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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Little Rock uses multiple resources to carry out activities that benefit low and moderate-income residents. Several City departments also receive funding that addresses needs listed in the Consolidated Plan. 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):

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				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	1,346,728	0	63,863	1,410,591	5,000,000	Community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services.

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Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				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	530,788	200,000	297,908	1,028,696	2,000,000	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	328,720	0	0	328,720	1,200,000	Provides housing assistance supportive services for low-income people with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Table 57 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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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 will require an equity investment in the projects by the applicant, and most projects will also require funding from local financial institutions. Available funding from the Arkansas Housing Trust Fund will also be used on substantial/moderate rehabilitation projects.

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 are considered gap financing so they must 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 $2,273,813.

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 be 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.

Discussion

The City has programmed approximately $2.7 million from the CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs for the FY 2016 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

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: $888,885	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 75 Household Housing Unit
2	DH 1.2 Substantial/moderate rehabilitation (HOME)	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	HOME: $570,590	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
3	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Development	HOME: $205,026	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
4	DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: $19,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
5	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Development	HOME: $200,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Emergency Housing Assistance	HOPWA: $328,720	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 50 Household Housing Unit
7	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Health Services/Substance Abuse	CDBG: $165,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3500 Persons Assisted
8	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels	HOME: $58,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75 Persons Assisted
9	SL 3.2 Senior Center Services (CDBG)	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Senior Services	CDBG: $10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Persons Assisted

Table 58 – 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.

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2	**Goal Name**	DH 1.2 Substantial/moderate rehabilitation (HOME)
	Goal Description	Programs will be offered to assist low and moderate income owner-occupants with the rehabilitation of their homes. Up to $25,000 may be utilized to assist homeowners who are very low-income and at least 62 years of age or disabled. Assistance will also be provided to low-income homeowners through Leverage Loan Program which provides a combination loan/deferred payment loan.
3	**Goal Name**	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing
	Goal Description	Reserved allocation of HOME funds for use by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for production of affordable housing.
4	**Goal Name**	DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	Goal Description	Installation of wheelchair ramps for handicapped individuals to benefits low-income households.
5	**Goal Name**	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing
	Goal Description	New construction of homes with program income funds.
6	**Goal Name**	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	Goal Description	Provide housing assistance and appropriate services to enable low-income HIV positive individuals to remain in their homes and reduce their risk of homelessness.
7	**Goal Name**	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)
	Goal Description	Provision of health and dental services to low-income clients.
8	**Goal Name**	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels
	Goal Description	Provision of meals for elderly low-income clients.

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9	**Goal Name**	SL 3.2 Senior Center Services (CDBG)
	Goal Description	Provision of activities for elderly residents citywide.

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Projects

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 2016.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG)
3	Wheelchair Ramps
4	CHI St. Vincent Health System-East (NWH Complex)
5	Carelink/Meals on Wheels
6	John Barrow Senior Activity Center
7	World Changers
8	Owner-occupied rehabilitation (HOME)
9	New Construction of Homes
10	New Construction of Homes (CHDO)
11	HOPWA Assistance

Table 59 – 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 2016 Action Plan reflects the identified priorities. For this year, funds will be used for affordable housing (67%), public services activities (9%), HOPWA assistance (11%), and administration (13%).

The continuing, long-term reduction of Federal, State, and local financial resources is the single greatest impediment to meeting underserved needs for Little Rock's low and very-low income residents. Since 2010, the City's federal funding has been reduced by 31%.

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Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	Administration
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: $269,256 HOPWA: $9,862 HOME: $53,079
	Description	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administrative costs, no direct benefit.
	Location Description	City offices.
	Planned Activities	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs.
2	**Project Name**	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: $842,885
	Description	Provision of housing delivery and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation to very low and low-income households.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Sixty (60) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation

3	**Project Name**	Wheelchair Ramps
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: $19,000
	Description	Installation of wheelchair ramps for handicapped individuals to benefits low-income households.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifteen (15) low-income handicapped families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	300 S Rodney Parham Rd # 5, Little Rock, AR 72205
	Planned Activities	Mainstream, a nonprofit Independent Living Resources Center, has partnered with volunteers of the AT&T Telephone Pioneers to constructed wheelchair ramps with the donated materials from the City.
4	**Project Name**	CHI St. Vincent Health System-East (NWH Complex)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Health Services/Substance Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: $165,000
	Description	Provision of health and dental services to low-income clients.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Thirty-five hundred (3,500) low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	2500 E 6th St, Little Rock, AR 72202
	Planned Activities	Health and dental services are provided at Nathaniel W. Hill Complex by St. Vincent Hospital.
	Project Name	Carelink/Meals on Wheels

5	**Target Area**	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels
	Needs Addressed	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels
	Funding	CDBG: $58,000
	Description	Provision of meals for elderly low-income clients.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seventy-five (75) elderly low income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	706 W 4th St, North Little Rock, AR 72114
	Planned Activities	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	**Project Name**	John Barrow Senior Activity Center
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	SL 3.2 Senior Center Services (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: $10,000
	Description	Provision of activities for elderly residents citywide.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Twenty (20) low to moderate income elderly person will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	2600 John Barrow Rd., Little Rock, AR 72204
	Planned Activities	West Central Little Rock/John Barrow Senior Activity Center will provide activities for elderly residents citywide.
7	**Project Name**	World Changers
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)

	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: $46,000
	Description	Provision of owner-occupied housing rehabilitation to very low and low-income households.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifteen (15) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations. TBD
	Planned Activities	World Changers, a faith-based organization, provides the labor to replace roofs and paint the exterior of houses for very-low income, elderly residents.
8	**Project Name**	Owner-occupied rehabilitation (HOME)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 1.2 Substantial/moderate rehabilitation (HOME)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: $570,590
	Description	Programs will be offered to assist low and moderate income owner-occupants with the rehabilitation of their homes. Up to $25,000 may be utilized to assist homeowners who are very low-income and at least 62 years of age or disabled. Assistance will also be provided to low-income homeowners through Leverage Loan Program which provides a combination loan/deferred payment loan.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Twenty-five (25) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations. TBD
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation
9	**Project Name**	New Construction of Homes
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE

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	Goals Supported	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	:
	Description	New construction of homes with program income funds.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three (3) low to moderate- income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations. TBD
	Planned Activities	New construction of homes with program income funds.
10	**Project Name**	New Construction of Homes (CHDO)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: $205,026
	Description	Reserved allocation of HOME funds for use by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for production of affordable housing.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three (3) low to moderate- income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations, TBD.
	Planned Activities	Reserved allocation of HOME funds for use by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for production of affordable housing.
11	**Project Name**	HOPWA Assistance
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Housing Assistance

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	Funding	HOPWA: $318,858
	Description	Provide housing assistance and appropriate services to enable low-income HIV positive individuals to remain in their homes and reduce their risk of homelessness.
	Target Date	12/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifty (50) low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	523. S. Louisiana, Suite 303 Little Rock, AR 72201
	Planned Activities	City will contract with an organization to provide housing services for HIV positive individuals.

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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 2016 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.

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 60 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

For program year 2016, 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

This section of the Action Plan specifics the goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs household to be provided affordable housing with in the program year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	156
Special-Needs	15
Total	171

Table 61 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	50
The Production of New Units	6
Rehab of Existing Units	115
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	171

Table 62 - 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 Arkansas' 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 Neighborhood together as one.

Central Arkansas Housing Corporation "CAHC" is an instrumentality entity of and is wholly-owned and managed by the Metropolitan Housing Alliance. 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 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.

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

We continue to engage residents to participate in their community resident boards. 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 that would assist them with improving their quality of life and helping them become more self-sufficient. Incorporating the ConnectHome initiate we hope to fully 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 leadership 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

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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 has been opened two (2) years to provide direct services for the homeless and working poor. Currently, the center daily operations are being 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; basic medical care; and mail services.

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 the 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

Rapid re-housing services will help chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children,

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veterans and their families to move out of homelessness and into permanent housing. Rapid re-housing 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.

This is the fourth year of the program, the CAFSI is continuing to experience success in helping extremely low-income families avoid homelessness. Through its first three (3) years, CAFSI has served two hundred forty (240) families, consisting of eight hundred sixty-nine (869) people. The program is achieving great success in empowering near-homeless families. Over the past year, 92% of families have avoided homelessness, 92% of children have avoided a disruptive school transfer, and 72% of adults have been connected with full-time employment.

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 Continuum of Care Planning Grant. The Planning Grant's goal 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 was created and the position has been staffed. 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.

The City recently awarded $194,444 to two (2) community-based agencies to provide re-entry services to Little Rock residents. The agencies are: Our House, and Goodwill Industries of Arkansas. The City also provides approximately $345,842 for on-the-job (in-house training) through five City Departments. The City Departments are: sidewalk installation training in Department of Public Works; clerical training in Little Rock Police Department; automotive training in Fleet Services; grounds maintenance and landscaping training in the Departments of Housing and Neighborhood Development, and Little Rock Zoo. The funds for these services are from the 2014-15 Prevention and Intervention allocation.

The City's Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program helps prevent homelessness by allowing

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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 youths 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 (l)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	53
Tenant-based rental assistance	50
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
Total	103

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 release, 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 oordination

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.

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 CDBG and Housing staff have been attended training for Lead-Based Paint Inspector, Risk Assessor, Safe Work Practices, and also Lead-Based Paint Supervisory. The City has sponsors 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 Cit'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 by assisting with the Point In Time Count, servicing on committees, and servicing as the lead agency. 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(l)(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 Partnership Program, and Housing Opportunity of Persons With AIDS.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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.	80.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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

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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 with 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 unforgiving 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

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activities.

Discussion:

The City of Little Rock continues to operate the CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs in compliance with all current federal regulations.

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources