

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Bloomington is the entity responsible for implementing the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, adopted by the Bloomington City Council on June 8, 2020. The Economic and Community Development department is responsible for managing the City's housing and community development efforts supported with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Program Year 2021 will run from May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022 and be the 47th year the City has implemented the CDBG program.

Geographically, the City of Bloomington encompasses 27.22 square miles of land area within McLean County, the largest county in Illinois. Census data from July 2019 estimates Bloomington's population at 77,330 or 45% of the total population of McLean County. It is served by 3 interstates, 2 major freight railroads, Amtrak and the Central Illinois Regional Airport. The majority of the County's social services are located in Bloomington, primarily in or near the downtown area. Bloomington is divided into three zip codes. The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) has identified 61701 as one of four zip codes within McLean County with the greatest socioeconomic needs. 61701 was the top ranked zip code with the other two Bloomington zip codes 22nd and 23rd out of 23 total codes. Through the CHNA, housing was identified as one of five social determinants influencing the health of those residing in the 61701 zip code.

The City's Comprehensive Plan divides the City into four broad areas: Regeneration Area, Preservation Area, Stable Area and Emerging Area. The programs outlined in this Annual Action Plan will occur primarily in the Regeneration and Preservation Areas, both of which are identified as priority target areas in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The Comprehensive Plan classifies the Regeneration Areas as an area in need of immediate resources. This area is home to the City's oldest housing stock and has a higher percentage of rental units than owner-occupied housing. Improving the infrastructure in this area is a priority for the City and its residents alike. Although the Preservation Area is considered more slightly more stable than the Regeneration Area, additional resources are necessary to maintain its stability. Both areas are located within the 61701 zip code area.

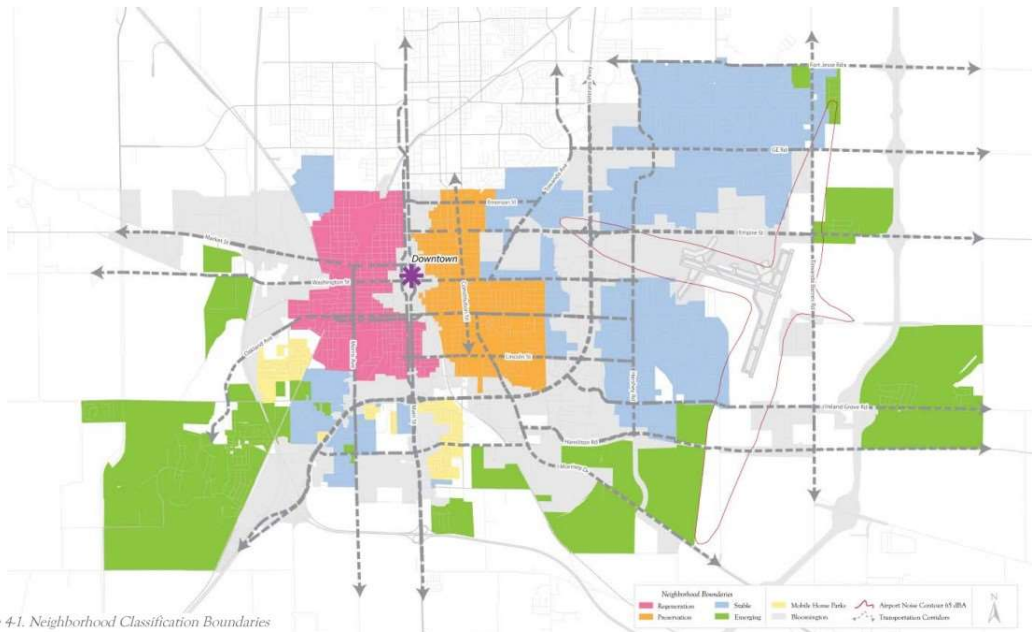
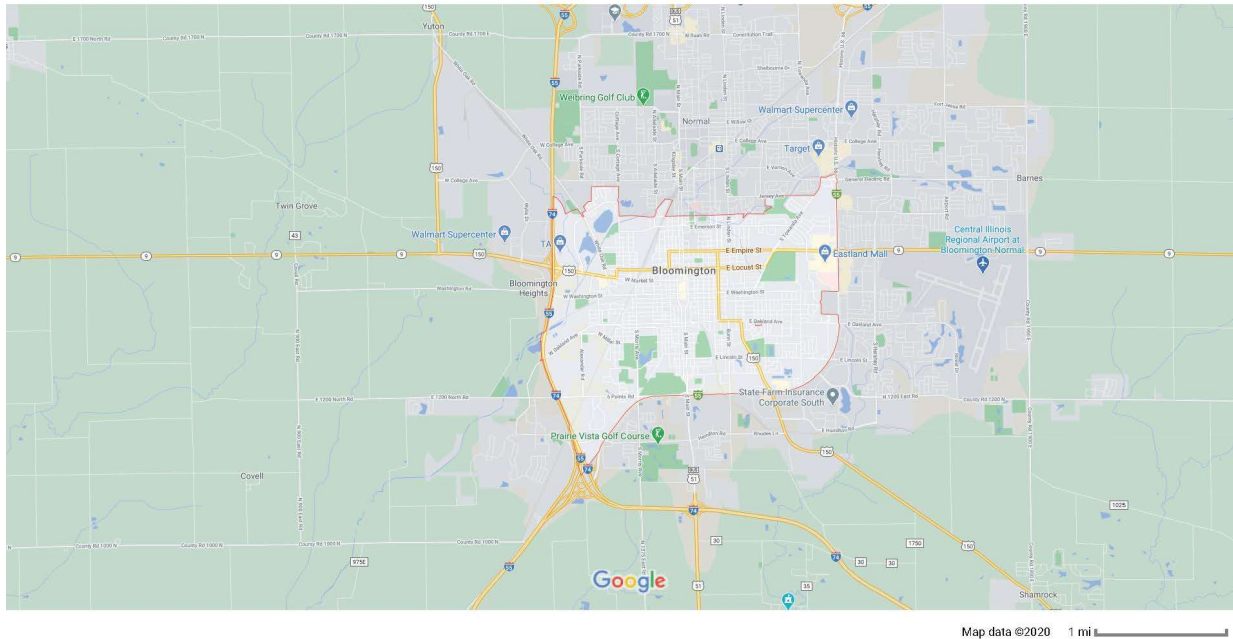


Figure 4-1. Neighborhood Classification Boundaries

Comp Plan Area Map



61701 Zip Code Area

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.

Please refer to Section AP-20 Annual Action Plan Goals and Objectives for an overview of the goals and objectives to be met during 2021 Program Year.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City chooses projects and activities based on the priority areas of the Consolidated Plan. The City has a high level of success in meeting both the annual and five year goals. The core programs of the CDBG

program each year include homeowner housing rehabilitation, demolition and clearance, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and public services. CDBG funds are made available to homeowner to perform critical home repairs and home modifications for accessibility improvements. In addition to CDBG, the City leverages Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) rehabilitation funds through the Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR) and Home Accessibility Program (HAP). These programs address the community's need to preserve the affordable housing stock. In total, the City supports 25-30 housing rehabilitation projects a year.

Demolition and clearance of vacant/abandoned homes is another way the City addresses affordable housing. Once a lot is cleared, the City donates the property to Habitat for Humanity for construction of new affordable housing. If the property has never been connected to City water and sewer services, those connections are made prior to donating the property. When a property is not deemed buildable due to size or location, the City maintains the property with IHDA funds until it can be donated to a local not-for-profit organization or sold. Approximately 4 demolition activities are completed each year.

In the past, public infrastructure improvements have included streets, sidewalks, sewer and parks. During the outreach process for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the community strongly emphasized that sidewalks and parks should be the primary focus areas for CDBG. In recent years, CDBG funding has been utilized to build a new park in the Woodbury subdivision and make significant improvements to Evergreen Park. Sidewalk improvements have been made in the Dimmitt's Grove neighborhood and in West Bloomington along the W. Market corridor.

CDBG regulations require public service activities be capped at 15% of the annual allocation. The City typically funds 5-6 public services project a year at the maximum allowed funding level. Long-standing public service partners include Providing Access To Help (PATH), Recycling Furniture for Families, Peace Meals, and the West Bloomington Revitalization Project.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

A notice of the availability of the Annual Action Plan and the public hearing was published in the Pantagraph on Monday, May 10, 2021. The notice was also published in the PATH-O-Gram and the City's website and social media pages. A virtual public hearing will be held on Monday, May 24th and public comments will be accepted through June 24th.

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.

No comments were received during the public hearing or 30-day public comment period.

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

No comments were received during the public hearing or 30-day public comment period.

7. Summary

Sections 5-7 will be updated after the conclusion of the public comment period.

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
CDBG Administrator	BLOOMINGTON	Economic and Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Bloomington's Economic and Community Development Department - Office of Grants Administration is the lead entity responsible for implementing the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Economic and Community Development previous and current staff have been responsible for managing the City's housing and community development effort for 46 years. The Office of Grants Administration's Grants Coordinator is responsible for preparing and submitting the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports, Environmental Review Records, and other required reports. Additionally, the Grants Coordinator is responsible for overall financial monitoring/compliance of all CDBG and other grant funds, sub-recipient monitoring, and community outreach/involvement.

In an effort to look at housing and community development issues on a more regional level, the City partnered with the Town of Normal (Town) and McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) in the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. MCRPC served as the lead agency for the consolidated plan process, providing a wealth of knowledge during the community engagement and data analysis processes. The projects and activities supported through this Annual Action Plan were selected based on the goals and priority areas established during the consolidated planning process.

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

1. Introduction

The Regional Housing Staff Advisory Committee served as the advisory body for the 2020-2021 Consolidated Plan. Members of this committee represent the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County Regional Planning Commission, PATH (Continuum of Care), Bloomington Housing Authority, and the McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. This joint planning effort resulted in a robust outreach campaign that included citizens and stakeholders. Citizens were asked to participate by submitting a survey and attending a public meeting. Stakeholders were consulted via a written survey and several focus groups. Key informant interviews were also conducted. Consolidated Plan goals and priority needs were identified based on the results of the consultation efforts. The projects and activities identified in this 2021 Annual Action Plan were selected based on these goals and priority areas.

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

Economic and Community Development department staff participate in two National League of Cities programs providing technical assistance on projects designed to bring together housing providers, local government, anchor institutions, and service providers to address housing needs. The work completed under the Healthy Housing Initiative will result in a comprehensive healthy housing strategy. Through the Communities of Practice program, the team will take a deeper look at asthma and will include a deeper look at housing-related triggers.

As part of its COVID-19 response efforts, the City actively participates in the McLean County Housing Assistance Coalition. The coalition brings together housing and service providers, local government staff, and other organizations to coordinate rent/mortgage and utility assistance for those affected by the pandemic. To date, service providers of the coalition have provided nearly \$3 million in assistance.

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

The City works with PATH (Providing Access to Help) Crisis Center, lead coordinating agency for the Central Illinois Continuum of Care (CICoC). PATH holds monthly McLean County CoC hub meetings that encourage stakeholders in the community to discuss ways to assist those experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. A variety of sub-committees on veteran homelessness, youth homelessness, HMIS data quality and Systems Performance Measures, operate to improve the CoC system.

PATH also assists the City with consolidated planning efforts. As the HMIS lead, PATH is able to provide data regarding the nature and scope of homelessness in the geographic area. The City works with other homeless service providers who receive a variety of governmental grants and private funding. Specifically, the CDBG program provides funding to PATH and Recycling Furniture for Families (RF4F) to support services for individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless. The CoC outreach team regularly visits locations unfit for human habitation known to be frequented by persons experiencing homelessness. Through these efforts, the team is able to better track homeless individuals, initiate relationships, assess needs, and help clients navigate local resources.

The first place most people go after leaving street living is emergency shelter. Shelters offer food, showers, clothing, and case management. The Salvation Army-Safe Harbor provides shelter for adult women and men. Home Sweet Home Ministries is the only family shelter in the county and will take individual men, women, and families with dependent children. The Crisis Nursery, a Children's Home and Aid program, provides emergency shelter to children from birth through six years of age. Project Oz specializes in assisting youth experiencing homelessness and provides immediate shelter to youth ages 10-22.

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

The Emergency Services Grant (ESG) office charges the CoC with setting priorities for funding and to provide planning guidance to the regional ESG applicants. The CoC consults with ESG recipients to ensure that all applications are in alignment with funding requirements. ESG recipients submit the application to the CoC for approval. The CoC evaluates the merit of each proposal based on a preference for rapid re-housing, past performance, and relevance to the overall goals of the CoC strategic plan. Under performing organizations do not receive recommendation from the CoC for funding.

Once funding is successfully achieved, the recipients' performance is supervised through the project monitoring process, which includes an evaluation of progress towards goals, programmatic compliance, and financial review. If a compliance issue is discovered during monitoring, the CoC Board will discuss the issue with the recipient. A plan for corrective action is put in place and reviewed frequently to ensure progress towards compliance.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	PATH (Personal Assistance Telephone)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	PATH provided extensive consultation on needs of the homeless population during program development. As the HMIS lead, PATH staff frequently review data to identify gaps in services. The City selects activities to help meet these needs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	BLOOMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	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?	Both the City and Bloomington Housing Authority participate in the McLean County Housing Assistance Coalition, which focuses on addressing the housing needs of low-and moderate-income residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Both organizations also serve on the McLean County Regional Housing Advisory Committee. One of the primary focus areas of the committee is to preserve the current affordable housing stock, including publicly supported housing.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Bloomington - Parks and Public Works Departments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CDBG program staff reached out to the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts (PRCA) and Public Works departments to determine outstanding needs of the Regeneration and Preservation areas. PRCA did not have any projects ready to move forward during Program Year 2021. Public Works indicated needs in the Regeneration Area including continuation of the Market Street corridor project and additional funds for work at the corner of Washington and Allin St. Staff will continue to consult on funding needs for these projects throughout the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	WEST BLOOMINGTON REVITALIZATION PROJECT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff work closely with the West Bloomington Revitalization Project (WBRP) to determine needs of the WBRP residents/area. The WBRP service area is within the Regeneration Area.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	McLean County Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) was the lead organizer for the City's award-winning 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan. MCRPC also served as the lead organization for the 2017 Regional Housing Study and development the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. All sources were utilized during development of this Annual Action Plan.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

No agency types were puposefully removed from the consultation process during development of this Plan. See the complete listing of agencies consulted during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan in the Appendix.

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?
Continuum of Care	PATH	The Continuum of Care works to support homeless individuals to self-sufficiency. These goals align with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
BN Home Regional Housing Study	McLean County Regional Planning Commission	The BN Home Regional Housing Study addresses the preservation and development of affordable housing, a priority need identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan	City of Bloomington	The Comprehensive Plan focuses on housing, economic development, land use, transportation, health, community facilities, services and other related topics. The Comprehensive Plan goals align closely with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
MC Community Health Needs Assessment	McLean County Health Department	The Community Health Needs Assessment provides data related to health and housing. Directing resources to improve the overall quality of the affordable housing stock is a priority goal of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Bloomington Housing Authority Five Year PHA Plan	Bloomington Housing Authority	The 5-Year PHA Plan outlines the needs and priorities of the Bloomington Housing Authority. Addressing affordable housing is a priority goal of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
Consolidated Plan	City of Bloomington	Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network (CIRBN) is a local broadband network provider. Provided feedback via interview and email, along with both local school districts (Unit 5 and District 87) related to broadband connectivity for low-income residents and families; feedback from public outreach incorporated into determination of five-year priorities; provided an opportunity to participate in the COVID-19 survey.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The consultation process undertaken during creation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was quite robust, providing residents and stakeholders opportunities to participate in multiple ways. Undertaking consultation through a regional approach offered many more opportunities to engage the community than the City staff could have managed on its own. The consultation resulted in the goals and priority areas used to select activities supported through this Annual Action Plan.

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**

The City of Bloomington adopted a new Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) in November 2018. It was amended in 2020 to allow for the waivers available through the CARES Act. Notice of the 2021 Annual Action Plan and the required public hearing were published in the Pantagraph on Monday, May 10th and in the PATH-O-Gram on Friday, May 14th. Additionally, the information was published on the City's website and social media sites. The table below outlines the outreach efforts conducted during the public comment period for this Annual Action Plan.

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	Direct Mail - Flyer	Minorities Persons with disabilities	No response.	NA	NA	
2	PATH-O-GRAM	Social Service Agencies	No response.	NA	NA	
3	Flyer	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No response.	NA	NA	
5	Public Notice	Non-targeted/broad community	No response.	NA	NA	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City utilizes CDBG, City general funds, and other resources to support the priorities outlined in this Annual Action Plan. Additionally, the City will continue to expend its CDBG-CV funding on programs supporting our residents and small businesses. CDBG-CV funds are not included in the table below. The CDBG-CV activities will remain open until all allocated funds are expended.

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	555,361	30,000	125,000	710,361	1,617,704	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City will continue to leverage CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation with Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) funds. We currently have funding from two IHDA programs: Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR) and Home Accessibility Program (HAP). When rehabilitation costs are beyond the IHDA program limits, we utilize CDBG funds to complete the project. We anticipate completing ten rehabilitation projects through these program years during Program Year 2021.

The City receives funding to support maintenance, exterior repairs, and demolition at vacant, abandoned properties through IHDA programs as well. We have received funding through IHDA's Abandoned Property Program (APP) since the program's inception. We have applied for additional APP funding that, if awarded, will become available in 2021. In 2020, IHDA announced a new program called Strong Communities Program (SCP). SCP is considered a partner program to APP, covering some of the same eligible expenses but also allowing for property acquisition and interior rehabilitation.

The City utilizes its CDBG public service dollars to support the Homeless Services program at Providing Access to Help (PATH). PATH utilizes these funds to meet the local match requirements of the Continuum of Care program. CDBG funds cover a portion of the salary and benefits for Homeless Services program staff.

CDBG funds will be used as a match for the Lead Safe Homes Initiative. The majority of the matching funds will support lead hazard mitigation and healthy homes supplemental work. A significantly smaller portion will be used to match administrative funds for training and other contracts.

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

At any given time, the City owns a handful of properties slated for demolition. Once cleared, the properties are typically donated to Habitat for Humanity, another non-profit organization, or a developer for in-fill development of affordable housing. When these properties do not meet the criteria for demolition, the property is donated to a local not-for-profit organization such as YouthBuild or Dreams Are Possible for rehabilitation and resale to an income-qualified household. The not-for-profit also has the option of renting to an income-qualified household. Non-buildable, vacant lots are donated to not-for-profits for use as green space.

Discussion

As with most communities, needs are always greater than available funding. The City will continue to collaborate with other local agencies, using partnerships to leverage funding, in an attempt to address some of the most critical needs of the community. We will focus on programs and services that enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents. We will also continue to seek non-CDBG funding to meet the priority needs, as staffing allows.

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	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock.	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP	Accessibility Improvements Affordable Housing Preservation	CDBG: \$385,951	Rental units rehabilitated: 21 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 40 Household Housing Unit
2	Elimination of slum and blight conditions.	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP	Affordable Housing Preservation	CDBG: \$79,466	Buildings Demolished: 3 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Support the provision of public service activities	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP	Homeless Services Renter Assistance Senior Services Accessibility Improvements	CDBG: \$87,804	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1350 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted
4	Provide quality services and facilities.	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP	Senior Services Affordable Housing Preservation	CDBG: \$69,400	Other: 0 Other
5	Administer CDBG effectively and proficiently.	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Housing Community Development	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP	Housing Discrimination Services	CDBG: \$87,740	Other: 50 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock.
	Goal Description	<p>The City will undertake several programs designed to preserve the existing affordable housing stock throughout the 2021 Annual Action Plan. The City will perform housing rehabilitation through 0% interest, deferred payment loans. Loan amounts are typically capped at \$25,000 and include hard costs only. Soft costs will be covered under Rehabilitation Service Delivery. The loan program is currently available to single-family, owner-occupied households meeting income eligibility guidelines. Grants to homeowners will be made available under special circumstances. Habitat for Humanity will receive a grant to support its A Brush with Kindness program, which provides exterior rehabilitation for income-qualified households.</p> <p>The City will support Bloomington Housing Authority and not-for-profits organizations providing housing opportunities for low- and moderate income households and/or special populations, as needed. The City will continue its partnership with AMBUCS to build accessibility ramps during the 2021 Program Year. CDBG will be leveraged with other resources such as the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single Family Rehabilitation and Home Accessibility Program, when appropriate.</p> <p>CDBG funding will be utilized as match for the new Lead Safe Homes Initiative. CDBG funds will be leveraged when the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is insufficient.</p>
2	Goal Name	Elimination of slum and blight conditions.
	Goal Description	<p>The City will address the elimination of slum and blight conditions throughout the 2021 Annual Action Plan. Demolition and clearance activities will be limited to residential properties. Rehabilitation will always be considered prior to demolition. When the property does not meet rehabilitation criteria, the City will make every attempt to replace the blighted unit(s) with new affordable housing through property donation to Habitat for Humanity. Properties that do not meet Habitat's criteria may be offered to adjacent property owners or donated to local not-for-profits for green space. CDBG will be leveraged with other resources such as the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Abandoned Property Program, when appropriate.</p>

3	Goal Name	Support the provision of public service activities
	Goal Description	The City will support local not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing services to low- and moderate-income residents and other special populations throughout the 2021 Annual Action Plan. Programs supported in Program Year 2021 include PATH's Homeless Services and Emergency Grants programs, West Bloomington Revitalization Project, Recycling Furniture for Families, Peace Meals and KTB Financial. Services provided through these projects address the following high priority funding areas: homeless services, renter assistance, senior services, financial services, and programs for the WBRP target area.
4	Goal Name	Provide quality services and facilities.
	Goal Description	The City will address the provision of quality City services and public facilities for all residents through continuation of two 2020 Program Year activities - W. Bloomington Sidewalk (Activity #) and WBRP ADA Entrance (Activity #).
5	Goal Name	Administer CDBG effectively and proficiently.
	Goal Description	The City will strive to implement the programs and activities throughout the 2021 Annual Action Plan in the most cost-effective, efficient and logical manner possible. Through the Administration and Planning goal, the City will support fair housing initiatives, Section 3 opportunities, regional housing planning efforts and general administration of the annual CDBG grants.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The activities selected for inclusion in the 2021 Annual Action Plan are tied to the overarching goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Homeowner Housing Assistance
2	Rental Housing Assistance
3	Rehabilitation Service Delivery
4	Residential Demolition
5	Public Services
6	Sidewalk Improvements
7	Non-Profit Building Improvements
8	CDBG General Administration
9	CDBG Administrative Programs
10	CDBG Planning

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Activities were selected based on the relationship to the high priority funding areas identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Homeowner Housing Assistance
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$326,951
	Description	Activities completed under this project will include moderate rehabilitation, accessibility improvements and facade improvements at owner-occupied housing units. Owners will meet income qualifications.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Housing rehabilitation activities will be performed at housing units owned and/or occupied by income-qualified residents. The City typically completes 20-25 housing rehab activities under this project each year.
	Location Description	The homeowner rehabilitation program is open to all income-qualified residents in the City. Homeowner applications are accepted on a rolling cycle. There is not a waiting list at this time. All locations are TBD.
Planned Activities	Homeowner requests for housing rehabilitation vary depending on specific needs. Work performed under this project will likely include roof, siding, door and window replacement; new soffit, fascia and gutters; new HVAC plumbing and electrical; and emergency water and sewer line replacement. Homeowner assistance is provided through a 0% interest, deferred interest mortgage. Homeowner grants are available under very limited circumstances, typically for construction of accessibility ramps and facade repairs completed through subrecipient agreement(s). Additionally, CDBG funds will be utilized to support additional rehabilitation work on Lead Safe Homes Initiative units.	
2	Project Name	Rental Housing Assistance
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$69,400

	Description	Rental housing rehabilitation assistance will be limited to housing owned by the Bloomington Housing Authority or a not-for-profit organization. At least 51% of units must be occupied by income-qualified households. The Lead Safe Homes Initiative could support lead mitigation and healthy homes work in multi-family units in Program Year 2021, although, the program will only be opened to owner-occupants initially. No funding has been added to the 2021 Annual Action Plan for the Lead Safe Homes Initiative.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 47 low-to-moderate income households will benefit from rental housing rehabilitation programs. Many will qualify for the program at 30% or below Area Median Income.
	Location Description	701 S. Evans 823 W. Oakland 504 W. Washington
	Planned Activities	This project will support three activities at income-qualified housing projects. Bloomington Housing Authority will receive \$40,000 towards boiler system replacements at Irvin South Apartments and McGraw Apartments. Mid Central Community Action will receive \$29,400 for HVAC and ADA improvements at Mayor's Manor.
3	Project Name	Rehabilitation Service Delivery
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000
	Description	This project will cover expenses related to the delivery of all rehabilitation programs performed under this Annual Action Plan. Expenses may include but not be limited to: staff expenses, postage, office supplies, advertising, printing and environmental testing and clearance.
	Target Date	4/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project supports other projects/activities under the Preservation of Affordable Housing goal. Numbers will be reported on associated activities.
	Location Description	Locations identified under other projects.
	Planned Activities	No activities outside of Rehabilitation Service Delivery will occur under this project.
4	Project Name	Residential Demolition
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Elimination of slum and blight conditions.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$79,466
	Description	The City will address the elimination of slum and blight conditions throughout this Annual Action Plan. Demolition and clearance activities will be limited to residential properties. Rehabilitation will always be considered prior to demolition. When a property does not meet rehabilitation criteria, the City will make every attempt to replace the blighted unit(s) with new affordable housing through property donation to Habitat for Humanity or other partners. Properties that do not meet Habitat's criteria may be offered to adjacent property owners, donated to local not-for-profits for green space, or offered for sale to the public.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Two of the estimated demolition activities will result in new housing construction through the City's partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat's homeowner program is limited to households at or below 50% Area Median Income.
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Demolition and clearance activities at three vacant/abandoned properties. Each property will be connected to City water and sewer services as necessary.
5	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP

	Goals Supported	Support the provision of public service activities
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services Renter Assistance Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$87,804
	Description	The City will support local not-for-profit organizations dedicating to providing services to low- and moderate-income residents and other special populations throughout this Annual Action Plan.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	More than 1300 families will benefit from the other services provided through this project. All clients served will meet income guidelines.
	Location Description	Most of the services will occur at the individual agencies. However, some services, such as Homeless Services, are provided on location. Agency locations are below: 201 E. Grove St, Bloomington 515 N. Center, Bloomington 724 W. Washington, Bloomington 1003 Maple Hill Rd, Bloomington (Peace Meals Bloomington Kitchen) 1301 W. Washington
	Planned Activities	Homeless services will be supported through grants to PATH's Homeless Services and Emergency Services programs and Recycling Furniture for Families. Peace Meals services in-home delivered, congregate meals, and case management for seniors. WBRP provides a wide variety of services for West Bloomington residents, including The Tool Library, Bike Co-op, Veggie Oasis, community workshops and community gardens. KTB Financial assists low-to-moderate income households with services geared towards financial security and self-sufficiency.
6	Project Name	Sidewalk Improvements
	Target Area	WBRP Service Area
	Goals Supported	Provide quality services and facilities.
	Needs Addressed	Accessibility Improvements Sidewalk Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	This project will support sidewalk improvements in low- and moderate-income area. In 2020, the City set-up an activity for sidewalk improvements along the W. Market corridor. The project did not move forward as planned due to COVID-19. Program 2021 funds will be added to the project to ensure completion.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The sidewalks along the W. Market corridor connect the area residents to jobs and services throughout the Twin Cities. Many Connect Transit bus routes stop at the stops along the corridor.
	Location Description	W. Market W. Washington and Allin St.
	Planned Activities	This activity will support sidewalk improvements at the corner of Washington St. and Allin St. and along W. Market St.
7	Project Name	Non-Profit Building Improvements
	Target Area	WBRP Service Area
	Goals Supported	Provide quality services and facilities.
	Needs Addressed	Accessibility Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	This project will support improvements to buildings owned by not-for-profit organizations, are open to the public, and serve primarily low- and moderate-income residents. In 2020, the City funded ADA improvements to the main entrance of the West Bloomington Revitalization Project. The activity did not move forward due to delays related to COVID-19. Program Year 2021 funds will be added to that activity to ensure completion.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	WBRP is located in a HUD-qualified low-income census tract. Although the WBRP services are open to the whole community, most of its members are from the immediate area.
	Location Description	724 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL

	Planned Activities	Accessibility improvements will be made to the WBRP's front entrance. This is a 2020 project that was delayed due to COVID and additional planning. 2021 funds are being added to the existing activity. Accomplishments will be added under the 2020 activity.
8	Project Name	CDBG General Administration
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock. Elimination of slum and blight conditions. Support the provision of public service activities Provide quality services and facilities. Administer CDBG effectively and proficiently.
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services Housing Discrimination Services Renter Assistance Senior Services Accessibility Improvements Affordable Housing Preservation Sidewalk Improvements COVID-19 Response/CDBG-CV
	Funding	CDBG: \$26,740
	Description	This project will support general administration of the CDBG program throughout this Annual Action Plan. Expenses may include but not be limited to: staff expenses, postage, office supplies, grants management software, advertising and postage.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program beneficiaries will be reported under other projects.
	Location Description	Administrative activities will occur within the Economic and Community Development Department, located at 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL
	Planned Activities	Grant administration will be the only activity under this project.
9	Project Name	CDBG Administrative Programs

	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Administer CDBG effectively and proficiently.
	Needs Addressed	Job Training and Workforce Development Housing Discrimination Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This project will support programs addressing administrative requirements of the CDBG program such as fair housing and Section 3 training.
	Target Date	4/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will support activities benefiting 50 low- and moderate-income residents. The majority will be renters.
	Location Description	Planning is underway for Section 3 training opportunities for public housing residents. Locations TBD based on Fair housing services will be offered through Prairie State Legal Services' Bloomington office at 201 W. Olive St.
	Planned Activities	The City will partner with the Bloomington Housing Authority to offer a series of job- and life-skills training opportunities and a job fair for public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program participants. Prairie State Legal Services will be the lead agency on a fair housing program, which will include a housing discrimination testing program.
10	Project Name	CDBG Planning
	Target Area	LMA Preservation Area WBRP Service Area LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP
	Goals Supported	Preservation of existing affordable housing stock.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$36,000
	Description	This project will support planning for regional housing initiatives and other projects supported through this Annual Action Plan.
	Target Date	4/30/2022

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>McLean County Regional Planning Commission, 115 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) will serve as the lead agency for the Regional Housing Staff Advisory Committee. MCRPC will coordinate the Affordable and Supportive Housing Committee; serve as the hub for regional housing data through the Housing Dashboard; educate policy-makers, stakeholders and the general public on affordable housing issues through a series of white-papers; assist with Consolidated Plan implementation; and support City staff with housing initiatives, as request.</p>

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

West Bloomington has a higher concentration of low-income and minority households than many other areas within the City. Housing is comprised of 2/3 rental and 1/3 owner-occupied with most of the housing units at least 100 years old. Infrastructure is aging and in need of replacement.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
LMA Preservation Area	2
WBRP Service Area	34
LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP	64

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

During the outreach process conducted for the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, West Bloomington was identified as the area most in need of revitalization. The WBRP Service Area encompasses a smaller target area formerly identified as the City's designated slum/blight area.

Discussion

The distribution between the WBRP Service Area and LMA Regeneration Area - Outside WBRP may vary depending on the locations of housing rehabilitation projects. A small portion of funding will be spent in the Preservation Areas as the needs are not as significant.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Although CDBG cannot be used for new construction, the City will support affordable housing preservation through several of the projects identified in this Annual Action Plan.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	5
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	5

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	28
The Production of New Units	3
Rehab of Existing Units	46
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	79

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The total number of households supported through this Annual Action Plan are based on the estimated numbers served through the following projects:

Rental Assistance (COVID) (28) low and moderate income (LMI) households

Rental Assistance at Mayor's Manor (5 Units) low and moderate income (LMI) households

New Habitat Homes (3 Units) low and moderate income (LMI) households

Homeowner Assistance (Rehabilitation) (25 Units) low and moderate income (LMI) households

Rental Housing Assistance (Rehabilitation) (21 Units) low and moderate income (LMI) households

Aquisition (2 Units)

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Bloomington Housing Authority is committed to providing quality housing and services to its public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program residents.

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

CDBG funding will be provided to Bloomington Housing Authority to replace boiler systems at two public housing units.

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

The Housing Authority provides several ongoing opportunities for resident involvement. The Housing Authority has a resident services department with three full-time and one part-time employee. Resident engagement is a significant part of this department's responsibilities.

The resident services department facilitates BHA-sponsored events such as a Health and Resource Fair, on-site employment and job-readiness training, and after-school tutoring in two different computer labs at public housing sites. In addition to offering specific "in-house" resources, the Housing Authority collaborates with local partners on multiple events. These activities are opportunities for engagement in the Bloomington-Normal community, building ties among neighbors, and promoting self-advocacy. With a full-time elderly service coordinator staffed at Wood Hill Towers, elderly, disabled, and near-elderly residents have even more opportunities for resident involvement in social and community-oriented activities.

The Housing Authority is required to convene a Resident Advisory Board each year as part of the process in adopting its annual PHA plan. A public hearing is also conducted as part of this process, and it is well attended by residents, who offer their feedback and suggestions on Housing Authority goals, objectives, and programming for the coming years.

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

The Bloomington Housing Authority is not designated as "troubled".

Discussion

The City has a long-standing partnership with the Bloomington Housing Authority. Both organizations are members of the Regional Housing Advisory Staff Committee. The City has utilized CDBG for many

years to fund job and life-skills training for public housing and Housing Choice Voucher residents and to support improvements to public housing buildings. These activities will continue during this Annual Action Plan.

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

Introduction

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

Through the Homeless Services CDBG program with the City of Bloomington, PATH reaches out to individuals and families experiencing homelessness that are unsheltered and in emergency shelters. Annually, the goal is to come in contact and assist 200 individuals and families per year. This involves making referrals to other agencies in the community and helping clients obtain work clothing once employment has been verified. Additionally, 80 people per year will get housing information and guidance. PATH keeps an up-to-date list of rental units in the community, which we are able to provide to clients that have an income and saving some money, especially when at an emergency shelter. While we talk about housing issues with all clients, at certain times we are able to be more specific about housing information guidance for those that are closer to becoming housed. Other actions about PATH's outreach team is to determine the barriers and challenges faced by unsheltered clients and provide this information to the CoC to determine if and how services should take these factors into account.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Consumer Surveys at emergency shelters and transitional housing projects are an important way to get information about the needs of clients. Needs are also identified during case management. The Consumer Survey has been updated and will be implemented during the 2020 Program Year, Annually, the emergency shelters' goals are to provide effective case management to all clients staying at their shelter. The goals in case management vary as the specific needs of clients vary but nearly always include referral to services and public benefits. Anyone experiencing homelessness in emergency shelter or transitional housing may receive assistance from PATH's outreach team. This team also helps connect clients with resources and benefits. Staff continue to recruit non-ESG and/or CoC funded agencies to engage with the CoC. This would allow the CoC to determine the specific needs of their clients and have a more accurate and complete picture about the needs of those in transitional housing.

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

A current goal of the CoC, as a whole, is to get more programs that are not mandated to follow the Coordinated Entry (CE) to participate in our system. For example, there are several transitional housing programs that are not CoC or ESG funded that do not pull from the our CE Prioritization List. The goal is to get them to participate at a minimum level first. What this means is that they have access to the Prioritization List but can choose whether or not to use it. Having greater participation in the CE system can help the CoC house those identified as most vulnerable much faster. Currently, the CE system is hampered by the lack of housing opportunities to which referrals can be made.

The Central Illinois CoC also plans on improving its System Performance Measures, as part of their Strategic Plan. This would provide data to better understand how and where improvements are needed in service delivery.

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 goal of all CoC and ESG funded activities is to connect clients to appropriate services. So even if they enter into the CE system at the wrong place, they are given a referral to connect with the right resources for their given needs. That may be a referral to the Salvation Army, PATH's Homeless Services, or PATH's 211 call center. Our current goal in the CoC is to strengthen our partnerships with agencies that discharge clients (e.g., health care facilities, mental health, corrections). Currently, those referrals are made from discharging institutions, but a greater effort is being made to get them knowledgeable about CoC policy and to find gaps in services or determine if certain referrals are not successful.

Discussion

The Central Illinois CoC is starting to work on a new Strategic Plan. With new leadership in the Continuum, it is working to determine gaps in services, what works, and what does not. Baseline data will be collected to better determine where things are at and that can be used to determine how to move forward. New goals and expectations will be implemented. As a result of this, the CoC will determine how to best allocate limited funds to help alleviate and end homelessness in the Bloomington-Normal area.

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

Introduction:

The City strives to eliminate barriers to affordable housing throughout this Annual Action Plan and beyond. Affordable housing issues are addressed throughout several projects to be implemented during the first year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. Staff will continue to seek new opportunities beyond those discussed below.

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

The City operates homeowner housing rehabilitation programs for low- and moderate-income residents. These programs help homeowners complete critical repairs to their homes. Many homeowners can afford their regular monthly expenses but are unable to pay for large ticket items. By offering 0% interest terms under deferred payment and five-year forgivable loans, homeowners can maintain the affordability of their current housing.

The City waives all building permit and inspection fees for any non-profit organization building or rehabilitating affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents. This policy extends to all private contractors performing rehabilitation work under CDBG- or IHDA-funded projects.

In August 2015, the City of Bloomington adopted its current Comprehensive Plan with goals aimed at reducing barriers to affordable housing. While the Plan is not policy, it serves as a guide for policy decisions. In 2016, the City began the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance, adopted in 1960, to incorporate recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance regulates development and protects the health, safety and welfare of the public. During the update process, the City evaluated lot sizes, densities, and uses that may influence a buyer's ability to finance a home, the quality of housing stock in the City, and resident proximity to resources. The Comprehensive Plan encourages future infill-development opportunities and provides a tiered system for prioritizing development.

During the outreach process for this Plan, the development of a Landlord Loss Program was mentioned frequently. The City is currently exploring this idea for possible implementation in the future. Landlords willing to rent to high risk renters meeting income guidelines would have access to funding to perform repairs if damages occur and/or rent payments if rent is in arrears. It is unclear at this time how such a program would operate or if it is feasible with available resources.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) are one tool developers use to lower the cost of developing housing affordable. The application process for LIHTC is very competitive with a limited number of

projects approved annually. The Regional Housing Staff Committee has met with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and IHDA to discuss ways to assist developers with the LIHTC application process to increase the likelihood of LIHTC awards in our community. When a LIHTC application is selected to move to Step 2 of the approval process, the developer must obtain a Certificate of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan from the City's Community Development Department. If requested, the City may also provide a mayoral letter of support for the project.

The Staff Committee is working with LISC to develop a plan to preserve existing LIHTC and Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) units. An inventory of income-qualified housing units supported by programs, such as LIHTC and PBRA, was created in 2019 to assist with tracking contract expiration dates. The Committee's next step is to develop a strategy for the preservation of these units.

Discussion:

The City will continue to look at policy changes and other programs that can further reduce barriers to affordable housing. The City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic includes rent, mortgage and utility assistance for both LMI households and those over-income.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City endeavors to plan its annual program based on how to best meet the needs of the community while staying within the federal regulations for the Community Development Block Grant. When services are needed but cannot be provided directly by the City, partnerships are created/maintained to ensure the services are available to those most in need.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City always maximizes its funding to public services so that as many agencies serving vulnerable populations as possible are supported. Staff continue to look for funding resources outside of CDBG to further address the needs of special populations such as disabled and elderly homeowners. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and this Annual Action Plan priority resources for West Bloomington residents.

Staff will continue to serve on committees and work groups that address the housing needs of low and moderate income families. The City will remain the fiscal agent for the McLean County Continuum of Care, which addresses the needs of the City's homeless. The John M. Scott Health Care Trust provides funding to local service providers to ensure individuals without adequate, affordable healthcare have access to quality health services. The City's Grants Coordinator serves as the Staff Administrator to the Trust, a liaison between the John M. Scott Commission and the City. In FY2020/FY2021, the Commission, with Trustee approval, awarded more than \$500,000 in grants to local agencies providing health care services to the underserved.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Preservation of the existing affordable housing stock and creation of new affordable housing through demolition and clearance are high priorities identified within this Annual Action Plan. In fact, nearly 50% of funding will be dedicated to these projects. Additionally, the City will continue its participation in the Regional Housing Staff Advisory Committee and the Affordable and Supportive Housing Committee. One of the continuing initiatives of the Regional Housing Staff Advisory Committee is to inventory all income-qualified housing in McLean County and track contract expiration dates. These units are a significant portion of the affordable housing stock, especially for those households with extremely-low and low-incomes.

The City's COVID-19 response includes funding dedicated to assist both LMI and non-LMI households to maintain their housing despite a loss of income during the pandemic. Funding is available for all income levels to assist with rent/mortgage and utilities.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All CDBG contractors are required to maintain Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) certification. The City offers all CDBG approved contractors the opportunity to attend the RRP certification training every five years at no cost to the contractor. A training was held in April 2021 resulting in 26 new/renewed certifications. The next training will be held in April 2025. Additionally, the City's Rehab Specialist will maintain all necessary licenses and certifications to ensure that lead-based paint safety practices and regulations are being strictly adhered to on all CDBG projects. The Economic and Community Development Department will work with the City's Public Works/Water Department to offer grants to homeowner to replace lead service lines. The City is serving as lead agency on a new Healthy Housing Team that will look at lead and other home hazards affecting the health of our residents. The Economic and Community Development Department applied for and received \$2.3 million in Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Housing funds. The Period of Performance for that grant started January 4, 2020. It is a 42-month project that will address lead and health hazards in approximately 92 owner-occupied and rental housing units. Through this program, the City will work to improve the capacity of local lead contractors.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue to support the Bloomington Housing Authority's job and life-skills training program annually. The program offers job training and a job fair each year for public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher recipients. Past training topics have included Microsoft Office Suite, how to write a resume, interview skills, and money management and budgeting. The training(s) and job fair are designed to foster job and life skills required for the local workforce and increase facetime with the businesses most likely to employ individuals with those skills. The City is also supporting Dreams Are Possible with public service dol

Homeownership is traditionally the greatest source of an individual's wealth. The City's Homeowner Rehabilitation Program provides low and moderate income homeowners the opportunity to preserve their greatest asset. Income-qualified households can receive assistance through a 0% interest, deflars. Dreams Are Possible is a new program that provides low-income women the opportunity to learn a skilled-trade and, thusly, earn a living wage.erred loan allowing the family to increase the value of their home without increasing their monthly bills. The City also offers housing rehabilitation through the Illinois Housing Development Authority's (IHDA) Single Family Rehabilitation program. Through this program, homeowners can receive up to \$45,000 in assistance through a 5-year forgivable loan.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City is a member of the local Invest Health Team, formed to look at the built environment and how it affects the health and well-being of City residents. Through this project, the team is looking at a variety of issues affecting the health of residents in the City's 61701 zip code. This area is classified as a food desert and has limited options for healthcare. Currently, the team is exploring options for increasing access to fresh, healthy foods.Housing has been identified as an area of concern by the Invest

Health team as well. The City was one of six cities in the nation to receive a National League of Cities Healthy Housing Forum technical assistance grant. Through this opportunity, the City is working to create an action plan to improve the health of our residents through healthier housing.

Additionally, the City serves as the Trustee for the John M. Scott Health Care Trust and supports the John M. Scott Health Care Commission administratively. The focus of the Trust is to support local organizations in developing and growing programs and services for low-income residents of McLean County. In 2021, the Commission awarded \$759,000 in grants to more than 20 agencies. Grants were awarded for general operations, capital improvements and programs.

Staff will continue to foster new partnerships that will improve the institutional delivery structure of CDBG, its priorities and other community development programs.

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

The City will continue to support the McLean County Continuum of Care, which consists of representatives from social service agencies and public housing. As a member of the Regional Housing Staff Advisory Committee, the City participates in a variety of initiatives designed to increase communication between all types of housing and service providers.

Discussion:

The City will continue to seek additional funding to support local programs in ways that CDBG is unable to do so. Interagency collaboration has been referenced throughout this Plan and will remain a key component of the City's strategy to meet the needs of the community.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City makes every attempt to utilize program income within the same program year it is received. Section AP-15 Expected Resources Table 5 shows \$30,000 in estimated program income, which has been budgeted to projects within this Annual Action Plan.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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.

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

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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.	85.00%

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No new funding to meet urgent needs has been allocated in this Annual Action Plan. However, CDBG-CV funding will still be available to meet the needs for those affected by the pandemic with an annual income over 80% AMI. (IDIS Activity #1302)

Attachments

Grantee Unique Appendices

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 28

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROGRAM APPLICATION (MAY 1, 2021 - APRIL 30, 2022)

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that the City of Bloomington, otherwise known as the Local Public Agency, avail itself of the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, to continue a Community Development Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Local Public Agency to certify that it will carry out the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON THAT:

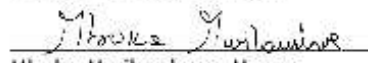
That an application on behalf of the City of Bloomington for a grant under said Title I in the amount of \$547,296 as the full amount available for undertaking and financing the forty-seventh (47th) increment of such program is hereby approved: and

1. The City Manager and Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and to file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to act as the certifying officer and assure the status of a responsible Federal Official under the National Environmental Protection Act of 1969; to act as the assuring officer for the City of Bloomington that the Local Point Agency shall comply with those items listed on HUD application forms.
2. The Counsel for the Economic & Community Development Department is hereby authorized and directed to file legal certification.
3. The Director of the Economic & Community Development Department is hereby authorized and directed to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required on behalf of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the City of Bloomington.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify such documents as needed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the City of Bloomington.

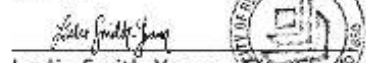
PASSED this 28th day of June 2021.


APPROVED this 29th day of June 2021.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON


Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST


Leslie Smith-Yocum, City Clerk



Action Plan

The Annual Action Plan is the document that outlines the City of Bloomington's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Annual Action Plan is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and includes an overview of the funds required to implement the programs and services planned for a single program year. Each Annual Action Plan must support the goals identified in the associated Consolidated Plan. The Program Year 2021 (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022) Annual Action Plan Draft is currently available for review and public comment.

The 2021 Annual Action Plan will be available for review on May 21, 2021. The City will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 24 at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be held virtually at <https://www.cityblm.org/live>. To testify live in the public hearing or provide live public comment you must register at <https://www.cityblm.org/register>. Email public comment to publiccomment@cityblm.org. Emails and registrations required at least 15 min prior to the start of the meeting. For questions, contact the City Clerk Department at cityclerk@cityblm.org or by calling 309-434-2240, TTY 309-829-5115.

Draft plans will be available on the City's website (www.cityblm.org) and at the HUB and Bloomington Public Library during regular hours of operation. A limited number of printed copies will be made available upon request. Written comments outside of the public hearing will be accepted May 25th through June 24th. All comments will be considered before final submission to HUD. Comments outside of the public hearing should be submitted in writing to the Office of Grants Administration at 115 E. Washington St., PO Box 3157, Bloomington, IL 61702-3157 or jtoney@cityblm.org.

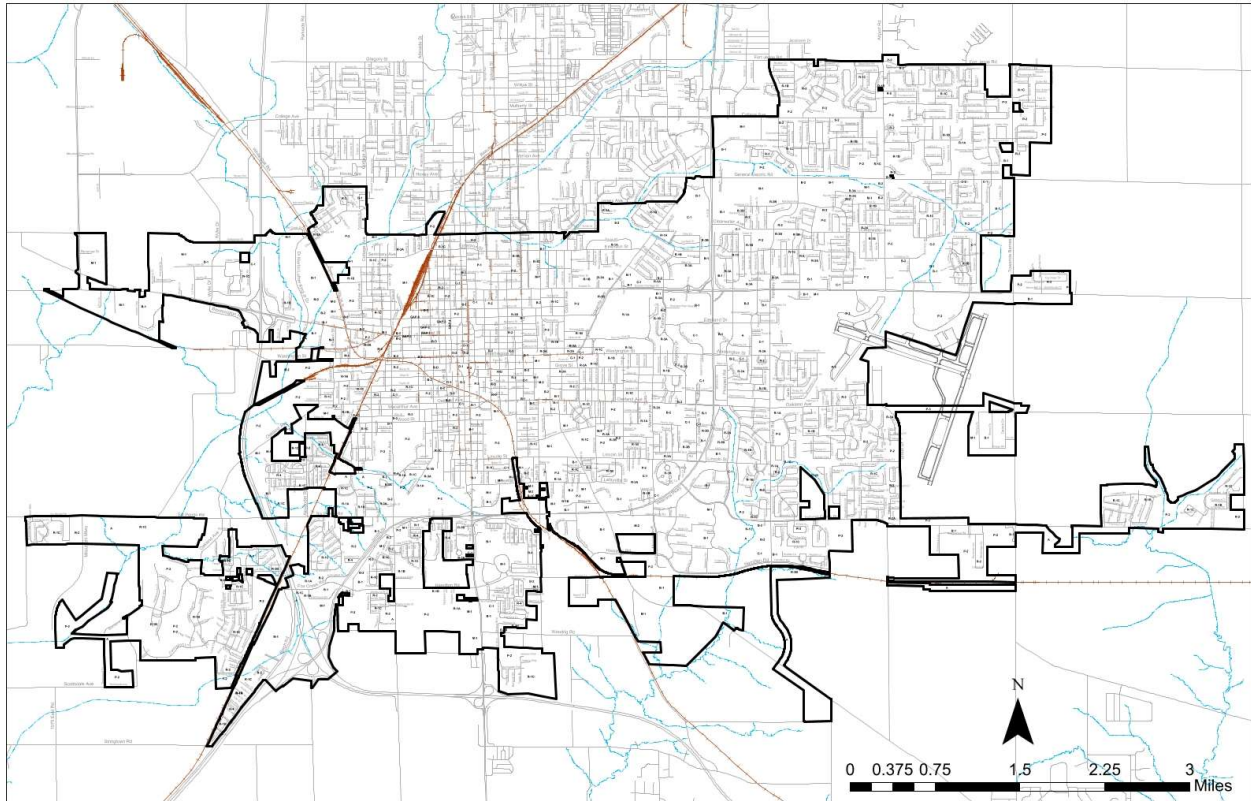
Click [here](#) to view a draft version of the Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan.

The program years covered under the current Consolidated Plan are:

- [Program Year 2015 \(May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016\)](#)
- [Program Year 2016 \(May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017\)](#)
- [Program Year 2017 \(May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018\)](#)
- [Program Year 2018 \(May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019\)](#)
- [Program Year 2019 \(May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020\)](#)

For questions related to the above plans, please contact Jennifer Toney at jtoney@cityblm.org or 309-434-2342.

City of Bloomington Municipal Limits



Legend

 Corporate limits

Prepared by: Caitlin Kelly, Assistant City Planner
Date: June 30, 2021
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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 08/27/2021	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-21-MC-17-0004	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Bloomington"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 37-6001563	* c. UEI: 060864170000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 109 E. Olive Street	Street2: PO Box 3157	
* City: Bloomington	County/Parish: McLean	
* State: IL: Illinois	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 61702-3157	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Economic&Community Development	Division Name: Office of Grants Administratio	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: Melissa	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	* Last Name: Hon	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: Director	
Organizational Affiliation: City of Bloomington		
* Telephone Number: 309-434-2262	Fax Number: 309-434-2801	
* Email: mhon@cityblis.org		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/> Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> * Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="US Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.218"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="B-21-MC-17-0004"/> * Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant Program"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text" value="COB_corporate_limits.pdf"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="Program Year 2021/47 Community Development Block Grant Program - City of Bloomington IL"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="IL13"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="13. 18"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="05/01/2021"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="04/30/2022"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="555,361.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="125,000.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="30,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="710,361.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Mboka"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Mwiliambwe"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="309-434-2212"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="mwiliambwe@cityblm.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="8/30/2021 3:55 PM"/>

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2020, 2021 and 2022 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


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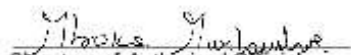
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


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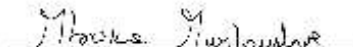
Specific HOME Certifications:

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

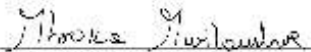
Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1696), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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