Overview of Housing & Community Development: A Division of the Community Services Department

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Purpose of Presentation

Brief overview of HCD

Staff

Programs

Roles and responsibilities

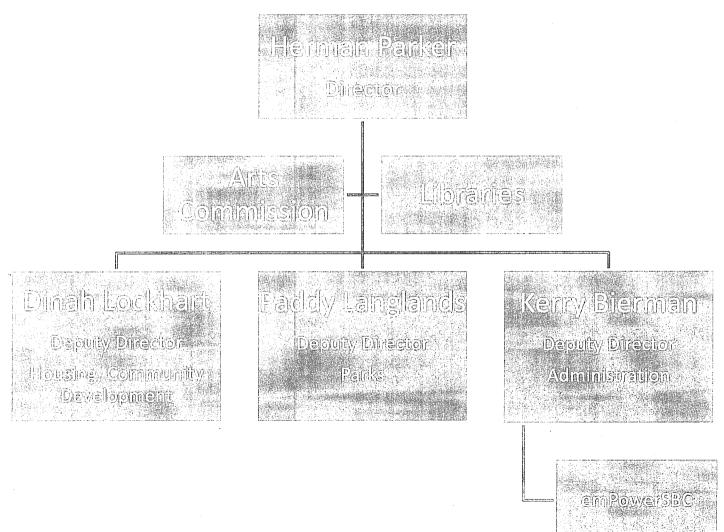
Main Focus

Challenges

Solutions



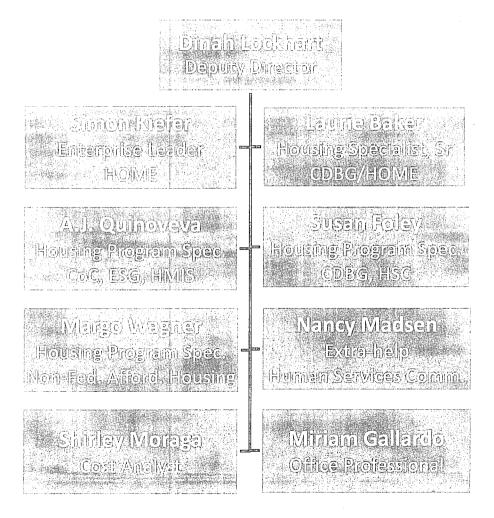
Community Services Department







Housing & Community Development



Consultants using one vacant, funded Housing Program Specialist position



HCD Program Summary

Federal

- CDBG Projects/Programs for low & moderate income
- HOME Create affordable housing
- ESG Services for homeless & at-risk of homelessness
- CoC Services & housing to help homeless achieve stability

Non-federal

- Inclusionary housing oversight/property management
- Affordable Housing In-lieu fee reinvestments
- Homeless Shelter Contracts and Warming Shelters
- Human Service Grants



HCD Challenges

Timeliness

- Insufficient focus on project & program readiness
 - Staff and leadership turnover

Monitoring

- Lack of consistent application of procedures
- Large number of active projects and programs

External

Audits



Summary of Current Year HCD Programs and Projects

Programa	AYGUVADV 1	Total's		ZAVO linil ak ZANI organiloza
CDGB	53	\$5.3M	\$1.5M	\$233K
HOME	43	\$23.6M	\$0.9M	\$93K
ESG	7	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$12K
CoC	11	\$1.7M	\$1.7M	\$12K
HSC*	71	\$1.1M	\$1.2M	\$100K
SHELTERS*	3	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	0
VISITORS' BUREAUS*	12	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	0
WARMING CTRS*	1	\$0.03M	\$0.03M	0
Total	201	\$32.4M	\$6.0M	\$450K

^{*}County General Fund



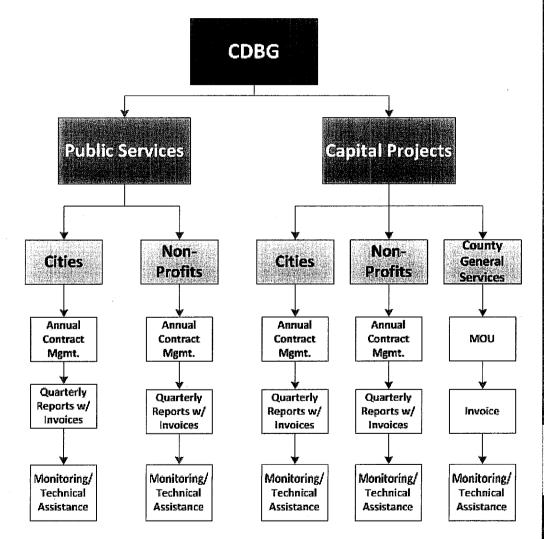
CDBG Programs and Activities

CDBG Public Services

(15%): food distribution, youth and senior programs, transportation, counseling, medical and dental, programs of homeless/disabled

CDBG Capital Projects:

libraries, homeless facilities, community centers for recreation, seniors, youth; parks; accessibility; non profit facilities improvements; infrastructure, day care

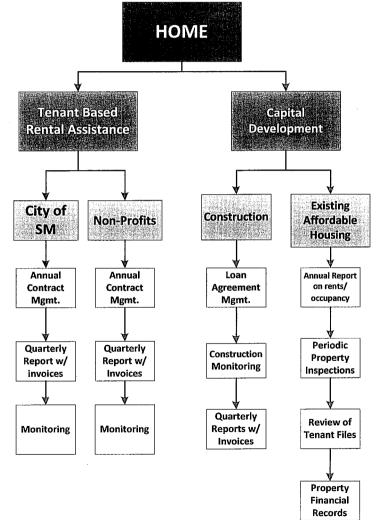




HOME Investment Partnerships Programs and Activities

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construction, rehabilitation, rental and homeownership assistance

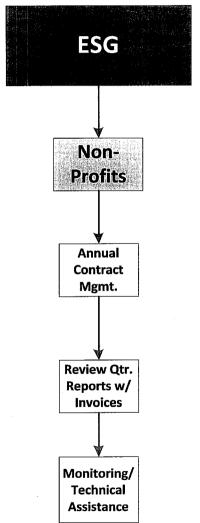




Emergency Solutions Grant Programs and Activities

Emergency Solutions

Grants: Prevent homelessness at its onset; provide shelter services; tends to be short-term in duration



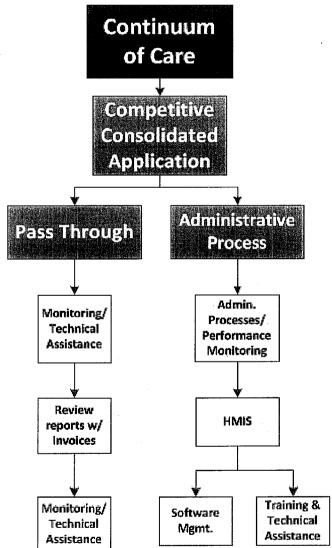


CoC Programs and Activities

CoC Homeless

Programs: supportive services and transitional/permanent housing; longer-term solutions to address homelessness

Homeless Management Information Systems: administer Countywide software to track and report data for thirtytwo programs

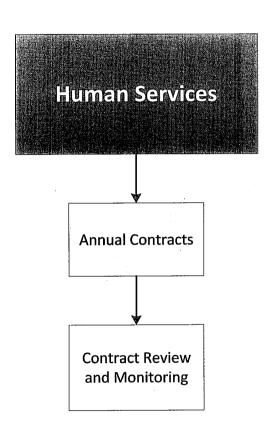




Human Services Commission Programs and Activities

Human Services Commission:

Homeless facilities,
operations and services,
youth/senior programs,
food distribution,
transportation, mental
health, domestic
violence, rape
prevention and
counseling, drug and
alcohol counseling,
Rental Housing
Mediation Task Force,
Warming Centers



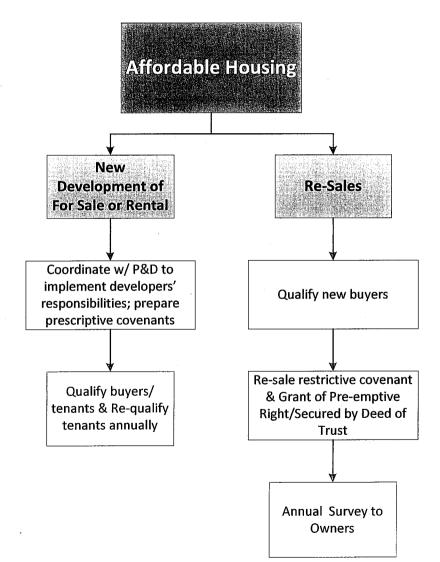


Housing Programs and Activities

Inclusionary Housing:

Promotes the development of affordable housing; property management; oversees developer responsibilities, buyer/tenant eligibility, certification, inspections and monitoring.

In-lieu fees go to County
Housing Authority &
non-profit housing
developers for the
construction of
affordable housing





HCD Program & Administration funding – FY 2012-13

Planning:

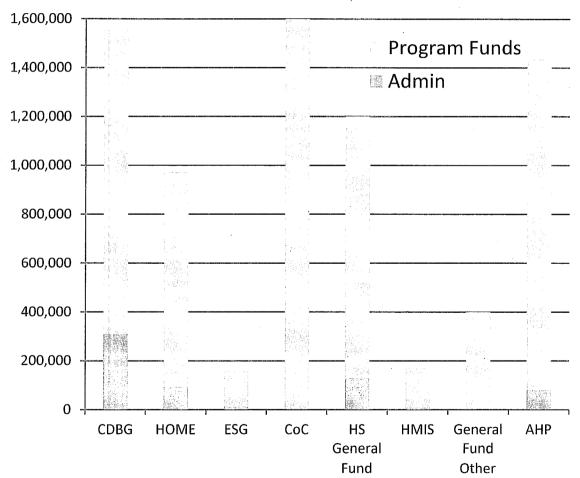
Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, CAPERS, CoC

Contract
Establishment and
Management

Monitoring:

Program terms and conditions, Project compliance

Annual & Semi-Annual Regulatory Reporting





HCD Challenges & Solutions

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- 2013 Annual Action Plan -Projects ready to implement
- Staff with program experience have been hired

Monitoring

- Amending/creating standardized procedures
- Expediting monitoring of affordable housing units

External

Finish, implement findings



Wrap-up

- Questions
- Recommended Actions:
 - Receive and file a report on the status of the administration and the monitoring of the use of funds provided through federal housing programs to the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) of the County Community Services Department,
 - Provide direction to staff as appropriate, and
 - Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

