified under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and trained in lead-safe work practices.

The City of Sparks Community Services Department is responsible for compliance with lead-based paint regulations when CDBG funds are awarded. The city will follow the procedures outlined in the City of Sparks, Community Development Block Grant Policies and Procedures specifically to lead based paint hazards.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

Lead based paint hazards will be addressed through preservation and rehabilitation activities, both through residential homeowner rehabilitation programs and multifamily projects.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

City of Sparks staff evaluate each CDBG activity to determine if lead based paint hazards may be present. If the structure in which CDBG funds will be awarded was built prior to 1978, the city will hire a third-party consultant to conduct lead based paint testing prior to any work taking place. The city will follow the procedures outlined in the City of Sparks, Community Development Block Grant Policies and Procedures. Residents will be provided copies of "Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards and "The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right."

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The City of Sparks has identified Community Assistance as a priority, with the goal of utilizing CDBG funds to support LMI and vulnerable persons through Public Service activities. The community survey conducted by the city requested input from community members regarding the most important public service needs. The chart labeled "City of Sparks - Survey Results" details the results.

The city will continue to maximize CDBG Public Service funds to support LMI and vulnerable individuals in the community. Through the direction of City of Sparks leadership, city staff will partner with local nonprofits to support community needs and provide resources to poverty level families.

The City of Sparks has identified Affordable Housing as a priority, with the goals of providing CDBG funds to support the preservation and development of affordable housing and Homeownership Preservation. These goals aim to support LMI households by remaining in their homes or by providing more affordable housing in the market.

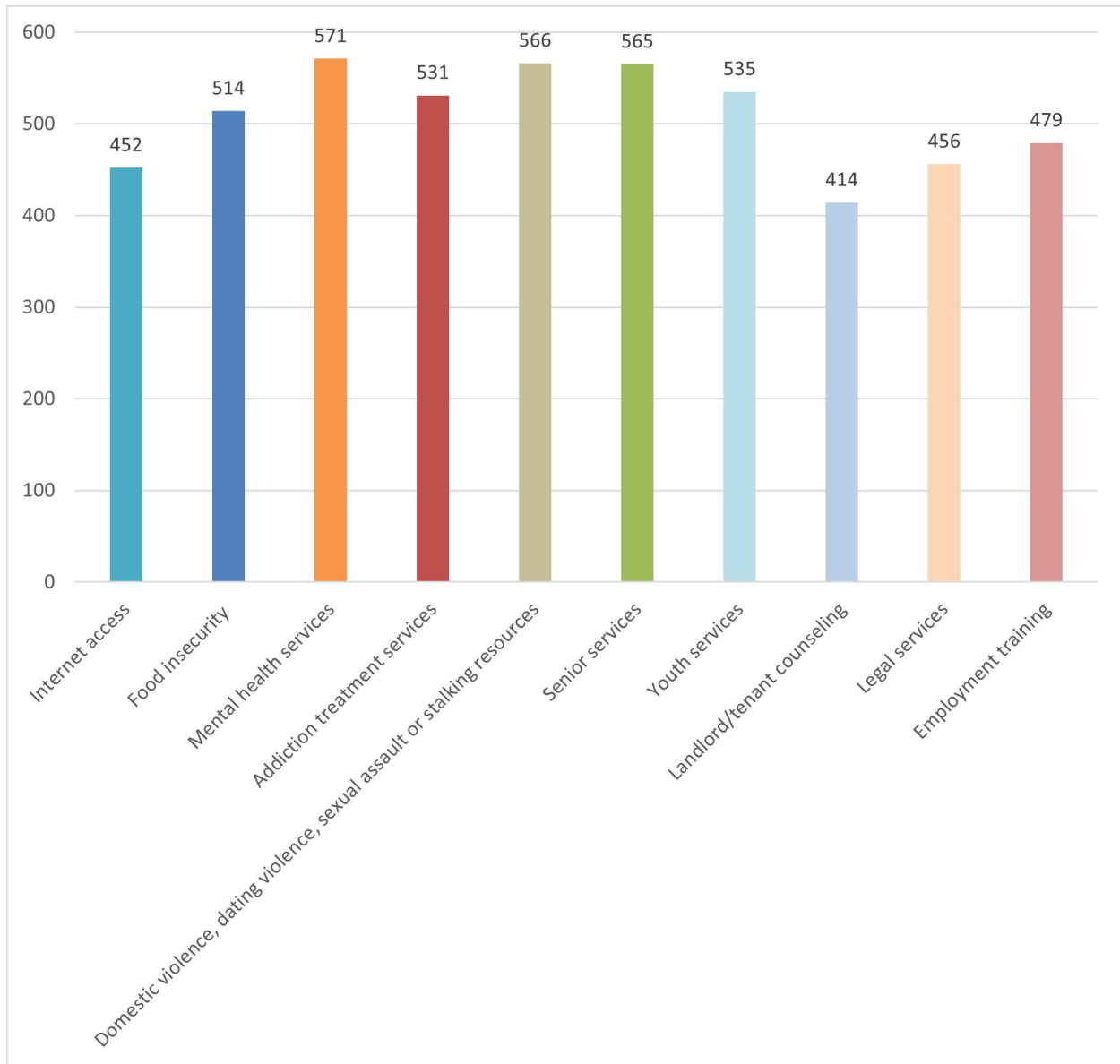
The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County government are members of the NNCLC and working closely, along with community nonprofits to implement policies and procedures to ensure effective and efficient use of CoC funds and implementation of programs to support persons experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.

During the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the City will continue to participate in the WCHC TRC that reviews applications for HOME funds and awards the funds to the projects that support the development and preservation of affordable housing. The development of new affordable housing increases the number of units in Washoe County and/or the City of Sparks, providing individuals with stable housing.

The city will support LMI homeowners through the Emergency Repair Grant and Deferred Loan programs with repairs so they can remain in their homes.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The City of Sparks does not have a stand-alone anti-poverty policy or strategy. The city will support LMI households through the priorities and goals established in this plan. The city will continue to participate in the NNCLC and WCHC to support initiatives and programs throughout the region that benefit LMI individuals and families. The city will implement activities in the Annual Action Plans to provide resources and assistance to LMI and vulnerable individuals.



City of Sparks - Survey Summary

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

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

The City of Sparks, Community Services Department, is responsible for ensuring the implementation and compliance of the priorities identified in the CDBG Consolidated Plan. The city's finance department reviews the request for payment submissions for compliance with the program regulations and accuracy.

The City of Sparks may award CDBG funds to nonprofit organizations, government agencies and if eligible, private for-profit entities, to carry out public service or similar activities in the community. The City of Sparks' Subrecipient Procedures will be followed to ensure compliance with the CDBG program and that program obligations are met, both by the city, as the grantee and the subrecipient. The city will complete a risk assessment on the subrecipient, enter into a subrecipient agreement detailing the requirements and reporting of the CDBG funds, and conduct regular monitoring. Quarterly reports are reviewed to ensure the goals and objectives of the subrecipient agreement are being met.

Public and facility infrastructure projects are monitored by Community Services Department staff for program compliance and quality of work. Certified payrolls are reviewed by a third-party consultant to ensure compliance with Davis Bacon wage requirements.



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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

During the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the city anticipates receiving CDBG entitlement funds. The WCHC anticipates receiving HOME funds and Affordable Housing Trust funds from the State of Nevada.

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	739,006.00	82,434.00	874,428.00	1,695,868.00	2,956,025.00	The City of Sparks will allocate the CDBG entitlement funds to Community Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements; Community Revitalization; Community Assistance; Affordable Housing; and program delivery costs.

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Table 54 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Sparks will use local, state, and federal funds to support public facility and infrastructure improvements. The city will continue to identify private and state funding resources to support CDBG activities.

The Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), a partnership between Washoe County government and the cities of Reno and Sparks, receives an allocation of HOME Funds each year. The HOME allocation will collectively be applied to specific affordable housing developments in the

region, recommended by the WCHC Technical Review Committee (TRC) and approved by the County and City Managers from the three local jurisdictions.

The City of Sparks received FY 2024 Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the Oddie Project. The Oddie Project will use the CPF to develop a multi-faceted regional community center located in an LMI neighborhood in the City of Sparks. The community center named The Oddie Project, will offer licensed childcare/early learning center; workforce training and job placement; culinary workforce training; commercial grade production kitchen; community resource hub; wraparound case management; community food pantry market; and multi-purpose classroom/training and meeting space. The Oddie Project will use Federal, State, local and private donations to develop the project.

The City of Sparks received a second award of FY 2024 CPF in the amount of \$1,372,000 for pedestrian improvements in the neighborhoods surrounding Kate Smith Elementary School. This project will be completed using Federal and city Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding.

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

The State of Nevada appropriated \$500 million dollars toward the development of affordable housing throughout the State. The City of Sparks was awarded \$2,781,000 to purchase vacant land for the future development of affordable housing. The city acquired two parcels. The city will release a Request for Proposal for each of the sites to solicit affordable housing projects. Upon approval by the Sparks City Council, the parcels will be transferred to the selected developer. Both properties will be deed restricted and the affordable housing project must serve households earning 60% and below AMI and must remain affordable for 50 years.

Discussion

See above.

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	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$919,939.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
2	1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV)	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$329,844.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3200 Persons Assisted
3	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Homeless	City of Sparks	Community Assistance	CDBG: \$110,850.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 134 Persons Assisted
4	4B. Homeownership Preservation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City of Sparks	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Administration	2025	2029	Administration	City of Sparks	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements Community Revitalization Community Assistance Affordable Housing Administration	CDBG: \$202,801.00	Other: 4000 Other

Table 55 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Installation or improvement of curbs, gutter, sidewalks, accessibility modifications and/or installation of cross walk signals in LMI neighborhoods.
2	Goal Name	1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV)
	Goal Description	Installation or improvements to city owned public facilities and city owned parks located in LMI neighborhoods or facilities serving LMI individuals or families utilizing CDBG-CV funds.
3	Goal Name	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households
	Goal Description	Support organizations and nonprofits that provided services to vulnerable and LMI people were identified. Support individuals that may be experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, housing insecurity, fair housing discrimination, domestic violence, and childcare needs.

4	Goal Name	4B. Homeownership Preservation
	Goal Description	Support City of Sparks homeowners with essential repairs to their homes through the deferred loan/ emergency repair grant programs.
5	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of the CDBG programs, implementation, and requirements and administration of the Homeowner Preservation activities and associated costs.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Sparks is committed to directing all available resources toward accomplishing the local and regional goals and objectives outlined in the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan. Public Service activities will be funded utilizing 15% of the city's annual award and administrative costs will be funded utilizing 20% of the city's annual award.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Pedestrian Improvements (03K)
2	Public Facilities Improvements (03F)
3	Fair Housing Activities (05J)
4	Services and Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness (05Z)
5	Emergency Home Repair Grant (14A)
6	Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program (14A)
7	Housing Administration (14H)
8	CDBG Program Administration (21A)

Table 56 – Project Information

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

City staff assessed the goals of the Five-year Consolidated Plan FY 2025-2029 and identified activities for PY1, FY 2025-2026.

The city will utilize CDBG funds to improve LMI neighborhoods through Pedestrian Improvement projects, providing the replacement of curbs, gutters, sidewalks. and the installation of ADA modifications.

The city will allocate the remaining CDBG-CV funds toward the replacement of the play structure at Deer Park, located in a LMI neighborhood.

Fair housing has been identified as a priority, specifically, barriers to affordable housing, which included discrimination in the rental markets, such as discriminatory actions related to terms and conditions in rental leases, failure to make reasonable accommodations, noncompliance with design and construction, and a lack of a comprehensive first-time homebuyer program.

The city identified supporting nonprofits that provide public services to LMI persons as a priority. During FY 2025-2026 (PY1), the city will support nonprofits that provide supporting self-

sufficiency to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.

The city will support LIM homeowners through the Emergency Home Repair Grant program that assists with minor emergencies in their home that they otherwise cannot afford to repair and through the Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan program that assists homeowners with more substantial repairs in their homes such as water heater replacements, roof replacements, ADA modifications, furnace replacement and window replacement, to list a few.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Pedestrian Improvements (03K)
	Target Area	City of Sparks
	Goals Supported	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$919,939.00
	Description	Installation or improvement of curbs, gutter, sidewalks, accessibility modifications and/ or installation of cross walk signals in LMI neighborhoods.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1,000 LMI households will be the primary beneficiaries of capital improvement and infrastructure initiatives.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Installation or improvement of curbs, gutter, sidewalks, accessibility modifications and/or installation of cross walk signals in LMI neighborhoods.
2	Project Name	Public Facilities Improvements (03F)
	Target Area	City of Sparks
	Goals Supported	1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV)
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$329,844.00
	Description	Removal and installation of new play structure at Deer Park located in a LMI Neighborhood
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An approximate 3,200 LMI households will benefit from this goal.
	Location Description	Deer Park
	Planned Activities	Removal and installation of new play structure at Deer Park located in a LMI Neighborhood
3	Project Name	Fair Housing Activities (05J)
	Target Area	City of Sparks

	Goals Supported	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households
	Needs Addressed	Community Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	Support organizations and nonprofits that provided services to vulnerable and LMI people were identified. Support individuals that may be experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, housing insecurity, fair housing discrimination, domestic violence and childcare needs.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 84 LMI individuals or LMI families will benefit through this activity.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Support the operations of nonprofits that provide education, guidance and advocacy on housing discrimination and fair housing rights in Washoe County.
4	Project Name	Services and Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness (05Z)
	Target Area	City of Sparks
	Goals Supported	3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households
	Needs Addressed	Community Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,850.00
	Description	Assist nonprofits supporting self-sufficiency, shelter, and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 50 youth will be provided case management and resources supporting self-sufficiency.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Assist nonprofits supporting self-sufficiency, shelter and services among youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.
5	Project Name	Emergency Home Repair Grant (14A)
	Target Area	City of Sparks

	Goals Supported	4B. Homeownership Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00
	Description	Support City of Sparks LMI homeowners with essential repairs to their homes through the deferred loan/ emergency repair grant programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The city estimates 5 LMI homeowners will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Homeowner emergency repairs up to \$10,000 addressing health and safety concerns.
6	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program (14A)
	Target Area	City of Sparks
	Goals Supported	4B. Homeownership Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$82,434.00
	Description	Support City of Sparks LMI homeowners with essential repairs to their homes through the deferred loan/emergency repair grant programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner repairs up to \$25,000 deferred loan to address health and safety concerns.
	Location Description	City-wide
7	Planned Activities	The city estimates 3 LMI homeowners will benefit from this activity.
	Project Name	Housing Administration (14H)
	Target Area	City of Sparks
	Goals Supported	4B. Homeownership Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000.00
	Description	Support staff salaries and costs associated with the administration of the Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant and Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The city estimates 8 LMI homeowners will benefit from Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant and Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan programs.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Staff salaries and costs (lead-based paint testing, title report, etc.) to the administration of the Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant and Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan programs.
8	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration (21A)
	Target Area	City of Sparks
	Goals Supported	1A. Improve Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Public Facilities (CDBG-CV) 3A. Public Services to LMI / Vulnerable Households 4B. Homeownership Preservation Administration
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure/Facilities Improvements Community Assistance Affordable Housing Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$147,801.00
	Description	Support staff salaries, planning and general administration of the CDBG program FY2025-2026 (PY1).
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Staff salaries, planning and general program administration.

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 of Sparks will prioritize the use of CDBG funds based on need, supporting LMI households and persons. Specifically, the Homeownership Rehabilitation Deferred Loan and Emergency Repair Grant activities will be disbursed city-wide to homeowners earning 80% and below the current HUD published AMI for Washoe County. The Pedestrian Improvement activities, including improvements to curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and ADA improvements will be carried out in LMI neighborhoods throughout the City of Sparks with the greatest need. These neighborhoods are primarily located in West Sparks.

The city will support nonprofit organizations providing public services to LMI and vulnerable persons. These activities will be carried out throughout Washoe County, specifically, the city has identified education and advocacy on fair housing rights as a priority. The city will partner with a nonprofit that provides training and resources to the community on identifying housing discrimination and their rights. The city has also identified supporting nonprofits that provide shelter and services to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Sparks	85

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Projects are distributed throughout the community and serve a broad population of households. Projects undertaken in low-income neighborhoods are intended to improve the quality of life through reinvestment in and removal of blighted conditions and enhance quality living opportunities. Although numerous needs were identified within the community, limited financial resources make it necessary to prioritize affordable housing, community assistance and community infrastructure and facilities improvements.

Discussion

None

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	50
Non-Homeless	8
Special-Needs	0
Total	58

Table 58 - 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	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	8

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The city anticipates assisting three households through the Homeowner Rehabilitation Deferred Loan program and five households through the Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant program during FY 2025-2026 (PY1), providing rehabilitation of approximately eight existing units.

The city anticipates assisting approximately 50 youth experiencing homeless and approximately eight non-homeless households during the FY 2025-2026 (PY1) Annual Action Plan.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

As with the majority of the nation's public housing stock, RHA's public housing is aging and in need of significant capital improvements. Two of RHA's seven complexes were constructed in the 1960's, four in the early 1980's and the remaining site was constructed in the mid 1990's. Although in overall fair to good condition through excellent stewardship by the housing authority, all units require some level of rehabilitation to modernize and preserve the life of the units as affordable housing.

RHA's former public housing site, Silverada Manor, has recently closed financing utilizing a blend of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)/Section 18 Demolition/Disposition repositioning tools to convert all 144 units of public housing to the voucher program. Substantial rehabilitation will begin in December 2024.

RHA is in the process of utilizing HUD's Section 18 Demolition/Disposition tool to dispose and demolish 99 units of public housing that were determined to be obsolete under the public housing program due to extensive capital needs that exceed the cost of rehabilitation. Hawk View Apartments is anticipated to close financing in November 2024 which will remove all 99 units from the public housing program at that time. The site will be redeveloped utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits. RHA will add 100 units to this site and all 199 newly constructed units will carry a Project Based Voucher.

In addition to repositioning Silverada Manor and Hawk View Apartments, RHA is conducting significant rehabilitation at two other public housing complexes, Stead Manor and McGraw Court. RHA is utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provided through the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) to perform the rehabilitation. The scope of work being conducted at these sites will ensure the preservation of affordability of the combined 102 units of public housing by addressing all capital needs identified by AEI in addition to other modernization and energy efficiency improvements.

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

The Reno Housing Authority (RHA) has a long history of providing self-sufficiency services to clients. The RHA has renamed and restructured the Family Self Sufficiency program to the Workforce Development program. RHA works with participants by providing workshops and training to achieve their goals, including employment, self-sufficiency, and in some cases home ownership. RHA staff work with the entire family, including the youth. The city actively collaborates with RHA to continue to explore additional affordable housing development opportunities.

RHA promotes ongoing resident activities, including year-round youth programs at the family sites and

regular Resident Council meetings at all public housing sites. RHA solicits input from residents at each of the Resident Council meetings regarding improvements within their complex and future resident activities. Resident service contracts are executed with residents to help maintain certain aspects of their complex.

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

N/A

Discussion

None

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

Introduction

The City of Sparks is an active member of the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care Leadership Council (NNCLC) and the Reno Area Alliance Against Homelessness (RAAH). Community stakeholders that participate in both the NNCLC and RAAH meetings conduct outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness. These agencies include the Veterans Administration, Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services, the HOPE Team through the Washoe County Sheriff's Department, City of Sparks HOPE Team and the MOST Team through the Reno Police Department, as well as numerous nonprofit organizations. The Eddy House conducts outreach to youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County.

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 Sparks created the Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement (HOPE) team in 2020. The HOPE team's primary objective is to offer services and assist those experiencing homelessness through a boots-on-the-ground approach. The HOPE team assesses the individual's needs and aligns them with several field-based services and local Medicaid resource partnerships.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Nevada Cares Campus emergency shelter opened in May 2021, replacing the existing Community Assistance Center (CAC). The Nevada Cares Campus provides 600 beds for men and couples. Also located on the Nevada Cares Campus is the Safe Camp providing 40 pods to house individuals not wishing to move into the congregate shelter. Women are referred to Our Place, the women and family shelter. Our Place provides shelter and wrap around services for 138 women, 38 families and 28 seniors.

The Eddy House provides shelter and services for youth experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. The Eddy House provides overnight shelter beds, a six month residential Community Living program offering intensive case management toward sustainable independence, a transitional living program, and an aftercare program. Additionally, the Eddy House is developing 36 units of transitional housing. The project includes 36 units that will house youth as they transition to independent living. Along with their shelter and housing programs, the Eddy House provides a drop-in center, meals, pantry bags, showers, clothing, therapy, and life skills.

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

In 2021, Washoe County government assumed the administration of the Nevada Cares Campus and continues to expand the resources available on site. The Resource Center provides meals, restroom, showers, laundry, case management, electronic device charging, and mail service. The Welcome Center opened in December 2023, adding on-site community partners, including WellCare Health, Mobile One Docs, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Vitality, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Bristlecone Recovery Center. The Welcome Center serves as the initial intake location and provides training space, case management, therapy, dining hall and on-site staff offices. Future phases of the expansion of the Nevada Cares Campus will include 170 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

As part of the effort to combat homelessness, the NNCLC has adopted HUD's policy of Coordinated Entry. Coordinated Entry aims to provide housing to those individuals most in need through a cohesive process involving multiple community partners. Agencies with HUD funded rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing have been tasked to utilize Coordinated Entry within their programs to ensure homeless individuals and families in Northern Nevada have fair and equal access to housing.

The goal of Coordinated Entry for the Northern Nevada CoC is not only to identify those individuals who most need housing, but to bring agency resources together to help the community in an efficient manner. A successful Coordinated Entry process will meet the needs of those who need it most and identify areas where the needs of those most vulnerable in the community are not being met.

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

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The Nevada Cares Campus continues to expand, new resources include the Resource Center and the Welcome Center. Future phases of the expansion will include 220 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

In 2023 the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) awarded \$1,868,472 for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs and \$671,786 for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. Individuals are referred to a program based on their Community Housing Assessment Tool (CHAT) score in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Eligibility requirements for the RRH program include:

- Staying in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation.
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.
- In an institution where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.

Requirements for PSH include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing projects not dedicated for use by the chronically homeless may serve an individual or family that meets both the following criteria:
 - A family member must have a qualifying disability, and be:
 - Staying in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation; or
 - Staying in Transitional Housing if in a shelter, place not meant for human habitation; or
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence immediately prior; or
 - In an institution where they resided for 90 days or less if in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately prior.
- Permanent Supportive Housing projects that are dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families may serve:
 - An individual who:
 - Has a qualifying disability; and
 - Staying in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation; and
 - Has been doing so continuously for 12+ months or has had 4+ episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; or

- An individual in an institution (e.g., jail, hospital, rehab facility, etc.) for 90 days or less who met all of the above criteria before entering the institution; or
- An individual participating in a Rapid Rehousing project who met all of the above criteria before entering the project; or
- A family with a Head of Household who meets all of the above criteria.

Washoe County government is listed under SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure. Washoe County government is the entity responsible for the administration and management of the Nevada Cares Campus, Safe Camp, Our Place and the Resource Center. Additionally, Washoe County government is the lead agency in the administration and oversight of the Northern Nevada CoC, supporting the CoC funded programs, the NNCCLC, and Reno Alliance to end Homelessness (RAH).

Discussion

None

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

Introduction:

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 Sparks contracted with ECONorthwest to conduct a Housing Affordability Audit in Fall 2024. The scope of the audit includes review of the city's existing policies and zoning regulations, review of existing land uses and utilization, interviews affordable housing developers and community stakeholders, financial feasibility analysis, and issuance of a final findings report. The audit is scheduled to be completed in late spring or early summer 2025. ECONorthwest will evaluate infrastructure limitations, land availability, market conditions and policy. The final report will help the City of Sparks identity possible policy and regulatory changes to further support affordable housing.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

As a participating jurisdiction of the WCHC and member of the NNCLC, the City of Sparks will continue to coordinate housing and service provision for the region. City staff will work closely with NNCLC, the CARES Campus and Our Place to develop programming, expand client resources and inform city leaders on the housing and community development needs in the region. Collaboration with non-profit service providers will continue to be a priority in identifying and meeting underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Projects that support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the region will continue to be a priority. During FY 2025-2026 (PY1), HOME funds will be used to support the development of two new affordable housing projects located in the City of Reno, serving families and seniors.

The Nevada Housing Division continues to play a significant role in the identification of housing trends, needs, and mechanisms to develop and maintain affordable housing opportunities based on annual reporting provided by the local jurisdictions. The City of Sparks was awarded \$2,871,000 in ARPA funds through the Nevada Housing Division to purchase vacant or blighted parcels of land located in the City of Sparks for the use of affordable housing development. The city purchased two parcels and will advertise a Request for Proposal to solicit affordable housing projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Reno, City of Sparks, and the WCHC will continue to ensure that all housing projects funded with CDBG and HOME funds will comply with the revised Federal guidelines regarding notification and abatement requirements. WCHC requests for funding will require developers to sign Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Certifications and Assurances and that renovation firms be certified under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and trained in lead-safe work practices.

The City of Sparks Community Services Department is responsible for compliance with lead-based paint regulations when CDBG funds are awarded. The city will follow the procedures outlined in the City of Sparks, Community Development Block Grant Policies and Procedures specifically to lead based paint hazards.

City of Sparks staff evaluate each CDBG activity to determine if lead-based paint hazards may be present. If the structure in which CDBG funds will be awarded was built prior to 1978, the city will hire a third-party consultant to conduct lead based paint testing prior to any work taking place. The city will follow the procedures outlined in the City of Sparks, Community Development Block Grant Policies and

Procedures. Residents will be provided copies of “Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards and “The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right.”

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The city will continue to utilize CDBG Public Service funds to support LMI and vulnerable individuals in the community. The city conducted a public survey during the drafting of the FY 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan. Through the community survey conducted by the City of Sparks, community members identified domestic violence resources, mental health services, senior services and youth services as the highest priorities. Through the direction of City of Sparks leadership, city staff will partner with local nonprofits to support community needs.

The city will support LMI homeowners through the Emergency Repair Grant and Deferred Loan programs with repairs so they can remain in their homes.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County government are members of the NNCLC and are working closely, along with community nonprofits to implement policies and procedures to ensure effective and efficient use of CoC to support persons experiencing homelessness in Washoe County. The Community Homeless Advisory Board (CHAB) is made up of elected officials from each of the three jurisdictions. The CHAB meets as needed to address community needs related to homelessness.

The City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County government are participating jurisdictions of the WCHC. The three jurisdictions, along with appointed community members, make up the Technical Review Committee that ensures the efficient use of the annual award of HOME funds. The WCHC TRC reviews the applications for HOME funds and awards the funds to the projects that will best provide affordable housing for the region.

The City of Sparks supports the regional efforts and programs administered by the Reno Housing Authority.

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

The City of Sparks will continue to participate in the NNCLC, WCHC, and support the region’s nonprofits that provide essential resources to LMI and vulnerable populations. Through input from community members and direction from the City of Sparks leadership, city staff will partner with local nonprofits

to support community needs utilizing CDBG Public Service funds.

Discussion:

None

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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	82,424
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:	82,424

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.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used

for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:
4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:
5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments



**Sparks Equity and Inclusion
Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:30 PM
Legislative Bldg., 745 4th St., Sparks, NV**

BOARD MEMBERS

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**Sparks Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment**
 - 3.1. Public Comment. NRS 241.020(3)(d)(3) provides that the Sparks Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board must allow multiple periods devoted to public comments by the general public. No matters raised during public comment may be the subject of deliberation or action. Written comments from the public prior to the agenda and supporting materials for the meeting to follow.
4. **Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)**
 - 4.1. Approval of the Agenda. (For Possible Action)
5. **Approval of the Minutes (For Possible Action)**
 - 5.1. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the minutes of the Sparks Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board meeting of July 9, 2024. (For Possible Action) (For Possible Action)
6. **Presentations (No Action taken)**
 - 6.1. Introduction of City Manager Dion Louthan
 - 6.2. Presentation: Five-year policy and planning survey to identify community development needs that benefit low-and-moderate income households where no other funding is available.
7. **General Business Items (For Possible Action)**
 - 7.1. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of amendments to the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board Rules of Procedure, including but not limited to holding regular meetings quarterly rather than monthly. (For Possible Action)
8. **Comments from the Committee**
 - 8.1. Request for new future agenda items

8.2. **Committee Member Announcements**

8.3. **Staff announcements**

9. **Public Comment**

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10. **Adjournment**



**Sparks Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:00 PM
Legislative Bldg., 745 4th St., Sparks, NV**

COMMISSIONERS

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**Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:00 PM**

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4. **Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)**
 - 4.1. Approval of the Agenda. (For Possible Action)
5. **Approval of the Minutes (For Possible Action)**
 - 5.1. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes for the July 24, 2024 Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. (For Possible Action)
6. **Announcements, Presentations, Recognition and Items of Special Interest. (No Action will be taken)**
 - 6.1. Five-year policy and planning survey to identify community development needs that benefit low-and-moderate income households where no other funding is available.
 - 6.2. Presentation: Commissions, Boards and Committees (CBC) Handbook.
7. **General Business Items (For Possible Action)**
8. **Comments**
 - 8.1. Comments from the Public

Public Comment. NRS 241.020(3)(d)(3) provides that the Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission must allow multiple periods devoted to public comments by the general public. No matters raised during public comment may be the subject of deliberation or

action. Written comments from the public prior to the agenda and supporting materials for the meeting follow.

8.2. Comments from the Commission

9. **Adjournment**

CERTIFICATE OF VERIFICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Signing of this certificate verifies that a neighborhood meeting has been conducted. Meeting Date: October 22, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Conducted By: Amy Jones, Housing Specialist

Number of Neighbors in attendance: 4
(attach sign-in list)

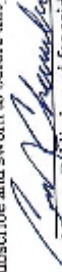
I, Amy Jones certify that on the above referenced date a public workshop was conducted to discuss the community needs to be considered for the five-year, FY 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan to be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Signed: 

Name: Amy Jones



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**CITY OF SPARKS
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
ON THE
FY 2025-2029 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT
CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

The City of Sparks will be hosting a public workshop on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, to discuss the City of Sparks Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 that is required to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City of Sparks is seeking input on community needs to inform policies and priorities for the upcoming five years. CDBG funds benefit low-and-moderate income households.

Recommendations.

The public workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the City of Sparks, Larry D. Johnson Community Center, 1200 12th Street, Sparks, NV 89431, between the hours of 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

A survey is also available to provide public input on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 at www.cityofsparks.us/ConsolidatedPlanSurvey. The survey is available in Spanish at www.cityofsparks.us/SpanishConsolidatedPlanSurvey.

The current Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 is available at www.cityofsparks.us. You may also call (775) 353-2386 to request a copy for review.

Publication Dates
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Jones, Amy

From: Northern Nevada CoC <raahnevada@gmail.com>
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Hello,

The City of Sparks is hosting a workshop to discuss the City of Sparks Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Please see below for more information.

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Please contact Amy Jones with any questions: ajones@cityofsparks.us

Thank you,

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**SPARKS PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF MEETING
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745 4TH STREET, SPARKS, NEVADA
Thursday, November 21, 2024, 6:00 PM**

Planning Commissioners:
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Sparks Planning Commission
Thursday, November 21, 2024, 6:00 PM

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
 - 4.1. Public Comment. NRS 241.020(3)(d)(3) provides that the Planning Commission must allow multiple periods devoted to public comments by the general public. Matters raised during public comment that are not on the agenda may not be the subject of deliberation or action. Written comments from the public prior to the agenda and supporting materials for the meeting follow.
5. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)
 - 5.1. Approval of the agenda. (For Possible Action)
6. Approval of the Minutes (For Possible Action)
 - 6.1. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission Study Session held on Tuesday September 17, 2024, and Planning Commission Meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2024. (For Possible Action)
7. Public Hearing Items (For Possible Action)
 - 7.1. PCN22-0011 / CU22-0007 – Public Hearing, consideration, discussion, and possible action on a request for up to a one-year extension of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a 1,200 square foot booster station facility on a 0.29-acre parcel located at 7399 Pyramid Way (APN 083-023-38) in the NUD (New Urban District—Kiley Ranch North Phase 12) zoning district. (For Possible Action)
 - 7.2. PCN15066 -P024-0005 - Public Hearing, consideration, discussion, and possible action on a request to amend the Spanish Springs Town Centre Planned Development (Spanish Springs Town Centre Development Plan Design Standards and Regulations Handbook) to add use and development standards for climate-controlled mini-warehouse facilities, on an approximately 8.9-acre site generally located east of Galleria Parkway and south of Los Altos Parkway, Sparks, Nevada, (APN: 510-491-15 through 17) in the NUD (New Urban District – Spanish Springs Town Centre) zoning district. (For possible action)
8. General Business (For Possible Action)
 - 8.1. PCN07038 / BE24-0002 - Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of building architectural elevations for a 10,575 square foot commercial building on a 35,438 square-foot portion of a 2.0-acre site located at 1160 Scheels Drive, Sparks, Nevada (APN: 037-421-08) in the NUD (New Urban District - Legends at Sparks Marina) zoning district. (For Possible Action)
9. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest
 - 9.1. Presentation of a five-year policy and planning survey to identify community development needs that benefit low-and-moderate income households.

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10. Comments

10.1. Comments from the Public

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10.2. Staff Comments and Announcements

10.3. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

11. Adjournment



Sparks City Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025 2:00 PM
Legislative Bldg., 745 4th St., Sparks, NV

MAYOR
Ed Lawson

CITY COUNCIL
Donald Abbott, Ward 1
Dian VanderWell, Ward 2
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**Sparks City Council
Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 24, 2025 2:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Opening Ceremonies**
 - 3.1. Invocation Speaker: Pastor Taylor Sexton, Living Stones Church
 - 3.2. Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Public Comment**
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5. **Agenda**
 - 5.1. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)
6. **Minutes**
 - 6.1. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Special Concurrent Meeting for February 6, 2025, the Joint Sparks City Council and Planning Commission Housing Conditions Workshop for February 10, 2025, and the Sparks City Council meeting for February 10, 2025. (For Possible Action)
7. **Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest**
 - 7.1. Proclamation: Women in Construction Week
 - 7.2. Proclamation: International Women's Day
 - 7.3. Boards and Commissions Vacancy Announcement: Sparks Building Code Board of Appeals
8. **Consent Items**
 - 8.1. Consideration and possible acceptance of the report of the claims and bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period of January 29, 2025, through February 10, 2025. (For Possible Action)
 - 8.2. Consideration and possible approval for an addendum to the professional services agreement (AC-6013) with SB Strategic Consulting, Inc. for outreach work benefiting the City of Sparks's interests in the Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, for \$80,000. (For Possible Action)

- 8.3. Consideration and possible approval an addendum to the professional services agreement (AC-5701) with Barrett Resources for outreach work benefiting the City of Sparks's interests in the Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, for \$80,000. (For Possible Action)

9. **General Business**

- 9.1. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the funding allocation of up to \$64,500.00 for FY25 and up to \$131,500.00 for FY26 as recommended by the Tourism and Marketing Committee for 2025 special events. (For Possible Action)
- 9.2. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a construction contract (AC-6095) with Powerhouse Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$628,996.00 for the Victorian Square Infrastructure Improvement Project – Section 5, Bid No. 24/25-010, PWP #WA-2025-137. (For Possible Action)
- 9.3. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement (AC-6096) with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for engineering and construction activities related to the Pyramid Way Preservation and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Project. (For Possible Action)
- 9.4. Consideration, discussion, and possible adoption of Resolution (R-3456) approving the transfer by the City of Sparks to RJM Ventures, LLC of a parcel 1,479 square feet in size as part of a land swap within the Marina Village Planned Development. (For Possible Action)
- 9.5. Consideration, discussion, and possible direction to the City Manager on priorities of the draft City of Sparks Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan. (For Possible Action)
- 9.6. First Reading of Bill No. 2830 to amend Sparks Municipal Code Section 211.02.013 to allow the Manufactured Home Dealers use in an expanded number of zoning districts. (For Possible Action)

10. **Public Hearing and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning**

11. **Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items**

12. **Comments**

12.1. **Comments from the Public**

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12.2. **Announcements from the Mayor, City Council and City Manager**

13. **Adjournment**

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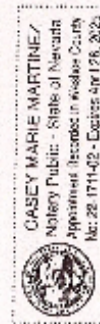
Conducted By: Amy Jones, Housing Specialist

Number of Neighbors in attendance: 0
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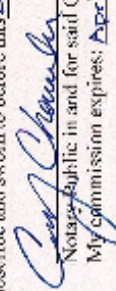
I, Amy Jones certify that on the above referenced date a neighborhood meeting was conducted to discuss
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Signed: 

Name: Amy Jones



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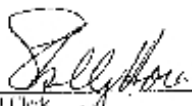
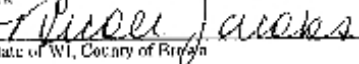
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CITY OF SPARKS PUBLIC MEETING ON THE FY 2025-2029 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

CONSOLIDATED PLAN
The City of Sparks will be hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, on the City of Sparks, Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Five-year Consolidated Plan. The City of Sparks is seeking community input on the priorities proposed by the city to be incorporated into the final draft of the City of Sparks, Fiscal Years 2025-2029 CDBG, Five-year Consolidated Plan. The City will direct how the City will appropriate CDBG funds annually through the City's CDBG Annual Action Plan. CDBG funds benefit low-and-moderate income households where no other funding is available.

The Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the City of Sparks Legislative Building - City Council Chambers at 745 4th Street, Sparks, NV 89431, between the hours of 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

Copies of the current Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Community Development Block Grant, Consolidated Plan are available at the City of Sparks, Community Services Department, 431 Prater Way, Sparks and on the website at www.cityofsparks.us. You may also call (775) 353-2356 to request a copy for review. 1136063 Feb. 26, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF VERIFICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

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Conducted By: Amy Jones, Housing Specialist

Number of Neighbors in attendance: 0
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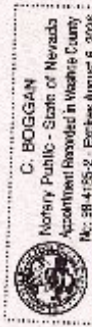
I, Amy Jones, certify that on the above referenced date a neighborhood meeting was conducted to present the draft five-year, FY 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan to be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Signed: [Signature]

Name: Amy Jones

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FY 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
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FY
2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR
CONSOLIDATED PLAN
PLAN YEAR 1, FY 2025-2026
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
PLAN

A 30-day public comment period will begin Friday, May 9, 2025 on the proposed City of Sparks FY 2025-2029, Five-year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan, Program Year 1, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding received under the CDBG and HOME programs.

Copies of the draft plans will be available beginning on Friday, May 9, 2025 at the

City of Sparks, Community Services Department, 431 Prater Way, Sparks and on the website at www.cityof-sparks.us. You may also call (775) 353-2386 to request a copy for review.

A presentation and discussion of the FY 2025-2029, Five-year CDBG Consolidated Plan, Program Year 1, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan will take place on May 20, 2025 in the City of Sparks Legislative Building – City Council Chambers at 745 4th Street, between the hours of 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM. The city is requesting the public to comment on the proposed plans at this meeting.

The public comment period will end on Monday, June 9, 2025 during the meeting of the Sparks City Council (the meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm). The public is invited to offer public comment at this meeting. Written comments may be submitted to Amv

may be submitted to Amy Jones, Housing Specialist - Community Services Department, City of Sparks, P.O. Box 857, Sparks, NV 89432 or by email to ajones@cityofsparks.us. Written comments must be received no later than 12:00 pm on Monday, June 9, 2025.
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Un período de comentarios públicos de 30 días comenzará el viernes 9 de mayo de 2025 sobre el Plan Consolidado de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) de cinco años propuesto por la Ciudad de Sparks para el año fiscal 2025-2029, el Programa Año 1, el Plan de Acción Anual para el Año Fiscal 2025-2026 y el Plan de Participación

Ciudadana que se presentará al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) para recibir fondos bajo los programas CDBG y HOME.

Las copias de los borradores de los planes estarán disponibles a partir del viernes 9 de mayo de 2025 en el Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios de la Ciudad de Sparks, 431 Prater Way, Sparks y en el sitio web en www.cityof-sparks.us. También puede llamar al (775) 353-2386 para solicitar una copia para su revisión.

El 20 de mayo de 2025 se llevará a cabo una presentación y discusión del Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años del CDBG para el Año Fiscal 2025-2026, el Plan de Acción Anual para el Año Fiscal 2025-2026 y el Plan de Participación Ciudadana en el Edificio Legislativo de la Ciudad de Sparks - Cámaras del Concejo Municipal en 745 4th Street, entre las 5:00 p.m. y las 5:30 p.m. La

5:00 pm y las 5:30 pm. La ciudad está solicitando al público que comente sobre los planes propuestos en esta reunión.

El período de comentarios públicos finalizará el lunes 9 de junio de 2025 durante la reunión del Concejo Municipal de Sparks (la reunión está programada para comenzar a las 2:00 pm). Se invita al público a ofrecer comentarios públicos en esta reunión. Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse a Amy Jones, Especialista en Vivienda - Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios, City of Sparks, P.O. Box 857, Sparks, NV 89432 o por correo electrónico a ajones@cityofsparks.us. Los comentarios por escrito deben recibirse a más tardar a las 12:00 pm del lunes 9 de junio de 2025.

May 9 2025

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Sparks City Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025 2:00 PM
Legislative Bldg., 745 4th St., Sparks, NV

MAYOR
Ed Lawson

CITY COUNCIL:
Donald Abbott, Ward 1
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Paul Anderson, Ward 3
Charlene Bybee, Ward 4
Joe Rodriguez, Ward 5

CITY MANAGER
Dion Louthan

CITY ATTORNEY
Wes Duncan

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**Sparks City Council
Meeting Agenda
Monday, June 9, 2025 2:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Opening Ceremonies**
 - 3.1. Invocation Speaker: Wes Duncan, City Attorney
 - 3.2. Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Public Comment**
 - 4.1. Public Comment. NRS 241.020(3)(d)(3) provides that the City Council must allow multiple periods devoted to public comments by the general public. Matters raised during public comment that are not on the agenda may not be the subject of deliberation or action. Written comments from the public prior to the agenda and supporting materials for the meeting follow.
5. **Agenda**
 - 5.1. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)
6. **Minutes**
 - 6.1. Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Sparks City Council meeting for May 27, 2025. (For Possible Action)
7. **Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest**
 - 7.1. Presentation: Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN)
 - 7.2. Presentation: Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSVCA)
 - 7.3. Presentation: Soulful Seeds
 - 7.4. Proclamation: Juneteenth Day
 - 7.5. Proclamation: Pride Month
 - 7.6. Proclamation: Scoliosis Awareness Month
8. **Consent Items**
 - 8.1. Consideration and possible acceptance of the report of the claims and bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period of May 13, 2025, through May 27, 2025. (For Possible Action)

- 8.2. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Amendment #1 to add camera equipment and installation services to the existing PowerComm contract service agreement (AC-6104) with PowerComm Solutions to assist the Real Time Intelligence Center in the investigation and prevention of crimes in the City of Sparks at an additional cost of \$99,360.00. (For Possible Action)
- 8.3. Consideration, discussion, and possible acceptance of the STOP Grant Award grant (AC 6125) from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to fund a full-time Victim Advocate for the ILLIAT Team in the amount of \$104,606. (For Possible Action)
- 8.4. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a reimbursement to the City of Reno for Sparks' share of Change Order #1 to a construction contract with TNT Industrial Contractors and the City of Reno for the Thickened Waste Activated Sludge Improvements Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility for an additional \$200,000 with Sparks' share of the Amendment being \$62,740 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,961,000. (For Possible Action)
- 8.5. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Amendment #1 to the Consulting Agreement (AC-5958) with HDR Engineering Inc. and the City of Reno to extend engineering services during construction for the Thickened Waste Activated Sludge Improvements Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility for an additional \$60,000 with Sparks' share of the Amendment being \$18,822 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$392,960. (For Possible Action)
9. **General Business**
 - 9.1. Consideration, discussion and possible appointment of a Sparks representative to the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Board of Trustees from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Mike Carrigan (For Possible Action)
 - 9.2. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the Mayor's appointment to the Sparks Civil Service Commission from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Barbara Ackermann, Scott Benton. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.3. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the Mayor's appointments to the Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Tracy Gale, Cody Martin, Megan Mentzer. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.4. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the annual performance review of City Manager Dion Louthan. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.5. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution No. 3465 to augment the FY25 budget by \$5,714,035 in aggregate to provide appropriations for the General Fund (Fund #1101), Impact Fee Service Area 1 (Fund #1210), Parks and Recreation Fund (Fund #1221), and the Municipal Self Insurance Fund (Fund #1707). (For Possible Action)
 - 9.6. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a reimbursement to the City of Reno for Sparks' share of a construction contract with KG Walters Construction Co. Inc. for the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Filtration Process Improvements Project in the amount of \$12,264,200 with Sparks' share being \$3,847,279.64. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.7. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an agreement (AC-6122) with Carollo Engineers, Inc. and the City of Reno for engineering services during construction for the Filtration Process Improvements Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility

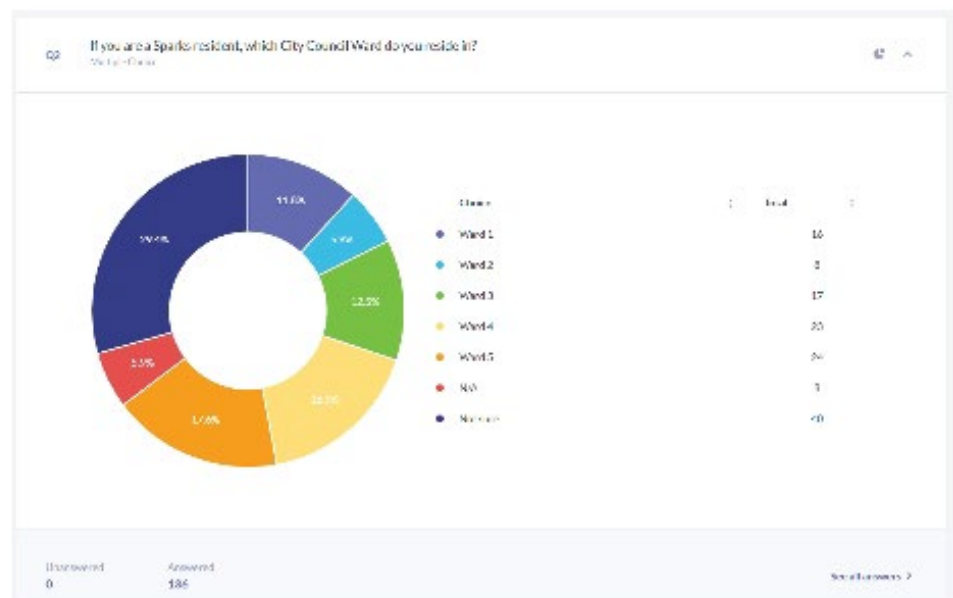
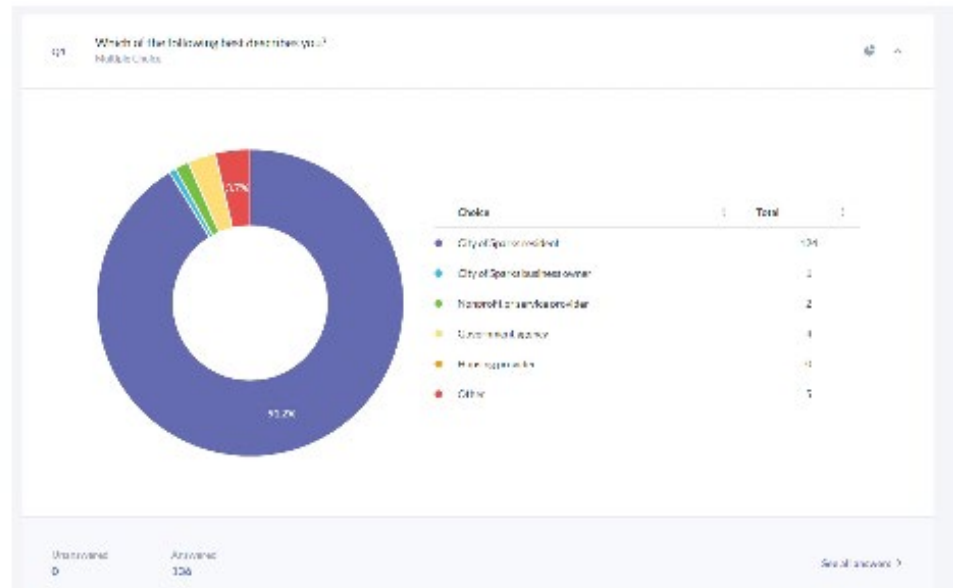
- in an amount not to exceed \$1,434,270 with Sparks' share being \$449,930.50. (For Possible Action)
- 9.8. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a reimbursement to the City of Reno for Sparks' share of a construction contract with EMCOR Services Mesa Energy for the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Bleach Building HVAC Project in the amount of \$1,962,420 with Sparks' share being \$615,611.15. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.9. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an agreement (AC-6124) with CR Engineering and the City of Reno for engineering services during construction for the Bleach Building HVAC Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility in an amount not to exceed \$70,440 with Sparks' share being \$22,097.03. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.10. First reading of Bill No. 2834 amending Chapter 9.48 of the Sparks Municipal Code, which prohibits camping on public property in the Truckee River Corridor, Sparks Marina Park Corridor, Victorian Square Corridor, City parks, and City-owned parking structures. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.11. First reading of Bill No. 2835 enacting Chapter 9.31 of the Sparks Municipal Code Prohibiting the Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Above or Within 500 Feet of Special Events or an Emergency Response Scene. (For Possible Action)
 - 9.12. First reading of Bill No. 2836 an Ordinance Amending Sparks Municipal Code Sections 2.08.020 (Appointments to positions; organization of city), 2.08.060 (Appointed positions), And 2.25.150 (City council approval requirements). (For Possible Action)
 - 9.13. First Reading of Bill 2837 to rezone real property approximately 5.99 acres in size located at 800 Holman Way, Sparks, Nevada, from C2 (General Commercial) to TC (Tourist Commercial) to (APN 027-342-11). (For Possible Action)
 - 9.14. First Reading of Bill 2833 to annex real property approximately 164.9-acre in size located at 8100 Pyramid Way. Upon annexation the parcel shall convert from a Washoe County zoning designation of A-7 (Agricultural 7 Acres) to a City of Sparks zoning designation of A-40 (Agriculture). (For Possible Action)
 - 9.15. First Reading of Bill 2838 to rezone a 164.9-acre site from A-40 (Agriculture - 40 acres) zoning to 115.89 acres to Planned Development (PD) and 49.03 acres to Single-Family Residential 6,000 square foot lots (SF-6) located at 8100 Pyramid Way. (For Possible Action)
 10. **Public Hearing and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning**
 - 10.1. Public hearing, consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2025-2029, City of Sparks Citizen Participation Plan, and the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for fiscal year 2025-2026 with estimated expenditure of \$1,695,869 for submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (For Possible Action)
 - 10.2. Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 3466, authorizing the Financial Services Department to establish an interfund loan to the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Fund, and/or the Community Development Block Grant Fund, and/or the Sparks Grants & Donations Fund, from the General Fund as needed during Fiscal Year 2026. (For Possible Action)

- 10.3. Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 3467, authorizing the Financial Services Department to establish an interfund loan to the General Fund from the Motor Vehicle Maintenance Fund as needed during Fiscal Year 2026. (For Possible Action)
- 10.4. Public hearing, consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Agreement (AC-6123) between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Protective Association for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, with an estimated cost increase to the City of \$31,201 in FY26 and \$358,290 in FY27. (For Possible Action)
- 10.5. Public hearing, consideration, and possible approval of agreements for professional legal services with the following firms on an as-needed basis as determined by the City Manager and City Attorney, within the City Manager's budget authority for the remainder of FY25 and FY26: Marquis Aurbach, Chartered (AC-6117); Fisher & Phillips LLP (AC-6118); Pisanelli Bice PLLC (AC-6119); Lemons Grundy & Eisenberg (AC-6120); and Simons Hall Johnston PC (AC-6121). (For Possible Action)
11. **Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items**
- 11.1. Second Reading, public hearing, discussion, and possible action on Bill No. 2832 to amend Sparks Municipal Code Section 20.02.013 to require approval of a conditional use permit for new construction of drive-through facilities and intensification of existing drive-through facilities and Section 20.03.16 to modify use standards for drive-through facilities. (For Possible Action)
12. **Comments**
- 12.1. Comments from the Public

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- 12.2. Announcements from the Mayor, City Council and City Manager
13. **Adjournment**

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Q5 Are there any other housing needs not listed in the prior two questions you would like to identify or in the comments you would like to make? (Optional) Essay		
Date		Answers
Nov 26		Ensuring there is adequate parking when looking at all housing projects.
Nov 20		n/a
Nov 9		Different types of housing such as manufactured, duplex, triplex etc.
Nov 1		no statement. At this time...
Nov 1		I think we need to use these funds to also go after the apartment complexes that raised their rents for no reason at all.
Oct 28		Need more bus transportation throughout sparks. Need to change the zoning so neighborhoods could have markets within a walkable distance. More houses and apartments will need more fire departments and neighborhood parks. We love living in sparks but with all this growth traffic is only getting worse. Thank you for your consideration.
Oct 25		I think this issue needs to be considered in a larger context. Talking about housing without talking about the infrastructure, access to public transportation, access to community services (e.g. medical care, groceries, schools, etc.) and public safety issues is misguided. The reality of our lives goes much further beyond being able to afford a roof over our heads. It's a critical component for sure but really just the first steps towards creating a thriving community.
Oct 20		Taking care of the homeless during this isolation should be a priority.
Oct 20		Emergency shelter for domestic violence survivors and their children.
Oct 14		This issue is not only and solely affordable housing, but also UNAFFORDABLE affordable housing. There is not enough of those which have huge implications on those within the homeless community who may not have a perfect past leading to more and more chronically homeless individuals and subsequently, substance use, behavioral issues, health issues, physical deterioration, and disenfranchisement of hope.
Oct 14		Providing these resources is a temporary solution. We need to think about what are some long term goals that address housing and homelessness. Having a better workforce with better paying jobs, financial literacy tools that are outside of normal 9-5 hours for the working poor.
Oct 14		Energy efficient improvements for existing rentals.
Oct 14		ways to make our current neighborhoods safer. More police officers.
Oct 14		more decent rental based on income for seniors.
Oct 13		Don't jam low income housing into neighborhoods that will decrease property values.
Oct 10		Renovating current homes within the city before adding more apartments to the suburbs.

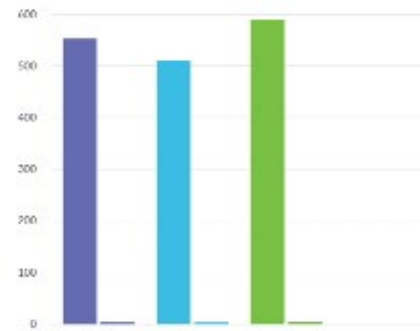
Oct 10	Stop building new units everywhere! They are everywhere! If people can't afford to buy a home, they should not move here, and build lots for low income housing should NOT be the answer. You should move where you can afford to move. Sparks/Reno used to be a small town with beautiful surrounding valleys, hills and mountains. Now you are building so much of it that is disappearing, along with the wild animals who called these valleys and hills home.
Oct 9	I don't think that I am really qualified to answer those questions about I have never been in the position of "nearby homeless". I don't think people should buy a house if they can't afford it, however I think "starter homes" should be made available. There are virtually no smaller houses on the market that aren't old and cruddy - cheaper to tear down than rehab.
Oct 9	I think it may be worth looking at a consolidation of Washoe County, City of Reno and City of Sparks efforts to tackle the housing and homeless issues happening in the region. A joint task force or committee of sorts may be helpful.
Oct 9	I live in an apartment and the price rises every year, though owners are unwilling to replace things like blinds, linoleum or carpet. I have lived in this same place since 2012. I find this unfair and believe renters need better representation/rights. I read that 24 states are suing a company about rent control practices and believe Nevada needs to join the fight.
Oct 9	Permitting for ADUs
Oct 9	Rent control for property managers with more than a dozen units
Oct 9	Affordable housing is not being built with all of the building going on everywhere. Working people used to be able to afford their homes but no longer can rents so no more folks end up on the street.
Oct 9	Getting housing prices down and stopping corporations from buying up all the houses and driving up rental costs.
Oct 9	Housing should only be available to American citizens. New housing developments should have requirements for higher percentages of owner occupied vs rental properties. Building senior affordable rental units that are maturing out of the original tax abatement contracts need to be considered so seniors living in these apartments aren't forced out by steep rent increases.
Oct 8	Funding engineering and modifications in homes to ensure safety and accessibility for ill and elderly including voice-activated light and shade.
Oct 8	Find a way to reasonably monitor landlords who raise rent to match the market without improving their property to match the market price setters.
Oct 8	No
Oct 8	Avoidance of repairing and updating older homes, so current owners can continue living in their homes.
Oct 8	I would like to see speed bumps in the middle of streets that have schools on the same street. I learned in these areas how more problems with traffic.
Oct 8	I have a plan to work with BLM and that homeless live year after year that are in Washoe county but border City of Sparks. Example off I 80 near Vista Blvd.
Oct 8	Do not build apartments anywhere you want. Have a master plan.
Oct 8	Retrofits for existing building/had ideas for the disabled and compliance with the ADA.
Oct 8	Something needs to be done to allow people into the housing market. With companies buying up all available houses, they can then charge outrageous rent. Also, development downtown should be business on the ground level and residential on upper floors. I keep hearing that there needs to be more restaurants downtown then more build apartments and no business to make local's to come downtown.
Oct 8	With so many living paycheck to paycheck there needs to be a community that's for them that's trying to get back on their feet. Put a police station and allow no drugs or alcohol in community as part of the lease agreement.

Oct 8	the need to assist those without rental history in getting into housing. Apartment associations do not allow for "exceptions" to their lease agreements. Homeless, formerly incarcerated, and refugees are in a Catch 22 when it comes to getting rental housing. Possibly incentives such as landlord congratulations?
Oct 8	Lawn replacement to native plants and plant a tree programs.
Oct 8	n/a
Oct 8	help with property taxes
Oct 8	Rental companies (specially Didson realty locally) are overcharging renters for damage supposedly needing repairs - charging tenants thousands and seemingly no oversight on those!!
Oct 8	Community centers and parks that host and plan events to give the city a feeling of community and identity. More parks and local businesses and restaurants near the communities not just drive.
Oct 8	The need for senior affordable housing
Oct 8	City Street and residential street maintenance.
Oct 8	Affordable housing for everyone not just for homeless or minorities. My grandson and his fiancé can't afford to buy a house even though they are both working.
Oct 8	The issues going on at the berry motel on Victorian Avenue needs to be addressed the police activity and the other issues that tenants have complained about. The property has safety issues that needs to be addressed
Oct 8	This are all hand-outs - If you keep handing-out free money, people will keep being lazy as there's no inducement to go out and get a job. Stop taking money from those who work, and then give it to those that don't!!!
Oct 8	Rules are needed so landlords cannot price gouge tenants
Oct 8	Safe spaces at homeless shelters.
Oct 8	Allow existing properties to build tiny homes to rent out.
Oct 8	Stop building!!! Trying to ruin the city like Las Vegas? The streets can't handle the amount of people. The building is pure greed. And there isn't nearly enough land, infrastructure, stores to hold all these people. And our schools? Brand new ones already needing portables?!!! Should be ashamed! Washoe used to be better than Clark. Now it's on the path to being worse than Clark.
Oct 8	Reward home ownership regardless of income!
Oct 7	It is much cheaper to maintain affordable housing than it is to build new housing. The more the nation, state, and city can do to preserve starter home and affordable housing stock from falling in to the hands of investors the better.
Oct 4	In order to receive assistance applicants should be required to attend counseling on how to budget.



Q8 What are the most critical community development needs in the City of Sparks? Please score the below options related to community enhancement. 100%

Scoring



Choice	Score	Average
Code enforcement/ Zoning ordinance regulation on private property (e.g. use and location, weeds, parking issues, waste/refuse)	550	4.07
Historic preservation	510	3.78
Eliminating blight/ addressing public health and safety, vacant lots and property ownership, and demolition	590	4.34
Unanswered (17)	0	0

Unanswered
0

Answered
136

[See all answers >](#)

Oct 7	It would be nice if the City could follow up with on city ordinance breaches. If someone reports a property that needs to be cleaned up, someone should check on it before the deadline. I'd like around Sparks and I get so upset by how the neighborhoods are looking. Too many cars, garbage, laws not kept up. It is just sad to see our City this way.
Oct 7	enforce codes
Oct 9	Increased accessibility to public restrooms for homeless.
Oct 8	Street lighting damages should all be referred from hoas to city because city has attorneys and police to track down individuals who did damage and then they can replace the street light better. People who run over lighting should be found and prosecuted and should reimburse city.
Oct 8	Focus on code enforcement with a coordinated effort between planning, law enforcement and fire inspection.
Oct 8	The code enforcement office needs more help enforcing the codes. After a complaint is made it takes 2-4 weeks before contact is made. I personally have been forgotten and no contact was made 2 times. The request was given was there wasn't enough staff to look into all the complaints they get. I think complaints need to be taken seriously and be resolved.
Oct 8	Take back the Truckee River, most often with quality leaders always preserve their water flows, lower A stream. Sparks often take on both and the A will fight to perform this. It's our most precious resource on the planet yet there should be a zero tolerance for homeless & camping. The trash pollution in the river also spoiling the great pyramidal lake.
Oct 8	Restoration of native trees, plants and grounds and open spaces. Removing invasive such as Rose, Russian Olive, Salt Cedar (tamarisk), perovskia grass, and pepperweed. Building awareness about these plants.
Oct 8	Bring proper rules compliance with city codes, not just give notices and fines to schools.
Oct 8	Code enforcement of burned out building needs to happen more often. The garage door on the house at 4th and York has been breached and not secured for months. Aerial hoist used to get storage and kids on bleachers allowed to be removed and not deal for capital regulation (it expired May 2021). It is still on the street.
Oct 8	Consider planned park and dog park for anywhere.
Oct 8	Why can't we add more parks period. All this land, kids needs somewhere safe to run and play, and pet friendly places and spaces. More dog parks more outside with electric fences and more.
Oct 8	Just basic upkeep. Keeping the public places clean will help with private, which in turn makes outsiders want to come and be a part of the community.
Oct 8	Clean up homeless street encampments, don't allow them.
Oct 8	n/a
Oct 8	run construction camps
Oct 8	Many properties in downtown Sparks that are falling down and filled with trash.
Oct 8	Reopening the 'designated target shooting' area (just outside Golden Eagle park). New housing being built there, sports activities and tournaments occurs at this park 7 days a week and folks are shooting semi-automatic weapons in close proximity.

Oct 8	Public transportation and bike lanes, ways to get around without a car.
Oct 8	Traffic police
Oct 8	There is a great need to have codes and ordinances reinforced. We need clean and well-maintained neighborhoods. There is also a need to have walks and fences that are along roads maintained or replaced. Many are in poor condition. Sides of roads also need to be cleaned and weeded. Areas along freeway on/off ramps should be kept clean.
Oct 8	City street/residential street maintenance
Oct 8	North Sullivan Lane needs speed bumps in front of the Ames Riley. The pickle ball court and surrounding houses are subject to poor safety standards for this area that make it dangerous for everyone. School children, residents, athletic activities like the pickle ball court where people need to back out of parking spots into Sullivan road. The northern end of Sullivan is very dangerous and has resulted in motor crashes including motorcycles that speed weekly. Both Sparks Middle and Ames Riley principal and vice principals have provided me with statements requesting speed bumps be placed. It has been observed by school staff on a daily basis students running through to cross walk to avoid a speeding vehicle. There is also anyone in this observed area as well as apartments that use Sullivan lane as their main entrance and exit. There are houses surrounding the northern end of Sullivan that also need to pull into, out of, and back out of their drive ways. There is too much residential, school, business, and pedestrian traffic here and ours and their safety needs to be addressed. I have spoken with representatives of the city of Sparks regarding this nearly a year ago adding to help.
Oct 8	The streets around O'Andres above Walgreens are horrible they need to be replaced asap
Oct 8	Street lighting in Sandbrook area.
Oct 8	More bike friendly streets, better bike markings for roads without bike lanes
Oct 8	Enforcing truancy and partnership programs between Sparks Police and WCSO.
Oct 7	The City should build the second phase of the Larry Johnson Community Center. As the second projected fastest warming metro area in the nation over the next couple of decades the city should need to establish an forestry program to help better maintain trees and plant new trees throughout the city.
Oct 4	Much of the blight seen in City-owned property and public rights-of-way. Not a good look for the City.



Q11: Are there any other public service needs not listed above you would like to identify or other comments you would like to make? (Optional)		
Date	Answers	
Nov 26	N/A	
Oct 14	Community enhancement groups. Outlets directly involved in the way the city is designed	
Oct 9	I don't really know what the community needs most. I hope the City knows what is needed	
Oct 9	Creating government and finding solutions for homeless and working poor	
Oct 8	There are so many not working yet many jobs available, we need to help those looking with building a resume to online learning to dress for success	
Oct 8	There needs to be more help for persons with intellectual disabilities	
Oct 8	I think the Sparks Community does a really good job overall. Some issues never resolve themselves despite how many resources are allowed.	
Oct 8	Help with electrical bills	
Oct 8	Our police and fire departments are understaffed and over worked! Mandatory overtime shifts for all! The city is growing faster and faster and the City Fire department is not keeping up on hiring people! There should be someone with local information to support the best of the citizens as they do business!	
Oct 8	Timber online!	
Oct 8	We need more police officers. Police officers should be more visible. Also crash down on people who do not register their vehicles	
Oct 8	City street/residential street maintenance	
Oct 8	Environmental preservation activities	
Oct 8	Better customer service on the myspark app	
Unanswered 122	Answered 14	See all answers >

Q12 Community Development Block Grant funds can be used to support economic development activities such as job training, workforce development efforts, and small business entrepreneurship.

Scoring



Unanswered
0

Answered
136

See all answers >

Q13 Are there any other economic development needs not listed above you would like to identify or other comments you would like to make? (Optional)
 Day

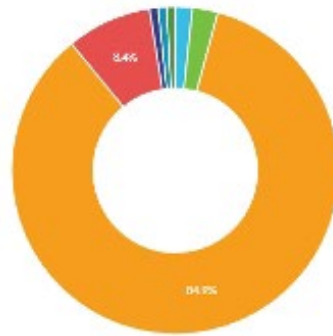
Date	Answer
Nov 26	NA
Nov 1	Stop profiling of small business
Oct 14	Loan programs for small developers. Small multifamily housing is a business just like a retail shop
Oct 9	Incentive living wage salaries for local businesses
Oct 7	Code enforcement on street vendors that are popping up all over Ward 1 that sell food and are often seen around schools and children. Many appear to be unlicensed, or lack health dept requirements.
Oct 6	Do something practical about abandoned and unlicensed vehicles parked in or driving thru Sparks. Vehicles with no plates or expired tags are too often unwittingly used by drug dealers and other criminals. There is a big payback for such a small enforcement.
Oct 8	Better coordination with the Small Business Administration to work with start ups, minority businesses and business expansion.
Oct 6	Public money should not be used to let somebody else's business. Business owners should pay their own way.
Oct 6	NA
Oct 8	City should subsidize street maintenance.
Oct 7	The City needs to establish its own economic development program and work to promote and advocate for the needs of Sparks small businesses. The Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce and EDWIN have done a poor job of supporting Sparks businesses and the city can do a much better job on its own.

Unanswered
125

Answered
11

See all answers >

Q34 Optional Demographics- Race & Ethnicity
Multiple Choice



Choice		Total	
Don't Know		0	
Asian American, Indian, Alaska, or Indigenous		2	
Black or African American		3	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		0	
White/Caucasian		101	
Hispanic or Latino		10	
South Asian		1	
Southeast Asian		1	
Other		1	

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20

Answered
116

[See all answers](#)

Q33 Optional Demographics- Income
Multiple Choice



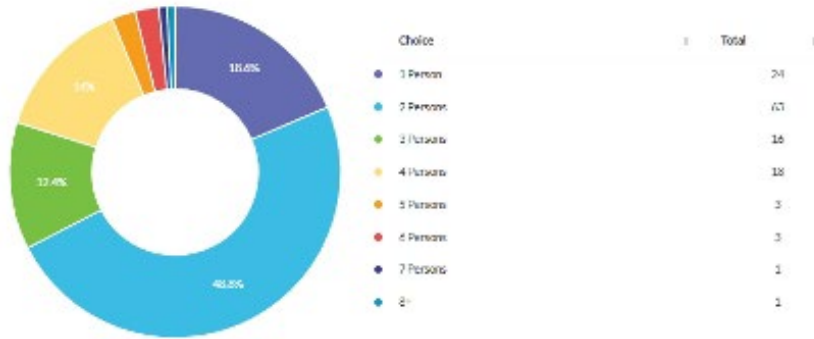
Choice		Total	
\$0-\$30,000		7	
\$31,000-\$60,000		25	
\$61,000-\$90,000		24	
\$91,000-\$120,000		25	
\$121,000+		25	

Unanswered
16

Answered
120

[See all answers](#)

Q16 Optional Demographics- Household
Multiple Choice

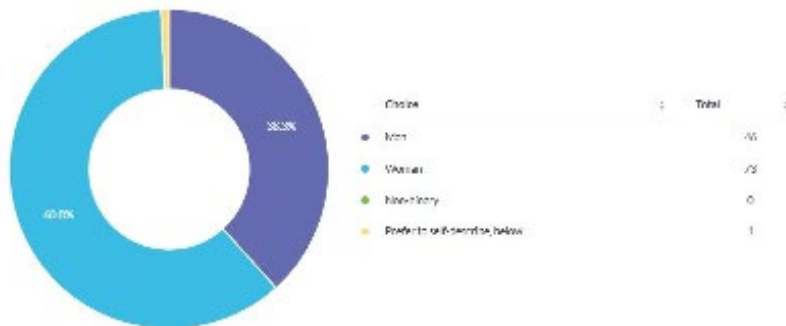


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7

Answered
129

[See all answers >](#)

Q17 Optional Demographics- Gender
Multiple Choice



Unanswered
16

Answered
120

[See all answers >](#)



Q19 Optional Demographics – Preferred Language

All 75 respondents indicated English other than one that reported English and some Spanish

Spanish Response

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2510-0017
Expiration Date: 10/1/2025

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 143.2b, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.57, or 143.20.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: (insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature)

*Authorized Representative Name:

Don Loushar

*Title: City Manager

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

City of Sparks, Nevada

1. I have the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application, to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 36 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-617) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance, except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-18), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing, except an

applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. 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) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

7. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

8. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment, or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-111, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subgrantees at all times (including subgrants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Ryan Amendment, but State-recognized Indian Tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. **WARNING:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §§3729, 3802).

* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/10/2025

Form HUD 424-B (1/27/2023)

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: ☐ Preapplication ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application * 2. Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision * If Revision, select appropriate entry: * Other (Specify): 		
* 3. Date Received: 		4. Applicant Identifier:
6a. Federal Entry Identifier: 		6b. Federal Award Identifier:
State Use Only: 8. Date Received by State: 7. State Application Identifier:		
6. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Sparks, Nevada		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 09-0000202		* c. UIC: JC8PKJTFNMBE
d. Address:		
* Street1: 431 Prater Way		
Street2:		
* City: Sparks		
County/Parish:		
* State: Nevada		
Province:		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 89431-4508		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Services Department		Division Name: Planning/Housing
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: * First Name: Amy		
Middle Name:		
* Last Name: Jones		
Suffix:		
Title: Housing Specialist		
Organizational Affiliation: 		
* Telephone Number: 775 353 2395		Fax Number:
* Email: ajones@cityofsparks.nv.us		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: 2	* b. Program/Project: NY-002
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: 07/01/2025	* b. End Date: 06/30/2026
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	755,000.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	674,426.00
* f. Program Income	02,435.00
* g. TOTAL	1,385,861.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on: ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment) ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach: Add Attachment Delete Attachment 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 18, Section 1001) ☒ ** I AGREE	
* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement of agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	* First Name: Dion
Middle Name:	
* Last Name: Louthan	
Suffix:	
* Title: City Manager	
* Telephone Number: 775-353-2310	Fax Number:
* Email: dlouthan@cityofsparks.us	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: 06/11/2025

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. 1601-1655) 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. 1701a) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official

06/11/2025

Date

City Manager - City of Sparks

Title

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) -- FY23; FY24; FY25 -- [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.



Signature of Authorized Official

06/11/2025

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



Signature of Authorized Official

06/11/2025

Date

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Title

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name Appendix A - City of Sparks Survey Results
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. City of Sparks staff, Casey Chawla, Administrative Analyst conducted an online survey via Survey Planet.
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. The city launched a community survey on October 8, 2024. The survey were advertised in the <i>Reno Gazette Journal</i>, as well as through the city’s social media outlets. The community survey was available in English and Spanish on the City’s website from October 8, 2024 to December 7, 2024. The city received a total of 136 responses. Below provides a summary of the community survey and the highest ranked needs: Housing – Emergency Housing Transitional Housing 505 Rental Assistance 471 Emergency Shelter Rental Assistance 467 Housing – Permanent Housing Accessible Housing - 584 Housing Repair and rehabilitation for homeowners - 520 Community Needs – Public Infrastructure Sidewalks, streetlights, streets and similar neighborhood improvements - 590 Improvements to parks – installation of tables, benches and/or shade structures; new or improved restrooms; and new or updated play equipment - 564 Community Needs – Enhancement Elimination of Blight - 590 Code enforcement and zoning ordinance regulation - 553 Public Service – Support Nonprofits Mental Health - 571 Domestic Violence - 566 Economic Development Job Training - 523 Workforce Development - 505

	What was the purpose for developing this data set? In compliance with the City of Sparks Citizen Participation Plan, city staff engaged the public in providing input on the priorities to be included in the Consolidated Plan. The survey helped the city understand based on the results received the highest needs from the community's perspective. City staff incorporated the survey results into the development of the Consolidated Plan.
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. The survey was available to the public beginning October 8, 2024 to December 7, 2025.
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. The City of Sparks used an online survey platform to collect the survey results. City of Sparks staff created questions regarding the community's highest needs related to affordable housing needs, both emergency and transitional housing; community development; public services; and economic development. Each category had subcategories for the community members to rank as the highest needs among that specific category. City staff evaluated the highest ranking results to assist in determining the priorities, goals and activities to be included in the annual action plan.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. The survey was made available to all City of Sparks residents via the city's website in English and Spanish. The availability of the survey was published in the <i>Reno Gazette Journal</i> and through the city's social media platforms.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed. The city received 136 responses. Demographic data was optional. The survey was predominately completed by white/Caucasian residents. The majority of households consisted of two people. The survey was also completed by 60.8% women over the age of 55.