# Photo of a diverse group of people standing in a circle with hands meeting in the middle indicating collaboration.

# Executive Summary

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

**1. Introduction**

Weld County is an entitlement county as designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and granted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds annually to help fund local community development and housing programs that primarily benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) households and special need groups in the county. As a requirement to receiving HUD federal CDBG funding, the county is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan (AAP) each year describing the activities and goals the county plans to pursue and undertake with CDBG funds. The funds will be used to support activities consistent with the National Objectives for the CDBG program, as established by HUD, which may be used for public facilities and infrastructure projects, public services, economic development opportunities, and affordable housing programs, such as housing rehabilitation.

The Consolidated Plan is designed to help entitlement grantees assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions.  The Consolidated Plan is carried out through subsequent Annual Action Plans (AAPs), which provide a summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

Weld County is also required to provide citizens an opportunity to participate in the development and planning of the AAP each year. Public hearings help to gauge community development needs and establish funding priorities for current and future projects, as well as review of the performance of the program and affirmatively further fair housing. This AAP provides an outline of the CDBG program’s activities, goals and objectives that the county plans to undertake and support. This plan represents the 2024 AAP, or year four of the 2021-2025 year of the 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.

In analyzing the needs of Weld County through various meetings with county staff, municipalities, housing, non-profit agencies, and citizens, the top needs were: Public improvements and infrastructure, housing preservation, and access to services.

Infrastructure is a significant need in the county and its participating jurisdictions. Sewer, water and drainage issues are a high need throughout the county. There is also a growing necessity for public facilities such as senior, community, and youth centers. To help remove architectural barriers, sidewalks and trails are needed to provide safe access to services for all within the various communities according to the Needs Assessment.

Housing needs were the most identified. It came in a variety of suggestions, affordability, preservation, and shelters. Looking at the needs of Weld County residents, affordable housing continues to rise as one of the top needs of people in the county. Cost burden is one of those issues impacting affordable housing.

Vacancy rates are at the lowest rate in a generation. The county has grown from 254,230 in 2010 to 331,282 in 2020. The county population is projected to be around 370,053 in 2025. Housing affordability is impacting all economic sectors of the County. Housing preservation becomes an important tool in the CDBG toolbox to allow seniors and low to moderate income persons to stay in their homes.

Another high priority need is access to services. Access to services through transit opportunities are lacking in all parts of the county. Transportation is a key issue brought up by multiple organizations and persons in the Needs Assessment. There is a definite lack of transit and transportation options outside the Greeley metro area. The lack of transportation options impact low and moderate-income persons in all phases of their lives.

Communication to low and moderate-income and special populations is identified as a need. Communications of what services are available is needed to help with educational, health care, and other opportunities.  Translation services kept coming up throughout the Needs Assessments. There are several multi-ethnic groups working in the county.

Business loans and façade improvement programs for minority businesses are some of the economic needs for small businesses. Employee training and recruitment programs are needed for manufacturing and industry sectors.

Weld County has prioritized in its own county-wide Strategic Plan several goals including: Improving the quality of life for all residents; Maintaining an effective transportation system; Protecting and preserving our unique environment.

Knowing at least (70%) percent of the CDBG funds must benefit low- and moderate- income persons, **the county commissioners have prioritized Public Improvements and Adequate Public Infrastructure, Housing Preservation, and Access to Public Services as targets for projects for the CDBG program.**

**3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

As we move into the fourth year of the Weld CDBG program, the goals set out in the Consolidated Plan seem to be ratified by the applications submitted and discussions with locals of their needs.  Public infrastructure and public facilities, housing preservation and access to services are and continue to be top priorities. We believe our program is on track.

**4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

It is the policy of Weld County to ensure adequate citizen involvement in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of its housing and community development programs. Weld County has developed this Citizen Participation Plan to encourage citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan, Assessment of Fair Housing, Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. This Citizen Participation Plan is prepared and implemented in accordance with the guidance provided in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regulations 24 CFR Part 91.105.

Consultations, direct mailings/emails and other contact have been made with local and regional organizations that serve those in protected classes, or that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons.

Public hearings will be held at least twice per year at key stages of the process to obtain the public’s views and to provide the public, to the greatest extent possible, with responses to their questions and comments. The county holds public hearings to obtain input regarding community needs during the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing and Consolidated Plan; to review proposed uses of the funds in each Annual Action Plan; and to review program performance in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

**5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

All comments and views are welcome. A summary of comments will be provided at the conclusion of the public comment period and public hearing. The county uses several tools to request citizen comments.  Social media has resulted in the greatest number of responses from citizens. We have used Facebook, Instagram, webpages to solicit comments. In addition, we continue to use newspaper outlets to request comments from the public. We have received comments ranging from community needs to personal needs.

Some of the comments received from citizens include the need for more housing options such as condos, townhomes, multi-family units, and senior housing. Other needs that were high on the list are high speed internet, home repairs, handicapped accessibility, better roads, the need for more recreation and senior centers. Many comments received concern the need for sidewalks, storm drainage, but one of the greatest needs listed was transportation to services.

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

All comments and views are welcome. A summary of comments will be provided at the conclusion of the public comment period and public hearing. To date, we have not received comments that have not been accepted.

**7. Summary**

In summary, the high priority needs of the county and community have been selected after receiving comments from the public, the staff, and the municipal partners.  The needs fall into the necessity for improvements to public facilities and infrastructure, housing preservation, and access to services. To meet these needs, the county developed its Consolidated Plan strategy to develop partnerships to meet these needs. Targeting these needs through an action plan to give more weight to projects meeting the needs identified.The county commissioners have prioritized Public Improvements and adequate public infrastructure, Housing Preservation, and Access to Public Services as targets for projects for the CDBG program.

## 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** |
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| CDBG Administrator | WELD COUNTY | CDBG Program |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

**Narrative (optional)**

The Department of Planning will act as the lead agency for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the development of the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, Assessment of Fair Housing, and Consolidate Annual Performance Evaluation Plan. Throughout the Consolidated Plan, a list of actual and potential partners for the CDBG program are listed. These agencies and organizations play key roles in delivering and managing housing, community and economic development programs throughout the county.

The Consolidated Plan is part of a larger grants management and planning process that can be divided into six phases: (1) determining needs, (2) setting priorities, (3) determining resources, (4) setting goals, (5) administering the programs, and (6) evaluating performance. The Consolidated Plan incorporates the first four phases. The fifth phase, administering the programs, encompasses all the actions a grantee undertakes throughout a given program year. The final phase, evaluating performance, is documented in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) submitted to HUD.

Weld County’s CDBG goals include promoting viable communities by ensuring a range of housing choices, developing partnerships to enhance collaborations in community development, strengthening the local economy, and supporting necessary services. The county’s CDBG program aims to provide effective and efficient program administration.

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

**1. Introduction**

Weld County has a history of collaboration and consultation in several different areas with several different partners. We have collaborated with the Weld County Food Bank, United Way of Weld County, North Range Behavior Health and other agencies that deal directly with human needs. We have also consulted and collaborated with housing agencies and municipalities. The county will continue to collaborate and consult to help make a better place for the county and its citizens. It is in the county's Strategic Plan: to improve the quality of life for all citizens; and to promote coordination and collaboration among all government services.

**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(l))**

The Weld CDBG program has met with the Weld County Housing Authority. We asked for their planning documents and will include the goals they have set in coordination with the goals of this plan. We have also sent requests for needs of the housing agencies that operate in Weld County including Connections for Independent Living, Envision, Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity of St. Vrain Valley, High Plains Development Corp., North Range Behavioral Health, A Woman's Place, and the housing authorities in Ft. Lupton, Kersey, Keenesburg, Milliken and Windsor. We will continue engagement with these and other agencies as we become recognized as an ongoing program to assist agencies dealing with physical and mental health, homelessness, and helping people get back to work.

**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.**

We have met with the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care which represents Weld and Larimer Counties. We plan coordination meetings to determine needs and how to address those needs. This year the Weld County Deputy Director of Human Services was just appointed a position on their Board. Weld County funds Weld Way Home, a homeless prevention program, with General Fund monies and the three homeless shelters through Human Services Funds each year. They also reimburse the shelters on a per diem basis for eligible clients. The Northern Colorado Continuum of Care is a regional planning body that is responsible for coordinating the funding and delivery of housing and services for people experiencing homelessness in its service area. They maintain the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, which is used to collect and report data on the characteristics of people experiencing homelessness and their service use patterns. Continuum of Care receives funding through HUD's Continuum of Care Program, which is designed to promote a community-wide response to ending homelessness.

**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.**

Weld County works with Northern Colorado Continuum of Care to coordinate their efforts in receiving funds to assist their services across Weld County.

Weld County does not receive ESG funds at this time.

**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.

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| 1 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | A WOMAN'S PLACE, INC. |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services - Victims |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. Also had conversations of the needs of the area and agency. |
| 2 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Greeley/Weld County Housing Authority |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Weld County Housing Authority representatives provided valuable information regarding what the County's current needs during the County's solicitation for input on the Consolidated Planning process and Annual Action Plan process. |
| 3 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Greeley-Weld Habitat for Humanity |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Neighborhood organization |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. Also had conversations about housing preservation needs. |
| 4 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | High Plains Housing Development |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services - Housing Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. The agency also provided information about housing marketing analysis. |
| 5 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Hope@Miracle House |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 6 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Brigit's Bounty |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Services-Education Business Leaders Civic Leaders |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Anti-poverty Strategy Food security |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 7 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Lutheran Family Services Immigrant and Refugee Program |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Business Leaders Civic Leaders |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 8 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Northern Colorado Latino Organization |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Services-Education Regional organization Foundation |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 9 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Keenesburg Housing Authority |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 10 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Envision |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 11 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Life Stories Child and Family Advocacy |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims Regional organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 12 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing Services-Education |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Sent the agency a questionnaire. The answers helped with the Needs Assessment. |
| 13 | **Agency/Group/Organization** | Loveland Housing Authority |
| **Agency/Group/Organization Type** | Housing PHA Services - Housing |
| **What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?** | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs |
| **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?** | Loveland Housing Authority representatives provided valuable information regarding what the county's current needs are during the county's solicitation for input on the Consolidated Planning process and Annual Action Plan process. Loveland Housing Authority is managing the Windsor and Milliken Housing Authorities in Weld County. The Authority representatives participated in consultation and provided opportunities for coordination with future projects. |

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

Several agencies were sent questionnaires but did not return them or voice mails. They were asked to participate. Weld County will continue to attempt to reach out to all types of agencies.

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

| **Name of Plan** | **Lead Organization** | **How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?** |
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| Continuum of Care | Northern Colorado Continuum of Care | They maintain the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, which is used to collect and report data on the characteristics of people experiencing homelessness and their service use patterns. Continuum of Care receives funding through HUD's Continuum of Care Program, which is designed to promote a community-wide response to ending homelessness. |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional)**

As staffing positions change, due to career advancement, retirements, or restricting, Weld County continues to work with our agency partners to build relationships and facilitate on-going data collection. Weld County will perform a new Housing Needs Assessment for unincorporated Weld County this next year to assist with this inventory so this plan can better inform decision making processes. As part of the requalification effort, all of the existing communities participating have agreed to continue our program partnerships. The following are the participating jurisdictions: Ault, Pierce, Nunn, Grover, New Raymer, Eaton, Severance, Windsor, Garden City, Kersey, Evans, LaSalle, Milliken, Johnstown, Gilcrest, Platteville, Firestone, Mead, Frederick, Dacono, Erie, Ft. Lupton, Hudson, Lochbuie, and Keenesburg.

With Colorado’s adoption of Proposition 123, Weld County continues to work with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Division of Housing to understand how the new Affordable Housing Assistance Fund could affect this program.

Also, we continue to work with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Demography department.

We continue to connect with our local and state health department on lead-based paint issues as well as with Weld County Health department. They provide information on the how to mitigate lead-based issues. We continue to reach out and build on consultations as agencies understand our program.

## AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

**Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting.**

Citizen Participation for the Needs Assessment and Consolidated Plan takes the form of surveys and public hearing input. The Weld County CDBG Program Communications Plan utilizes print, web, radio, and social media to provide information to the public. We continue our media campaign requesting citizens help to determine their needs and the needs of the community/county. In May, we provided notice requesting comments of needs and how the current program is operating. We held public hearings in June and July asking for comments on the progress of the CDBG program and on the Annual Action Plan.

The media campaign includes Facebook and Twitter posts, as well as to the 8 newspapers and 13 radio stations serving all parts of the county plus the county’s own website.

The input from the citizen participation reflects the Weld County CDBG Program remain consistence with the identified goals. The citizen participation plan process greatly influenced the goal setting process and action planning. The commissioners continue to look at the comments and derive their goals from the input received.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

| **Sort Order** | **Mode of Outreach** | **Target of Outreach** | **Summary of**  **response/attendance** | **Summary of**  **comments received** | **Summary of comments not accepted and reasons** | **URL (If applicable)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Greeley Tribune newspaper February 16, 2024, requesting comments of needs and how the current CDBG program is operating. The Public Hearing was March 4, 2024. Also, social media was utilized to request comments by March 3, 2024. A Notice of Public Hearing was published May 8, 2024, for a public hearing on June 10, 2024, to hear comments on the 2024 Annual Action Plan. This was a 30-day comment period. | No comments received in the February 16th public hearing. Public comments made during the publication period are attached to the report. | No comments were rejected. |  |
| 2 | Internet Outreach | Persons with disabilities   Non-targeted / broad community | The exhibits reflect the number and variety of responses, which are summarized in the plan below. | Most comments received are via email. A comment was made on the need for more childcare availability for working families in Weld County. | No comments were rejected. |  |
| 3 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | The newspaper PSA was picked up by 8 newspapers that serve the county. | No comments were received. | No comments were rejected. |  |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

# Expected Resources

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

**Introduction**

This grant will be used to address program year 3 of the priority needs, goals, and objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The funds will be used to support activities consistent with the National Objectives for the CDBG program, as established by HUD. No program income is anticipated to be created from prior year projects. Unassigned funds will be kept for contingency purposes. There is no unassigned amount for 2024.

**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 | 1,211,310 | 0 | 0 | 1,211,310 | 1,000,000 | Weld County estimated receiving approximately $1,000,000/year. |

Table 1 - 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 CDBG allocation on its own will not be able to address all the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. It is important to leverage both financial and intellectual resources to accomplish the goals of the program. In addition to utilizing the sources mentioned above, the County will take prudent actions to assist other agencies and organizations in applying for all available funds and leveraging other resources to implement the strategies and programs. The County will also work with a network of representatives from the private lending community, financial experts, private and non-profit developers, and consultants, who can provide technical expertise.  Also, while there is no Federal match requirement for the CDBG program, the County will find more weight in applications that do propose to match funds.

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

There is no publicly owned land or property that can be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

**Discussion**

# 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 Infrastructure | 2021 | 2025 | Non-Housing Community Development |  | Public Improvements and Infrastructure | CDBG: $968,904 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2248 Persons Assisted |
| **2** | Improve home safety for homeowners | 2021 | 2025 | Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs |  | Housing Rehabilitation | CDBG: $50,000 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit |

Table 2 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions**

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| **1** | **Goal Name** | Improve Infrastructure |
| **Goal Description** | Improving public infrastructure will provide low-and moderate-income persons safer places to live. This type of project will help with better potable water, storm drainage and generally better road conditions. |
| **2** | **Goal Name** | Improve home safety for homeowners |
| **Goal Description** | Improving the safety of owner-occupied homes of LMI persons is important to preserve housing. |

## Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

**Introduction**

As mentioned in the Strategic Plan, the top priority for the county is public infrastructure and facility projects. The Needs Assessment showed a great need for water, sewer, storm drainage, roads, sidewalks and trails as well as community-type facilities such as youth and senior centers. Being the third year of being an entitlement county, the projects improving the public infrastructure of the county or participating jurisdictions remain the highest priority. Projects providing low- and moderate-income owner-occupied homeowners with repairs for safety will be a high priority including assisting in access to services.

**Projects**

| **#** | **Project Name** |
| --- | --- |
| 1 | 24-1 Ault Waterline Replacement Project |
| 2 | 24-2 Firestone Day of Service Program |
| 3 | 24-3 Eaton Non-Conforming ADA Ramp Replacement Phase II |
| 4 | 24-4 Erie Home Rehabilitation Program |
| 5 | 24-5 Evans ADA Ramp Project |
| 6 | 24-6 Platteville Park Playground ADA Enhancements |
| 7 | 2024 Planning & Administration |

Table 3 - Project Information

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

Projects which came forward met the priorities of the Consolidated Plan. These included public infrastructure that removes architectural barriers to provide access to services through construction of ADA ramps and playground enhancements, replacing a failing waterline in a low to moderate income neighborhood and preserving housing through a housing rehabilitation program. All of these projects are either a priority identified in the Consolidated Plan or meet the intent of the Plan.

## AP-38 Project Summary

**Project Summary Information**

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| **1** | **Project Name** | 24-1 Ault Waterline Replacement Project |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** | Improve Infrastructure |
| **Needs Addressed** | Public Improvements and Infrastructure |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $253,762 |
| **Description** | The Town of Ault proposes to upgrade a water line from an upsized line at 2nd Street and Hwy 85 (which was a recent emergency repair) to a main line on 1st Avenue, servicing the east portion of the Town. |
| **Target Date** | 12/31/2024 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | The project is estimated to benefit 140 low and moderate-income households/400 low and moderate-income persons. |
| **Location Description** | Within the Town of Ault. |
| **Planned Activities** | CDBG funds would be used to install 500 feet of 8-inch C-900 water line pipe from newly placed pipe on E 2nd Street, just west of Highway 85, west to the main line located on 1st Avenue through an open cut trench. |
| **2** | **Project Name** | 24-2 Firestone Day of Service Program |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** | Improve home safety for homeowners |
| **Needs Addressed** | Housing Rehabilitation |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $50,000 |
| **Description** | The Town of Firestone proposes to expand its annual Friends of Firestone Day of Service program, a partnership between the Town, Brothers Redevelopment Inc., a 501C(3) non-profit and local volunteers, to provide no cost minor exterior home repairs to low and moderate-income households located within Firestone during the one-day event. |
| **Target Date** | 9/30/2025 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | The intent of this project is to serve 12 low and moderate-income households. |
| **Location Description** | Within the Town of Firestone. |
| **Planned Activities** | Firestone will conduct 2 one-day events called the Firestone Day of Service.  Both events are planned to benefit 12-15 low and moderate-income households. The Town anticipates having 130 volunteers and professional contractors assisting with the program efforts. |
| **3** | **Project Name** | 24-3 Eaton Non-Conforming ADA Ramp Replacement Phase II |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** | Improve Infrastructure |
| **Needs Addressed** | Public Improvements and Infrastructure |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $193,762 |
| **Description** | The Town of Eaton is continuing to prioritize replacing dilapidated and non-conforming ADA ramps that are wholly located within an area of Town that is 54% low and moderate-income. |
| **Target Date** | 6/1/2025 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | The project is estimated to benefit 139 low and moderate-income households/360 low and moderate-income persons. |
| **Location Description** | Within the Town of Eaton limits. |
| **Planned Activities** | The CDBG funding will be used to upgrade a total of twenty-nine (29) individual/directional ramps. |
| **4** | **Project Name** | 24-4 Erie Home Rehabilitation Program |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** |  |
| **Needs Addressed** |  |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $167,000 |
| **Description** | This project is a minor housing rehabilitation/repair program for the Town of Erie residents. The project will target manufactured homes, which is an important category of the Town’s affordable housing stock. Repairs that directly address health and safety concerns including weather sensitive construction. Energy efficiency will also be a concern. |
| **Target Date** | 12/31/2025 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | This project is estimated to benefit 10 low- and moderate-income households. |
| **Location Description** | This project is in Weld County. |
| **Planned Activities** | This project will rehabilitate 10 manufactured homes owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income persons. |
| **5** | **Project Name** | 24-5 Evans ADA Ramp Project |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** |  |
| **Needs Addressed** |  |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $194,762 |
| **Description** | The proposed project would aid the City of Evans to bring into compliance ADA ramps located between 17th Ave east to Belmont Ave and 37th St south to 42nd St. enhancing connectivity through ADA pedestrian access in a low to moderate-income area. |
| **Target Date** | 9/30/2025 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | The proposed project will serve 258 low and moderate-income households.  As a census place, the City of Evans is 54% low and moderate-income. |
| **Location Description** | The project is located within the City of Evans. |
| **Planned Activities** | The proposed project would bring into compliance thirty-six (36) ADA ramps/transitions that would not be otherwise funded.  These would include twenty-seven (27) ramp replacements, four (4) ADA transition rollover curb and gutter replacements and five (5) ADA ramp installations. |
| **6** | **Project Name** | 24-6 Platteville Park Playground ADA Enhancements |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** |  |
| **Needs Addressed** |  |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $109,762 |
| **Description** | The Town of Platteville is requesting CDBG funding to install ADA compliant ramps and sidewalks in all four public parks in the community. These four public parks have playground areas with equipment but do not have proper or approved ADA accessibility for those in wheelchairs to access the playground equipment either from the street or in the wood chip safety zones. |
| **Target Date** | 12/31/2025 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | The intent of this project is to remove architectural barriers that restrict accessibility to public parks within the Town of Platteville to benefit approximately 636 persons/213 households. |
| **Location Description** | The project location is within the Town of Platteville. |
| **Planned Activities** | All four parks were assessed and a listing of needed upgrades for each park compiled to include construction of ADA compliant ramps, sidewalk upgrades to meet current ADA standards, roll over curb and gutter, landscaping and irrigation modification. |
| **7** | **Project Name** | 2024 Planning & Administration |
| **Target Area** |  |
| **Goals Supported** |  |
| **Needs Addressed** |  |
| **Funding** | CDBG: $242,262 |
| **Description** | Administration costs to implement, manage, and support the program. |
| **Target Date** | 12/31/2025 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | Administration costs to implement and support the program. |
| **Location Description** | This program includes Weld County, Colorado, except for the entitlement communities of Greeley, Brighton, and Longmont. |
| **Planned Activities** | Administration of the Weld County CDBG Program.  Planning Studies.  Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. |

## 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.**

As mentioned in the Strategic Plan, the top priority for the county is public infrastructure and facility projects. The Needs Assessment showed a great need for water, sewer, storm drainage, roads, sidewalks and trails as well as community-type facilities such as youth and senior centers. As the program continues to grow, the projects improving the public infrastructure of the county or participating jurisdictions will be the highest priority. Projects assisting in access to services and providing low- and moderate-income owner-occupied homeowners with repairs for safety will be a high priority.

**Geographic Distribution**

| **Target Area** | **Percentage of Funds** |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

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

The determination has been made to spread funding across needy areas in the county, rather than focusing a year's funding exclusively on one geographic area of entitlement. Projects in geographic low-to-moderate income areas are given priority.

**Discussion**

See comment above.

# Affordable Housing

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

**Introduction**

While the Weld County CDBG Program cannot build new affordable housing units. Affordable housing continues to be an ongoing need in our county, but through strategic use of the CDBG funding aims to address the need in a holistic, multi-pronged approach. Continued collaboration with municipalities and public housing agencies will be necessary to increase the reach and leveraging power of CDBG dollars. Regional collaboration and investment in key areas of the community will also continue to be imperative aspects of success.

| **One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported** | |
| --- | --- |
| Homeless | 0 |
| Non-Homeless | 25 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 25 |

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| **One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through** | |
| --- | --- |
| Rental Assistance | 0 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 25 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 25 |

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

**Discussion**

The Town of Firestone proposes to assist 12-15 LMI households over the span of the next two years (2024 and 2025) with minor exterior home repairs. The Town of Erie will assist with the rehabilitation of 10 home repairs.  Lastly, the affordable housing project in the Town of Frederick will complete a new forty-unit structure with rental restricted apartments to assist with Colorado’s high rental cost for all age groups in 2025.

## AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

**Introduction**

The Weld County Housing Authority does not own any units. It is not their intent in the near future to acquire or build any units.

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

The Weld County Housing Authority does not own any units. This housing authority does plan to look at getting more vouchers if available. Other authorities plan to keep units maintained. Windsor Housing Authority is working with Loveland Housing Authority to look into building more units.

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

Weld County Housing Authority has no units therefore no residents.

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

No authority is designated as troubled.

**Discussion**

Weld County continues to coordinate with county PHA's for networking and to continue agency coordination.

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

**Introduction**

Weld’s Way Home, under the leadership of United Way of Weld County, is the initiative to address and prevent homelessness in Weld County. Beginning in the fall of 2016, this initiative set forth priorities identified by a Blue-Ribbon Committee that represented gaps in Weld County’s current continuum of services for individuals experiencing housing instability, including homelessness. The initiative also works to change the systematic response of homelessness, from managing challenges of homelessness to a Housing First and prevention system. The entire report can be found at www.weldswayhome.org. The county funds Weld Way Home with General fund monies and the three homeless shelters through Human Services Funds each year. The county also reimburses the shelters on a per diem basis for eligible clients.

**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**

Outreach and assessment are best done by those agencies with expertise helping homeless individuals and families and included the Point-in-time Count and outreach through the Community Action Collaborative, Cold Weather Shelter, and the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement Strategy, all of which will receive CDBG support.

The Weld County Human Services department provides resources to assist persons who are homeless including using resources mentioned above.

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

The agencies mentioned above work in some capacity to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons. Additionally, the County further supports the work of the Cold Weather Shelter in the Housing Navigation Center.

**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 Weld County Human Services department provides resources to assist persons who are homeless including using resources mentioned above. The County did not establish one-year goals specifically to help homeless transition to housing and independent living, but rather supports the agencies providing such assistance. The agencies named above all work to provide referrals, case management, and in some cases, financial assistance (rent and/or utility assistance) to help households avoid returning to homelessness.

**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 Weld County Human Services department provides resources to assist persons who are homeless including using resources mentioned above.

**Discussion**

The agencies named above all work to provide referrals, case management, and in some cases, financial assistance (rent and/or utility assistance) to help households avoid returning to homelessness.

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

**Introduction:**

Barriers to affordable housing are policies, administrative rules and regulations, market conditions, public or private systems and economic conditions that impede access to affordable housing. The biggest barrier to affordable housing is the cost of water. There is a lack of water in Northern Colorado including Weld County. Many municipalities are working together to fund bringing or providing additional water to help accommodate growth. The cost to do this is expensive.

Of course, besides water is the neighborhood push back concerning the location of low-and moderate-income housing. The plan is to work together with municipalities to develop strategies to provide education to residents about the fabric of a diverse neighborhood. These educational endeavors will be on going.

**Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment.**

Unfortunately, local governments do not have the ability remove or control market forces or completely eliminate social perceptions that act as barriers to affordable housing. Local governments can, however, led by example in reforming public policies and regulations that serve as barriers. Working with agencies like the High Plains Housing Development Corporation, Loveland Housing Authority and Weld County Housing Authority along with private sector housing developers, a strategy of removing barriers to affordable housing can take place. Working with municipalities to review policies that can enhance the development of more affordable housing can ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing. Providing education about funding sources such USDA Rural Development, Private Activity Bonds, and other funding resources can help remove barriers to affordable housing. We plan to meet with these agencies to work on strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing.

**Discussion:**

Colorado’s Proposition 123 identifies a statewide 9% affordable housing increase from 2024-2027. It is the responsibility of each community to establish their baseline value for accommodating affordable housing growth, including the counties. Weld County will pursue the development of a housing needs assessment to get a better grasp on affordable housing needs for the unincorporated areas of the county.

## AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

**Introduction:**

The CDBG allocation on its own will not be able to address all the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. It is important to leverage both financial and intellectual resources to accomplish the goals of the program. The County will also work with a network of representatives from the private lending community, financial experts, and private and non-profit developers and consultants who can provide technical expertise.

**Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.**

Communications is the key to assist the underserved. Providing information in various forms and places is the key to addressing some of the obstacles of to getting help to those that need it. We plan to work with municipalities by providing them with ways to reach out to their citizens about the services available.  We will work with county human services department works and nonprofit agencies in this endeavor.

**Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.**

The Weld CDBG program is gathering the various sectors of the housing industry to work on a process to foster affordable housing will set a foundation to maintain such. A key partner is working with United Way’s Weld’s Way Home. Work with participating partners to foster reviews of promoting affordable housing in their jurisdictions.

**Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.**

The County will also continue to participate annually in the State's Lead Safety Awareness Month. Participation will include providing lead paint awareness pamphlets at public buildings and posting lead-based paint awareness posters, space permitting. The lack of funding from the State inhibits even small-scale assistance except to provide testing for children. At this time there is no housing rehab grant program. It is a long-term goal to have such a program that could help mitigate such hazards.

**Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.**

The county will work with AIM's Community College, Weld County’s Workforce Department, and other job resource agencies to train persons in need of jobs. The County’s work force center continues to be a resource for persons in need to help them find jobs, which is a step toward moving out of poverty.

**Actions planned to develop institutional structure.**

There is, overall, good coordination and little duplication of services locally, in part because the participating jurisdictions are mostly small communities. The local nonprofit infrastructure is diverse and active in the community. The plan this year and through the next several years is to work on building capacity for many of the participating jurisdictions and nonprofit agencies.

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

To enhance overall coordination, CDBG staff will continue consultations, open lines of communication and attend meetings that will enrich the program. The county currently is involved many agencies dealing with social services and public housing. The county has a housing authority as well and hopes to partner on projects more in the future. These current systems allow for coordination. The CDBG program will enhance these ongoing situations.

**Discussion:**

It is essential that staff coordinates with other agencies to implement, enhance and bring success to the County’s CDBG program and to the services to persons needing assistance.

# Program Specific Requirements

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

**Introduction:**

This Action Plan for Weld County plans to fund public improvement and/or public facility projects as well as owner occupied home rehabilitation and access to public services projects. In this coming year, projects cover all the areas of County priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.

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

**Other CDBG Requirements**

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| --- | --- |
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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |

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| --- | --- |
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| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 90.00% |

The Weld County CDBG program plans to use at least 70% of the CDBG funds to benefit low-and moderate-income persons by the end of the 3 years. At this time, we do not receive HOME funds.

**Community Needs Comments for Plan Year 2024**

**Weld County wants your ideas for community improvements**

by [Belen Ward](https://coloradocommunitymedia.com/author/bward/) March 1, 2024

Weld County is asking for community input on project ideas to improve the community as a part of the annual Community Develop Block Grant discussion.

If you have an idea for improving your neighborhood, such as ADA sidewalks, transportation, or home repairs, you can participate in the Weld County CDBG program to share it, according to a written statement from Weld County officials.

The Community Development Block Grant Program provides annual federal grants to states, cities and counties to provide decent housing and suitable living environments and to expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

According to officials, several cities had great results in November 2022 with the 60+ Ride ADA Van projects getting support from Weld County’s block grant allocation. The county also approved providing free transportation to take senior citizens to medical appointments, grocery stores, government and financial institutions and events.

In one example, Hudson got a safe walking path from the Hudson Prairie View Apartments to the grocery store, post office, and town hall. In another, Keenesburg improved its narrow sidewalks or built them for persons with disabilities and older people who walked from two assisted living facilities and Timberwood apartments.

Firestone partnered with Brothers Redevelopment Inc. to help low-income families with homeowners needing safety repairs. Dacono’s Glen Street Waterline Replacement needed upgrades made of cast iron in a housing subdivision built in the 1970s.

Also, the Dacono Glen streets were repaved, city sidewalks were replaced and improved, and ADA ramps were added. In addition, ADA ramp upgrades were made in Milliken, Eaton, and Pierce Senior Center.

Residents are invited to give testimony and make suggestions at 5 p.m. March 4, 2024, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O St. in Greeley.

According to officials, successful projects focus on community development, housing needs for low- and moderate-income persons, or other needs within a neighborhood.

Written comments are also accepted and must be received by 5 p.m. on March 3. You can email [erelford@weld.gov](mailto:erelford@weld.gov) or mail comments to the Office of the Clerk to the Board, 1150 O St., Greeley, CO, 80631. Written comments should include the sender’s name, what town they live in, what community improvements are needed or if the needs were met, how they would improve the community, and opinions about the community improvement projects currently being completed.

For more information about the CDBG program and previously funded projects, please visit <https://www.weld.gov/Government/County-Programs/Community-Development-Block-Grant>.

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Does your community have needs that could benefit from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds? Perhaps neighborhood improvement projects such as ADA accessible sidewalks, improved transportation options, or home repairs for a specific neighborhood? As part of the Weld County CDBG program, we’re giving residents a chance to share their project ideas as the program continues to grow and evolve. Read more at [www.weld.gov](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.weld.gov%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3diEQmNYS7P-byHm-pRsJYps-2Gy2r5K_5Jf1YM4DJcdr-7f78UI7icMw&h=AT0Qt39grnTni2K10cVOF6cuVc-F7wYfskkKLNVR6-QdUqJArVh7cKPR56xwiD1kFp_98_Ik0Imda4vGVivU439fTVHkDtCOyHUIeco6ESnKvD1X1LecoQGxwGb2TXdw7Q&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1Ik9A23znl-RL6RramfrunXSuqav1cCTmoXFKUZ-ulAH6F7ziIZ-MnRnWLKboSQ18RySTqlIKVPUwnCxLekeLR8DgPek2vz-WtUP0G7OhbBSOaF6JeY-MSFcBRatZXZK9yDdnjhC1Ie9LzJAfUHmKVA5SAhw) by clicking "news."



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Tax refunds equivalent to the value of the block grants?

**Stacey Carpenter**

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**Jennifer Finch**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

**2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**Docket #:** 2024-17

**Hearing Date:** Monday, March 4, 2024

**Hearing Time:** 9:00 a.m.

Weld County plans to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement funds. The public is invited to comment about the needs of the County to help develop the 2024 Annual Action Plan. The Plan is a 1-year plan that identifies needs of the community and develops a strategy to address the needs of the County.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has outlined three (3) clear national objectives to be addressed by the CDBG program. Projects funded with CDBG funds must address one of the following national objectives: principally benefit low- and moderate- income persons; prevent and/or eliminate slums and blight; and address an urgent need. The County anticipates receiving approximately $1,177,685 for 2024. At least 70% of the CDBG grant funds received by Weld County must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons through public facilities and infrastructure improvements, housing preservation, and economic/job development.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2024, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631, to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to:

Community development and housing needs, including the needs of low and moderate- income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed in the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan through the CDBG program.

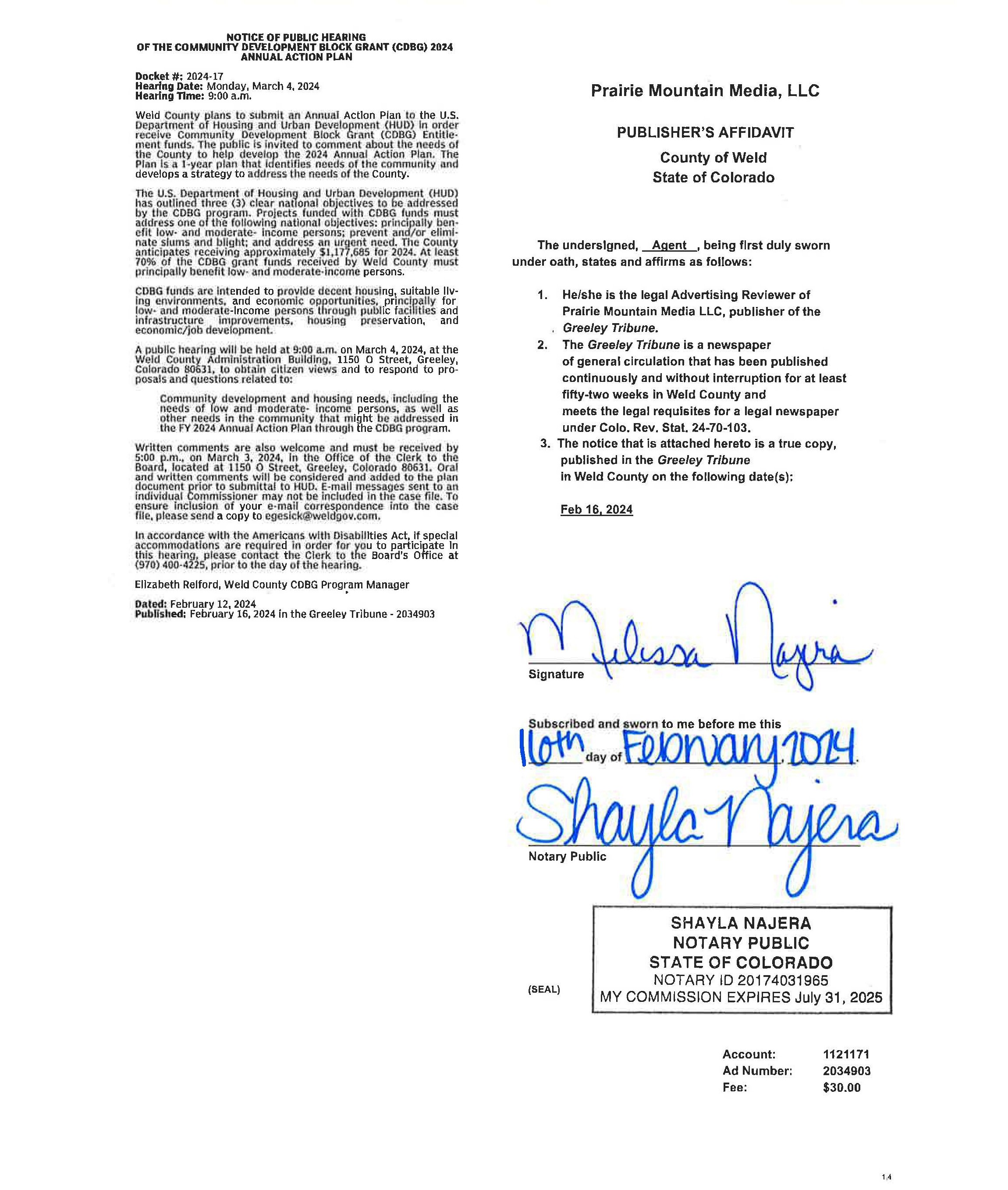
Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 5:00 p.m., on March 3, 2024, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, located at 1150 O Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631. Oral and written comments will be considered and added to the plan document prior to submittal to HUD. E-mail messages sent to an individual Commissioner may not be included in the case file. To ensure inclusion of your e-mail correspondence into the case file, please send a copy to [egesick@weldgov.com.](mailto:egesick@weldgov.com)

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are required in order for you to participate in this hearing, please contact the Clerk to the Board's Office at (970) 400-4225, prior to the day of the hearing.

Elizabeth Relford, Weld County CDBG Program Manager

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

**2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN APPROVAL**

**Docket #:** 2024-40

**Hearing Date:** Monday, June 10, 2024

**Hearing Time:** 9:00 a.m.

Weld County plans to submit a 2024 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement funds. The public is invited to comment on the use of funds to help develop the 2024 Annual Action Plan. The Plan is a 1-year plan that identifies needs of the community and develops a strategy to address the needs of the County.

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CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons through public facilities and infrastructure improvements, housing preservation, and economic/job development.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 2024, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631, to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to:

Approval of the 2024 Annual Action Plan and its proposed use of the 2024 CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements, public facilities, public services, housing preservation, and general grant administration.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 5:00 p.m. by June 9, 2024, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, located at 1150 O Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631. Oral and written comments will be considered and added to the plan document prior to submittal to HUD. Email messages sent to an individual Commissioner may not be included in the case file. To ensure inclusion of your email correspondence into the case file, please send a copy to [egesick@weld.gov.](mailto:egesick@weld.gov.)

Copies of the draft plan are available at <https://www.weld.gov/Government/County-Programs/Community-Development-Block-Grant> or at the Office of the Clerk to the Board, 1150 O Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631, during regular office hours.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are required in order for you to participate in this hearing, please contact the Clerk to the Board's Office at (970) 400-4225, prior to the day of the hearing.

Elizabeth Relford, Weld County CDBG Program Manager

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