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#### PR-05. LEAD AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES – 91.200(b)

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

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Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

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#### PR-10 CONSULTATION – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### **Summary of Activities to Enhance Coordination**

The City of Lakewood Community and Economic Development staff routinely coordinate with City of Tacoma, as part of the HOME Consortium, and participate in regional efforts coordinating on planning efforts and service delivery. Lakewood staff participate in monthly meetings with service providers and coordinate on the development of plans and strategies. Coordination with public and assisted housing providers along with governmental agencies for health, mental health, and other services focus on economic development, transportation, public services, special needs, homelessness, and housing. As the need for affordable housing and services continues to increase, the Cities of Tacoma and Lakewood, Pierce County, and Puget Sound Regional Council continue to collaborate on long-term priorities to leverage limited funding to meet the needs of the community.

Coordination is also carried out through the Lakewood Community Services Advisory Board who provides oversight and review. Tacoma and Lakewood also coordinate service delivery with Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) and Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA).

#### **Consultation for this Planning Process**

The City of Lakewood conducted outreach and engagement activities to agencies, groups, and organizations in line with the City of Lakewood Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership ACT Citizen Participation Plan (2019).

Below details the planned outreach conducted to these groups:

- Lakewood Planning Advisory Board: Created by City ordinance, with members appointed by the City Council, will review and make recommendations on the Con Plan. This group is planned to be engaged in late April 2020 with the objective to review the draft plan and public comments in order to provide final feedback and decisions to finalize Consolidated Plan to send to Lakewood City Council for approval.
- Lakewood Community Service Advisory Board: This is a citizens' advisory board, which recommends CDBG and HOME allocations and the Con Plan to the City Council. To the extent possible, the board includes low- and moderate-income persons, representatives of community groups, and members of minority groups. This group is planned to be engaged in late April 2020 with the objectives to review the draft plan and public comments in order to provide final feedback/decisions to finalize Consolidated Plan to send to the Lakewood City Council for approval.
- Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care (CoC): The local planning body
  for homeless services. Members from this group were engaged in the two Service
  Provider Roundtables, described in the following section. Members of this group also
  provided useful data to inform the Consolidated Plan.
- Lakewood City Council: City of Lakewood staff presented the draft Consolidated Plan at the April 6, 2020 City Council study session. Additionally, the City Council plans to adopt the final Consolidated Plan at its meeting on June 1, 2020.

Lakewood	Lakewood Planning Advisory Board
	Lakewood Community Service Advisory Board
	Lakewood City Council

Table - 2 Agencies, Groups, Organizations who Participated

#### **Cooperation and Coordination with Other Public Entities**

The City of Tacoma and the City of Lakewood work closely with the Tacoma Housing Authority and the Pierce County Housing Authority. The Cities participate in the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care and are active in the Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium, the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, the Pierce County Human Services Coalition and other public entities and associations that set priorities for use of resources in the region, set goals, and measure progress in meeting those goals.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting state of emergency proclamations both at the local level and at the national level, some of the engagement activities planned for March and were cancelled and others may be cancelled or postponed. Please check the City of Tacoma and City of Lakewood websites for the latest updates.

#### PR-15 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

#### **Summary of Citizen Participation Process**

In addition to the engagement and coordination with agencies, commissions, and councils noted above, the City of Lakewood also engaged organizations and the broader public in a variety of ways.

The City of Lakewood also conducted the following engagement activities:

**Service Provider Roundtables**: City of Lakewood staff engaged service providers in a roundtable discussion in February 2020. The objectives of this engagement are described below:

- Explain the Consolidated Plan process and opportunities for service providers to engage in it.
- Share and vet high-level findings from the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments.
- Gather input to help prioritize the needs to be addressed in the Consolidated Plan, by facilitating discussion on service needs and by distributing and collecting an anonymous survey.

Numerous service provider organizations were represented in this roundtable discussion, including:

- Safe Streets Campaign
- Catholic Community Services
- Tacoma Rescue Mission
- Boys and Girls of South Puget Sound
- Emergency Food Network (EFN)
- Goodwill Military and Veteran Services
- Hope & Help Care Center
- Pierce Transit
- Communities in Schools of Lakewood
- Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity
- Living Access Support Alliance (LASA)
- Reach Center
- Akat Home Care

**Public Comment**: With the recent and ongoing Coronavirus health crisis, stay at home orders, and closure of various public meeting places, the City has looked at additional methods to provide public access and review of the draft Consolidated Plan. Typically, the City would provide public access to the documents at the Lakewood Library, the Tillicum Library, the Community Development Department, and other public places; however, as many of these places have been shuttered to the public, the City has sought alternate means of public review

such as posting the documents to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Free copies of the Plan are also available from the Community Development Department via mail and are posted on the City's website at: https://cityoflakewood.us/. A summary of citizen comments will be incorporated in the final Consolidated Plan along with the reasons for accepting or rejecting comments. A 30-day public comment period takes place from April 18, 2020 – May 18, 2020. Feedback received during this period will be synthesized and incorporated into the final Con Plan.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing is held by the City Council prior to adopting the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan, giving citizens and applicants an opportunity to comment on the proposed plan and on program performance. The public hearing is planned to take place May 18, 2020 as part of the Lakewood City Council meeting.

#### **Citizen Participation Findings**

A survey was distributed at several of the engagement activities—the Neighborhood Council meetings, Service Provider Roundtables, and the Human Services Commission meetings. The survey was designed to gather input to help prioritize the needs to be addressed in the Consolidated Plan. There are significant constraints in generalizing the feedback from the survey, given that the respondents cannot be categorized as representative of the populations in either Tacoma or Lakewood. For instance:

- Forty-one people responded to the survey. Thirty-nine of the respondents were residents of Tacoma, two were residents of Pierce County (not Tacoma or Lakewood), and none were residents of Lakewood.
- Respondents, on average, had more education and higher household incomes than the general population in Tacoma or Lakewood, with 71.05% reporting they had attained a bachelor's degree or higher and a plurality of respondents (46.15%) reporting a household income of more than \$100,000.

While recognizing the constraints to generalizing the findings from the survey, the results may still be useful to consider as one of many inputs that inform the prioritization of needs to address in the Consolidated Plan since many of the respondents are representatives of service provider organizations and have better than average insight into the needs of more vulnerable populations. Some of the most notable findings are captured below.

- 1) Respondents were asked to rank the level of need of the following community development issues, with 1 being the most critical need and 4 being the least critical. Safe & Affordable Housing ranked as the most critical need for respondents, receiving an average score of 1.85 and receiving the most #1 responses with 22 out of 41 respondents ranking it #1 out of 4. The next three community development needs received relatively similar average scores, with Infrastructure score an average 2.14, Economic Development scoring 2.35 and Community & Neighborhood Facilities scoring 2.41.
- 2) Respondents were asked to rank the level of need for the following types of public services, with 1 being most critical to 10 being least critical need. Healthcare &

Substance Abuse Services ranked as the most critical need, scoring an average of 3.35 out of 10. Homeless Services ranked second, scoring an average of 3.49, but it also received the most #1 responses, with 15 respondents ranking it as #1 most critical need (Healthcare & Substance Abuse Services received the second most #1 responses, with 13 respondents ranking it as #1 most critical need). Out of the 10 types of public services respondents were asked to rank, the average scores for each were spread between 3.35 and 4.95, indicating that respondents overall may have viewed all of these services needs as quite critical. The full list of public service needs and their average rank scores (again from a scale of 1-10) are listed below:

- a. Health care and substance abuse services: 3.35
- b. Homeless services: 3.49
- c. Youth services and childcare: 3.78
- d. Services for persons with disabilities: 3.97
- e. Domestic violence services: 4.03
- f. Fair housing education and counseling: 4.26
- g. Veteran services: 4.48
- h. Job training and employment services: 4.55
- i. Senior services: 4.59
- j. Homebuyer education and financial literacy: 4.95
- 3) Respondents were asked to rank the most important actions to take to address fair housing impediments, with 1 being the most critical need to 7 being the least critical need. The action that received an average score indicating it was the most critical was to "increase the supply of affordable housing, in a range of sizes, in areas of opportunity," which received an average score of 2.73 and the most #1 responses with 18 respondents ranking it the #1 most critical action to take to address fair housing impediments. The full list of actions (and their average rank score) to take to address fair housing impediments that respondents were asked to rank on a scale of 1 to 7 is below:
  - a. Increase the supply of affordable housing, in a range of sizes, in areas of opportunity: 2.73
  - b. Increase support for tenants: 2.93
  - c. Increase accessibility for persons with disabilities: 3.13
  - d. Increase the inclusiveness and diversity of housing decision-makers and partners: 3.2
  - e. Strengthen fair housing enforcement 3.23
  - f. Increase fair housing outreach and education: 3.49
  - g. Increase support for landlords: 4.2
- 4) Respondents were asked to select all classes they thought were protected under federal, state, and/or local fair housing laws. While all respondents to the question indicated that "Race" is a protected class, none of the other options received 100% affirmative responses, even though many of the classes listed are, in fact, protected by federal, state, and/or local fair housing laws. These responses indicate that more fair housing education

is still needed to ensure everyone understands their rights and responsibilities with respect to protected classes (See Figure 1 in the appendix for a summary of which classes are protected at the federal, state and city level. Followed by Figure 2, providing a summary of responses from the survey).

- 5) Respondents were also asked to report whether they believe they have ever been discriminated against relating to their housing. Eight respondents, nearly 20% indicated they believe they had been discriminated against, while 33 or roughly 80%, did not believe they had been. For those who answered "yes" to this question, they were asked to select the option that best describes the situation in which they believe they were discriminated. Respondents were also given an option of "other" and allowed to write in another option not listed, but no one selected that choice. Below is a summary of responses. Most respondents indicated experiencing discrimination when attempting to acquire new housing.
  - a. Inquiring about housing (e.g. in-person, phone, email): 3
  - b. Applying for housing: 3
  - c. Being screened for housing (e.g. background check, tenant report): 3
  - d. Financing housing (e.g. obtaining loans, paying rent): 3
  - e. Obtaining homeowner or renters insurance: 0
  - f. Asking for exceptions to a housing policy: 1
  - g. Asking for structural modifications to accommodate a disability: 0

#### NA-05 NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

The following needs assessment provides insight into housing and related challenges in Lakewood. Low incomes, high housing costs, overcrowding, homelessness and aging present challenges to residents that can have negative impacts on their quality of life. Housing affordability, as measured through cost burdens associated with high housing costs relative to income, impact households of all incomes, but most low-income households most acutely. Renters, in particular, face multiple challenges related to housing problems and cost burden. Addressing the needs of low-income households with children, disabilities and the elderly will require focused attention to ensure access safe and stable housing.

#### **Needs Assessment Overview**

Cost burden represents the most common housing problem in Lakewood. Among 3,650 severely cost-burdened renter households (paying more than half of their income on rent), 68% earn less than 30% AMI and 26% earn between 31% and 50% AMI. For the 6,824 renter households that are cost burdened (paying between 31% and 50% of their income on rent), 53% earn between 31% and 80% AMI and 44% earn less than 30% AMI. These high numbers of cost-burdened renter households reflect the fact that all types of housing are expensive in western Washington, and very few rental units are available at rent levels that are affordable for the lowest income households.

For homeowners, the cost burden picture looks a little different. Of the 1,064 homeowners experiencing severe cost burdens, 28% earn 30% AMI or less, 31% earn between 31% and 50% AMI and 23% earn between 51% and 80% AMI. For homeowners who are cost burdened, those earning between 51% and 80% AMI comprise 23%, those earning between 31% and 50% AMI comprise 21%. Again, the limited number of homes that are affordable to the lowest income households drives these numbers significantly. Increasing the level of affordability for both renters and homeowners would help reduce the percentage of households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

Another significant housing problem is overcrowding. Thirty-three percent of 2,740 renter households with children experiencing overcrowding earned 30% AMI or less, while 46% earned between 31% and 80% AMI. Lastly, while the number of renter households living in substandard conditions (lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities) is relatively small, 115, 60% are households earning 30% AMI or less.

Households earning lower incomes experience higher incidences of housing problems, and in Lakewood 46% of households of any race or ethnicity earning between 0%-30% AMI report one or more housing problems. However, 60% of Pacific Islander households (349 households) in this income level experience at least one housing problem, which meets the threshold of experiencing a disproportionately greater need. In the 30%-50% AMI income category, a number of race or ethnicity categories demonstrate that there is a disproportionately greater need beyond the city's 88% rate. One hundred percent of American Indian and Alaska Native, African American and Pacific Islander households in this income category report having one or more housing problems, which represents a disproportionately greater need in all three groups (369 total households: 14 Native American/Alaska Native; 305 African American; 50 Pacific Islander). For households earning between 50%-80% AMI only Pacific Islander households

demonstrate a disproportionately greater need, with a 39% higher rate of households reporting one or more housing problems (95 households). In the 80%-100% AMI income category, no group demonstrated a disproportionately greater need.

When examining the needs of households reporting severe housing problems in Lakewood as a whole, 80% of households earning 0%-30% AMI report severe housing problems. One hundred percent of both American Indian and Alaska Native households and Pacific Islander households at this income level report one or more severe housing problems (135 households) at a rate 20% higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. In the 30%-50% income category no one race, or ethnic group demonstrates the threshold for disproportionately greater need at the 0-30% AMI income level. Lakewood as a whole reported a rate of 88%. For households earning between 50% and 80% AMI, 48% of households across Lakewood reported having one or more severe housing problems. Only Pacific Islander households at this income level experienced disproportionately greater need, with a 20% higher incidence than the jurisdiction as a whole, which meets the threshold for disproportionately greater need. In the 80% to 100% income category, no group demonstrated a disproportionately greater need.

## NA-50 NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS – 91.415, 91,215(f)

#### **Need for Public Facilities**

The City of Lakewood's Comprehensive Plan sets the overall vision for public facilities and improvements in the City. This vision and plan is supported by implementation plans. Projects for improved and new parks and recreation are set out in the *Lakewood Legacy Plan*. This plan identifies projects totaling \$2.5 million over the next six years (2015-2020) including improvements in trails, expansion of Springbrook Park, Harry Todd Playground Replacement and a Village Green at Town Center. Capital Improvements Projects identified by Public Works include extensive road construction and improvements; citywide safety improvements to signalize intersections; extensive improvements to construct sidewalks, curbs, gutters and provide street lighting; and additional provision of sewer services and connections.

At the neighborhood level there is an ongoing need for improvements to parks and recreational facilities, community facility renovations and access to improved transportation options and support. Facilities serving people who are homeless persons and persons with special needs have been identified as needs.

#### **Need for Public Improvements**

Lakewood is a city located adjacent to and southwest of Tacoma. Similar to Tacoma, Lakewood has a mix of households representing racial and ethnic diversity. Like Tacoma, Lakewood's residential housing patterns demonstrate geographic concentrations of housing by race and ethnic groups. The western areas of the city show higher concentrations of white households. The city's eastern areas show greater concentrations of African American, Hispanic and Asian households, particularly in areas adjacent to Tacoma's diverse southern neighborhoods (See Map 1 in the Appendix). At the neighborhood level in both Tacoma and Lakewood improvements to streets, sidewalks, bike paths, signalization, and ADA accessibility were among needs identified.

Lakewood City Council has adopted the following policy priorities to guide CDBG- and HOME-funded activities in 2020:

- Housing
- Physical infrastructure
- Public services
- Economic development

City Council prioritized projects to provide infrastructure improvements in support of neighborhoods and business to improve living conditions and stimulate economic development. The City of Lakewood 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Parks (*Lakewood Legacy Plan*) was mentioned above and included \$2.5 million in projects including trail improvements. The *Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program* (2020-2025) contains projects over the next five years. Included are roads and sidewalks connecting neighborhoods and linking to amenities and services, many of which are poorly or not at all connected. In in the coming planning cycle (2020-2024) Lakewood is looking to make crucial infrastructure investments to

those low-income block groups where the infrastructure is either lacking or inadequate to ensure public safety and accessibility.

Lakewood coordinates its public improvements closely with capital improvement planning, to leverage infrastructure improvements with federal, state, and local funding. In addition to local sources, the City coordinates planned public improvements across a number of programs under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) to support an improve transportation systems, Washington State Transportation Board, which includes several competitive grant programs, and Washington State Department of Transportation programs, along with CDBG funding focused on physical improvements to low-income areas and for the promotion of economic development. Lakewood has targeted pavement preservation, street lighting, and pedestrian improvements for public infrastructure improvements through CDBG (See Map 2 in the Appendix for planned sidewalk connectivity). Capital Improvements Projects identified by the Public Works department include extensive road construction and improvements; citywide safety improvements to signalize intersections; extensive improvements to construct sidewalks, curbs, gutters and provide street lighting; and additional provision of sewer services and connections.

#### **Need for Public Services**

Needs for public services are described in several sections in the Consolidated Plan, including sections discussing populations with special needs and homelessness. In addition to this planning process, the needs for public services are outlined in current human services plans for Lakewood, of which have been recently updated to reflect current priorities.

The City of Lakewood *Human Services Needs Analysis Report* likewise set funding priorities over the next few years. Needs of the most vulnerable populations were identified:

- Low-income families in persistent poverty
- School-age youth, particularly those with adverse childhood experiences
- Elderly and persons with disabilities
- People without (or with limited) resources with health problems, including mental health and chemical dependency
- People with limited English and cultural barriers that limit access to resources

In light of those priority needs and populations, the City of Lakewood set several strategies focus areas:

- Housing
- Stabilization services
- Emotional support
- Access to health and human services

The Cities of Lakewood and Tacoma participate in the Pierce County Human Services Coalition and the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care among other coalitions that consider needs for public services and make recommendations based on knowledge of the existing systems and gaps in light of continuously reduced federal and state funding. General Funds from both Tacoma and Lakewood support public services. The 0.1% tax in Tacoma

(2012) will provide additional funding for mental health and substance abuse interventions/prevention and will help meet resource gaps. However, funding is not sufficient.

Tacoma and Lakewood determinations of needs for public services and funding priorities are coordinated and prevention focused. Human services are funded in Lakewood with general funds, guided by strategic plans. Decisions on use of funds and priorities are coordinated across Lakewood, Tacoma, and agencies in Pierce County.

#### MA-05 HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

Lakewood's housing stock is more diverse, compared to Tacoma, Pierce County, and Washington State. Single-family, detached units make up less than half (46%) of residential properties in the city and there is a larger concentration of medium-sized multifamily properties than in the other jurisdictions.

Housing costs in Lakewood are lower on average than in Pierce County and Washington State. However, broader trends in the metro area suggest that these prices are still out of pace with household incomes. These trends are likely to especially impact the lowest income households, since there are few options priced for them and available subsidies have not kept pace with the market – Fair Market Rents and HOME rents have increased slower than overall increases in median home values and contract rents and are lower, on average across bedroom sizes, than the average rent in both Lakewood and Tacoma.

Housing units in Lakewood were most commonly built between 1950 and 1979, with 60% of the owner-occupied units and 64% of the renter-occupied units built in that time period. Lakewood has a slightly higher incidence of renter-occupied units built before 1980, compared to the county and state, and a notably higher incidence of owner-occupied units built before 1980. Among those built before 1980, 10% of renters and 11% of owners living in these units have children age six or younger (who may be particularly at risk from lead paint exposure) living in the household.

Renter-occupied units in Lakewood are more likely than owner-occupied units to have one of the measured conditions of substandard housing, including cost-burden. Since renters' experience cost-burden at a higher rate than owners, this may be driving some of the difference in the incidence of housing conditions by tenure. However, renters are also more likely than owners to have two of the selected conditions, so cost-burden cannot fully account for the difference, suggesting a heightened need for rehabilitation among rental properties.

There are several high-poverty areas with large concentrations of non-white populations across Lakewood. There has been an increase in the number of these areas in Lakewood over the past decade.

#### MA-30 HOMELESS FACILITIES AND SERVICES – 91.410, 910.210(C)

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

Tacoma and Lakewood staffs seek to fund a comprehensive set of services to support those experiencing housing stability. Services include:

- Food banks
- Furniture bank
- Housing navigation services
- Needle exchange program
- MHSUD (mental health and substance abuse disorder) services
- Case management
- Economic stabilization
- Legal services
- Education
- Employment and workforce development
- Parenting
- Homeless prevention
- Health and health care
- Temporary financial assistance

Through the 0.1 percent sales tax, Tacoma is funding Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders programming along with a wide spectrum of service.

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.

- Shelters (for families, survivors of domestic violence, single adult, and young adult
- Youth and young adult drop-in center
- Crisis Residential Center for unaccompanied youth
- Homeless Outreach Team and Search & Rescue (outreach and invitations to services for those living in encampments and on the streets)
- Housing for chronically homeless individuals (Greater Lakes Housing First)
- Transitional housing and services for mothers who are seeking to reunite with their children
- Domestic violence services
- Permanent supportive housing
- Rapid re-housing

#### MA-50 NFFDS AND MARKET ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

#### Areas Where Households with Multiple Housing Problems Are Concentrated

For this discussion, areas were considered to have a concentration of multiple housing problems if they fell within the top quintile of Census Tracts for percent of households experiencing more than one of the housing problems reported in CHAS data: cost-burden, overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room), and incomplete plumbing or kitchen facilities. No areas in Lakewood exhibited a concentration of multiple housing problems.

#### Areas Where Racial or Ethnic Minorities or Low-Income Families Are Concentrated

In 2010, there was one Census Tract in Lakewood that was considered a racially and ethnically concentrated area of poverty: 718.06. This tract had a non-white population that is greater than or equal to 50% and met either of the following poverty criteria: the poverty rate of a tract is 1) higher than 40% or 2) more than three times the average poverty rate of tracts in the metropolitan area. Per the 2018 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates, that tract still met both criteria in 2018. Additionally, three more tracts in Lakewood now meet these criteria: 717.04, 718.05, and 718.07.

#### Characteristics of the Market in These Areas

These areas tend to have fewer homes built before 1980, compared to the share of homes built in this time period across Lakewood. These areas are majority renter-occupied and more than 10% of renters in these areas are receiving housing subsidies (project- or tenant-based). Even so, more than 50% of renters in these areas experience cost-burden. More than 30% of owners in these areas also experience cost-burden.

#### SP-05 STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

This strategic plan sets priority needs and goals for the City of Tacoma and the City of Lakewood over the next five years.

Tacoma and Lakewood are a HOME Consortium and prepared a shared Strategic Plan with shared elements. This Strategic Plan outlines ways both communities can be responsive to priority needs over the next five years through continuing other long-standing approaches. Each city will continue to prepare Annual Action Plans unique to their respective jurisdiction. Tacoma, through the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, administers the HOME Consortium funds.

Since its last Consolidated Plan, the City of Tacoma completed its *Affordable Housing Action Strategy* as an urgent response to a changing housing market, increasing displacement pressure among residents, and a widespread need for high-quality, affordable housing opportunities for all.

Tacoma aims to build on the strategic direction outlined in its *Affordable Housing Action Strategy*, among other local and regional plans, to dramatically increase its investments in new rental and homeownership opportunities and establish broader anti-displacement measures.

Notably, in Lakewood, there's an ongoing need for a wide range of public improvements. Capital improvements projects identified by Lakewood Public Works include extensive road construction and improvements; citywide safety improvements to signalize intersections; extensive improvements to construct sidewalks, curbs, gutters and provide street lighting; and additional provision of sewer services and connections to parks and recreational facilities, community facility renovations and access to improved transportation options and support.

The priority needs and goals in the Strategic Plan reflect community input; past studies and plans; data analysis; and direction from both cities' elected leaders. Tacoma City Council sets funding priorities every two years for use of federal entitlement funds, and Lakewood City Council sets these goals annually.

General priorities are aligned with the Consolidated Plan and opportunities to leverage funds from other sources when possible. Priorities further reflect direction in four broad areas: housing, community development, economic development, and public services. The order of these priorities is determined based on broader opportunities and needs within each jurisdiction. Public services in both cities are also supported with General Fund dollars.

#### SP-10 GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITEIS – 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

#### **Geographic Area**

There are currently no designated or HUD-approved geographic target areas in Lakewood. Lakewood will continue to focus improvements on areas that qualify because of concentrations of lower-income households.

- Lakewood recognizes the advantages gained in concentrating efforts to make a noticeable and sustainable difference in an area for the benefit of the neighborhood and the larger jurisdiction.

#### **General Allocations Priorities**

The cities will continue to focus improvements on areas with concentrations of low-income households. At the same time, both Tacoma and Lakewood recognize the advantage of making targeted, and sometimes sustained, investments in specific neighborhoods to make a noticeable and sustainable difference in a neighborhood.

There are currently no designated or HUD-approved geographic target areas in Lakewood. In Lakewood, the city has made a concerted effort to align its activities with needs and strategic locations, such as the areas with older or blighted properties or around community assets, such as schools and Lakeview Station. The city will continue to focus on underserved neighborhoods, such as Tillicum, Springbrook, and Woodbrook. In the past, this focus has resulted in improved infrastructure (sewers, sidewalks, roads, parks), new housing opportunities (in partnership with Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity and the Homeownership Center of Tacoma), blight removal, and delivery of services at the Tillicum Community Center in Tillicum.

#### SP-25 PRIORITY NEEDS — 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

#### **Priority Needs**

**Table 19 – Priority Needs Summary** 

Priority need	Priority level	Description	Population(s)	Associated goals
Housing instability among residents, including homelessness	HIGH	Using severe cost-burden as a proxy for housing stability, 17,319 renters and 5,888 owners in Tacoma and Lakewood are living in unstable housing situations. These households pay at least half of their income toward housing costs each month. Housing instability is most acute among extremely low-income households. Nearly seven out of ten Tacoma and Lakewood extremely low-income households experience at least one severe housing problem.	<ul> <li>Extremely low-income households</li> <li>Very low-income households</li> <li>Immigrants</li> <li>Seniors</li> <li>People of color</li> <li>Persons living with disabilities</li> <li>Persons experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stabilize existing residents</li> <li>Prevent and reduce homelessness</li> <li>Increase availability of accessible, culturally competent services</li> <li>Provide resources for urgent community needs (e.g., disaster) (Tacoma only)</li> </ul>
Limited supply of diverse, affordable rental and homeownership opportunities	HIGH	In Tacoma, there are the fewest housing options (across both the rental and ownership market) for the lowest income households. In Lakewood, this pattern holds true in the rental market, with only five percent of rental units affordable to households at 30% AMI or less.	households	Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities

Need for accessible, culturally competent services	НІСН	The need for services—ranging from case management, economic and workforce development—to complement housing activities was consistently cited through past studies and community engagement activities. Stakeholders shared that people with limited English proficiency often do no use existing programs or resources due to language barriers. Transportation serves as another barrier, underscoring the need to deliver services in accessible places.	<ul> <li>Extremely low-income households</li> <li>Very low-income households</li> <li>Immigrants</li> <li>Seniors</li> <li>People of color</li> <li>Persons living with disabilities</li> <li>Persons experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prevent and reduce homelessness</li> <li>Increase availability of accessible, culturally competent services</li> </ul>
Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities	нібн	Tacoma has a large share of both owner- and renter-occupied units that were built before 1950 (40% of owner units and 34% of renter units). Units in Lakewood were most commonly built between 1950 and 1979, with 60% of the owner-occupied units and 64% of the renter-occupied units built in that time period. In Lakewood, at the neighborhood level there is an ongoing need for basic infrastructure, such as sewers; improvements to parks and recreational facilities, community facility renovations; and access to improved transportation options and support.	<ul> <li>Extremely low-income households</li> <li>Very low-income households</li> <li>Immigrants</li> <li>Seniors</li> <li>People of color</li> <li>Persons living with disabilities</li> <li>Persons experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Support high-quality public infrastructure improvements</li> <li>Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities</li> </ul>

High priority = Activities that will be funded with federal funds, either alone or in conjunction with other public or private funds, to address priority needs during the strategic plan program years.

#### **Priority Needs**

Tacoma and Lakewood will use its federal entitlement funds to address the following four priority needs over the next five years, each a high priority:

- 1. Housing instability among residents, including homelessness
- 2. Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
- 3. Need for accessible, culturally competent services
- 4. Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities

Priorities were established after quantitative and qualitative data analysis, broad discussions with community members and stakeholders, and review and consideration of strategic plans of local and regional partner agencies and providers and public planning documents. These needs have been well-documented in complementary local and regional studies and planning efforts over the last several years: *Five-Year Plan to End Homelessness* (2019); *Lakewood Human Services Needs Analysis Report* (2014); *Tacoma Human Services Strategic Plan* (2015-2019); *Tacoma Affordable Housing Action Strategy* (2019); *Tacoma 2025*; and *OneTacoma*, to name a few.

#### **Priority Populations**

The cities of Tacoma and Lakewood are committed to serving the varied needs among low- and moderate-income residents and special populations. The needs outlined in Table below affect populations that are underserved by homes and services in Tacoma and Lakewood today:

- Extremely low-income households
- Very low-income households
- Immigrants
- Seniors
- People of color
- Persons living with disabilities
- Persons experiencing homelessness

These groups increasingly face competition for homes designed to serve their needs, as well as barriers to accessing existing affordable subsidized and unsubsidized homes in both cities. Severe housing problems like severe cost-burdens and overcrowding disproportionately affect householders that identify as Black and African American; Hispanic; and Asian-Pacific Islander.

# SP-35 ANTICIPATED RESOURCES – 91.215(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Table below shows the first year of funds based on FY 2020 for the cities of Tacoma and Lakewood and estimated amounts over the remainder of the funding cycle. The amounts assumed to be available in the remaining four years of the plan are based on a combination of strategies.

Estimates for Tacoma assume consistent allocations and program income. Estimates for Lakewood used a more conservative approach, assuming lower annual allocations (consistent with historic trends) and variation in program income.

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Ex	pected Amou	nt Available Ye	ar 1	Expected	Narrative
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG (Tacoma)	Federal	Acquisition; Admin & planning; Economic development; Housing; Public improvements; Public services	\$2,528,421	\$0	\$450,000	\$2,978,421	\$10,113,684	
CDBG (Lakewood)	Federal	Acquisition; Admin & planning; Economic development; Housing; Public improvements; Public services	\$596,006	\$100,000	\$85,058	\$781,064	\$2,000,000	
HOME (Tacoma)	Federal	Acquisition; Homebuyer assistance; Homeowner rehab; Multifamily rental new construction; Multifamily rental rehab; New construction for homeownership; Tenant-based rental assistance	\$1,446,351	\$250,000	\$0	\$1,696,351	\$6,785,404	*Consortium including the cities of Tacoma and Lakewood
ESG (Tacoma)	Federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing; Financial assistance; Overnight shelter; Rapid rehousing (rental assistance); Rental assistance; Services; Transitional housing	\$220,216	\$0	\$0	\$220,216	\$880,864	
NSP 1 (Lakewood)	Federal	Public improvements	\$0	\$125,000	\$140,000	\$265,000	\$350,000	

The City of Tacoma matches CDBG and HOME funds with grants, local funds, nonprofit organizations, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, corporate grants, and donations (among other sources) to increase the benefit and success of projects using federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars. In the past, Tacoma has committed federal CDBG and HOME funds to affordable projects early; the city's upfront support has been critical in anchoring projects and obtaining additional funding.

The Affordable Housing Fund, under the oversight of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, increases the ability of partners to provide affordable housing by providing a stable

source of funding to leverage additional resources. Tacoma also has a local Affordable Housing Trust Fund capitalized at \$1.2 million, which will be available through December 2020.

In Lakewood, as in Tacoma, CDBG expenditures leverage funding from multiple sources on nearly all projects, except for homeowner rehabilitation/repair program (Major Home Repair and HOME Housing Rehabilitation). Lakewood coordinates its public improvements closely with capital improvement planning, to leverage planned infrastructure improvements.

HOME match requirements for the Consortium are met through multiple sources, including private grants and donations, commercial lending, Attorney General Funds, and the State Housing Trust Fund.

In Tacoma, ESG match requirements are met through various sources, depending on the project. Sources in past years have included Washington State, Pierce County, foundations and corporate grants, private donations and City of Tacoma General Fund dollars.

Use of publicly owned land or property is not anticipated in projects currently planned or underway although if those opportunities arise, such land and property will be included.

The City of Tacoma has a public land disposition policy that prioritizes affordable housing on publicly owned property. This policy may result in publicly owned property becoming available over this funding cycle.

#### SP-40 INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY STRUCTURE – 91.415, 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.

Table below shows the key responsible entities that make up the institutional delivery system for the federal funds in Tacoma and Lakewood. A discussion of the strengths and gaps of this system is detailed below.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity	Role	Geographic Area Served
	Туре		Served
City of Tacoma	Government	Funding administrator	Jurisdiction
Community and Economic Development		(CBDG, HOME, ESG)	
Department			
City of Lakewood	Government	Funding administrator	Jurisdiction
Community Development Department		(CDBG)	
Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority	Redevelopment Authority	Funding administrator (CBDG, HOME)	Jurisdiction

**Table 41 - Institutional Delivery Structure** 

#### Assess Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

In Lakewood, CDBG funds are administered by the Community Development Department, with public oversight by the Council-appointed CDBG Community Services advisory Board (CSAB). Tacoma and Lakewood receive Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds jointly as a Consortium. The Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority administers housing programs using both CDBG and HOME funds, with support from City staff.

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

Table 1 shows available services in Pierce County and if they are targeted to persons experiencing homelessness or persons with HIV.

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the	Targeted to	Targeted to					
	Community	Homeless	People with HIV					
Homelessness Prevention Services								
Counseling/Advocacy	YWCA; Rebuilding	Oasis Center; LASA	Oasis Center					
	Hope Sexual Assault							
	Center (SAC);							
	Tacoma Community							
	House; YWCA;							
	Greater Lakes							
	Mental Healthcare							
Legal Assistance	YWCA; Rebuilding	Rebuilding Hope						
	Hope SAC; Tacoma	SAC						
	Community House							
Rental Assistance	LASA; YWCA;	LASA						
	Network Tacoma							
Utilities Assistance	LASA; YWCA	LASA						

	Street Outreach Service	es	
Law Enforcement	Great Lakes Mental	Greater Lakes	
	Healthcare	Mental Healthcare	
Other Street Outreach Services	St. Leo Food		
	Services		
	Supportive Services		
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Community Health	Greater Lakes	Pierce County AIDS
	Care; Greater Lakes;		Foundation
	YWCA		
Access to Food	Nourish Pierce	Nourish Pierce	
	County; Emergency	County; Emergency	
	Food Network; St.	Food Network; St	
	Leo Food	Leo Food	
	Connection	Connection	
Housing Rehabilitation	Rebuilding Together		
	South Sound		
Employment and Employment Training	Centerforce; LASA	LASA	Oasis Youth Center
Healthcare	Greater Lakes;		Pierce County AIDS
	Lindquist Dental		Foundation
	Care; Community		
	Health Care		
HIV/AIDS			Pierce County AIDS
			Foundation; Oasis
			Youth Center
Life Skills	LASA; YMCA; YWCA;	Catholic Community	Oasis Youth Center
	Boys & Girls Club	Services; LASA	
	Lakewood		
Mental Health Counseling	Greater Lakes		

**Table 1 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary** 

There is an array of agencies providing services in Pierce County covering virtually all areas of need, including most areas of need for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Detailed information on service availability is regularly updated (Tacoma-Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, Member Resource Directory). The service delivery system continues to improve, resulting in a more efficient and effective way to serve persons experiencing homelessness. Persons experiencing homelessness can access the countywide Coordinated Entry system through multiple points: 1) Call United Way at 2-1-1 for live support or set-up an appointment; 2) speak with a Mobile Outreach team member; or 3) Drop-in to facilities for a same-day conversation.

#### **Summary of the Strategy for Overcoming Gaps**

There is considerable coordination between agencies. Agencies and organizations in Lakewood participate in the countywide Coordinated Entry system and use the Homeless Crisis Response System Prioritization policies to assess the needs of persons experiencing homelessness and prioritize them for a referral to a housing program in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This system creates a centralized way for persons experiencing homeless to access the help they need and enables service providers to track clients following their intake assessment—closing a gap in the formerly used Centralized Intake System. It also provides a transparent, consistent way for service providers to prioritize access to housing programs.

Overwhelmingly the gaps can be attributed to lack of resources to meet the needs. Services are available, but there is not enough relative to the needs that exist for emergency, rapid re-housing, and permanent housing solutions.

The *Five-Year Plan to End Homelessness* (2019) prepared by the Pierce County Continuum of Care Committee; *Human Services Needs Analysis Report* (2014) prepared by the City of Lakewood; and the City of Tacoma *Human Services Strategic Plan* (2015-2019) are among key reports identifying gaps in services and strategies to meet the needs.

#### Summary of Strategy for Overcoming Gaps in the Institutional Structure and Service Delivery

Strong coordination and process improvements two strategies being used and will continue to be used between 2020 and 2024 to overcome the gaps in the institutional delivery system.

Lakewood will continue to participate in the Lakewood/Tacoma/Pierce County Continuum of Care and other collaborations to identify strategies to strengthen the service delivery system. Monthly coalition meetings are convened in Lakewood bringing together services and housing providers, along with other non-profit organizations, to better understand the varying housing and human services needs of Lakewood and greater-Pierce County. Tacoma is implementing strategies to align the contracted providers' systems to streamline services and enhance them. The city both requires some service providers to meet quarterly to address service gaps and identify opportunities to leverage resources and convene other service providers for the same purpose. Representatives from Lakewood and Tacoma serve on the subcommittees for SHB2163 and SHB2060 that establish policies and funding priorities for use of document recording fees set by state legislation. Human services are funded in Lakewood with general funds, guided by

strategic plans. Decisions on use of funds and priorities are coordinated across Lakewood, Tacoma, and agencies in Pierce County.

#### SP-45 GOALS – 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Through its activities in this funding cycle, Tacoma and Lakewood seek to achieve the following goals:

- Stabilize existing residents (including housing, economic, and emergency stabilization)
- Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
- Prevent and reduce homelessness
- Increase availability of accessible, culturally competent services
- Support high-quality public infrastructure improvements
- Provide resources for urgent community needs (e.g., disaster) (Tacoma only)

Increasing the supply of rental and homeownership opportunities (including the accessibility and type of homes available); stabilizing residents experiencing homelessness or experiencing displacement pressure; incorporating culturally competent practices into services; and improving public infrastructure to foster safer, more accessible places will help achieve the strategic objectives of Tacoma's *Affordable Housing Action Strategy*, which are to: 1) create more homes for more people; 2) keep housing affordable and in good repair; 3) help people stay in their homes and communities; and 4) reduce barriers for people who often encounter them.

Tacoma and Lakewood estimate they will be able to serve nearly 66,000 low- and moderate-income persons and 2,600 households through its programs between 2020 and 2024.

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome
Order		Year	Year		Area			Indicator
	Stabilize existing residents			Rehabilitation Homelessness Non-housing community development		Housing instability  Safe, accessible homes and facilities  Accessible, culturally competent services	CDBG NSP	
								50 households assisted with rehabilitation 50 households assisted with tenant-based rental assistance
2	Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities	2020	2024	Production Rehabilitation	Citywide	Limited supply of rental and homeownership opportunities  Safe, accessible homes and facilities	HOME CDBG	Tacoma: 735 households or housing units  Lakewood: 30 households or housing units

3	Prevent and	2020	2024	Homelessness	Citywide	Housing	CDBG	Tacoma:
	reduce				,	instability	ESG	1,605
	homelessness					A:		households
						Accessible, culturally		assisted with homelessness
						competent		services
						services		Services
								Lakewood:
								35 households
								assisted with
								emergency
								rental assistance
4	Increase	2020	2024	Homelessness	Citywide	Housing	CDBG	Tacoma:
	availability of	2020	2024	Non-housing	CityWide	instability	ESG	28,120
	accessible,			community		,		persons
	culturally			development		Accessible,		assisted with
	competent					culturally		homelessness
	services					competent		services
						services		Lakewood: 250 persons
								assisted with
								services
								activities
5	Support high-	2020	2024	Non-housing	Citywide	Safe, accessible	CDBG	Tacoma:
	quality public			community		homes and		12,000
	infrastructure			development		facilities		persons
	improvements							benefit from public
								infrastructure
								improvements
								Lakewood:
								25,775
								persons benefit from
								public
								infrastructure
								improvements
6	Provide resources	2020	2024	Rehabilitation	Citywide	Housing	CDBG	Tacoma:
	for urgent			Homelessness		instability		TBD (assessed
	community needs			Non-homeless				as needs arise)
	(e.g., disaster)			special needs Non-housing				
	(Tacoma only)			community				
				development				
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Table 2 – Goals Summary

#### **Goal Description**

- HOME and CDBG funds used in combination in Tacoma will assist 735 low- and moderate-income households through the production of new homes for owners and renters and rehabilitation of rental and homeownership units to increase their habitability and accessibility. The Affordable Housing Action Strategy aims for a portion of new units produced in Tacoma by 2028 to serve extremely low-income households.
- HOME funds used in Lakewood will assist 30 low-and moderate-income households and another 50 low-and moderate-income households will be assisted using CDBG funds to support home rehabilitation and homeownership programs.
- HOME funds will be used in Lakewood to provide tenant-based rental assistance to 50 households emphasizing assistance to priority populations, including seniors, people of color, persons with disabilities, and the low- and very low-income.
- CDBG funds will be used to support businesses and job creation, with a goal to assist up to 3 businesses and create or retain 36 jobs in Tacoma and 5 jobs in Lakewood.
- CDBG-funded public infrastructure improvements will benefit 12,000 persons in Tacoma and 25,775 persons in Lakewood.
- CDBG and ESG funds will assist 1,605 households and 28,120 persons through homelessness services, such as rapid re-housing and emergency shelter in Tacoma, and 35 households in Lakewood through CDBG-funded emergency assistance for displaced residents and another 250 persons assisted with stabilization services, fair housing assistance, and other culturally competent services.

#### SP-60 HOMELESS STRATEGY – 91.415, 91.215(d)

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

The primary goal of the 2012 Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care Plan to End Homelessness is to provide a system of centralized entry, intake and referral. Accomplishments from this plan include:

- Increasing access to the Homeless Crisis Response System by moving from a centralized intake system with one entry point to a coordinated entry system.
- Helping hundreds of people facing a housing crisis finding their own solution through a Housing Solutions Conversation to avoid entering the Homeless Crisis Response System.
- Prioritize permanent housing interventions for those who are hardest to house and lease likely to achieve stability without support
- Increase access to housing by making the program eligibility consistent system wide.

Building off the successes, the Continuum of Care Committee (CoC), also known as The Road Home, formed to identify five-year goals and strategies to address homelessness across the county:

- 1. Housing Maximize the use of existing housing while advancing for additional housing resources and more affordable housing
- 2. Stability Support the stability of individuals experiencing homelessness and those recently housed
- 3. System and Service Improvements Create a more responsive, accessible Homeless Crisis Response System
- 4. Community Partners Optimize and leverage internal and external partnerships to better prevent and address homelessness
- 5. The Continuum of Care Grow awareness of the CoC's purpose and plan, and serve as a central advocacy and coordinating body for addressing homelessness in Pierce County. 1

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

Emergency shelter can be the first step towards stability and should be made available to anyone in need. However, some shelter beds remain empty due to lack of coordination and data sharing across shelters. A goal of the CoC is to reduce the average length of stay in temporary housing projects, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and save havens, to less than 90 days. To meet this goal, the first strategy is to create a task force to include current and potential shelter and transitional housing providers, experts, local funders, and Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness. Persons transitioning out of homelessness often have a variety of needs including behavioral health and mental health care, employment, education, childcare and parenting support, legal support, and more. To increase the chances of maintaining permanent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tacoma, Lakewood, Pierce County Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness, 12/2019

housing for more than two years after exiting the Homeless Crisis Response System, a "care coordination" model that provides a wraparound service when a household first enters the system and follows the move to permanent housing is a key strategy.

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.

- 1. Goal to help chronically homeless individuals and families: 90 percent of chronically homeless individuals remain housed two years after securing permanent housing.
- 2. Goal to help Veterans: 90 percent of homeless veterans to remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:
- 3. Goal to help youth (ages 12-24): 90 percent of homeless youth remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:
- 4. Goal to help families with children: 90 percent of homeless families remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:
- 5. Goal to help survivors of domestic violence: 90 percent of homeless families remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:

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

THA will expand the Elementary School Housing Assistance Program to other elementary schools. Continue the expansion of the College Housing Assistance Program (CHAP). Started as a pilot program at Tacoma Community College (TCC), CHAP provided tenant-based rental assistance to homeless and near homeless students enrolled at the college. The program as grown to include homeless and near homeless students enrolled at the University of Washington – Tacoma. THA hopes to partner with other education partners to support students by leveraging housing dollars to provide housing and other student supports. THA, and its education partners, will expand the program to serve homeless high school students and incarcerated students who are beginning their coursework at TCC.

#### SP-65 LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARDS – 91.415, 91.215(i)

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

Consistent with Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Lakewood provides information on lead-safe practices to owners of all properties receiving up to \$5,000 of federally funded assistance. If work on painted surfaces is involved in properties constructed prior to 1978, the presence of lead is assumed and safe work practices are followed.

In addition to the above, homes with repairs in excess of \$5,000 in federally funded rehabilitation assistance are assessed for risk (completed by a certified Lead Based Paint firm) or are presumed to have lead. If surfaces to be disturbed are determined to contain lead, interim controls are exercised, occupants notified, and clearance test performed by an EPA-certified firm. Properties constructed prior to 1978 and acquired with federal funds are inspected for hazards and acquired rental properties are inspected periodically. Much of the housing stock in Lakewood was constructed prior to 1978. While not exclusively the case, older units with irregular maintenance may pose a risk to residents. Housing repair projects favor lower-income households by virtue of their eligibility, and at-risk housing units by virtue of their affordability (condition and age). Lakewood provides information on lead-safe practices to households involved in the repair programs and have brochures in the City offices for the general public on the dangers of lead and the importance of safe practices.

#### Actions to increase access to housing without lead-based paint hazards

Lead-safe practices are required in all rehabilitation programs where housing was constructed prior to 1978, as described above.

# SP-70 ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY – 91.415, 91.214(j)

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

The cities will continue to support programs and projects that assist low-income persons, including projects that offer solutions to help them out of poverty.

The goals in the Strategic Plan have the capacity to reduce the number of households living in poverty. The goals emphasize stable and affordable housing and services as a means to address poverty and high-quality infrastructure as a way to revitalize communities.

For instance, the goal of increasing diverse rental and homeownership opportunities includes projects that will provide new housing to lower income households, some with ongoing subsidy and support. Decreasing the share that a household spends on their home is one significant way of increasing their ability to pay for other necessities, such as transportation, healthcare, and food, or save for the future. Down payment assistance programs, along with housing counseling, will allow households to become homeowners and build their wealth. Housing repair programs allow persons to live in safer housing and improve the neighborhood. Funds used to acquire blighted properties and replace them with new homeownership opportunities, since ownership creates avenues out of poverty for low-income buyers and increases the value of neighboring properties.

The goal of preventing and reducing homelessness focuses on households living in poverty. Household-focused and individual-focused case management, coupled with rapid rehousing can eliminate periods of debilitating homelessness and rebuild attachment to the community, productive employment and education, all of which are challenged during periods of homelessness.

The goal of supporting high-quality public infrastructure and increasing the availability of accessible, culturally competent services also has the capacity to help households and neighborhoods out of poverty. Investing in infrastructure and aligning services with community needs can help revitalize neighborhoods and make them more attractive to other investment and businesses providing jobs. Projects fund façade improvements and small business development directly, some through revolving loan funds, all of which result in jobs for lower-income persons, some of whom enter the programs from poverty.

Further, CDBG, HOME and ESG funds leverage additional monies to address the same issues. Projects are also the result of long collaborations between agencies and partners, including Pierce County, Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, the Homeownership Center of Tacoma, the Tacoma Housing Authority and the Pierce County Housing Authority. Funding from other sources – local, state, federal, foundations, private donors – are coordinated for the best benefit given continually declining federal resources. Major barriers to achieving reductions in the number of households in poverty are limited resources (including funding) and broad changes in local economies beyond control of the cities.

#### **Coordination Among Poverty Reducing Goals, Programs, and Policies**

There has been a lot of work in the cities of Tacoma and Lakewood, Pierce County, and the region to coordinate anti-poverty strategies with affordable housing planning initiatives. These initiatives aim to lower the overall cost of housing for residents or increase their earnings (or both), and in turn increase their ability to pay for other critical necessities and build wealth and assets.

Both Tacoma and Lakewood are represented on the Tacoma/Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium to work on issues of affordable housing, including state-level policies and programs to increase resources and opportunities to address local housing needs. Tacoma and Lakewood participate in a multicounty planning system (Puget Sound Regional Council) that is looking at regional growth and economic development, as well as equal access to opportunities.

#### SP-80 MONITORING - 91.230

#### **Remote monitoring**

Desk monitoring will consist of close examination of periodic reports submitted by subrecipients or property owners for compliance with program regulations and subrecipient agreements as well as compliance with requirements to report on progress and outcome measures specific to each award. As a condition of loan approval, the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) may have imposed additional requirements in the form of targeted set-asides (e.g., homeless units). Document review will occur at least annually and more frequently if determined necessary. Wherever possible, problems are corrected through discussions or negotiation with the subrecipient. As individual situations dictate, additional desk monitoring, onsite monitoring, and/or technical assistance is provided.

Timing and frequency of onsite monitoring depends on the complexity of the activity and the degree to which an activity or subrecipient is at risk of noncompliance with program requirements. More frequent visits may occur depending on identification of potential problems or risks. The purpose of monitoring, which can include reviewing records, property inspections, or other activities appropriate to the project, is to identify any potential areas of noncompliance and assist the subrecipient in making the necessary changes to allow for successful implementation and completion of the activity.

#### **Onsite monitoring**

TCRA will contract with an independent third-party inspection company to conduct onsite inspections of its rental housing portfolio. The purpose of the inspections is to ensure that rental housing meets or exceeds the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS). Inspections of each property will take place at least every three years.

City of Lakewood staff will conduct onsite monitoring of CDBG subrecipients as necessary.

# AP-15 EXPECTED RESOURCES – 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Table below shows the expected available resources in Lakewood for 2020. Estimates for the remaining years assume consistent allocations and program income.

**Table 3 - Expected Resources - Priority Table** 

Program	Source	Uses of Funds		_	unt Available \	•	Expected	Narrative	
	of		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount Descript		
	Funds		Allocation:	Income:	Resources:	\$	Available		
			\$	\$	\$	<b>Y</b>	Remainder of		
			<b>T</b>	*	*		ConPlan		
							\$		
CDBG	Federal	Acquisition;	\$596,006	\$100,000	\$85,058.27	\$781,064.27	\$2,000,000		
		Admin &							
		planning;							
		Economic							
		development;							
		Housing;							
		Public							
		improvements;							
		Public services							
HOME	Federal	Acquisition;	\$331,627	\$50,000	\$0	\$381,627	\$1,300,000		
		Homebuyer							
		assistance;							
		Homeowner							
		rehab;							
		Multifamily							
		rental new							
		construction;							
		Multifamily							
		rental rehab;							
		New							
		construction							
		for homeownershi							
		p; Tenant- based rental							
		assistance							
NSP	Federal	Public	\$0	\$125,000	\$140,000	\$265,000	\$350,000		
NOF	reueral	improvements	<del>5</del> 0	7123,000	7140,000	\$203,000	7330,000		
		improvements	1		I		1		

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

In Lakewood, CDBG expenditures leverage funding from multiple sources on nearly all projects, except for homeowner rehabilitation/repair program (Sewer/Major Home Repair and HOME Housing Rehabilitation). Lakewood coordinates its public improvements closely with capital improvement planning, to leverage planned infrastructure improvements. HOME match requirements for the Consortium are met through multiple sources, including sources such as

private grants and donations, commercial lending, Attorney General Funds, and the State Housing Trust Fund.

Historically, CDBG and HOME funds have been the cornerstone of the City of Lakewood's community and economic development activities supporting low-and moderate-income populations. HOME funds match requirements and leverage is provided as part of the HOME Consortium and is reported in Tacoma's portion of the Plan.

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

Use of publicly owned land or property is not anticipated in projects currently planned or underway although if those opportunities arise, such land and property will be included.

# AP-20 ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal
	Year	Year		Area			Outcome
Chabilian aniations	2020	2024	Dahahilitatian	Citi d -	Havele a	CDDC	Indicator
Stabilize existing residents	2020	2024	Rehabilitation Homelessness	Citywide	Housing	CDBG NSP	Lakewood:
residents			Non-housing		instability	NSP	5 jobs
			community		Safe, accessible		3 business
			development		homes and		assisted
			·		facilities		
							10-12
					Accessible,		blighted
					culturally		properties
					competent		demolished
					services		50
							households
							assisted with
							rehabilitation
							50
							households
							assisted with
							tenant-based rental
							assistance
Increase diverse	2020	2024	Production	Citywide	Limited supply of	CDBG	Lakewood:
rental and			Rehabilitation	,	rental and	HOME	30
homeownership					homeownership		households
opportunities					opportunities		or housing
					C ( '11		units
					Safe, accessible homes and		
					facilities		
Prevent and	2020	2024	Homelessness	Citywide	Housing	CDBG	Lakewood:
reduce				,	instability		35
homelessness					-		households
					Accessible,		
					culturally		
					competent		
Increase	2020	2024	Homelessness	Citywide	services Housing	CDBG	Lakewood:
availability	2020	2024	Non-housing	Citywide	instability	CDBG	250 persons
of accessible,			community		instability		assisted
culturally			development		Accessible,		230,300
competent			,		culturally		
services					competent		
					services		

Support high-	2020	2024	Non-housing	Citywide	Safe, accessible	CDBG	Lakewood:
quality public			community		homes and		25,775
infrastructure			development		facilities		persons
improvements							

Table 4 – Goals Summary

#### **Goal Descriptions**

The City of Lakewood will aim to implement its federal funds in 2020 to accomplish the following goals:

- Stabilize existing residents Through funds for critical home repairs and sewer connections to homeowners; demolition or clearance of dangerous buildings; and tenant-based rental assistance.
- Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities Through funds for down payment and other related costs to homebuyers; services such as homeownership counseling; the construction of new affordable housing units using the Affordable Housing Trust Fund administered by TCRA; and rehabilitation of existing single-family homes to maintain existing affordability and to create new homeownership opportunities.
- **Prevent and reduce homelessness** Through funds for emergency assistance for displaced residents for renters who have been displaced through no fault of the own.
- Increase availability of accessible, culturally competent services Through funds for non-housing community development services activities, including fair housing assistance.

# AP-35 PROJECTS - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Table below shows the projects that Lakewood will undertake in 2020 with its federal entitlement funds.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Major Home Repair/Sewer Loan Program
3	NSP1 Dangerous Buildings Abatement Program
4	Emergency Assistance for Displaced Residents
5	CDBG Funding of HOME Housing Services
6	HOME Administration – Tacoma only (10%)*
7	HOME Down Payment Assistance*
8	HOME Affordable Housing Fund*
9	HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program*
10	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Table 5 – Project Information

\*Projects funded with HOME funds are included under the City of Tacoma in IDIS

#### **Allocation Priorities and Obstacles to Addressing Underserved Needs**

The allocation priorities are based on a combination of factors identified through a planning and public participation process: direction from elected leaders; input from community members; ability to serve priority needs among Lakewood residents; alignment with strategic locations, such as schools and the Lakeview Transit Center; and ability to leverage additional local and state funding.

Lakewood City Council has adopted the following policy priorities to guide CDBG- and HOME-funded activities in 2020:

- Housing
- Physical infrastructure
- Public services
- Economic development

The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is declining resources relative to growing needs in Lakewood. While the city has approved funding for more local resources, the city's low-and moderate-income population living in qualifying block groups has largely remained the same over time.<sup>2</sup> Another barrier is the mismatch between local market conditions and maximum house values allowed by federal programs. In Lakewood, this mismatch has meant that many seniors in need who have lived in their home for extended periods of time, have seen house values increase to a point where the City is unable to assist those households with federal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on a comparison of the number of low- and moderate income people in Lakewood using 2006-2010 American Community Survey Estimates and 2011-2015 American Community Estimates via <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-low-moderate-income-data/">www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-low-moderate-income-data/</a>.

funding because their home valuation has long exceeded HUD's maximum home valuation limitations.

Lakewood will continue to coordinate across its departments, local and regional partners, its regional HUD field office, and community members to address any obstacles that arise and maximize its limited federal dollars.

# AP-38 PROJECT SUMMARY

# **Project Summary**

1	Project name	CDBG Administration					
	Target area	N/A					
	Goals supported	<ul> <li>Stabilize existing residents</li> <li>Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities</li> </ul>					
		<ul><li>Prevent and reduce homelessness</li><li>Support high-quality public infrastructure improvements</li></ul>					
		Housing instability among residents, including homelessness					
	Needs addressed	Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities					
	needs dadressed	Need for accessible, culturally competent services					
		Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities					
	Funding	CDBG: \$119,201					
	Description	Administration to implement and manage the Consolidated Plan funds					
	Location description	description N/A					
	Planned activity	Administration, management, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, environmental review, and labor standards enforcement by the City of Lakewood					
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021					
	Goal indicator	N/A					
2	Project name	Major Home Repair/Sewer Loan Program					
	Target area	N/A					
	Goals supported	<ul> <li>Stabilize existing residents</li> <li>Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities</li> </ul>					
		Housing instability among residents, including homelessness					
	Needs addressed	Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities					
		CDBG: \$606,863.07 (includes					
	Funding	\$40,058.27 in reprogrammed funding and \$100,000 in anticipated program income)					

	Description	Program that provides home repair and/or sewer connections to eligible low-
	Description	income homeowners
	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Side sewer connections to sewer main; decommissioning of septic systems; roofing; architectural barrier removal; plumbing; electrical; weatherization; major systems replacement/upgrades; and general home repairs for low-income homeowners
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	10 - 11 housing units/households assisted
3	Project name	NSP1 Dangerous Buildings Abatement Program
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	Stabilize existing residents
	Gouis supported	Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
	Needs addressed	Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
	7.6645 444.65564	Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities
	Funding	NS1 Prior Year: \$265,000
	Description	Program that addresses dangerous buildings that have been foreclosed, abandoned or are vacant
	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Demolition/clearance of dangerous buildings and related costs.
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	2-3 buildings demolished or dangerous conditions abated
4	Project name	Emergency Assistance For Displaced Residents
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	Stabilize existing residents
		Prevent and reduce homelessness
	Needs addressed	<ul> <li>Housing instability among residents, including homelessness</li> <li>Need for accessible, culturally competent services</li> </ul>
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000 (reprogrammed funding)

	Description	Program that provides emergency rental assistance to displaced residents
	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Relocation assistance; first's month rent; or security deposits
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	15 households assisted
5	Project name	CDBG Funding of HOME Housing Services
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	Stabilize existing residents
	Needs addressed	Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
	Neeus uuuresseu	Need for accessible, culturally competent services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Housing services in support of HOME Program
	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Program administration and housing services in support of HOME Program
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	2 households assisted
6	Project name	Home Administration – Tacoma only (10%)*
	Target area	N/A
		Stabilize existing residents
	Goals supported	Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
		Prevent and reduce homelessness
		Support high-quality public infrastructure improvements
		Housing instability among residents, including homelessness
	Needs addressed	Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
		Need for accessible, culturally competent services
		Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities
	Funding	HOME: \$33,163

	Description	Administration to implement and manage Consolidated Plan funds.
	Location description	N/A
	Planned activity	Administration, management, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, environmental review, and labor standards enforcement by the City of Tacoma
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	N/A
7	Project name	HOME Down Payment Assistance*
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
	Needs addressed	Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$20,000 Program Income
	Description	Program that provides down payment assistance to eligible low-income homebuyers
	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Down payment assistance and related costs, including housing counseling services
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	1 household assisted
8	Project name	HOME Affordable Housing Fund*
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	<ul> <li>Stabilize existing residents</li> <li>Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities</li> <li>Prevent and reduce homelessness</li> </ul>
	Needs addressed	<ul> <li>Housing instability among residents, including homelessness</li> <li>Limited supply of diverse rental and homeownership opportunities</li> <li>Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities</li> </ul>
	Funding	HOME: \$150,000
	Description	Funding for a local affordable housing fund

	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Acquisition; construction; and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing for low-income rentals and/or to facilitate new homeownership opportunities
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	2-3 households assisted (homeownership)
9	Project name	HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program*
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	Stabilize existing residents
	Needs addressed	<ul> <li>Housing instability among residents, including homelessness</li> <li>Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities</li> </ul>
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000 Program Income
	Description	Loan program to assist eligible low-income homeowners with housing rehabilitation
	Location description	Citywide
	Planned activity	Architectural barrier removal; plumbing; electrical; weatherization; major systems replacement/upgrades; and general home repairs for low-income homeowners
	Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
	Goal indicator	2 housing units/households assisted
10	Project name	HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance*
	Target area	N/A
	Goals supported	Stabilize existing residents
	Needs addressed	<ul> <li>Housing instability among residents, including homelessness</li> <li>Need for safe, accessible homes and facilities</li> </ul>
	Funding	HOME: \$148,464
	Description	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program to assist eligible renters, emphasizing assistance to priority populations, including seniors, people of color, persons with disabilities, and the low- and very low-income

Location description	Citywide
Planned activity	Tenant-based rental assistance for low- and very low-income homeseholds
Target date	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
Goal indicator	25 households assisted

# AP-50 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION – 91.420, 91.220(f)

In targeting CDBG and HOME funds, the City has typically looked to block groups with at least 51% low- and moderate-income populations as many of Lakewood's minority and ethnic populations continue to be concentrated in these areas. Many of these block groups tend to have large concentrations of older housing stock suffering from a lack of routine maintenance and infrastructure that is either inadequate or are outdated in accordance with current development requirements.

Lakewood will continue to look to make crucial infrastructure investments to those low-income block groups where the infrastructure is either lacking or inadequate to ensure public safety and accessibility. Additionally, the City plans to continue to target households living in Census Tracts 718.05, 718.06, 718.07 and 720.00 for its Major Home Repair/Sewer Loan Program, which assists low- and moderate-income homeowners make necessary improvements to their homes, including connecting to recently constructed sewers in the 720.00 Census Tract.

For all other funding, the City has not identified specific targeted areas; programs are open to eligible low- and moderate-income individual's citywide.

# AP-65 HOMELESS AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS – 91.420, 91.220(i)

The Continuum of Care Committee (CoC), also called The Road Home, is a body formed and convened to identify five-year goals and strategies to address homelessness across Pierce County. The CoC developed a five-year strategic plan. The strategic priority areas were informed by engaging input by those who experience homelessness, champions in other sectors, and the expertise of CoC members who represent a variety of organizations that connect people experiencing homelessness. The five strategic priority areas include:

- 1. Housing Maximize the use of existing housing while advancing for additional housing resources and more affordable housing
- 2. Stability Support the stability of individuals experiencing homelessness and those recently housed
- 3. System and Service Improvements Create a more responsive, accessible Homeless Crisis Response System
- 4. Community Partners Optimize and leverage internal and external partnerships to better prevent and address homelessness
- 5. The Continuum of Care Grow awareness of the CoC's purpose and plan and serve as a central advocacy and coordinating body for addressing homelessness in Pierce County.<sup>3</sup>

# 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

- Help people coming to Coordinated Entry compile the necessary documentation for any housing scenario, and strongly encourage participation in the Renters Readiness program.
- Train Coordinated Entry providers on the housing and economic resources outside of the formal Homeless Crisis Response System so they can educate people who are homeless and would benefit from these resources but who do not qualify for a housing referral.
- Increase coordination between service providers and Tacoma and Pierce County Housing Authorities to ensure that people who are homeless and have a housing voucher are supported in using it successfully.
- Engage street outreach providers, including the VA, in a learning collaborative to coordinate data, improve street outreach practices, and ensure the entire county is being covered.
- Create standard operating procedures for street outreach teams across the county
- Establish a flexible fund for use by street outreach staff to support the basic needs of the people they serve, which is often the first step in getting them to move to a more positive outcome.
- Conduct a needs assessment to determine where the greatest unmet needs exist in the county and develop a plan to expand distribution of homeless services accordingly.
- Recruit service providers to develop, implement, and manage by-name lists by population
- Identify, coordinate, and align with existing efforts to address homelessness in all relevant sectors (e.g. health care, criminal justice, foster care, workforce development, transportation, education, business).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tacoma, Lakewood, Pierce County Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness, 12/2019

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

Emergency shelter can be the first step towards stability and should be made available to anyone in need. However, some shelter beds remain empty due to lack of coordination and data sharing across shelters. A goal of the CoC is to reduce the average length of stay in temporary housing projects, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and save havens, to less than 90 days. To meet this goal, the first strategy is to create a task force to include current and potential shelter and transitional housing providers, experts, local funders, and Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness.

Persons transitioning out of homelessness often have a variety of needs including behavioral health and mental health care, employment, education, childcare and parenting support, legal support, and more. To increase the chances of maintaining permanent housing for more than two years after exiting the Homeless Crisis Response System, a "care coordination" model that provides a wraparound service when a household first enters the system following then following a move to permanent housing is a key strategy.

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

Goal to help chronically homeless individuals and families: 90 percent of chronically homeless individuals remain housed two years after securing permanent housing.

- Strategies to towards achieving this goal:
  - i. Create an easier access to economic resources that can support housing stability for chronically homeless individuals
  - ii. Ensure case managers are connecting chronically homeless individuals who are entering housing with all mainstream benefits available to them
  - iii. Increase the number of individuals within the county who are certified in Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) and are actively connecting chronically homeless individuals entering permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing with their federal benefits
  - iv. Increase the use of Foundational Community supports to help chronically homeless individuals stay housed.
  - v. Invest in rapid rehousing providers so that they are prepared to effectively support chronically homeless individuals

Goal to help Veterans: 90 percent of homeless veterans to remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:

- Encourage the HUD-VASH program contact graduated veterans at the time of voucher recertification and inspection to help with the process for graduation or continuing services; assess case management needs; and determine if increased services are needed to sustain permanent housing.
- Strategically expand delivery of the Renters Readiness program to reach more veterans.
- Increase veterans' access to transportation services to ensure they can obtain and sustain employment and continue to access services once they are housed.
- Support a collaboration between HUD-VASH, the Landlord Liaison Program, Housing Authorities, or to help with landlord engagement around veteran renters
- Conduct research on the feasibility of creating landlord incentives for taking veteran renters.

Goal to help youth (ages 12-24): 90 percent of homeless youth remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:

- Create a "housing coach" program to mentor youth.
- Facilitate housing support groups where youth and young adults maintain existing social connections and develop new ones with peers.
- Identify financial resources for use in supporting youth and young adults who qualify as homeless under McKinney Vento.
- Identify and grow or develop safe housing options for youth under 18 who cannot sign for their own lease.

Goal to help families with children: 90 percent of homeless families remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:

- Help families access and use existing childcare resources and programs that are community-centered, effective, and culturally responsive.
- Identify and pilot innovative approaches to creating affordable, accessible childcare that are being used in other communities nationwide.
- Coordinate with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to create a process for seamlessly connecting families who come to Coordinated Entry with the nearest Family Support Center.

Goal to help survivors of domestic violence: 90 percent of homeless families remain housed two years after securing permanent housing. Strategies to achieve this goal are:

- Launch and sustain up to 10 new support groups for DV survivors across the county, as a means of helping them remain independently housed and not return to abusive partners.
- Create a DV survivors fund dedicated to helping them leave their abuser(s) and stabilize.

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.

THA will expand the Elementary School Housing Assistance Program to other elementary schools. Continue the expansion of the College Housing Assistance Program (CHAP). Started as a pilot program at Tacoma Community College (TCC), CHAP provided tenant-based rental assistance to homeless and near homeless students enrolled at the college. The program has grown to include homeless and near homeless students enrolled at the University of Washington – Tacoma. THA hopes to partner with other education partners to support students by leveraging housing dollars to provide housing and other student supports. THA, and its education partners, will expand the program to serve homeless high school students and incarcerated students who are beginning their coursework at TCC.

The THA deployed a Property-Based Subsidy program in 2018 using the MTW local, non-traditional use of funds. The program expanded the focus and units will also be available for homeless high school seniors and through permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless Tacomans.

Both Lakewood and Tacoma are participating members of the Continuum of Care who's overall strategy related to the discharge of persons from institutions into homelessness is to provide or broker tailored services and treatment in housing and preventative programs to persons in need. Agencies work with health and mental health care facilities to find housing for persons being discharged so they are not faced with becoming homeless. The Washington State Department of Corrections will coordinate with the Incarcerated Veterans Program, Metropolitan Development Council, and Associated Ministries Central Intake to prevent discharges into homelessness. Additionally, the CoC works to provide planning for housing and transitional services assistance six months in advance of foster children "aging out" of foster care. The CoC will continue to coordinate information and best practices amongst partner provider organizations and governmental agencies to reduce or prevent incidences of homelessness.

# AP-85 OTHER ACTIONS – 91.420, 91.220(k)

Consistent with Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Lakewood provides information on lead-safe practices to owners of all properties receiving up to \$5,000 of federal assistance. If work on painted surfaces is involved in properties constructed prior to 1978, the presence of lead is assumed, and safe work practices are followed.

In addition to the above, homes with repairs in excess of \$5,000 in federally funded rehabilitation assistance are assessed for risk (completed by a certified Lead Based Paint firm) or are presumed to have lead. If surfaces to be disturbed are determined to contain lead, interim controls are exercised, occupants notified, and clearance test performed by an EPA-certified firm. Properties constructed prior to 1978 and acquired with federal funds are inspected for hazards and acquired rental properties are inspected periodically.

Much of the housing stock in Lakewood was constructed prior to 1978. While not exclusively the case, older units with irregular maintenance may pose a risk to residents. Housing repair projects favor lower-income households by virtue of their eligibility, and at-risk housing units by virtue of their affordability (condition and age). Lakewood provides information on lead-safe practices to households involved in the repair programs and have brochures in the City offices for the general public on the dangers of lead and the importance of safe practices.

Rental affordability and habitability remain a priority for the City. In 2017, the City began its Rental Housing Safety Program (RHSP) which requires all residential rental properties (apartments, single family homes, duplexes, etc.) within the Lakewood city limits be registered on an annual basis and to maintain specific life and safety standards for those properties. Since substandard housing disproportionately affects the poor, working class families, seniors, the disabled, and persons who suffer from chronic illness, it is the aim of the RHSP to eliminate all substandard rental housing in Lakewood and by doing so, to improve not only the quality of life for low income individuals, but the lives of all Lakewood residents. In the two years since the program's inception, the City has seen substantial improvement to the quality and condition of many of the City's substandard rental properties. Inspections of rental properties in the City of Lakewood will be ongoing throughout FY 2020.

# AP-90 PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS – 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

# 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.

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

#### **Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities	\$0
Total	\$0

# APPENDIX - DATA SOURCES

Figure 1 – Fair Housing Protected Class Designation for Federal, State, and Local



Figure 2 – Summary of Survey Responses

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Race	100.00%	40
Sex	87.50%	35
Color	60.00%	24
National Origin	80.00%	32
Religion	72.50%	29
Family Status	35.00%	14
Creed	35.00%	14
Mental Disability	37.50%	15
Physical Disability	67.50%	27
Sexual Orientation	57.50%	23
Gender Identity and Gender Expression	27.50%	11
Honorably Discharged Veteran or Military Status	40.00%	16
Ancestry	15.00%	6
Marital Status	35.00%	14
Age (over 40)	47.50%	19
Source of Income	22.50%	9
Political Ideology	10.00%	4
Total Respondents: 40		

**Table 6 – Responsible Agencies** 

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	M. David Bugher	Community and Economic
		Development/ City of Lakewood

Table 7 – Agencies, Groups, Organizations Who Participated

Tacoma	Tacoma Planning Commission
	Tacoma Human Rights Commission
	Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
	Tacoma Human Services Commission
	Tacoma City Council
Lakewood	Lakewood Planning Advisory Board
	Lakewood Community Services Advisory Board
	Lakewood City Council
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Table 5.A – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics 2013-2017

<u>2013-2017</u>	Tacoma	Lakewood	Pierce County	Washington
Population	196,118	57,160	774,339	6,465,755
Households	79,151	24,373	291,323	2,512,327
Median Income (households)	\$46,645	\$42,446	\$56,773	\$56,384

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2017 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 5.B – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics 2009-2011

<u>2009-2011</u>	Tacoma	Lakewood	Pierce County	Washington
Population	199,449	58,688	791,528	6,652,845
Households	79,430	24,404	297,839	2,602,568
Median Income (households)	\$49,232	\$42,273	\$58,824	\$58,890

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2017 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 5.C – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics 2013-2017

<u>2013-2017</u>	Tacoma	Lakewood	Pierce County	Washington
Population	207,280	59,102	845,193	7,169,967
Households	82,016	24,129	312,839	2,755,697
Median Income (households)	\$55,506	\$47,636	\$63,881	\$66,174

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2017 ACS (Most Recent Year)

**Table 5.D – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics** 

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2017	Percent Change
Population	253,278	266,382	5.2%
Households	103,524	106,145	2.5%
Median Income	\$89,091	\$103,142	15.8%

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2017 ACS (Most Recent Year)

#### **Number of Households Table**

Table 6 – Total Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	10,014	8,170	13,150	8,654	41,080
Small Family Households	2,093	2,160	2,879	1,414	5,495
Large Family Households	2,850	9,430	2,405	3,475	1,890
Household contains at least one person					
62-74 years of age	1,945	3,050	1,845	2,420	1,235
Household contains at least one-person					
age 75 or older	3,430	5,495	2,370	3,320	1,665
Households with one or more children 6					
years old or younger	10,014	8,170	13,150	8,654	41,080

<sup>\*</sup>Note: These figures have not been adjusted for inflation.

#### **Housing Needs Summary Tables<sup>4</sup>**

Information and data in the analysis that follow was obtained through the American Community Survey (CHAS data). Housing problems tracked include lack of complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, overcrowding (1.01 to 1.5 persons per room), and cost burden (paying more than 30 percent of income for housing including utilities). Severe housing problems include lack of complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, severe overcrowding (1.51 or more persons per room) and severe cost burden (housing costs in excess of 50 percent of income).

Table 7 – Housing Problems 1 (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	400	220	205	85	910	0	10	60	4	74
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	390	255	220	50	915	4	35	45	0	84
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	445	470	320	80	1,315	65	95	210	60	430
			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										
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	8,485	3,305	785	40	12,615	1,760	1,705	1,265	345	5,075
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,370	3,740	4,365	890	10,365	400	1,110	2,385	1,835	5,730
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	1,310	0	0	0	1,310	550	0	0	0	550

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) receives custom tabulations of American Community Survey (ACS) data from the U.S. Census Bureau. These data, known as the "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low income households. The CHAS data are used by local governments to plan how to spend HUD funds, and may also be used by HUD to distribute grant funds.

Table 8 – 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	22,165	15,990	11,800	2,290	54,500	4,465	5,920	7,925	4,480	30,890
Having none of four housing problems	3,020	1,580	10,065	7,735	47,040	650	1,890	7,260	6,685	70,155
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	1,100	0	0	0	1,100	2,625	0	0	0	2,625

**Table 9 – Cost Burden Greater than 30 Percent (>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	3,525	2,765	2,075	8,365	640	745	1,470	2,855
Large Related	665	590	199	1,454	224	300	525	1,049
Elderly	2,170	1,640	965	4,775	1,005	1,310	1,055	3,370
Other	4,515	2,720	2,120	9,355	365	555	750	1,670
Total need by income	10,875	7,715	5,359	23,949	2,234	2,910	3,800	8,944

Data Source: 2012-2016 CHAS

Table 10 - Cost Burden Greater than 50 Percent (>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	2,955	1,525	230	4,710	560	445	465	1,470
Large Related	600	140	4	744	169	185	100	454
Elderly	1,795	670	155	2,620	750	665	410	1,825
Other	3,970	1,210	415	5,595	300	445	330	1,075
Total need by income	9,320	3,545	804	13,669	1,779	1,740	1,305	4,824

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

	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	12,260	11,670	9,170	3,925	37,025	2,105	3,485	5,475	2,725	13,790
Multiple, unrelated family households	1,295	1,405	1,600	580	4,880	430	855	1,660	870	3,815

Other, non-family households	935	745	640	500	2,820	20	55	110	40	225
Total need by income	14,490	13,820	11,410	5,005	44,725	2,555	4,395	7,245	3,635	17,830

Table 12 - Crowding Information - 2/2

	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	365	535	1195	2095	3065	1835	2125	7025

Data Source: 2012-2016 CHAS

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0% - 30% AMI

Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	
Jurisdiction as a whole	13,319	1,835	
White	25750	42120	
Black / African American	5,705	5,180	
Asian	3,275	4,130	
American Indian, Alaska Native	541	535	
Pacific Islander	504	484	
Hispanic	4,955	3,608	

Data Source: 2012-2016 CHAS

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30% - 50% Percent AMI

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Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems					
Jurisdiction as a whole	10,960	1,735					
White	6,390	1,165					
Black / African American	1,410	165					
Asian	765	200					
American Indian, Alaska Native	74	25					
Pacific Islander	95	20					
Hispanic	1,645	115					

<sup>\*</sup>Note: 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%.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: 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%.

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50% - 80% AMI

Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	
Jurisdiction as a whole	9,860	8.665	
White	6,275	5,585	
Black / African American	1,150	850	
Asian	720	725	
American Indian, Alaska Native	89	125	
Pacific Islander	105	105	
Hispanic	1,025	695	

\*Note: 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%.

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,385	7,215	
White	2,440	4,875	
Black / African American	335	950	
Asian	205	370	
American Indian, Alaska Native	14	65	
Pacific Islander	20	99	
Hispanic	210	550	

Data Source: 2012-2016 CHAS

\*Note: 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%.

Table 8 – Severe Housing Problems 0% - 30% AMI

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	11,545	3,610	1,860
White	6,035	2,170	1,115
Black / African American	2,145	300	315
Asian	890	590	135

American Indian, Alaska Native	265	80	75
Pacific Islander	145	20	25
Hispanic	1,515	288	170

Table 9 – Severe Housing Problems 30% - 50% AMI

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	6,105	6,590	0
White	3,545	4,010	0
Black / African American	725	850	0
Asian	385	580	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	55	44	0
Pacific Islander	35	75	0
Hispanic	1,045	715	0

Data Source: 2012-2016 CHAS

Table 10 - Severe Housing Problems 50% - 80% AMI

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	3,120	15,415	0
White	2,055	9,800	0
Black / African American	284	1,720	0
Asian	265	1,185	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	40	185	0
Pacific Islander	89	195	0
Hispanic	245	1,475	0

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The four severe housing problems are: 1) Lacks complete kitchen facilities; 2) Lacks complete plumbing facilities; 3) More than 1.51 persons per room, 4) Cost Burden greater than 50%.

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Table 11 - Severe Housing Problems 80% - 100% AMI

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	665	9,940	0
White	385	6,930	0
Black / African American	50	1,230	0
Asian	100	475	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	75	0
Pacific Islander	10	109	0
Hispanic	65	695	0

\*Note: The four severe housing problems are: 1) Lacks complete kitchen facilities; 2) Lacks complete plumbing facilities; 3) More than 1.51 persons per room, 4) Cost Burden greater than 50%.

Table 12 - Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	60,800	20,980	19,355	2,025
White	43,195	13,325	11,325	1,135
Black / African American	5,330	2,490	3,020	355
Asian	4,475	1,560	1,355	140
American Indian, Alaska Native	560	165	355	75
Pacific Islander	625	170	195	25
Hispanic	3,945	2,350	2,195	245

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Map 1 – City of Tacoma Residential Locations and Concentration by Race and Ethnicity

Data source: United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates accessed through ArcG25 Living Atlas of the World. Table 803002.

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Black or African American

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Asian

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islandar

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic White

#### **Totals in Units**

Table 13 – Public Housing by Program Type for Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA)

Program Type										
						'	ouchers/			
		Mod- Rehab	Public Housing*	Total Vouchers	Project -based	Tenant -based	Speci	Special Purpose Voucher		
	Certificate						Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled**	
# of units with vouchers in use	0	0	124	2,749	209	2,149	191	0	200	

**Data Source:** Pierce County Housing Authority

**Note:** \*includes one public housing home in Lakewood

#### **Characteristics of Residents**

Table 14 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program for Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA)

	Program Type										
						Vouche	rs				
		Mod-	Public			Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher				
	Certificate	Rehab	Housing	Total Vouchers	Project -based		Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program			
Average Annual Income	0		\$27,654	\$17,307	\$13,862	\$17,593	\$16,820	0			
Average length of stay (in years)	0		8	9.3	4	10	4	0			
Average Household size	0		3.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.5	0			
# Homeless at admission	0		0	588	175	222	191	0			
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0		6	901	39	671	70	0			
# of Disabled Families	0		32	1,631	71	1,426	134	0			
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			

<sup>\*\*</sup>includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Data Source: Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA)

#### **Race of Residents**

Table 15 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

			Program <sup>-</sup>	Гуре						
			Public Housing	Vouchers						
Race							Specia	al Purpose Vo	ucher	
	Certificate	Mod- Rehab		Total	Project -based		Veterans Affairs Supportive	Family Unification	Disabled	
							Housing	Program	*	
White	0	46	373	1,494	268	1,173	22	25	1	
Black/African American	0	23	262	1,197	178	982	27	9	0	
Asian	0	4	240	167	50	117	0	0	0	
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	3	15	78	18	57	1	2	0	
Pacific Islander	0	1	13	51	18	31	0	2	0	
Other	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

# **Ethnicity of Residents**

Table 16 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Program Type										
Ethnicity						\	ouchers/			
				Total Vouchers	Project -based	Tenant -based	Specia	al Purpose Vo	ucher	
	Certificate	Mod- Rehab	Public Housing				Veterans Affairs Supportive	Family Unification	Disabled	
							Housing	Program	*	
Hispanic	0	10	59	257	55	197	3	2	0	

<sup>\*</sup>Note: includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

<sup>\*</sup>Note: includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

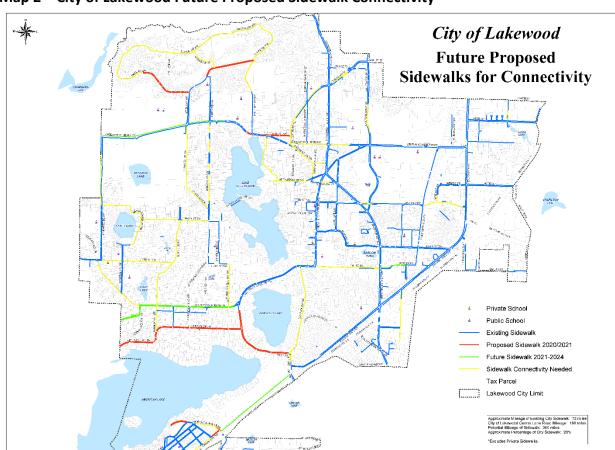
Table 23 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

			Pierce	Washington
Property Type	Tacoma	Lakewood	County	State
Total units	86,711	27,092	331,369	2,942,127
1, detached	63%	46%	65%	63%
1, attached	3%	6%	4%	4%
2-4 units	8%	11%	7%	6%
5-19 units	13%	21%	11%	10%
20 or more units	13%	10%	6%	10%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc.	<1%	6%	6%	7%

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Table 17 - Unit Size by Tenure

Number of bedrooms	Tacoma		Lakewood		Pierce (	County	<b>Washington State</b>		
	Owners	Renters	Owners	Renters	Owners	Renters	Owners	Renters	
Total units	39,928	39,098	11,147	12,993	185,160	118,426	1,668,071	1,000,841	
No bedroom	<1%	7%	<1%	5%	<1%	4%	<1%	6%	
1 bedroom	2%	28%	3%	34%	1%	22%	3%	25%	
2 bedrooms	19%	38%	18%	43%	15%	39%	18%	38%	
3 bedrooms	48%	18%	51%	15%	54%	25%	48%	23%	
3 or more bedrooms	79%	27%	80%	19%	84%	34%	79%	31%	



Map 2 – City of Lakewood Future Proposed Sidewalk Connectivity

Figure 3 – Number of Bedrooms by Tenure in Tacoma and Lakewood

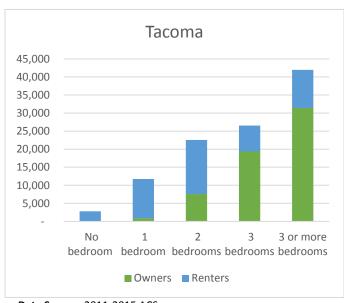




Table 25 – Cost of Housing

				Washington
	Tacoma	Lakewood	Pierce County	State
Median value				
(dollars)	\$203,600	\$209,100	\$232,600	\$259,500
Median contract rent	\$824	\$748	\$888	\$883

Data Source:

2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 26 - Rent Paid

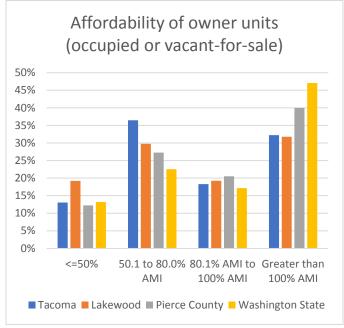
			Pierce	Washington
Rent Paid	Tacoma	Lakewood	County	State
Less than \$500	9%	5%	5%	9%
\$500-\$999	47%	62%	42%	40%
\$1499-\$1999	30%	26%	35%	32%
\$1499-\$1999	11%	6%	13%	13%
\$2,000 or more	3%	1%	4%	6%

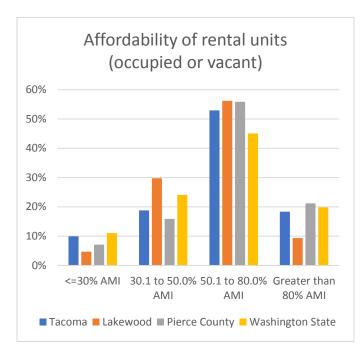
Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Table 27 – Housing Affordability

% units affordable to	Tacoma		Lake	Lakewood		County	Washington State	
households earning	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter
<=30% AMI		10%		5%		7%		11%
30.1 to 50.0% AMI	13%	19%	19%	30%	12%	16%	13%	24%
50.1 to 80.0% AMI	36%	53%	30%	56%	27%	56%	23%	45%
80.1% AMI to 100% AMI	18%		19%		21%		17%	
Greater than 100% AMI	32%	18%	32%	9%	40%	21%	47%	20%
Total units	40,720	40,380	11,235	14,060	188,040	122,655	1,683,000	1,021,895

Figure 4 - Housing Affordability





**Table 28 - Monthly Rent** 

Monthly Rent Limit in the Tacoma HUD Metro Area (\$)	Efficiency (0 bedrooms)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	\$860	\$966	\$1,265	\$1,829	\$2,222
High HOME Rent	\$860	\$959	\$1,152	\$1,322	\$1,455
Low HOME Rent	\$702	\$752	\$902	\$1,043	\$1,163

Data Source: FY 2019 HUD FMR and HOME Rents

**Table 29 - Condition of Units** 

Condition of units	Taco	Tacoma		Lakewood		Pierce County		Washington State		
	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter		
Total units	39,928	39,098	11,147	12,993	185,160	118,426	1,668,071	1,000,841		
With one selected Condition	30%	47%	28%	53%	29%	47%	27%	45%		
With two selected Conditions	1%	4%	1%	4%	1%	4%	1%	4%		
With three selected Conditions	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
With four selected Conditions	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
No selected Conditions	69%	49%	71%	43%	71%	49%	72%	51%		

Table 30 - Year Unit Built

Year Built	Tacoma		Lakewood		Pierce	County	Washington State		
real built	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	
Total units	39,928	64,696	11,147	20,458	185,160	178,215	1,668,071	1,514,185	
2000 or later	8%	7%	5%	8%	21%	12%	20%	12%	
1980-1999	19%	14%	23%	19%	33%	21%	31%	20%	
1950-1979	32%	45%	60%	64%	30%	49%	34%	48%	
Before 1950	40%	34%	12%	9%	15%	18%	16%	20%	

Table 31 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Risk of Lead-Based Paint	Tacoma		Lakewood		Pierce County		Washington State	
Hazard	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter	Owner	Renter
Total units built before 1980	29,086	35,816	8,006	15,015	83,687	59,789	820,731	513,344
Units built before 1980 with children present	13%	13%	11%	10%	11%	22%	12%	19%

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Total Units) 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children Present)

Table 33 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Program Type										
	Certificate	Mod-	Public		Vouchers					
		Rehab	Housing*	Total	Project	Tenant -	Specia	l Purpose Vou	her	
					-based	based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled **	
# of units vouchers										
available	0	0	124	2,749	209	2,149	191	0	200	
# of accessible units										

<sup>\*</sup>includes one public housing home in Lakewood

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

#### **Business Activity**

**Table 18 - 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	521	49	1	0	-1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	9,206	9,238	12	10	-2
Construction	4,511	3,259	6	4	-2
Education and Health Care Services	16,087	28,914	22	33	11
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,263	6,401	6	7	2
Information	1,458	823	2	1	-1

<sup>\*\*</sup>includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers	Share of Jobs	Jobs less workers
			%	%	%
Manufacturing	6,633	6,427	9	7	-2
Other Services	3,077	3,794	4	4	0
Professional, Scientific, Management					
Services	4,656	3,881	6	4	-2
Public Administration	138	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	9,835	11,553	13	13	0
Transportation and Warehousing	3,946	2,301	5	3	-3
Wholesale Trade	4,444	4,500	6	5	-1
Total	68,775	81,140			

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

#### **Labor Force**

#### **Table 37 - Labor Force**

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	103,840
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	93,340
Unemployment Rate	10.11
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	30.96
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	6.40

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

# **Table 38 – Occupations by Sector**

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	19,950
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	4,095
Service	12,995
Sales and office	21,550
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	7,965
Production, transportation and material moving	5,115

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

#### **Travel Time**

#### **Table 39 - Travel Time to Work**

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	56,270	63%
30-59 Minutes	24,665	28%
60 or More Minutes	8,365	9%
Total	89,300	100%

#### **Education:**

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

**Table 40 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status** 

Educational Attainment	In Labo		
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force
Less than high school graduate	6,790	1,095	5,120
High school graduate (includes			
equivalency)	19,185	2,160	8,525
Some college or Associate's degree	27,465	2,815	8,725
Bachelor's degree or higher	23,375	1,075	3,975

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

# **Educational Attainment by Age**

**Table 41 - Educational Attainment by Age** 

	Age							
	18-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-65 years	65+ years			
Less than 9th grade	275	780	1,055	2,175	2,120			
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,535	2,835	2,360	3,805	1,875			
High school graduate, GED, or								
alternative	6,265	8,395	7,020	14,610	8,365			
Some college, no degree	8,110	8,900	6,690	13,050	5,565			
Associate's degree	1,195	3,205	2,850	4,815	1,180			
Bachelor's degree	1,830	6,445	4,665	8,300	3,930			
Graduate or professional degree	100	2,045	2,805	4,800	2,990			

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

# **Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

Table 42 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	\$22,289
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	\$30,256
Some college or Associate's degree	\$33,766
Bachelor's degree	\$49,728
Graduate or professional degree	\$62,144

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

#### **Geographic Area**

Area name:	Hilltop Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area
Area type:	Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area
Revitalization type:	Rehabilitation; Production; Non-housing community development

Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this	See to Map 2
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this	Past plans and studies about Hilltop (including <i>Housing Hilltop</i> (2016) and <i>Hilltop Subarea</i> Plan (2014)) have highlighted a set of interrelated needs in Hilltop: loss of affordable housing, limited supply of affordable rental and homeownership opportunities, and displacement pressure among residents and small-business owners. These studies have recommended supporting mixed-use, mixed-income, and mixed-household housing and more affordable homes for lower-income households and building upon the social capital and organizational infrastructure to set measurable targets. An ongoing initiative, Design the Hill, is working with residents to design first-floor business spaces, public spaces,
commercial	building upon the social capital and organizational infrastructure to set measurable targets. An ong

**Map 3 - Geographic Priority Areas** 

