

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Caldwell's 2020 Action Plan is a one-year strategic plan to provide an outline of action for the community as it works toward meeting the housing and community development needs of its low and moderate income and special needs households.

The Action Plan serves the following functions:

- A planning document for the City, which builds on a participatory process among citizens, organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders;
- A submission for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program for jurisdictions;
- A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and
- A management tool for assessing performance, tracking success, and determining the course of future Action Plans.

This plan represents the fifth-year of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City identified four key goals to be implemented in the 2020 Action Plan.

- Improve Access to Affordable Housing
- Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention
- Improve Safety and Livability/Neighborhoods
- Improve Safety and Liveability/Homes

These goals are congruent with the goals outlined in the five-year Consolidated Plan and reflect the feedback from stakeholders and residents in the City. The City believes that these goals will help improve the lives of all residents in Caldwell, in particular those who have a low- or moderate-income. These goals focus on providing assistance to residents who are the most vulnerable and who may be living in substandard housing, are at risk for becoming homeless, and/or who spend a disproportionate amount of their financial resources on housing costs.

The fifth year plan does not include the goal of "address slum and blight in the proposed BID" or "job creation" which were listed in previous plan years. The City will address projects that improve the BID with other funding sources in 2020.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City became a CDBG entitlement community 2016 and has been implementing CDBG funded program for the past four years. The City continues to put an emphasis on increasing and improving the housing stock in Caldwell, as seen in the 2020 Action Plan. The City has established partnerships with the local public housing authority (SICHA), the Continuum of Care Provider (IHFA), area non-profits, businesses, and developers who are instrumental in ensuring that this program is successful in improving the lives of low- and moderate-income residents in Caldwell.

There is little change between the 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 action plan.

\* 2020 Action Plan does not include the goal "address slum and blight in the proposed BID." The City will continue to support the BID but will use different funding sources, other than CDBG, for projects.

\* 2020 Action plan does not have a job creation project. However, improvements to the facades and signage in the business improvement district (BID) has been included in the first three years of the Consolidated Plan. The City continues to support job creation in target areas with other funding sources.

\* Funding continues to be available for the construction/rehabilitation of housing stock. Resident and community feedback continues to emphasize the need for greater resources to improve affordable housing.

\* 2020 has funding available for improving the safety and livability of LMI neighborhoods through the improvements in public spaces/parks and homeowner rehabilitation projects. The 2020 project allocation will continue funding the Arthur Street multi-modal project.

\* The City anticipates partnering with IHFA, SICHA, and Advocates Against Family Violence (AAFV) in 2020. The City continues to develop relationships with non-profits and business, and added these partners to projects in 2020.

### **Summary**

The 2020 Action Plan represents the City of Caldwell's fifth-year as a HUD CDBG entitlement community. The City remains focused on listening to residents in ensuring that CDBG funds are being allocated in a way that benefits and impacts the lives of LMI residents.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CALDWELL	
CDBG Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Caldwell staff has the responsibility of administering and reporting the CDBG programs and ensuring compliance. The City worked with Resource Consultants, Inc. in preparing the Action Plan. The City Council provided feedback and insight into the program goals and activities and voted to support the final draft of the 2020 Action Plan.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Caldwell is located in Canyon County in Southwestern Idaho. Several organizations serve the region and coordinate programs for low- and moderate-income households in the region. During the consultation process, meetings were convened to facilitate the coordination among agencies and needs assessment activities. Individual agencies were also consulted during preparation of the 20120 Action Plan.

#### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

The City of Caldwell worked with the local public housing authority (SICHA) and area non-profits focused on housing to help craft the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

The City of Caldwell participates on several regional committees and commissions that have overlapping goals with the HUD CDBG programs. The City participates in the **Fair Housing Working Group** along with the CDBG entitlement communities of Nampa, Boise, and Meridian. The Group will provides community outreach and landlord training seminars.

The City of Caldwell is also member of the **Fair Housing Council** and participates in the Fair Housing Forum. Additionally, the City is a member of the **Region III Continuum of Care** meetings.

The City of Caldwell is also a member of South West Idaho Healthcare Coalition, chaired by SW District Health. Coalition members include area hospitals, EMS, emergency management, long-term providers, mental and behavior health providers, support services, specialty providers, public health, local and state law enforcement, fire services, public works, and volunteer groups. This is a clear and consistent way that the City of Caldwell is able to coordinate and communicate with area health, mental health, and other services agencies.

#### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The City of Caldwell is a member of the **Idaho's Region III Housing Coalition**. The Housing Coalition is chaired by Treasure Valley Community Resource Center. The Coalition has the following activities: The **Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee (IHCC)**, SHARE the Day, Point-In-Time Homeless Count, and Housing Forum.

The Housing Coalition membership includes Idaho Housing and Finance Authority IHFA (continuum of care), Idaho Department of Labor, Veterans Administration, American Legion, Canyon County Habitat for Humanity, SICHA (public housing authority), WICAP, various school districts, and local CDBG entitlement communities. This Housing Coalition is the primary vehicle that brings government, non-profits, and other key stakeholders together to work collaboratively to address homelessness in the Treasure Valley.

The City of Caldwell does not receive ESG or HOPWA funding. The City works to reduce homelessness through homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing programs as part of the City's CDBG allocation.

The City works with IHFA on affordable housing projects and the environmental review process on overlapping projects.

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

**Idaho Housing and Finance Association** is a uniquely created and organized financial institution and administrator of affordable housing resources. In its simplest form, Idaho Housing's mission is to provide funding for affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities where they are most needed and when it is economically feasible.

Idaho Housing is a self-supporting corporation that must generate all revenue necessary to cover the cost of its operations. It does this by earning fees for work performed and does not use any state-appropriated funds for its operations.

It functions as an agent for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and performs a wide variety of tasks associated with financing, developing or managing affordable housing. Idaho Housing and Finance Association provides services through the HUD's HOPWA, ESG, and CoC programs.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) is designated by the IHCC to serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for coordination, communication, record keeping of meeting agendas and minutes, annual reporting, completion and submittal of the annual CoC program application, general program administration and oversight, monitoring, and other duties as assigned. IHFA is also the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead for all of Idaho.

Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) currently contracts with HOPWA service providers throughout the State of Idaho that specialize in HIV/AIDS-related services and/or low-income rental assistance programs.

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SICHA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	SICHA is the public housing agency and provides services to residents in Caldwell.

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

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	IHFA	Idaho Housing and Finance Authority (IHFA) and the City of Caldwell are both committed to ensuring greater access to fair and affordable housing, the reduction/prevention of homelessness, and access to credit for homeownership. The City participates in many joint efforts and organizations with IHFA to help support increasing housing options to residents.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

The fifth year Action Plan has no substantial changes, and builds upon past successes.

## Expected Resources

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

#### **Introduction**

The City of Caldwell is a first year HUD CDBG entitlement community. The first year allocation is \$419,000. Through community outreach sessions and meetings with local partners, the City prioritized goals and objects for using this funding to strategically and effectively make a positive impact on Caldwell's many needs.

The City expects partners to leverage CDBG funding to the fullest extent possible in order to implement robust programs that will help further

the needs of area residents.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	497,196	0	360,000	857,196	0	The City of Caldwell, working with area partners, will leverage CDBG funds through private funds, grant funds, and public funds. The allocations are based upon five-year estimates from HUD and are subject to change.

**Table 4 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

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

The City of Caldwell does not currently participate or receive funding from any additional HUD programs, including HOME, HOPWA, or ESG.

The projects outlined in the Strategic Plan which are implemented by outside agencies are anticipated to use CDBG funding to leverage their initial financial resources.

- Affordable housing supply projects are expected to leverage other local, state, federal, and/or private funds.
- Many of the proposed projects are currently offered by the surrounding CDBG communities of Nampa, Boise, and Meridian and are replicated in Caldwell.

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

The City of Caldwell will continue to work on completing the multi-modal pathway on Arthur Street. The City is continuing to working on areas to identify public spaces and parks to improve in LMI neighborhoods that will improve safety and livability. The City is evaluating potential park improvements to Lions Park and Luby Parks. Additionally, the City is providing ADA upgrades to the bathroom facilities at City Hall.

**Discussion**

The City will work to leverage funding to help maximize the usage of CDBG funding and tries to achieve a 5:1 ratio of funding leverage. The City is working to help promote the building and rehabilitation of housing stock in the community.

The City has \$360,00 in uncommitted fund from previous years that will be transitioned into activities during the 2020 program year. The activities for this funding have not change from the projects they were allocated towards in previous actions plans. The City does not anticipate problems with timeliness issue with expending this funding.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Access to Affordable Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	City of Caldwell	Improve Access to Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$165,000	Rental units constructed: Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 2 Households Assisted Emergency rehab program: 2 households assisted
2	Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention	2016	2020	Homeless	City of Caldwell	Reduce and Prevent Homelessness	CDBG: \$70,000	Rapid Rehousing: 8 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted
3	Improve Safety and Livability	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	City of Caldwell	Improve Livability of Housing Environments	CDBG: \$524,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1200 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Planning and Administration	2016	2020	Planning and Administration	City of Caldwell	Improve Access to Affordable Housing Improve Livability LMI Residential Neighborhoods Improve the Downtown Reduce and Prevent Homelessness Support Fair Housing Improve Livability of Housing Environments	CDBG: \$98,196	

Table 5 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions**

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will help support improved access to fair and affordable housing by supporting the development of new rental units for low- and moderate-income persons, additional housing structures for LMI persons, and programs to help LMI persons purchase a home.

<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will work to reduce and prevent homelessness. The City, working with area partners, will provide emergency short-term cash assistance to LMI individuals and families facing eviction. Additionally, the City will support programs that help with rapid rehousing efforts for persons who are currently homeless to find permanent housing.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve Safety and Livability
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will invest in infrastructure upgrade in LMI neighborhoods. Projects may include sidewalks, street lighting, planning, park improvements, and other eligible activities. The City will also provide an upgraded ADA compliant bathroom at Caldwell City Hall
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Planning and administrative responsibilities for conducting the CDBG program. This may also include Fair Housing projects.

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The strategies listed in this plan address the fourth year allocation for the City of Caldwell in FY 2020.

Activities include:

- Administration and Planning
- Additional LMI Housing and Rentals
- Homeownership Assistance
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
- Improve the safety and livability of LMI neighborhoods through improved parks/public space and ADA improvements to public spaces

### Projects

#	Project Name
1	2020 Administration and Planning
2	2020 Additional LMI Housing and Rentals
3	2020 Homeowner Assistance Program
4	2020 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
5	2020 Improve Safety and Livability/Neighborhoods

**Table 6 - Project Information**

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

The City of Caldwell chose fifth-year action plan projects based upon the recommendation of the stakeholder meetings during the original 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and during stakeholder outreach for the 2020 Action Plan.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2020 Administration and Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Access to Affordable Housing Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention Improve Safety and Livability
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Support Fair Housing Reduce and Prevent Homelessness Improve Access to Affordable Housing Improve Livability LMI Residential Neighborhoods Improve Livability of Housing Environments
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$98,196
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG Administration, Planning and Fair Housing activities that are not subject to the Public Service category.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Includes funding for City staff and consultants to administer and plan the CDBG program including but not limited to the creation and updates of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This also includes Fair Housing activities that are not subject to the Public Service category including compliance, monitoring, and plan development.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2020 Additional LMI Housing and Rentals
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$115,000
	<b>Description</b>	The City will support the purchase of land and site development of new housing for LMI persons. These projects may be used for the projects that rehabilitate housing stock and other eligible LMI housing activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City expects to assist with 2 rental units constructed and 2 household units constructed.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Development/redevelopment of LMI housing units of LMI housing units. May include land acquisition, site development, remediation, design, and other eligible activities.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2020 Homeowner Assistance Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	The City will support homeownership assistance for LMI eligible persons which may include down payment assistance, mortgage buy-down, and other eligible activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City anticipates assisting 2 LMI families with homeownership assistance.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities may include downpayment assistance, mortgage buy-down, and other eligible activities. The City will administer the downpayment assistance program.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2020 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Reduce and Prevent Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$70,000

	<b>Description</b>	The City will support helping persons experiencing homelessness to transition to permanent housing with temporary emergency financial assistance. Additionally, CDBG funds may provide temporary emergency financial assistance to LMI households at risk for eviction or foreclosure due to a temporary inability to pay rent or a mortgage payment. Other activities may include other items included in this program category.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City anticipates helping 10 persons avoid becoming homeless and 8 families with rapid rehousing.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City will provide support to persons experiencing homelessness to transition to permanent housing with temporary emergency financial assistance. Additionally, CDBG funds will provide temporary emergency financial assistance to LMI households at risk for eviction or foreclosure due to a temporary inability to pay rent or a mortgage payment.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	2020 Improve Safety and Livability/Neighborhoods
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Caldwell
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Safety and Livability
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improve Livability LMI Residential Neighborhoods
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$524,000
	<b>Description</b>	The City and area partners will add sidewalk, curb cut ins and street lighting to residential blocks in blighted neighborhoods and improve public space/parks. The City will add multi-modal access along Arthur Street. Projects may also include ADA improvements to public spaces, public buildings, and public facilities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City anticipates that over 1200 persons in LMI neighborhoods will benefit from improved safety and livability improvements.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Caldwell

<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project will help with the completion of adding multimodal path along Arthur Street in Caldwell. This improvement will help provide safer access from LMI neighborhoods to downtown Caldwell businesses, grocery stores, and public transportation stations. Additional money may be used on public spaces, parks, or other projects that help improve LMI neighborhoods. The City may also invest in ADA improvements to public spaces, public buildings, and public facilities.
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## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

All projects supported with CDBG funds are within the Caldwell City limits. While the City does not specifically allocate funding geographically, it does prioritize projects addressing needs in target areas. The basis for allocating investments are not specifically geographically delineated within the municipal boundaries. Additionally, proposed housing projects are reviewed for neighborhood standards including low-income and racial considerations, access to transportation, services, and environmental concerns.

The City is not funding any projects in the 2020 Action Plan that are limited to the Business Improvement District.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Caldwell Business Improvement District	0
City of Caldwell	100

**Table 7 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The need for decent, safe, and affordable housing is felt throughout the City. In previous Action Plans, the City allocated some funding towards projects in the Business Improvement District. The City decided that in FY2019, projects in the BID are best served with funding sources other than HUD CDBG. The City continues to make the revitalization of the downtown a key priority but will do so utilizing other funding solutions.

### **Discussion**

The projects identified in the 2020 Action Plan will benefit LMI residents throughout the City of Caldwell.

# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

The availability of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing is one of the pressing needs in Caldwell with a number of older housing stock the community has a need for home repairs to maintain affordable housing and to revitalize neighborhoods.

Additionally, the 2020 action plan will take specific steps to help LMI residents gain access to affordable housing and to prevent homelessness.

The City will support:

- rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention measures
- development of new housing for LMI residents including homeownership and rental opportunities
- homeowner assistance programs aimed at LMI residents

The City is working with area developers, non-profits, and IHFA to help support the use of LIHTC.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	8
Non-Homeless	14
Special-Needs	0
Total	22

**Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	18
The Production of New Units	4
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	22

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

### Discussion

Rental assistance is provided through rapid rehousing to 8 households and homelessness prevention to

10 households.

The City estimates that 2 rental units and 2 housing units will be constructed for LMI households.

Direct financial assistance to 2 LMI households to purchase a home is not counted in either table above.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) provides rental assistance to qualified low income families in Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington and Valley counties in Southwest Idaho.

SICHA strives to maintain high-quality management and operations of its housing programs and units. SICHA uses various HUD devised manuals in implementing its management and maintenance policies including Admissions and Continued Occupancy Handbook, PH Maintenance Plan Document, FSS Action Plan, Public Housing Assessment System Manual, Section 8 Administrative Plan, Housing Inspection Manual, Section 8 and Voucher Program Master Book, and HUD Handbook 7420.7.

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

City staff coordinates with SICHA regularly. Both agencies are active participants in the Idaho's Region III Housing Coalition. The City's CDBG funding helps to support a Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program and a Housing Rehabilitation Program that is administered by DCHA for residents of Clearfield. The Coalition has the following activities: The Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee (IHCC), SHARE the Day, Point-In-Time Homeless Count, and Housing Forum.

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

SICHA is committed to providing quality affordable housing to residents. A **Resident Advisory Board (RAB)** was formed to assist SICHA with various issues relevant to apartment living. Staff and residents are working together and making new strides in creating safer communities. The RAB members are key players in the quest to build safe communities and are committed to making their complexes a place they are proud to call home.

### **Family Self-Sufficiency Program**

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help voucher families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. The goal of the program is to assist families in overcoming the obstacles that keep them from being self-sufficient. This may mean job training, education, homeownership counseling,

budgeting, working on credit issues, etc. Any family now being assisted on the Section 8-housing program who want to become economically self-sufficient is eligible.

As a family's goals are accomplished and they start to pay more towards their rent, an amount comparable to their rent increase is deposited into an escrow/savings account for them if the increase in rent is due to earned income. When the family successfully completes their goals and fulfills their obligations in the contract, they will receive the money in the account. Many of the families who complete the FSS program use the escrow funds to purchase a home.

### **Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option**

The Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option (HCVHO) is a Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority program designed to promote and support homeownership. Qualifying families must be currently receiving Section 8 rental assistance in Canyon, Gem or Elmore County to use their HCV toward the purchase of a home. Your mortgage payment will be subsidized rather than your rent. The HCVHO program is administered locally by SICHA who receives federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the HCVHO program.

- Disabled and/or Elderly Families must meet a minimum income standard equal to the monthly Federal SSI benefit for an individual living alone multiplied by twelve. ( $\$674.00 \times 12 = \$8,088.00$ )
- All Other Families must have a total annual income of not less than the Federal minimum hourly wage (presently \$7.25) multiplied by 2000 hrs. ( $\$7.25 \times 2000 = \$14,500$ )

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

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) is not designated as troubled.

### **Discussion**

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

### **Introduction**

The City is not eligible as a recipient of other HUD funds, including HOME, ESG, or HOPWA. Idaho Housing and Finance (IHFA) is the agency designated by the State to administer these funds to communities in Idaho not eligible to receive direct funding. The Continuum of Care plan funds are administered through IHFA with input from regional coalitions. The City of Caldwell participates as a member of the Region III Housing Coalition. While the City does not receive these funds, agencies within the City may apply for these funds.

IHFA administers the HUD Emergency Shelter and Supporting Housing Grant funds that benefit area homeless individuals and providers. However, the reduction and prevention of homelessness is a goal of the Consolidated Plan.

Many of the activities the City will support during FY 2020 are intended to assist LMI households at the greatest risk of becoming homeless.

### **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**

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

The City will provide emergency short-term housing assistance to LMI households who are at risk of becoming homeless due to short-term challenges making rental or mortgage payments. Additionally, the City will provide support for rapid rehousing of individuals currently experiencing homelessness.

#### **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**

The 2020 action plan places a high priority on helping homeless persons transition to permanent housing. Local partners have experience in implementing successful rapid rehousing programs in

neighboring CDBG communities that are replicable in Caldwell.

**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.**

The action plan places a high priority in helping to prevent individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. The City, working with local partners, will provide support to LMI individuals and families. Temporary emergency assistance will be available to LMI individuals and families facing a financial crisis that may result in an imminent foreclosure or eviction.

### **Discussion**

The City does not specifically target persons with disabilities or other special needs for receiving services related to homelessness. The City's will work with partners to better understand the scope of homelessness in Caldwell and what actions in future years might best assist the population. The Point-In-Time Count conducted by IHFA counts homelessness by County and does not provide specific data on the City of Caldwell. There is a general understanding that Caldwell may have a large percentage of homeless persons who are children, teenagers, and young adults.