Bear River Association of Governments
2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan

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**Executive Summary**

The purpose of the Bear River Regional 2022 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Update is to provide decision makers in local governments and service providers of Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties in Northern Utah with the information and goals regarding the needs and market conditions regarding housing and community development to enable them to make data-driven and place-based public investment decisions for limited public funds. It evaluates the needs of the region and assesses the availability of resources to make positive impacts in housing affordability, availability, and livability by establishing realistic goals and prioritizing activities and investments to achieve the desired outcomes.

The Plan is developed by staff of the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG), under the direction of the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services, Division of Housing and Community Development to provide local and regional input into the Statewide Consolidated Planning process.

BRAG, which also staffs both the Logan City Housing Authority and the Bear River Regional Housing Authority, is constantly evaluating local housing needs. The current economic conditions in the region have greatly increased needs for moderate income housing, as market value and demand for housing of any kind is beginning to increase. BRAG works closely with local governments to provide current estimates of housing affordable to Moderate Income Households (earning less than 80% of the County Median Income), Low Income Households (earning less than 50% of the County Median Income), and Very Low Income Households (earning less than 30% of the County Median Income) and develop objectives for each community to address any identified needs in housing affordability and availability.

Consistent with national and statewide trends, housing demand is up while inventory remains low, driving prices for rent and mortgages up. Record low unemployment rates have forced wages up to attract and retain workforce, but the wage growth still fails to keep up with housing cost increases. Low inventory and vacancy rates also allow property owners and managers to be more selective in who they rent to, negatively impacting people with criminal records, poor credit ratings, and other barriers.

There is also persistent demand for transitional housing for persons with mental health disabilities in Box Elder County and victims of domestic abuse throughout the region. In 2016, BRAG, Neighborhood Nonprofit Housing Corporation, and Bear River Mental Health negotiated the transfer of ownership for the Bear River Commons apartment complex to BRAG. This complex provides housing to low-income individuals, primarily those receiving mental health services. Box Elder and Cache Counties have also identified a moderate need for transitional housing for persons recently discharged from local correctional facilities. While efforts to implement a project to address this need are ongoing, challenges organizing the staff and addressing liability concerns remain. Similarly, public sentiment is growing for the provision of a local full-time homeless shelter. While funds are available to create such a facility, the persistent low numbers of chronic homeless make it difficult to justify the investment of State and Federal agencies to provide staffing and counselling services.

BRAG engaged Logan City and other regional stakeholders to develop a new plan to address Homelessness issues, including chronic homelessness, transitional homelessness, and incidents related
to correctional discharge. This plan was completed and adopted by the Local Homeless Coordination Committee in 2020.

Rural community infrastructure for critical public services such as water, waste water, transportation, and emergency services have been repeatedly targeted by COVID-19 pandemic relief funds as well as State budget surpluses. While the need for updated and new infrastructure is still great, more resources are available for the next 2 to 3 years to address community priorities.

**Consultation**

As part of this Consolidated Planning process BRAG has sought to collect information from as many outside sources as possible. This public input process is an attempt to synthesize public opinion about the adequacy of support and funding of BRAG's services and products within the Bear River District. In this effort, BRAG holds multiple public meetings each year. Information was collected from individuals and representatives of all three counties of the Region.

BRAG holds regular consultations with staff at Logan City to exchange demographic data and coordinate on projects occurring within either jurisdiction that may potentially benefit residents of both the Entitlement Area and the balance of the Bear River Region. Transitional housing has been identified in Logan City’s 5-year Consolidated Plan as a significant need in Logan City’s Entitlement Area and the region.

In Calendar Year 2021, BRAG has worked regularly with the English Language Learning Center in Logan, Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connections and the Northern Utah Hispanic Health Coalition to promote BRAG services including access to CDBG, Weatherization, LIHEAP assistance, and Aging Services to populations where English is not the primary language spoken at home. Additionally, BRAG was involved in the establishment of the Cache Refugee and Immigration Connection, a support organization designed to promote the economic self-sufficiency and integration of immigrants and refugees through improved access to services and education. Through 2022, additional outreach and public comment will be gathered from Latino and other non-English-speaking communities in the Region, particularly Southeast Asian refugees relocating to Cache County.

Participants in the regular BRAG Human Services Board meeting expressed concern over regional housing quality and accessibility. It was recommended that incentives should be prioritized to assist in rehabilitation of rental properties, especially single-family homes.

In late January of 2022, the Bear River Homeless Coordinating Council conducted its annual point-in-time homeless count. Four individuals were found to be without proper shelter in the Bear River Region between January 27th and 29th, 2022. Additionally, 12 individuals were approached who appeared to be homeless but declined to participate in the survey. 62 families were sheltered using local Continuum of Care funds.

Throughout 2021, BRAG collected feedback from local governments regarding economic development issues as part of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy produced in partnership...
with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Housing affordable to the region’s workforce is a critical need consistently identified by many participants.

Citizen Participation
BRAG conducted a public hearing on January 26th, 2022 to solicit comments on the Community Development Block Grant program.

A second public hearing was held March 23rd, 2022 to collect public input regarding Community Development Block Grant projects identified for funding. No comments were received.

A public comment period on the draft 2022 Annual Action Plan was be held from January 31st through March 1st, 2022. Notice of the public comment period is included in Appendix A. The public comment period was be noticed on the Utah Public Notice website and copies of the draft Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Update were made available on the BRAG website. No comments were received.
Expected Resources

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**CDBG:** Each year BRAG staff and Governing Board review BRAG’s rating and ranking criteria to assure consistency with BRAG Consolidated Plan, State and HUD requirements. The ranking system for 2022 CDBG Program year provides the highest number of points for those projects that benefit the highest numbers of moderate, low, and very low income persons; that implement quality growth principles; that provide decent, safe and affordable housing, create suitable living environments, or create economic opportunities; that result in the greatest regional impact; that have been well planned; that demonstrate project maturity and collaboration, and that leverage the most funds.

BRAG keeps a set-aside of CDBG funds to assist first-time home-buyers with closing costs and help make the cost of home ownership more affordable for households earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income. This small award is matched with funds from Tremonton City for home purchases within that community’s boundaries. Matching funds come from the Tremonton City Redevelopment Agency.

BRAG also reserves funds for an emergency home repair program to maintain safe, decent, and affordable housing for households earning less than 50% of the AMI. This grant is also matched with funds from Brigham City and Tremonton City for projects within their respective municipal boundaries. These matching funds are also provided through municipal redevelopment agencies.

**CDBG CV:** In the Spring of 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BRAG received $1.5 million to assist in the provision of services to benefit LMI populations suffering economic and social distress as a result of the disease. BRAG expended approximately $400,000 of pandemic relief funds prior to the beginning of its 2021 Fiscal Year by purchasing personal protective gear for local law enforcement and emergency response providers; acquiring vehicles for the distribution of food pantry and Meals on Wheels food stuffs; and purchasing appliances for local senior centers to increase capacity to produce and distribute nutrition to senior citizens homebound by the pandemic.

The remaining $1.1 million dollars was allocated in early 2021 to address continuing needs. Key investments include support to provide day care and counseling to youth and children whose families are economically impacted by COVID-19; investments in the local Children’s Justice Centers to provide safe and supportive response to victims of child abuse and domestic violence which have increased due to stressors caused by the pandemic; and investment in improved access to high-speed broadband internet service in remote rural communities to support home education and home workforce development.
Goals & Objectives

Allocation priorities
Focus communities are identified using Census Bureau median area income estimates, senior population estimates, and self-assessed infrastructure needs.

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The identified focus communities are located in northwestern Cache County, western Box Elder County, and Rich County. This is consistent with the fact that these communities are geographically isolated from major transportation, commercial airports, suppliers, etc. The geographical isolation of these rural areas, in conjunction with lack of infrastructure and services necessary for consistent, year-round employment creates unique needs.

Specific areas of concern are Rich County and its communities of Randolph, Garden City, Laketown, and Woodruff, and western Box Elder County communities of Snowville, Park Valley, Lynn, Yost, Grouse Creek, and Lucin.

BRAG will continue to focus HUD CDBG and other federal and state funding programs towards critical community infrastructure needs such as water, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure and safe,
decent, and affordable housing. While current funding is inadequate, increased coordination and programmatic planning can help relieve the highest priority needs.

BRAG is continually working to identify Affordable Housing Need for each County and community within the region. These assessments will provide further detailed information for use in determining focus areas for appropriate resources. The most acute area of concern is currently the Bear Lake Valley portion of Rich County. Rapidly growing resort development is stressing local communities’ abilities to provide adequate workforce housing for the accompanying construction and service industries. In Box Elder County, housing affordable to the manufacturing workforce is limited. As the market works to catch up with demand for median-income level housing, the low- and very low-income populations struggle to find new housing opportunities.

Aging services and housing needs are acutely felt in Box Elder and Rich Counties. With few local care center options, many seniors opt to stay in sub-standard private living quarters. BRAG will work with local senior center staff to identify potential candidates for home repair and weatherization services along with affordable alternatives to costly assisted living services. The immediate future faces significant challenges in reduced State support for home-delivered meals and nursing services.

Local infrastructure needs are regularly assessed by BRAG through individual capital improvement plans. BRAG staff will continue to work with local elected officials to identify critical infrastructure needs and match them with available funding. Staff will also engage in direct capital facility planning to ensure that more projects are matched with funding before service delivery reaches a crisis level.

In 2022, BRAG will continue to deliver Homeless Aid throughout the region utilizing Pamela Atkinson Funds and Community Service Block Grant Funds. This aid will focus on emergency shelter grants and referrals to transitional housing opportunities.

BRAG will also focus housing rehabilitation funds on non-urban communities. Service will be provided on a case-by-case, income-qualified basis.

BRAG will assist local communities in Rich County to determine eligibility for projects that will improve critical community infrastructure and access to emergency services.

The 2022 CDBG Rating & Ranking process continues to place rural community infrastructure needs as the highest priority, though other projects are eligible and may be funded if scoring in other criteria is high enough. Other programs are funded based on income eligibility of clients on a first-come first-served basis.

**Geographic Distribution**
Currently, BRAG has no geographically-based priority for distribution of funds or services. Remote communities in southern Rich County and western Box Elder County have been identified as “distressed” in previous Consolidated Planning efforts. Funding and services are available to these communities, however extra effort must be made to include residents and leaders of these areas in
outreach and service awareness. BRAG must work to provide additional support and education to encourage residents to participate in available programs and services.

**Method of Distribution**

Application criteria, materials and assistance are available online through the BRAG website and at offices in Logan and Perry.

Potential applicants for the CDBG program are notified through direct mailing sent to local governments and non-profit service providers. Additionally, CDBG application details are discussed at regular meetings with the Northern Utah Hispanic Health Coalition, the BRAG Human Services Board, and BRAG Governing Board.

The CDBG program award process involves grantee completion of the regional Rating & Ranking materials in tandem to the State program application forms. This regional Rating & Ranking process is developed using input from the BRAG Governing Board, elected officials representing each of the region’s three counties and six of its member municipalities. Regional priorities and selection criteria are evaluated and amended annually.

Once projects have been rated and ranked, the highest-scoring projects are recommended to the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services, Division of Housing and Community Development for funding.

The 2022 Regional CDBG Rating & Ranking methodology and Thresholds & Policies are attached in Appendix D. The Bear River Region limits CDBG awards up to $200,000 in order to encourage local investment leverage and ensure successful projects while assisting the highest possible number of communities and beneficiaries each year.

The intended outcomes of these investments are to improve suitable living environment of LMI communities and populations through critical public infrastructure investments, increased access to non-profit service providers, and expanded housing opportunity.
Public Housing
In 2020, BRAG sold four CROWN homes into private ownership through the Utah Housing Corporation. After having provided the single-family detached units for rent to low and moderate income households, the homes were sold on the open market to income-qualified families. Families currently occupying the units had first right of refusal to purchase the properties. All four households currently occupying the units financed the acquisition of their homes. The re-conveyance of funds that BRAG received from these units will be reinvested in housing opportunity in Box Elder County.

The HUD Section 8 program provides approximately $2.5 million for rental assistance through the Bear River and Logan Housing Authorities, both administered by BRAG. There are no matching requirements for this program.

Additionally, the Bear River Housing Authority will offer mortgage payment assistance to five qualified clients each year.

Barriers to Affordable Housing
In 2020 and 2021, the State of Utah’s median home values climbed dramatically. The Bear River Region’s housing market followed suit. Low supply and high demand have lead the average sale price of homes in Cache County to jump from $332,880 in December of 2020 to $465,000 in December of 2021 (Utah MLS). The prevailing attitudes towards government regulation naturally limit the potential for taxation, fees, and other rules and policies that restrict building, with the exception of lot size. The rapid growth in the region is a cause of concern for many residents who feel that the rural character of their communities is in jeopardy. This leads to significant resistance to increases in development density. One of the most direct ways to influence housing prices is to reduce the amount of land necessary to build and public infrastructure to install and maintain. Multi-family housing and small-lot single-family housing are often controversial in rural communities, but offer the best chance to combat rising housing costs while providing safe and decent housing options.

BRAG works regularly with local governments to address planning and zoning requirements that may limit housing choice. BRAG provides technical assistance throughout the planning process as requested and has distributed an educational pamphlet to each community in the region highlighting the benefits of planning for housing choice and addressing many of the concerns related to multi-family and smaller-lot housing.

The rate of increase in incomes has not kept pace with the rate of increase in housing costs. Even during the economic recession from 2007 to 2010, as housing costs dropped or stagnated, they continued to climb faster than wages. The result of this disparity is twofold; first, renters and homeowners are paying an increasing portion of their household income toward housing related costs, and second, more families are being priced out of home-ownership.
Cost Burdened Households are households paying more than 30% of their gross income to housing-related costs such as rent or mortgage, utilities, insurance, homeowner’s association or condo fees, etc.

Cost Burdened Households are at risk of financial “meltdown” when faced with unexpected medical or other household expenses. Many households are literally one paycheck away from foreclosure, bankruptcy or homelessness.

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Between 2013 and 2018, the median home sale asking price in the region increased from $190,467 to $294,633, an increase of 55% (Wasatch Front MLS, 2020).

In a similar timeframe, average annual household income grew from $51,934 to $57,726, an increase of only 10% (2013 and 2018 American Community Survey).

Source: 2000 Census and 2015 American Community Survey
Most communities in the region have recognized the need to provide housing for moderate income families and individuals. However regulatory barriers are still considerable in many communities that need affordable housing such as accessory apartments, manufactured housing, and high-density multi-unit development. While these housing styles may not be outright prohibited in communities, a general negative public perception of multi-unit housing projects and higher density lead to restrictive land use requirements that make it difficult to reduce housing costs. Additionally, appreciating land values and infrastructure costs, particularly for waste water treatment, in remote rural areas are making it difficult for developers to provide affordable units at current market prices. BRAG continues to encourage communities to adequately plan ahead for growth to reduce infrastructure costs, thereby passing fewer costs on to developers and property owners. BRAG also serves as a regional clearinghouse for housing providers and local agencies to collaborate and partner on housing needs and projects.

Other problems of Low Income Housing in the three counties of the Bear River Region include: lacking complete kitchen or plumbing facilities (substandard), having more than 1 person per room (overcrowded), and paying more than 30% of gross income towards housing costs (cost burdened). We assume that lacking complete kitchen or plumbing facilities is the most severe housing problem, followed by overcrowding, followed by cost burden. If a household has more than one of these problems they are counted with the most severe problem.

Other
BRAG’s Housing Specialist performs lead based paint tests on all HUD funded housing rehabilitation projects that cost more than $5,000 for. Projects that are less than $5,000, but are likely to disturb painted surfaces are also tested. (Emergency Home Repair, Minor and Major Home Repair, CDBG) All Section 8 Units receive a visual inspection. For units that appear to have deteriorating paint, lead based paint testing is required. If lead is found, the landlord must take corrective action.
Appendix A

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

Proof of Notice and Response to Comments
Appendix B

2022 Bear River Regional Capital Improvements List
## Bear River Regional 2022 Consolidated Capital Improvements List Supplemental

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Appendix C

Public Outreach & Consultation
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments  Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: BRAG Governing Board  Date of Consultation: 1/27/2022

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

- [ ] Housing
- [ ] PHA
- [ ] Services-Persons with Disabilities
- [ ] Services-Homeless
- [ ] Health Agency
- [ ] Publicly funded institution/System of Care*
- [ ] Other government-County
- [ ] Regional Organization
- [ ] Community Development
- [ ] Financial Institution
- [ ] Major Employer
- [ ] Services-Children
- [ ] Services-Elderly Persons
- [ ] Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
- [ ] Services-Health
- [ ] Child Welfare Agency
- [ ] Other government-Federal
- [ ] Other government-Local
- [ ] Planning organization
- [ ] Private Sector
- [ ] Banking/Financing
- [ ] Foundation
- [ ] Services-Education
- [ ] Services-Employment
- [ ] Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
- [ ] Services-Fair Housing
- [ ] Civil Leaders
- [ ] Other government-State
- [ ] Grantee Department
- [ ] Business leaders
- [ ] Neighborhood Organization
- [ ] Other:

*Organizations which may discharge persons into homelessness, such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions.

4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

- [ ] Housing Needs Assessment
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The board discussed possible eligible expenditures for the CDBG Coronavirus funds responding to needs from local communities and non-profit service providers.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

The board will prioritize funds over the next week to address known needs and requests.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments  Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Bear River Area Agency on Aging  Date of Consultation: 11/18/2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

- Housing
- PHA
- Services-Persons with Disabilities
- Services-Homeless
- Health Agency
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- Services-Health
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- Planning organization
- Private Sector
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Carolyn Reed, the Agency director was contacted regarding the needs of local aging populations in regards to housing and social services.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

The consultation provided information on regional priorities for access to housing, transportation, and other services that affect livability and affordability for seniors. It also provides more opportunity to coordinate outreach to citizens to educate them on available services and programs.
1. AOG: **Bear River Association of Governments**  Employee: **Brian Carver**

2. Name of Agency Consulted: **Bear River Housing Authority**  Date of Consultation: **12/04/2021**

3. **Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)**

   - X Housing Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Fair Housing
   - X PHA Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
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   - Other:

5. **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?**

   I met with the PHA director and staff to collect information regarding the needs of housing authority clients, condition of properties inspected, and overall attitudes towards housing in the region. Affordability, discrimination and homelessness were discussed.

6. **What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?**

   This input is used to inform elected officials and the public of the actual demands for and utilizations of affordable housing subsidies. This drives education efforts against housing discrimination and for the inclusion of affordable housing in land use policy development.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments  Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Box Elder Family Support Center  Date of Consultation: 11/18/2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The Box Elder Family Support Center was consulted directly to gather organizational information on activities and services for families fleeing domestic violence.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

This organizational contact helped clarify needs for domestic violence victims for shelter, transitional housing, and rehabilitative services, particularly in response to COVID-19 pandemic stresses. It also helped gather information to influence funding policies for CDBG.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Options for Independence Date of Consultation: 1/8/2022

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

   BRAG met with Options staff to discuss the needs of the adult disabled and aging populations in the region.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

   The coordination provides information on demand for housing and services as well as estimates of costs.
1. **AOG:** Bear River Association of Governments

   **Employee:** Brian Carver

2. **Name of Agency Consulted:** State of Utah, Dept. of Workforce

   **Services Date of Consultation:** 1/13/2022

3. **Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)**

   | Housing | Services-Children | X | Services-Education |
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   | X | Services-Persons with Disabilities | HIV/AIDS | Services-Victims of Domestic Violence |
   | X | Services-Homeless | Services-Health | Services-Fair Housing |
   | Health Agency | X | Child Welfare Agency | Civil Leaders |
   | Publically funded | Other government- | Other government- | Other government- |
   | X | institution/System of Care* | Federal | State |
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   | X | Regional Organization | Planning organization | Neighborhood |
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   | Lead-based Paint Strategy | Other: | |

5. **Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?**

   BRAG meets monthly with regional DWS staff to review employment statistics, business needs, workforce education, and other welfare and system of care programs.

6. **What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?**

   Consultations provide insight into demographic and economic changes in the region to help guide BRAG staff and elected officials in prioritizing projects and program delivery.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Northern Utah Hispanic Healthcare Coalition

Date of Consultation: December 15, 2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

- Housing
- PHA
- Services-Persons with Disabilities
- Services-Homeless
- X Health Agency
- Publically funded institution/System of Care*
- Other government-County
- Regional Organization
- Community Development
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

BRAG participates regularly in meetings with the NUHHC to share information on services and programs with the regional Hispanic population. BRAG also seeks input from this organization on methods to increase participation from minority populations in local planning processes and programs.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Input from the NUHHC helps BRAG adjust its language access policies and bilingual documentation on programs and services. It also helps identify community needs and priorities for future project development.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Cornish Town Date of Consultation: 9/18/2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

- Housing
- PHA
- Services-Persons with Disabilities
- Services-Homeless
- Health Agency
- Publicly funded institution/System of Care*
- Other government-County
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- Community Development
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- Services-Children
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- Market Analysis
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5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Spoke with town staff about options for CDBG funds including water system improvements or property acquisition of an old group home. The home facility seems unlikely to qualify.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Will work with the town to provide guidance on funding sources, including CDBG
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Rich County Senior Center Date of Consultation: 10/06/2021

3. **Agency/Group/Organization Type** (*Check all that apply*)

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6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Working to identify strategic investments that will help keep seniors safely housed and cared for in difficult circumstances as a result of the pandemic.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments
Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Brigham City Senior Center
Date of Consultation: 10/06/2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

- Housing
- PHA
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- Services-Homeless
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1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments  Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Cache County Senior Center  Date of Consultation: 10/05/2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

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Working to identify strategic investments that will help keep seniors safely housed and cared for in difficult circumstances as a result of the pandemic.
1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments
Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Bear River Valley Senior Center (Tremonton)
Date of Consultation: 10/06/2021

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

| Housing | Services-Employment |
| PHA | Services-Elderly Persons |
| Services-Persons with Disabilities | Services-Elderly Persons |
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1. AOG: Bear River Association of Governments  
   Employee: Brian Carver

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Box Elder Community Pantry  
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6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Investments that will improve access to food for individuals experiencing homelessness and extremely low-income households. Including modifying practices to include delivery to quarantined households.
Appendix D

2022 CDBG
Rating & Ranking Criteria and Program Policies
Bear River Association of Governments

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

2022 Rating & Ranking Criteria

This application can be found on the web at www.brag.utah.gov/CDBG/CDBG.htm

1) What percent of the project beneficiaries fall into the following income groups?

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| 50% CMFI  | 65% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 50% CMFI | 4 points |

| 30% CMFI  | 40% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 30% CMFI | 4 points |

Opting to meet a HUD National Objective without income data**

Projects that meet a HUD National Objective by meeting the criteria for “presumed Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI)” groups or qualified Urgent Need projects may opt to not document specific LMI beneficiaries and receive 8 points automatically.

Qualified Slum & Blight projects may opt to receive 8 points without providing income documentation.

Urgent Need projects are not required to provide proof of income qualification and are limited in budget size and scope and may receive 9 points without documenting specific LMI beneficiaries.

| Project Meets Criteria and opts to not document LMI | Yes |

* County Median Family Income (see http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/cdbg/applications.html or State Application Appendix C).

How to Document: Consult BRAG staff to determine the best way to document income for your project.

**Projects that meet a HUD National Objective (see Chapter III of State Application Guide) by serving a HUD specified “Presumed Low-to-Moderate income (LMI) group or that aid in the prevention of slum or blight (National Object #2) or respond to an Urgent Need (National Object #3) may opt to receive “default” points in this category automatically without having to document LMI beneficiaries. Otherwise they must document LMI benefit and will not be eligible for default points. You must consult with BRAG staff if you think your project may qualify.
### 2) Is the jurisdiction implementing Fair Housing, Civil Rights and Quality Growth Principles? 10 points possible

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<td>Has your jurisdiction addressed moderate income housing in its general plan as required by State Code Title 10-9a-403(2)(a)(iii)? (Towns with populations under 1,000 receive 2 points if no plan)</td>
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<td><strong>2 Points</strong></td>
<td>Does this project implement moderate income housing or homeless goals as identified in your general plan (whether required by state code or not) or in BRAG’s Consolidated Plan?</td>
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<td>Has your jurisdiction adopted ordinances to protect and conserve water, air, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands and/or historic places?*</td>
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<td>The Community has completed an “ADA Checklist for Readily Achievable Barrier Removal” for the main administrative office.</td>
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<td>The Community has adopted the following policies – 1) Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2) Section 504 and ADA Effective Communication Policy, 3) Language Access Plan and 4) Section 504 and ADA Reasonable Accommodation Policy</td>
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*Applicants will receive one point for each ordinance adopted to protect or conserve water, air quality, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands, and/or historic places. Up to three points possible. Attach copies of ordinances and planning documents to Application Packet.

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3a) For Community-wide Projects – Does the jurisdiction have capacity to fund the project through increased taxes?

10 points possible

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<th>Tax Rate as a % of Ceiling*</th>
<th>Tax rate &lt;15% of ceiling 0 points</th>
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How to Document: BRAG staff will use the tax rate data produced by the Utah Tax Commission to confirm your jurisdiction taxing position. No documentation required.

OR

3b) For Drinking Water/Waste Water Projects – Are the system user fees competitive according to State Drinking Water and Water Quality standards?

10 points possible

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<th>Maximum Affordable Water Bill (1.75% of MAGI)</th>
<th>Fee rate &lt;0.6% of MAGI 0 points</th>
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Regional Priority

4) How does the project rate with regional priorities, goals, and policies? Regional priorities are determined by the Community Investment Council and BRAG Governing Board.

20 points possible

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<th>Regional priorities, goals, and policies</th>
<th>Public Utility Infrastructure 20 points</th>
<th>Public Safety Activities 16 points</th>
<th>Removing Barriers 12 points</th>
<th>Community Facilities (non-recreational) 8 points</th>
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Public Utility Infrastructure – Projects designed to increase the capacity of public utility systems to better serve the community. May include drinking water, wastewater disposal projects and transportation facilities.

Public Safety Activities - Projects related to the protection of life or property, would include activities such as flood control, fire protection, or abuse prevention projects in a community.
**Community Facilities** – Non-administrative and non-recreational facilities and service activities such as senior citizen centers, health clinics, and food banks.

**LMI Housing** – Projects designed to provide for the housing needs of very low, low, and moderate income families. May include the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing dwelling units or the development of public infrastructure that would serve LMI housing projects or homeless shelters.

**Removing Barriers** – Accessibility to public facilities by disabled persons is mandated by federal law. Projects will remove accessibility barriers in existing public buildings and facilities.
Targeted population includes LMI populations and HUD-specified “presumed” LMI populations such as homeless, elderly, disabled adults, victims fleeing abuse, etc.

“Critical need” would include health and safety emergencies and special needs as defined in the Consolidated Plan such as transitional housing, mobility, respite care, etc.
7) **Per Capita Funding – How much CDBG money is invested in each beneficiary?**

5 points possible

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8) **Does the project have competitive matching funds or leverage of funds?**

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Bear River Region

CDBG Allocation Policies

2022 Funding Year

1) The Bear River Regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project rating and ranking and funding allocation process will be administered by the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Community Investment Council (the Council). This council is created by and responsible as a sub-committee to the BRAG Governing Board. Its core composition shall consist of at least one county and one city elected official from each county. All elected officials serving on the BRAG Community Investment Council shall also serve as members of the BRAG Governing Board. At least one representative for each of the following categories must be seated on the council: low income persons, small business owners, and private lenders. It will consist of no more than ten (10) members. Appointments of members shall be made by the BRAG Governing Board. Elected officials shall have no specified term of office. Other Council members shall serve two-year terms and may be reappointed.

2) The highest ranked CDBG project will be funded first. As a rule, funding requests will not be reduced if it would mean a reduced scale of the project unless the project is the last one funded. The next ranked project will be considered and funded similarly. This process will continue until the funds available are exhausted.

3) In the event of a tie for the last funding position, the project with the most project beneficiaries will be funded.

4) After all requests have been fully funded in the order of their Rating and Ranking prioritization and a balance remains insufficient for the next project in priority to complete a project in the current year, the available funds will be first applied to the highest scoring project until that project is fully funded and then to the next project, and so on. Any remaining funds, after all competitive applications have been fully funded, will be applied to the BRAG Emergency Home Repair program.

5) Any project that does not score a minimum of 40 points in the BRAG Rating & Ranking Application will not be considered for funding.

6) Applicants must participate in the regional consolidated planning process which ensures that projects considered for funding are those which are of high priority and part of the applicant’s previous planning process. Applicants and those submitting projects through a sponsoring city or county must make reasonable effort to amend the sponsor’s capital improvement list in a timely manner as determined by the Council.

7) The Council and BRAG staff will review and rate and rank all applications. The Council determines final rating and ranking and recommends to the Governing Board for approval.

8) These policies will be revised annually and will be published for public comment in August preceding the program year.
9) Since funds are available from the Safe Drinking Water Committee and the Board of Water Resources, the maximum CDBG allocation per water project will be 50% of total project cost.

10) The Council may request an allocation of emergency funding outside of the regular CDBG application cycle from or on behalf of a city or county from the next program year’s allocation, (i.e. 2021). The Council has defined "emergency" to mean any public health and safety crisis experienced by a city or county which could not have been foreseen (i.e. fire, flood, act of God) and where no other alternative funding or temporary solution is available. Such projects must meet a CDBG national objective. The Council will review and forward all such applications to the State CDBG Policy Committee for final approval on a case by case basis.

11) When a city or county presents a project that is intended to address an emergency situation that is a clear threat to public health and safety, the Council may determine said project to meet the urgent need national objective of the CDBG program. In this case the applicant may present their application in accordance with Policy 10 above. There are strict CDBG program requirements that must be met. State CDBG staff will determine if the project meets the national thresholds.

12) When an applicant submits more than one application, only the highest ranked application will be considered for funding unless all other projects have been funded. This excludes applications that are sponsored by a city or county on behalf of another organization.

13) The minimum CDBG allocation per project will be $30,000 and the maximum shall be $200,000. At the discretion of the Council, applicants can request the ceiling be raised for their projects based on the following: multiple entity collaboration or emergency health and safety needs. Any applicant that receives the maximum award of $200,000 must wait 24 months before applying for a new grant.

14) Multiple year projects are discouraged and will be allowed only at the discretion of the Council for a maximum of two (2) years. The applicant must demonstrate clearly why two years are required to complete the project.

15) The Council may approve regional CDBG set-asides under the following three conditions: a) they are consistent with the priorities established in the Bear River District Consolidated Plan; b) they are approved prior to the CDBG applicant “How-to-Apply” meetings for the region; and c) the opportunity for public comment is accommodated by publishing the proposed allocation on the State Public Notice website and receiving public input via a public hearing.

16) Public service providers, traditionally non-profit organizations, are encouraged to apply for CDBG funds for capital improvements and major durable equipment purchases. Examples are fixtures, construction, remodeling, and facility expansion. State policy prohibits the use of CDBG funds for operations and maintenance. This includes paying administrative costs, salaries, purchasing non-durable equipment, supplies, etc. No more than 15 percent of the state’s yearly allocation of funds may be expended for public service activities.

17) BRAG will only act as sponsor for non-profit organizations with CDBG projects having regional implications.

18) Should an applicant feel that their project was unfairly rated, ranked, or otherwise considered by the Council, they may file a grievance in writing no later than ten (10) business days following the Rating & Ranking date of March 24, 2021 to Brian Carver, Community & Economic Development Director, Bear
River Association of Governments, 170 North Main, Logan, Utah. Responses will be provided in writing within 15 business days of receipt. If a response satisfactory to the aggrieved is not issued by the Committee, an appeal may be made to the BRAG Governing Board. Any appeal of the local determination made by the BRAG Governing Board should be filed with the State of Utah CDBG Policy Board, as set forth in the State of Utah CDBG policies and procedures.
The following set-asides are recommended for the 2022 CDBG Program Year.

A) ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING ($50,000):

In order to assure that applicants have the assistance they need in accessing the CDBG Program, $35,000 will be provided to fund staff at the Bear River Association of Governments to help the CDBG applicants in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties; and $15,000 will be provided to complete the Regional Consolidated Plan Action Plan Update.

B) ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES FOR WATER/SEWER REPAIRS OR HOOK-UPS AND HOUSING REHABILITATION ($45,000):

In order to remedy health hazards associated with failing water and waste water systems and provide urgently needed housing rehabilitation, BRAG will operate a grant/loan program to assist low income families in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties.

C) PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ADMINISTRATION ($19,250):

Emergency Home Repair program delivery costs ($14,750) and Administration costs ($4,500) for the home buyer assistance program for BRAG staff.

D) FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM ($50,000):

Up to $2,000 loan to first time low to moderate income home buyers to pay costs related to purchasing a home. Grantees must complete home ownership workshops. $5,000 will be used to provide homeownership workshops.