

**CITY OF CHANDLER
FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

CDBG Public Services and Fair Housing:

AZCEND – Rent and Utility Assistance

Funding Request: \$700,000

Recommendation: \$294,491.07

Persons Served: 84 Chandler households impacted by COVID-19

Funding is requested to provide rent and utility assistance to households with low or moderate income facing eviction or hardship as a result of COVID-19. Each CDBG eligible household may receive rent and utility assistance for up to 3 months per HUD regulations.

COC Community Development – Client Services

Funding Request: \$153,726.87

Recommendation: \$153,726.87

Persons Served: 290 Chandler individuals experiencing homelessness

Funding is requested to provide direct, intensive client services to individuals experiencing homelessness in Chandler. Funding will support one Client Services Specialist and one Community Navigator who will locate and establish relationships with persons who are chronically homeless and medically vulnerable; coordinate care and communications with appropriate service providers; facilitate access to housing; and provide support and advocacy necessary to help them stay housed.

COC Community Development – Fair Housing Training

Funding Request: \$7,500

Recommendation: \$7,500

Persons Served: 100 Chandler individuals

Funding is requested to conduct fair housing activities to affirmatively further fair housing and promote free housing choice in the City of Chandler. Activities include training, counseling, and referral services to provide information on fair housing rights and on the availability of housing in a wide variety of locations. Fair housing trainings are conducted in person at community gatherings, partner agency locations, and community centers. In addition, the worldwide web, social media, and print and promotional materials are used.

COC Housing and Redevelopment – Public Housing Youth Program

Funding Request: \$78,000

Recommendation: \$78,000

Persons Served: 280 Chandler youth

Funding is requested to provide after school and intersession programming to youth, ages 6-18, who reside in Chandler's four Public Housing family sites. Activities include academic support; mentoring; youth development; arts; books and reading services; and sports and recreation. Programming is offered Monday through Friday on regular school days at each public housing site. During intersession, youth from all four sites come together to participate in regular programming and special events. In the summer months, activities are offered in the morning for younger children, in the afternoon for all ages, and in the evening for teens.

Save the Family – Case Coordination and Homeless Housing

Funding Request: \$28,000

Recommendation: \$25,000

Households Served: 5 Chandler families experiencing homelessness (17 individuals)

Funding is requested to assist Chandler families experiencing homelessness in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing through long-term shelter, rapid rehousing, and case coordination. Save the Family is unique in its provision of a scattered-site long-term shelter model, which allows families to stay integrated in their community near their natural support systems while they are in transition to permanency. Scattered-site shelter is provided in the cities of Mesa and Tempe. Scattered-site rapid rehousing services are provided throughout Maricopa County, but primarily in the East Valley cities of Chandler, Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, and Gilbert.

CDBG Capital Projects, Housing, and Neighborhood Revitalization:

City of Chandler Code Enforcement – Low-Mod Neighborhoods

Funding Request: \$166,326

Recommendation: \$166,326

Households Served: 12,000 Chandler households

Funding is requested to continue the systematic, proactive inspection program in CDBG eligible areas, with an emphasis on north Chandler. The program supports 1.5 full-time Code Inspectors and .3 full-time Neighborhood Preservation Technician specifically assigned to initiate code enforcement inspections and take necessary enforcement actions to remediate neighborhood degradation. Residents receive an advisory notice providing information about common code violations for self-evaluation and correction prior to inspection.

City of Chandler Community Resources and Development – Homeowner Rehabilitation

Funding Request: \$50,000

Recommendation: \$50,000

Households Served: 6 Chandler households (6 individuals)

Funding is requested to identify, assess, and prepare single-family Chandler homeowners with low- and moderate-income that have significant housing rehabilitation needs to receive

assistance. The Home Modifications program works in tandem with the FSL Home Improvements Programs to assist homeowners in accessing services for both Emergency Home Repair and Home Modifications.

FSL Home Improvements - Emergency Home Repair Program

Funding Request: \$372,093

Recommendation: \$372,093

Households Served: 27 Chandler households (27 individuals)

Funding is requested for owner-occupied emergency repairs for Chandler residents with low-income. This program is a continuation of the current partnership with the City of Chandler Neighborhood Resources Department. The City will continue to process client applications directly through the Homeowner Rehabilitation grant. FSL's role will include home inspections, scope of work creation, contractor procurement, construction oversight, and billing/reporting.

FSL Home Improvements - Home Modifications

Funding Request: \$157,061

Recommendation: \$157,061

Households Served: 12 Chandler households (12 individuals)

Funding is requested for owner-occupied interior and exterior repairs to improve health and safety and correct code violations. The repairs include Exterior Improvement Loan Program (EILP) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. The EILP program offers up to \$20,000 for exterior improvements to address blighted conditions, and revitalize the property and surrounding neighborhood in the form of zero percent interest loans, which are forgivable over five years. The ADA program offers up to \$10,000 for persons with disabilities to modify their homes so they can continue to live safely and comfortably. The City will continue to process client applications directly through the Homeowner Rehabilitation grant. FSL's role will include home inspections, scope of work creation, contractor procurement, construction oversight, and billing/reporting.