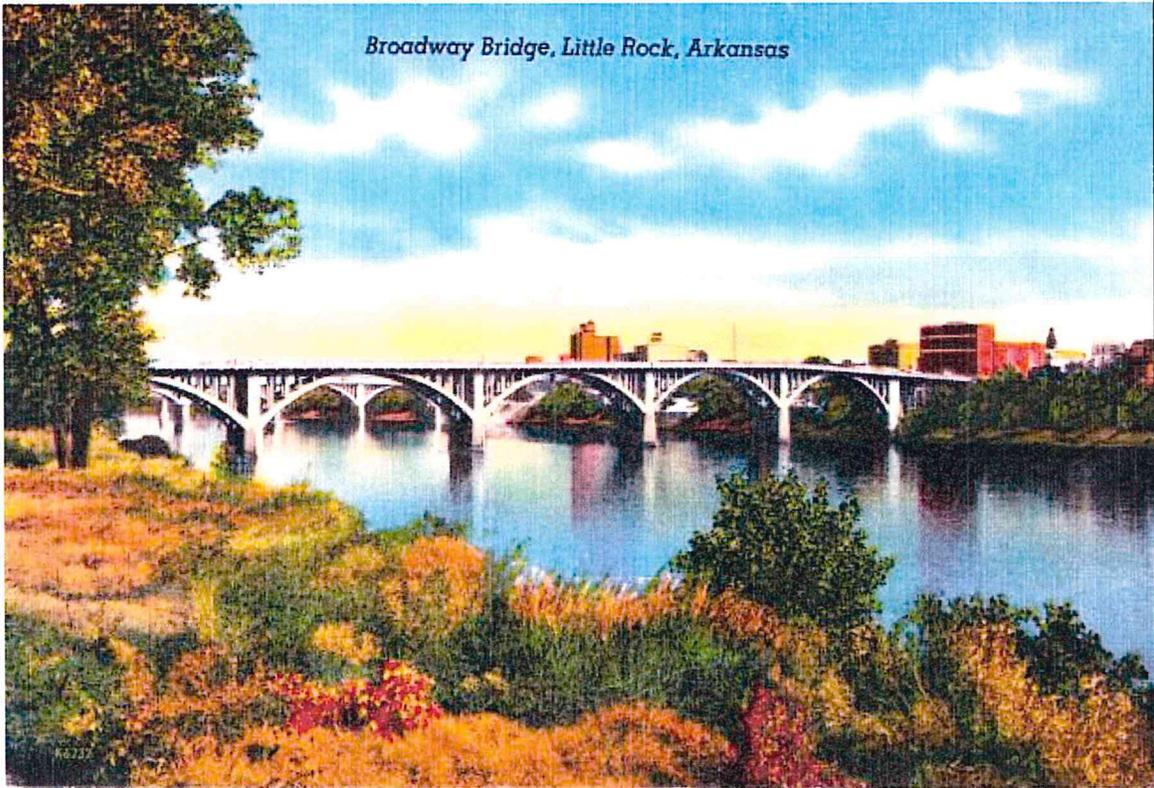




# City of Little Rock 2017 Draft Action Plan



**Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan  
2017 Program Year**

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2017**  
(January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017)

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**FY 2017 CONSOLIDATED PLAN/BUDGET**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
FUNDING SOURCES**

Entitlement Grant [includes reallocated funds]	\$2,159,919
Unprogrammed Prior Year's Income not previously reported	0
Surplus Funds	0
Return of Grant Funds	0
Total Estimated Program Income [from detail below]	\$200,000
<b>Total Funding Sources:</b>	<b>\$2,359,919</b>

Estimated Program Income			
	Description	Grantee	Subrecipient
1.	HOME Funds: Sale of Rehabilitated Homes, Loan Repayments	\$200,000	\$0
2.	CDBG Funds: Sale of Rehabilitated Homes, Loan Repayments	0	0
	<b>Total Estimated Program Income</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan (the Plan) serves as the basis for annual funding allocations which is described in the one-year Action Plan for the federal funds for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The 2017 Annual Action Plan identifies the specific programs and activities to be undertaken with the federal funds received for the 2017 Program Year. This document is the official application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for entitlement grants.

The 2017 Annual Action Plan covers the time period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and represents the second year under the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This report describes the resources expected to be available in the coming program year from federal, state, local, and private sources. It includes a description of the activities that will be undertaken to meet the local priorities and objectives contained in the Consolidated Plan. It also outlines the actions to be undertaken to address needs of the underserved, remove barriers to affordable, and other strategies by the City.

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

Objectives and outcomes which are encompassed in the 2017 Action Plan include the following:

- 1) Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- 2) Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- 3) Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- 4) Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
- 5) Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Little Rock has had past success in implementing all projects included in the plan. These projects have met all timeliness deadlines and have benefited the low/mod population of the City.



For the year that ended December 31, 2015, the City of Little Rock assisted:

- Seventy-Seven (77) housing units for Housing Rehabilitation
- Eleven (11) housing units for Homeownership
- Twenty-Two (22) housing units for Wheelchair Ramps
- One Hundred Forty-Four (144) households for HOPWA
- Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety (8,690) households for Public Services
- Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Three (20,303) persons utilizing Public Facilities

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

In developing the 2017 Annual Action Plan, the City followed a detailed citizen participation plan. This included input from other City departments, residents, non-profit organizations, and other public and private entities that provide assisted housing, health services, social service housing and supportive service providers to special needs population. Opportunities for citizen input are provided throughout the planning process through the following:

- Public Hearings
- Publications and Posting

This input will provide a framework for programs and services to address housing and services to address housing and community development issues involving public services, public infrastructure and improvements and homeless needs.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

The 30-day comment period will be October 1, 2016 through October 30, 2016.

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

#### **7. Summary**



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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	LITTLE ROCK	
CDBG Administrator	LITTLE ROCK	Community Development Division
HOPWA Administrator	LITTLE ROCK	Community Development Division
HOME Administrator	LITTLE ROCK	Community Development Division

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Little Rock, Housing and Neighborhood Program (HNP), Community Development Division is the lead agency and administrator in the development and overseeing of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. The City is responsible for administrating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

In developing the Plan, the City followed a detailed citizen participation plan. This included input from residents, non-profit organizations, and other public and private entities that provide assisted housing, health services, social service housing and supportive service providers to special needs population.

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Little Rock recognizes that partnerships with public and private entities as well as the community are vital to the provision of effective services to the Little Rock community. These partners provide the expertise needed to develop our Plan.

During the planning process for the 2017 Annual Action Plan, the City of Little Rock consulted with the community, city departments, public and private organization in the development of the Consolidated Plan. The process includes public meetings to hear community views on housing and community development needs, as well as, comments on prior program year performance. Copies of the draft plan are made available to the general public in both print and electronic form for comments.

The City's Consolidated Planning Committee provides input on community needs, evaluate proposals for funding, and review progress in meeting community goals. Membership of the committee includes private citizens and representatives from the public; private and nonprofit sector that provide assisted housing; health services; social and fair housing services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons; public housing, and metropolitan planning agencies.

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

The City of Little Rock receives input from elected and appointed officials, city departments and numerous organizations, both public and private, non-profits, and public institutions to coordinate community development and housing services. Through the Continuum of Care process, the City maintains relationship with mental health providers, homeless shelter and service providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. Coordination between entities includes serving on committees, boards, on-going communication, and strategic planning.

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

The City of Little Rock is a member and lead agency for the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care (CoC) which is known as the Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH). The service area consists of four (4) counties. They are: Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline. CATCH was created to coordinate and



collaborate on housing, homeless, and special needs population issues. There are forty (40) members representing public agencies and non-profit organizations. They meet at least quarterly to ensure that essential coordination occurs and shared obstacles are identified and considered. The Board of Directors meets monthly. The City serves as the lead agency for submitting the Super NOFA Application for the Central Arkansas continuum. City staff works with CATCH to coordinate the Point-In Time Count for the homeless each year in late January.

**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 City of Little Rock does not receive nor administer any ESG funds. These funds come to the area through the State of Arkansas. Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is the state grantee of ESG funds.

Members of the Continuum of Care, along with representatives of the entitlement cities, attend and provide input at DHS workshops and public hearings on homelessness strategies and the annual plan for allocation of ESG funds. Funding decisions by DHS take into account of the Continuum's operations and priorities, with an emphasis on how to realize the best value for the investment.

Members of the Continuum of Care work with the local HUD office to attend and participate in agency monitoring visits. The Continuum evaluates the Annual Progress Report from funded agencies and report on the accomplishments, annual goals, and anticipated outcomes based on agencies performance. The City of Little Rock, which serves as the Collaborative Applicants for the Central Arkansas Continuum, applied for and was awarded a Planning Grant that supports a staff position that shares in the performance and evaluation activities.

The COC Governance Charter outlines responsibilities for overseeing a continuum-wide Homeless Management Information System.

**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	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p><b>ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b></p> <p>Housing            Services-Children            Services-homeless            Other government - State</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless            Homeless Needs - Families with children            Homelessness Needs - Veterans            Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth            Homelessness Strategy            Lead-based Paint Strategy</p> <p>The agency participated in the public meeting and provided input for annual goals and priorities.</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	
2	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p><b>ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b></p> <p>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS            Services-Health            Health Agency            Other government - State</p> <p>HOPWA Strategy</p> <p>The agency participated in the public meeting and provided input for annual goals and priorities.</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	



3	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION</p> <p>Service-Fair Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Market Analysis</p> <p>Economic Development</p> <p>Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
4	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>BETTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>The organization met with staff on housing opportunities for CHDOs and provided input for annual goals and priorities.</p>



5	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING (CARELINK) MEALS ON WHEELS</p> <p>Services-Elderly Persons</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Anti-poverty Strategy</p> <p>The organization participated in the public meeting and provided input for annual goals and priorities.</p>
6	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>UNIVERSITY DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>The organization met with staff on housing opportunities for CHDOs and provided input for annual goals and priorities.</p>
7	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY AR</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>PHA</p> <p>Other government - Local</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Anti-poverty Strategy</p> <p>Invited to participate in the public meeting and provided input on public housing needs section.</p>



8	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	LITTLE ROCK
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Services-Children Services-homeless CITY DEPARTMENTS Grantee Department</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Other City departments provided input for annual goals and priorities.</p>
9	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER</p> <p>Services-homeless HMIS</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Invited to participate in the public meetings.</p>



10	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>ARKANSAS AIDS FOUNDATION, INC.</p>
		<p>Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS</p>
		<p>HOPWA Strategy</p>
		<p>Invited to participate in public meeting and provided input for annual goals and objectives.</p>
11	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>MAINSTREAM INC</p>
		<p>Housing Services-Elderly Persons</p>
		<p>Housing Need Assessment</p>
		<p>Invited to participate in the public meeting and provided input on annual goals and objectives.</p>



12	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>OUR HOUSE, INC.</p> <p>Services-Children Services-homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
13	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Invited to participate in the public meeting and provided input on homeless and special needs section.</p> <p>ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY</p> <p>Other government - State</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy</p> <p>In person and phone consultations. Improved awareness for better coordination of available programs and funding.</p>



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

The City contacted many organizations through various outreach techniques including meetings, e-mails, and phone calls to solicit input and participation in the planning process. The City believes that all critical agency types were consulted during the participation and consultation process and did not intentionally fail to consult with any particular agency.

**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	Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless	The goals of CATCH and the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are consistent with each other. This collaboration is maintained through efforts of the agencies and ongoing review of local agency's funding request.
State of Arkansas Consolidated Plan	Arkansas Economic Development Commission	The goals of the State of Arkansas and the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are consistent with each other.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional)**



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

- 1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**  
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

**Citizen Participation 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	Mailout	Non-targeted/broad community	Three (3) mail outs of over three hundred (300) notices to residents about the public hearings on June 20 and September 20 and the four (4) public meetings from July 18 thru August 1.	No public comments were received.	Not Applicable	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Three (3) Legal Notices for the public hearings, and public meetings.	No public Comments were received.	Not Applicable	



Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

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)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On June 20, 2016 a public hearing conducted to report 2015 accomplishments, inform about the Consolidated Plan process, and to receive input.			
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	On July 18- August 1, 2016 staff conducted four (4) public meetings around the City			
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Hearings, Public Meetings, and draft plan are advertised on the City of Little Rock website			



Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

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)
7	Library and Neighborhood Resource Centers	Non-targeted/broad community	2017 Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan will be made available for review and comment during a 30-day comment period from October 1, 2016 through October 30, 2016.			
8	MetroPlan & State Clearinghouse (DFA)	Non-targeted/broad community	2017 Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan will be made available for review and comment during a 30-day comment period from October 1, 2016 through October 30, 2016.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach



## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City of Little Rock has developed a Consolidated Plan that serves as a document to assess the City’s needs and strategies for addressing needs over a five (5) year period beginning in 2016, as well as providing information on proposed activities to be funded during the 2017 program year. The “One Year Action Plan” outlines the City’s plan for expending available funds. All proposed activities budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts. As an entitlement city, and participating jurisdiction, Little Rock expects to receive the following grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

#### Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,304,133	0	0	1,304,133	3,700,000	Community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, youth, and improved community facilities and services.



Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	516,013	200,000	0	716,013	1,500,000	Expand the supply of decent and affordable rental and ownership housing for low and very-low income residents.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	339,773	0	0	339,773	860,000	Provides housing assistance supportive services for low-income people with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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 use a combination of public and private funding to carry out affordable housing activities during the period covered by this Plan. All applications for funding may require an equity investment in



the projects by the applicant, and most projects may also require funding from local financial institutions. Available funding from the Arkansas Housing Trust Fund will also be used on substantial/moderate rehabilitation projects from a previous allocation.

In the developing of affordable housing by non-profit organizations, such as Community Development Corporations (CDC) and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), the funds received from City may be considered gap financing. They may have to apply for additional funds to complete their projects. Other sources of funding have been provided by Federal Home Loan Bank, Arkansas Development Finance Authority, area banks, and private donations.

The City has in the past and may continue to make available funding from its Affordable HOME Program for use in construction of affordable homes for sale to low-income persons and families. All program income resulting from the sale of the homes is utilized for further affordable housing development. When leveraged with other existing funds, this resource is a valuable component of the City's plan to provide an increased supply of quality affordable housing.

Match fund requirements for the HOME Program will be provided by non-cash contributions from special needs projects funded in-part by the City in an amount equal to 25% of the 2016 HOME allocation less administration. The total non-cash contribution is a result of the direct costs of social/professional services provided to residents of HOME-assisted units. The total matching contribution from special needs projects currently available is \$2,289,686.

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

The City of Little Rock has created a Land Bank and appointed a Land Bank Commission. The mission of the Land Bank Commission is to reverse blight, increase home ownership and stability of property values, provide affordable housing, improve the health and safety of neighborhoods within the City of Little Rock, and maintain the architectural fabric of the community through study, acquisition, and disposition of vacant, abandoned, tax delinquent, and City lien property while collaborating with citizens, neighborhood, developers, non-profit organizations and other governmental agencies. In 2012, CDBG funds in the amount of \$133,170 were awarded to the Land Bank Commission to facilitate the redevelopment of the properties.

The City owns several facilities that are used to address the needs identified in the plan. They are the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center, Martin Luther King Legacy Center, Nathaniel W. Hill Community Complex, Ottenheimer Community and Therapeutic Center, and Jericho Way Day Resource Center for Homeless.



The Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center and Martin Luther King Legacy Centers are located in a low/mod area and provide a variety of public service activities to low-income residents. Health care services through St. Vincent Medical Center are provided at the Nathaniel W. Hill Community Complex. The clinic is a long-stand beneficiary of CDBG funding to provide health and dental services for low-income individuals and families.

The Ottenheimer Community and Therapeutic Center under the City's Park and Recreation Division was completed in 2012 with CDBG funding. The new building includes spaces for recreation as well as computer and cooking use by the community. It is also the home for the City's Therapeutic Recreation Division for people with disabilities.

The Jericho Way Day Resource Center with the assistance of CDBG funding opened in June 2013 to meet the needs of the homeless and working poor population. Over 28,000 clients have visited the Center since its inception. The Center works to identify and provide services for those in need with an ultimate goal of transitioning individuals out of homelessness. The Center provides food, clothing, showers, and transportation. Also clients can receive individual case management, access to computers and internet, a place to receive and send mail, housing referrals, job counseling and a place to retreat from the elements.

The City has over sixty (60) parks and recreational areas. The community and recreation centers are strategically located to residents of all ages. The mission of the centers is to provide the citizens and visitors of Little Rock accessible recreational program opportunities, experiences and activities which promote active living, health and wellness, socialization, self-esteem, growth and achievement.

## **Discussion**

The City has allocated approximately \$2.3 million from the CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs for the FY 2017 program year. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.



## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$792,806	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 80 Household Housing Unit
2	DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$18,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
3	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing		Housing Development	HOME: \$77,401	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
4	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Development	HOME: \$587,009	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit



Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Emergency Housing Assistance	HOPWA: \$339,773	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 75 Household Housing Unit
6	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Health Services/Substance Abuse	CDBG: \$159,250	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3500 Persons Assisted
7	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels	CDBG: \$58,250	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75 Persons Assisted
8	SL 1.4 Other Special Needs (CDBG)	2017	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Youth Services	CDBG: \$15,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 90 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
	Goal Description	Provision of housing delivery and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation to very low and low-income households.
2	Goal Name	DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	Goal Description	Installation of wheelchair ramps for handicapped individuals to benefits low-income households.



<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Reserved allocation of HOME funds for use by Community Housing Development Organization (CHDOs) for production of affordable housing.
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	New Construction of homes with program income funds (projected \$200,000) and HOME funds.
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide housing assistance and appropriate services to enable low-income HIV positive individuals to remain in their homes and reduce their risk of homelessness.
<b>6</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provision of health and dental services to low-income clients.
<b>7</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provision of meals for elderly low-income clients.
<b>8</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	SL 1.4 Other Special Needs (CDBG)
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):**

The City of Little Rock plans on utilizing its HOME funds to provide housing assistance through their New Construction of Owner-Occupied/Rental Housing program. It is estimated seven (7) units will be created. HOME Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab will be provided from a previous year allocation.



## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The City of Little Rock will provide activities that support one or more of the following projects during Program Year 2017.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG)
3	World Changers
4	Wheelchair Ramps
5	Carelink/Meals on Wheels
6	CHI St. Vincent Health System-East (NWH Complex)
7	Community Program-Youth Job Training
8	New Construction of Homes
9	CHDO Activities
10	HOPWA Assistance

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Priorities for allocation of funds were determined during the consolidated planning process and the 2017 Action Plan reflects the identified priorities. For this year, funds will be used for affordable housing (62%), public services activities (10%), HOPWA assistance (13%), and administration (15%).



## Projects

### AP-38 Projects Summary

#### Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$260,827 HOPWA: \$10,193 HOME: \$51,601
	<b>Description</b>	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Administrative costs, no direct benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	500 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction



<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$744,806
<b>Description</b>	Fifty-five (55) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Fifty-five (55) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations to be determined.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
<b>Project Name</b>	World Changers
<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
<b>Goals Supported</b>	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$48,000
<b>Description</b>	Provision of owner-Occupied housing rehabilitation to very-low and low-income households.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Twenty (25) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations to be determined.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	World Changers, a faith-based organization, provides the labor to paint the exterior of houses for very-low income, elderly residents. Materials are provided by the City.



4	<b>Project Name</b>	Wheelchair Ramps
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Disability Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$18,000
	<b>Description</b>	Installation of wheelchair ramps for handicapped individuals to benefits low-income households.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Fifteen (15) low-income handicapped families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	300 S. Rodney Parham Rd#5, Little Rock, AR 72205
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Mainstream, a nonprofit independent Living Resources Center, has partnered with volunteers of the AT&T Telephone Pioneers to constructed wheelchair ramps with materials provided by the City.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Carelink/Meals on Wheels
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$58,250
	<b>Description</b>	



	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Seventy-five (75) elderly low income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	706 W 4th St, North Little Rock, AR 72114
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging (dba Care Link) provides hot and frozen home-delivered meals for homebound older people who are unable to shop or prepare their own meals.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	CHI St. Vincent Health System-East (NWH Complex)
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Health Services/Substance Abuse
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$159,250
	<b>Description</b>	Provision of health and dental services to low-income clients.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2017
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Thirty-five hundred (3,500) low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	2500 E. 6th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Health and dental services are provided at Nathaniel W. Hill Complex by CHI St. Vincent Health System.



<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Program-Youth Job Training
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	SL 1.4 Other Special Needs (CDBG)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Youth Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provision of career skills training to youth
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Ninety (90) low-income and at-risk youth will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Career Crash Course in depth professional development program targeting low-income and at-risk youth.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	New Construction of Homes
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$387,009
	<b>Description</b>	New construction of homes with program income funds and entitlement funds. Projected HOME program income in the amount of \$200,000 is estimated to be used for the New Construction.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020



<p><b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b></p>	<p>Four (4) low to moderate-income families will benefit from the proposed activity.</p>
<p><b>Location Description</b></p>	
<p><b>Planned Activities</b></p>	<p>Housing</p>
<p><b>Project Name</b></p>	<p>CHDO Activities</p>
<p><b>Target Area</b></p>	<p>CITY-WIDE</p>
<p><b>Goals Supported</b></p>	<p>DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing</p>
<p><b>Needs Addressed</b></p>	<p>Housing Development</p>
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p>HOME: \$77,401</p>
<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>Reserved allocation of HOME funds for use by Community Housing Development Organization (CHDOs) for production of affordable housing.</p>
<p><b>Target Date</b></p>	<p>12/31/2020</p>
<p><b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b></p>	<p>Three (3) low to moderate-income families will benefit from the proposed activity.</p>
<p><b>Location Description</b></p>	
<p><b>Planned Activities</b></p>	<p>Housing</p>



10	<b>Project Name</b>	HOPWA Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	CITY-WIDE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Emergency Housing Assistance
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$329,579
	<b>Description</b>	Provide housing assistance and appropriate services to enable low-income HIV positive individuals to remain in their homes and reduce their risk of homelessness.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Seventy-five (75) low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline Counties
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	City will contract with organizations to provide housing services for HIV positive individuals.



### 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

The geographic distribution of activities and funding to accomplish identified objectives will be on a city-wide basis, however, the City plans to target certain programs in areas with high minority and low-income concentrations in an effort to trigger reinvestment and spur new development. The City plans to offer increased assistance in these target areas. Programs that will offer the increased assistance include Leveraged Loans, the Save-A-Home and Affordable Home Programs and CDC/CHDO sponsored projects. Activities of CDC's and CHDO's will also focus on their respective neighborhood target areas. The geographic location of other housing activities undertaken will be in areas intended to further housing choice and deter minority and low-income concentrations.

The City's 2017 public service activities will be located citywide. Provision of health clinic services will be provided through CHI St. Vincent Health System at the Nathaniel W. Hill Complex. Other public service activities include the Meals for the Elderly Program provided through CareLink. This program provides for meals for elderly, low-income persons citywide. This year City of Little Rock Community Programs will be providing Youth Job Training.

All programs and services funded through the CDBG and HOME Programs will be citywide unless otherwise noted in this plan.

#### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CDBG	
CITY-WIDE	100

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

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

For program year 2017, the City will fund project with a city-wide scope. CDBG area benefit project are not being funded in this program year.

#### Discussion

In the development of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, it was determined that the use of HUD grant funding would still be best utilized city-wide.

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	162
Special-Needs	15
Total	177

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	75
The Production of New Units	7
Rehab of Existing Units	95
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	177

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

The City employs a variety of approaches to maintaining, creating, and improving the quality of affordable housing. Housing is still the top priority, in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. The City plans to address affordable housing needs with CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds by administering the following programs to preserve and increase affordable housing:

- Emergency Assistance
- Limited Home Repairs
- Wheelchair Ramps
- World Changers
- CHDO Project
- Elderly Housing
- Leveraged Loans
- HOPWA - TBRA and STRMU Assistance



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

### **Introduction**

The City of Little Rock Housing Authority D/B/A Metropolitan Housing Alliance “MHA” has been in the community assisting Arkansans for over 70 years. Its continuing commitment with moving in a forward direction of multi-faceted housing agency has shown great improvement in several areas. We continue our success by bringing others to the table to address complex community issues. As a result of interactive agency relationships, Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant MHA has shown the capacity to cohesively bring Housing, People and Neighborhoods together as one.

CAHC is an instrumentality entity of and is wholly-owned and managed by the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (MHA; formerly the Little Rock Housing Authority). Chartered in 1937 as a Public Housing Authority (PHA), MHA is Arkansas’ largest PHA. MHA created CAHC in 2006 to participate with governmental entities and private organizations in local, state and federal programs to further the purposes of CAHC and MHA. Through a Management Agreement with MHA, CAHC will use MHA staff to perform the work for its current development plans and future agreements.

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

MHA is currently participating in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. RAD is a voluntary program implemented by HUD to address the growing backlog of capital needs at public housing sites across the country. The RAD program is cost-neutral and does not increase HUD's budget. This program simply shifts units from the Public Housing program to the Section 8 program so that public housing authorities can preserve and rehabilitate affordable public housing units by leveraging the private capital markets. MHA plans to convert at least 800 units to RAD utilizing 4% low-income housing tax credits and tax-exempt bonds in many instances. The rehabilitated units will provide affordable housing to residents at or below 60% of area median income (AMI). The entire conversion process will take several years to complete.

MHA plans to expand the supply of assisted housing by 500 units (rental and homeownership). This will be accomplished through various means, including tax credits, acquisition, new construction, all eligible HUD funds, and private sector investment.



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

We continue to engage Residents options to seek election as a Resident Council officers, which are elected by the residents of their community. The residents are encouraged to attend the monthly resident meetings and to work closely with the site managers and service coordinator, in order to provide input regarding their vision as to the services they think would assist them with improving their quality of life and helping them become more self-sufficient. Incorporating the ConnectHome initiative we hope to dully advance resident awareness opportunities and prepare them for additional approaches to self-sufficiency.

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

Currently MHA is not in trouble status.

**Discussion**

The expansion of MHA leaderships has afforded a new approach with the City of Little Rock Mayor, City Manager and staff members to continually support and engage the opportunity of partnerships and to share a consensus that has developed into strengthening the improvements of housing throughout the city of Little Rock. With additional partners and relationships throughout the industry; including crossing over to the health and wellness resources, and neighborhood industries, together with the development of additional resources that include; HUD grants, private and state funding alongside partnerships and in-kind, MHA will continue the commitment to maintain adequate resources of modern day affordable housing to low income residents within the Little Rock community and throughout the state of Arkansas.



## **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**

The City will continue to support organizations that assess the needs of the homeless to create a more robust social service system to address unmet needs.

The Jericho Way Homeless Day Resource Center is a joint project between the City of Little Rock and the City of North Little Rock. It has been opened three (3) years to provide direct services for the homeless and working poor. Since March 2015, the center's daily operations have been handled by DePaul USA, which is a national non-profit and subsidiary of DePaul International. Their mission is to offer homeless and disadvantaged people opportunities to fulfill their potential and move towards an independent and positive future.

The center is opened, Monday thru Friday and offers a wide ranging list of services including: case management; food; restrooms and shower services; retreat from the elements; laundry services; transportation; housing referrals; job counseling and training; access to phone, computer and internet; identity document replacement; basic medical care; and mail services. DePaul USA hopes to begin developing housing units in Little Rock in the upcoming year.

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

Funds from a previous program year were allocated for homeless activity project. This project increases the availability and affordability of decent housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals.

CATCH and the Interagency Council on Homelessness continue to make strides in addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.



**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The Housing First Program Model will help chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families to move out of homelessness and into permanent housing. Housing First is one of the activities that the Central Arkansas Continuum will continue to provide to address this need.

In 2012, Our House, a non-profit organization created a homelessness prevention program funded entirely by private funds. The Central Arkansas Family Stability Institute (CAFSI) provides intensive case management, supportive services, and limited assistance dollars to near-homeless families with school-aged children each year. The services extend for twelve (12) months, providing a long bridge of support to ensure the family avoids homelessness and achieves self-sufficiency. CAFSI focuses to empower clients on four key goals:

- Increase employment stability
- Increase housing stability
- Keep children in the same school of origin
- Create savings

This is the fifth year of the program, the CAFSI is still continuing to experience success in helping extremely low-income families avoid homelessness. CAFSI has gained the reputation as an innovative, model program, attracting investments from national funders including the W.K. Kellogg and the Siemer Family Foundation. It is also being studied by a dedicated PhD researcher with the Clinton School of Public Service as a key element of Our House's larger "two-generation approach" to empowering low-income families.

Opening Doors, the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness set a goal to end Veteran homelessness in the United States. Governors, mayors and other local officials were encouraged to participate in these efforts in their respective communities and City of Little Rock Mayor, Mark Stodola accepted the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. City representatives have participated in conference calls and meetings with designated Veteran homeless service providers and other providers of homeless services in the central Arkansas area, with a goal of developing a by name list of homeless Veterans who desire housing. The Mayor's working group is still working on developing strategies to encourage timely access to permanent housing.



**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 City of Little Rock Housing and Neighborhood Programs Department, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care, applied for and received a second Continuum of Care Planning Grant. The Planning Grant's objective is to increase the continuum of care's ability to function as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Prior to the planning funding the continuum relied upon its volunteer board and membership to carry out its various responsibilities.

As a result of the award, a part-time position has been changed into a full-time position. The objective is to provide assistance, coordination and staff support between CATCH and other stakeholders in the design of a cohesive network of quality services to homeless populations in central Arkansas. Staff's main focus this year will be outreach, education, and CoC Program Compliance.

The City's Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program helps prevent homelessness by allowing homeowners who are low-income persons to receive assistance to remain in their homes once renovated. CDBG and HOME Program funds will be utilized to implement this program.

CATCH has several discharge policies to coordinate community-wide assistance to address youth aging out of foster care, persons exiting health care and mental health institutions, and persons discharged from correctional institutions.

## **Discussion**

Prevention of homelessness will continue to be a priority of and addressed through the City of Little Rock's efforts and those of other nonprofit organizations and local agencies. These programs exist to further homeless prevention efforts and offer emergency shelter and transitional housing needs so that homeless individuals and families may begin to stabilize within the community.



**AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (I)(3)**

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	55
Tenant-based rental assistance	75
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>

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

### **Introduction**

There are no known barriers to affordable housing resulting from public policies of the City of Little Rock.

**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**

None.

### **Discussion**

There are no known barriers to affordable housing resulting from public policies of the City of Little Rock.

The City will continue its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program which helps homeowners with needed repairs in order to maintain their homes. With the City's assistance their private resources can be used to take care of other living expenses.

The City will affirmatively market any HOME-assisted housing and encourage and utilize minority and women-owned businesses to the fullest extent possible. The Equal Housing Opportunity logotype or slogan will be used in all press releases, informational materials, and advertisements.

The City will continue to ensure compliance with Section 3 and Davis Bacon requirements and provide appropriate training and technical assistance to funding applicants, recipients, and program administrative staff.

The City will continue to work with local financial institutions, developers, and non-profit organizations to expand the stock of affordable housing. The City will continue its efforts to eliminate homelessness through the efforts of the Interagency Council on Homelessness and Central Arkansas Continuum (CATCH).



## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

The following describes the planned actions or strategies that the City of Little Rock will pursue in the next year to:

- Address underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families
- Develop institutional structure
- Enhance coordination

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

The lack of resources both program and personal are still one of the primary obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved. The City's CDBG and HOME allocations have declined in the past five years. The forecast for the upcoming year is to expect additional reductions to both programs. The City will continue to work to use limited financial resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible and to collaborate with other agencies and programs to address the community's needs.

Another obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of service or housing availability. The City will continue public service activities that assist the underserved, including health and dental services and senior services. CATCH will continue to provide short-term rental assistance to homeless families and individuals utilizing the new Emergency Solutions Grant re-housing funds. The City will also continue to provide HOME subsidy on HOME properties for sale to assist families.

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

The City plans to continue implementation of its rehabilitation programs that will increase and improve the supply of affordable housing. The programs provide eligible homeowner with zero interest loans to have repairs done to their property. HOME funds will be allocated to Community Housing Development Organization for acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or construction of affordable homes.

The City will continue to support the programs, initiatives, and efforts of Metropolitan Housing Alliance in their goal to provide decent affordable housing to low income residents.



The Code Enforcement Officers investigate violations of the Little Rock Minimum Housing Code. Examples of these violations include property owners who fail to maintain their residences or accessory buildings, allowing them to fall in to a state of disrepair or structures that have sustained fire damage.

Another component of Code Enforcement is the Systematic Rental Property Inspection Program. This program provides for a biannual inspection of all rental properties located in the City of Little Rock. The purpose of this inspection is to insure that all rental units are maintained in a safe condition to meet Minimum Housing Code Standards. The Rental Inspection Program also provides an avenue for rental property owners to require tenants who damage their property to make repairs or provide financial compensation to cover the cost of repairs.

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

The City has a policy, which requires lead-based paint testing to be conducted on all rehabilitated projects funded by the City. Safeguards are in place to ensure that all new construction funded by the City is free of lead-based paint hazards. Pertinent Community Development staff have attended training for Lead-Based Paint Inspector, Risk Assessor, Safe Work Practices, and also Lead-Based Paint Supervisory. The City has sponsored training for abatement workers of lead-based paint abatement companies, and provides training to its contractors on safe work practices and Lead-Based Paint Supervisory training.

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

All of the activities funded through the City's CDBG and HOME programs are ultimately directed at reducing the number of people living in poverty in Little Rock. The City's collaboration with nonprofit partners on housing and supportive services assists in community-wide actions to raise families out of poverty. The City's affordable housing programs reduce housing costs for its beneficiaries, preserving a household's limited resources for other pressing expenditures. The City will continue to engage in activities that create jobs available to low-income residents and monitor contractors ensuring they comply with Section 3 guidelines that provide job training.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City continuously works to increase the cooperation among departments and other entities to improve and streamline the delivery of housing services to Little Rock citizens. Several of the City's



departments and the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (Little Rock Housing Authority) work together to coordinate various housing activities and programs to serve the Little Rock community.

The City continues to make resources and technical assistance available to further activities planned by local CDCs and CHDOs. This component of the City's action plan is intended to empower local residents and organizations to perform needs assessments, devise workable solutions to neighborhood problems and to implement the planned programs.

The City will continue to participate in the Interagency Council on Homeless to assistance people experiencing homelessness, promote better coordination among agency programs, and inform state and local governments and public and private sector organization about the availability of federal homeless assistance.

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

The City will continue participation in Central Arkansas Continuum of Care (CoC) by assisting with the Point In Time Count, serving on committees, and serving as the lead agency. As the collaborative applicant for the CoC, the City has been awarded a HUD funded Planning Project to assist the CoC in meeting increasing requirements. The City will also participate in the Interagency Council on Homeless. City staff provides assistance and information to other agencies and the general public.

### **Discussion**

The City of Little Rock engages in collaboration with many local community partners including private housing providers, social service agencies, and others; and continues outreach efforts to seek additional involvement from other entities on community development issues.



## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

The following address the program specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan. It includes information for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Housing Opportunity for Persons With AIDS.

#### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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.	80.00%

## HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Little Rock does not use other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City uses recapture provision for all homebuyer activities including when assistance is provided for homebuyer units developed or rehabilitated by CHDOs. The HOME subsidy will be forgiven in equal monthly installments during the Affordability Period. The timeframe for the Affordability Period is as follows:

- Under \$15,000 -- 5 years (60 months)
- \$15,000-\$40,000--10 years (120 months)

During the Affordability Period the homebuyer is responsible for satisfying all HOME Program regulation requirements such as principal residence and payment of all taxes and insurance. If they do not abide by the terms and conditions of the HOME Program, recapture or foreclosure proceedings may be initiated.

In the event the homebuyer sales the house within the Affordability Period, the City will recapture the amount of the HOME funds unforgiven or recapture the maximum net proceed from sale of property. Net proceeds will be used to reimburse the HOME Program for the outstanding balance of HOME funds and/or for administration cost associated with the recapture action. If the net proceeds are less than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested in the property the loss will be absorbed by the HOME Program and all HOME Program requirements would be considered to have been satisfied. If the net proceeds recaptured are greater than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested, the balance of net proceeds would be distributed to the homeowner or their estate.



3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The period of affordability is based upon the direct HOME subsidy to the homebuyer as described in the previous section. The period is stated in the loan and program documents which include the Promissory Note, Mortgage, Mortgage Subsidy Agreement, and the Notice to Homebuyer. All four of these documents are signed by the homebuyer to ensure compliance during the affordability period.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City does not anticipate using HOME funds to refinance existing debt for HOME funded activities.

## Discussion