

2024 DRAFT CAPER

Introduction

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a report that the City of Little Rock submits annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department (HUD) in accordance with requirements as an entitlement grant recipient. CAPER evaluates the City's progress and performance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant Program (HOPWA) as outlined in the five-year Consolidated Plan for 2021-2025 and in the one-year Action Plan for PY 2024.

The program year covered by this CAPER, January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, is the fourth year of the City's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. The CAPER narratives consist of summarized data from HUD's Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) regarding CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds as well as additional data from internal tracking systems and other sources.

The information in this report shows the commitment by the City to administer federal funds to achieve the goal of improving the quality of life for those in the greatest need, the low- and moderate-income individuals and families, in the City of Little Rock.

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The City's highest priority under its Consolidated Plan is affordable housing. Highlights include:

- Emergency Assistance Grants (CDBG) provided sewers and roofs to homeowners, with an income of 50% or less of the area median. This program assisted thirty-eight (38) homeowners.
- Limited Home Repairs (CDBG) were provided to ten (10) homeowners. The program provides up
 to \$15,000 financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan to elderly (62 or older) or disabled,
 very-low-income persons. This program repairs one or more of the major systems of the home
 vital to the safety and well-being of the resident such as the roof, heating and electrical systems,
 and the plumbing.
- World Changers (CDBG) assisted eleven (11) homeowners during the week July 15-20, 2024. The city provided funding and materials. World Changers provided the labor.
- Special Need Assistance Program (SNAP) is a Federal Home Loan Bank Program through Arvest Bank and First Security Bank. Our SNAP applications were submitted and approved. The City utilized SNAP Funding for roofs and assisted nine (9) homeowners in conjunction with our CDBG funding.
- The city partnered with Mainstream, and they coordinated the construction. AT & T Telephone Pioneers provided the labor. The Wheelchair Ramps Program (CDBG) completed nine (9) wheelchair ramps.
- HOME-ARP TBRA (HOME) provided rental assistance for twenty-one (21) tenants to prevent homeless from a previous year.
- New Construction Program (HOME) constructed and sold two (2) single-family housing units to low-income, first-time homebuyer(s).
- CHDO New Construction Program (HOME), constructed and sold one (1) single-family housing unit to low-income, first-time homebuyer(s).
- Downpayment Assistance Program (HOME) assisted twenty-five (25) households to purchase homes utilizing funds from the previous year.

A suitable living environment is the City's next highest priority. Highlights include:

- NWH Complex-CHI St. Vincent Health Clinic (CDBG) assisted seven thousand three hundred eighty-four (7,384) low-income persons. The city partners with CHI St. Vincent Health System.
- Meals on Wheels (CDBG) delivered hot and frozen meals for one hundred seventy (170) homebound senior citizens who were unable to shop or prepare their own meals.
- Jericho Way Center for the Homeless (CDBG) had fourteen thousand five hundred seventy-five (14,575) individuals to utilize the center for food, clothing, or showers during 2024.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
DH 1.1 Rehab of owner- occupied housing (CDBG)	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	375	314	83.73%	60	68	113.33%
DH 1.2 Substantial/ moderate rehabilitation (HOME)	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	10	0	0.00%			
DH 1.3 Acquisition Rehabilitation (HOME)	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	5	2	40.00%			
DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$5000 / HOME: \$ / HOME- ARP: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	15	13	86.67%	6	3	50.00%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$5000 / HOME: \$ / HOME- ARP: \$	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$5000 / HOME: \$ / HOME- ARP: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%
DH 2.3 Volunteer Supported Rehabilitation (CDBG)	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	75	39	52.00%	0	9	
DH 2.4 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	Affordable Housing	HOPWA: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
DH 2.4 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	Affordable Housing	HOPWA: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0		75	49	65%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
DH 2.4 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	Affordable Housing	HOPWA: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0		50	40	80%
DH 2.4 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	Affordable Housing	HOPWA: \$	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	600	398	66.33%			
EO 1.1 Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	46	0	0.00%			
O.1 Administration	Administrati on	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / HOME: \$ / HOME- ARP: \$	Other	Other	5	4	80.00%	1	1	100.00%
SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	45000	32842	72.98%	9000	7384	82.04%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected - Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels (CDBG)	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	750	1103	147.07%	200	170	85.00%
SL 1.3 Other Special Needs (CDBG)	Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME- ARP: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	25600	52	0.20%	100	0	0.00%

Table 1 - Accomplishments - Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The primary uses of the CDBG funds are affordable housing rehabilitation and public services. The overall low-mod benefit for the CDBG program for PY24 is 100% which exceeds the overall 70% low-mod benefit requirement. The PR26-CDBG and PR26-CBDG-CV Financial Reports are included in the Appendix section. CDBG-CV funds were allocated to organizations to provide small business assistance, rental assistance, meals on wheels, health services, and other public services.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

	CDBG	НОМЕ	HOPWA	TOTAL			
Race:							
White	4796	0	16	4812			
Black or African American	2670	49	73	2792			
Asian	161	0	0	161			
American Indian or American Native	4	0	0	4			
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander							
Total	7631	49	89	7769			
Ethnicity:							
Hispanic	3470	0	0	3470			
Not Hispanic	4161	49	89	4299			

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

During the 2024 Program Year, the City of Little Rock assisted 7,769 persons and families through a variety of housing and public service projects utilizing Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS funds.

The 2024 Performance Measurement Accomplishments spreadsheet that provided additional information is included in the Appendix section.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made	Amount Expended
		Available	During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	2,558,542.81	1,712,963.98
HOME	public - federal	4,301,348.35	873,581.17
HOPWA	public - federal	3,201,587.74	591,481.69
CDBG-CV	public - federal	103,920.36	103,920.36
HOME-ARP	public - federal	2,653,410.95	253,902.85
CDBG PROGRAM INCOME		3,324.76	3,324.76
HOME PROGRAM INCOME		1,076,184.97	440,733.25
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES		13,898,319.94	3,979,908.06

^{*}Resources made available included unspent prior year funding (balances on hand as of 1/1/24) along with amounts received during PY2024.

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Table 3 above summarizes the PY 2024, resources that the City had from previous years, anticipated funds that will be available from the Federal resources and the actual amount of program income from CDBG & HOME activities that the City collected and spent during this program year. Funds are drawn as projects progress from start to finish. Some projects often span more than one program year. In 2024, HOME included \$426,949.90 in program income with an additional \$3,324.76 for CDBG program income. The amount listed for CDBG-CV is the remaining balance from 2020 CARES ACT Funding.

In 2024, we continued doing Limited HOME Rehabilitation with emphasis to follow safety precautions due to COVID-19. The Down Payment Assistance Program was available for all types of units.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG			
CITY-WIDE	100	100	OTHER

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

In the development of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, it was determined that the use of HUD grant funding would still be best utilized citywide. The geographic distribution of activities and funding is on a city-wide basis; however, the City targets certain programs in areas with high minority and low-income

concentrations to trigger reinvestment and spur new development. Programs that offered increased assistance include Leveraged Loans, the Save-A-Home and Affordable Home Programs and CDC/CHDO sponsored projects. Activities of the CDC's and CHDO's focus on their respective neighborhood target areas.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The City encourages leveraging in the CDBG and HOME programs, but this does not always happen due to the financial situation of homeowners.

The Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) is in a low/mod area and provides a variety of public service activities to low-income residents. During the 2024 Program Year, seventeen thousand thirteen (17,013) persons utilized the NRC. The number of persons utilizing the NRC is near the number before COVID.

Health care services through CHI St. Vincent Health System are provided at the Nathaniel W. Hill Community Complex. The clinic is a long-standing beneficiary of CDBG funding which provides health and dental services for low-income individuals and families. In 2024, a total of seven thousand three hundred eighty-four (7,384) persons were treated.

The Jericho Way Day Resource Center (Jericho Way) daily operations are currently being handled by Depaul USA. In 2024, fourteen thousand five hundred seventy-five (14,575) clients were served. Depaul USA provided thirty-three thousand five hundred sixty-two (33,562) meals. Transportation services were suspended in 2021 due to COVID-19. Now, clients can receive bus passes to assist them with their transportation needs. One thousand five hundred seventy (1,570) bus referrals were distributed.

The HOME Match requirement was reinstated for 2024, however, the City did not receive any contribution during the year.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match							
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	2,479,595.33						
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0.00						
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	2,479,595.33						
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	184,920.76						
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	2,294,674.57						

Table 5 - Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

	Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match	

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period							
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$			
1,076,184.97	426,949.90	440,733.25		1,062,401.62			

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

	Total		Minority Busin	ess Enterprises		White Non-
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Contracts						
Dollar						
Amount	3	0	0	3	0	0
Number	624000	0	0	624000	0	0
Sub-Contracts	S					
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar						
Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			

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Contracts			
Dollar			
Amount	0	0	3
Number	0	0	624000
Sub-Contracts	5		
Number	0	0	0
Dollar			
Amount	0	0	0

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

	Total		White Non-			
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired	0	0
Businesses Displaced	0	0
Nonprofit Organizations		
Displaced	0	0
Households Temporarily		
Relocated, not Displaced	0	0

Households	Total		Minority Property Enterprises									
Displaced		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0						

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	66	126
Number of Special-Needs households to be		
provided affordable housing units	125	89
Total	191	215

Table 11 - Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through		
Rental Assistance	125	110
Number of households supported through		
The Production of New Units	6	3
Number of households supported through		
Rehab of Existing Units	60	77
Number of households supported through		
Acquisition of Existing Units	0	25
Total	191	215

Table 12 - Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

In 2024, the City was able to assist more homeowners due to receiving SNAP Funding from Arvest Bank and First Security. Previous funding for Downpayment Assistance was utilized in 2024 which increased the number we were able to assist. We were able to assist twenty-one (21) persons with HOME-ARP TBRA to prevent homelessness.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Decent and affordable housing was the top priority in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. As the City's highest priority, projects geared to create, maintain, and improve the quality of affordable housing will be funded in the upcoming 2025 Action Plan.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual	HOPWA Total
Extremely Low-income	1264	13	77
Low-income	4890	15	8
Moderate-income	1477	21	4
Total	7631	49	89

Table 13 - Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The above for CDBG Actual includes all CDBG activities. In the past this column only included housing activities. The number for CDBG housing activities respectively are 56 ELI, 20 LI, and 1 MI.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Little Rock continues to serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care (CoC). In this role, assistance was provided to member agencies seeking Homeless Assistance Grants through HUD Super NOFA competitive application process. The Central Arkansas CoC was awarded nine (8) grants for a total of \$2,726,076.00.

The Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless, working with CoC staff and community partners, coordinated the 2024 Point- In-Time Count (PIT) which included sheltered persons. The 2024 PIT occurred on January 24, 2024. During the 2024 PIT, there were a total of five hundred fifty-two (552) persons housed in shelters. There were four hundred ten (410) persons in emergency shelters and one hundred forty-two (142) persons in transitional housing programs. The breakdown of shelter types was 74% residing in emergency shelters and 26% residing in transitional housing.

The 2024 Point in Time count breakdown by gender, race, and age are as follows:

Gender	Emergency	Transitional		
Female	217	73		
Male	191	67		
Gender Non-Conforming	2	2		
Transgender	0	0		
Underage 18	95	23		
Age 18 to 24	39	17		
Over age 24	276	102		

Gender	Emergency	Transitional		
White	189	83		
Black/African American	194	54		
Asian	3	0		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0		
Multiple Races	22	5		
Total	410	142		

Jericho Way Day Resource Center provides direct services for the homeless and working poor. The center is open Monday through Friday and daily operations are handled by Depaul USA. Individuals visit the Center each day seeking crisis services, as well as tools and resources for exiting homelessness. They come for meals, laundry services, clothing, showers, social services, transportation passes, health services, and fellowship.

In 2024, Depaul reported fourteen thousand five hundred seventy-five (14,575) individuals visited the center. This is a 35% increase from last year. The number of volunteers was three hundred eighty-one (381) which is basically the same as 2023. Some of the outputs and outcomes for Jericho Way increased in 2024.

On October 5, 2024, An Evening of Jazz features jazz artists from Arkansas. It is an annual fundraiser providing entertainment and awareness of the plight of those without housing. This event benefited Jericho Way Day Resource and Opportunity House in Pine Bluff which is also operated by DePaul USA.

The HOPWA program assisted eight-nine (89) persons living with HIV and/or AIDS. The Meals on Wheels program provided meals to one hundred seventy (170) homebound seniors.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In 2024, there were two non-profit organizations that completed construction on additional housing for the homeless. Our House, Inc. housing addition doubled their housing capacity for families with 166 beds along with more space for their early childhood programs, after school/out of school programs, job training, and mental health services. Immerse Arkansas completed construction of 15 suites including bedroom and bathroom with a shared kitchen, recreation space, counseling accommodations, and outdoor facilities for young adults between the ages of 18-24. The City and Pulaski County have plans to develop housing for the homeless. Once these developments are completed a total of 500 beds with be available for the homeless. On May 14, Pulaski County officials held a groundbreaking for their homeless community, Providence Park.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City of Little Rock continues to take an active role in the development and implementation of Continuum of Care planning process that complies with the responsibilities identified for the Continuum of Care (CoC) program. Little Rock participates with the Office of Community Planning and Development, central Arkansas entitlement cities, local municipalities, non-profit and other organizations regarding homelessness within our communities. The City's Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Grant allowed for

the continued funding of a full-time staff position to monitor CoC and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).

Central Arkansas CoC (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 person discharged from correctional institutions. The CoC informed members of organizations and those alike about funding availability. These funds enabled street outreach, PPE, supported transportation and health service programs.

Two (2) organizations were recommended for renewal for 2024 by the City's Commission on Children, Youth, and Families and approved by the Board of Directors to provide five (5) After-School/Out-of-School Time Programs. These organizations were awarded grants for Positive Prevention Programs. They are operated by community-based organizations and located in Little Rock's neighborhoods with the greatest obstacles to successful development—high crime, poor academic outcomes, and limited economic opportunities. The programs are geared for youth utilizing best practice frameworks and empirical studies to develop the attitudes, knowledge and skills required to make good choices, resist negative pressures, and lead productive lives. Another two (2) organizations were approved as well for 2024 renewals for Community Reduction Services and 21st Century After-School/Out-of-School Time Programs.

The City coordinated and participated in the annual "Rights After Wrongs" event with the Central Arkansas Re-Entry Coalition. The event offered record sealing, leniency court, legal consultation, and Municipal ID services, as well as health education, and employment resources.

The City of Little Rock Re-Entry Program assists citizens with criminal backgrounds, addresses barriers to employment and ways to reintegrate them back into the Little Rock community. In 2024, two hundred ninety-five (295) individuals enrolled in the Re-Entry Program. The Re-Entry Program does not provide direct services but serves as the central point of referrals for assessment, employment training, and job placement. The Re-Entry Program hosted a 3-day job readiness workshop that consisted of resume building, interview skills, and employment conduct. Each participant that completed the workshop received a certification of completion and employment referral.

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

Our House has several programs to help the homeless or at risk of homeless. Central Arkansas Family Stability Institute (CAFSI) provides comprehensive support and service to help their residents and former residents avoid homelessness. Our House's Career Center offers education, employment & training; health & wealth; and financial empowerment services. Our House programs are geared to working

equally with parents and children to help them build the skills, resources, and confidence to break the cycle of poverty and achieve their highest goals in life.

The Veteran Day Treatment Center located in downtown Little Rock provides area Veterans with a variety of comprehensive services to assist in obtaining and maintaining stability in their daily life. They also receive meals, personal care, and treatment. They have two programs that target veterans that have been incarcerated. The Health Care for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV) provides case management and jail diversion services to Veterans involved with local jails and court systems. Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) provides case management to Veterans preparing for release from Arkansas prisons.

St. Francis House, Veterans Re-Entry Program, provided transitional housing for homeless Veterans having difficulties re-entering society because of post-traumatic stress syndrome or substance abuse or other problems. Funded under a contract with the Veterans Administration, and located at St. Francis House's Elm Street location, the program provides a therapeutic setting for homeless Veterans, including the services of counseling, transitional housing, meals, laundry, and activities.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority of the City of Little Rock D/B/A Metropolitan Housing Alliance (MHA) has been working on converting their public housing units with the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. RAD is a voluntary program of HUD designed to address the demanding capital improvement and renovation funding requirements for public housing across the United States. The program allows them to make needed improvements and meet ongoing maintenance requirements for their properties. MHA is still working on the third phase of the RAD program.

MHA will continue exploring partnerships with the City of Little Rock and will explore other public and/or private ventures to develop affordable housing for city residents.

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

MHA's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program is designed to reduce resident's dependency of housing assistance. Some of the services coordinated through the program include homeownership counseling and financial literacy.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

MHA has been working on the issues that HUD identified which caused them to receive a "trouble performance rating". A comprehensive plan was developed to fix the problems. The board planned to tackle areas like audits, finances, expenses, and employment restructures. They are addressing concerns and ensuring that the private management companies at RAD properties are held accountable for maintaining safe and healthy living environment for all tenants.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Review of the City's practices for the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan revealed no significant policy barriers to affordable housing. No excessive, exclusionary, discriminatory, or duplicate policies, rules or regulations were found to constitute barriers to affordability.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The lack of both programming resources and personal resources of the underserved continues to be one of the primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs. The City continued to work to use all our 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 continued public service activities that assist the underserved, including health and dental services and senior services. Also, the City continued to provide HOME subsidy on HOME properties for sale to assist families and provided resources for Down Payment Assistance.

CATCH continued to provide short-term rental assistance to homeless families and individuals utilizing the Emergency Solutions Grant re-housing funds. The Metropolitan Housing Alliance received additional Mainstream Vouchers.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Little Rock policy requires that lead-based paint testing be conducted on rehabilitation projects. Interim controls were performed where appropriate. Full lead-based paint abatement was completed on rehabilitations contracted at above \$25,000. All our certified contractors are required to complete the Lead-Based Paint Renovator Certification per 40 CFR Part 745.225. Community Development Division staff have attended Lead-Based Inspector training, Risk Assessor training, Safe Work Practices training, and Lead-Based Paint Supervisory training.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City's affordable housing programs reduced housing costs for its beneficiaries, preserving a household's limited resources for other pressing expenditures. Also, the city continued 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. The city collaborated with the following nonprofit partners on housing and supportive services in community-wide actions to raise families out of poverty:

Housing

- HOME-ARP TBRA
- IN Affordable Housing, Inc.
- Mainstream Inc.

Supportive Services/Public Services

- Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging (Care Link)
- CHI St. Vincent Health East Clinic
- Jericho Way Day Resource Center

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Several of the City's departments and the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (Little Rock Housing Authority) worked together to coordinate various housing activities and programs to serve the Little Rock community.

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

The city continued to participate with various homeless coalitions to assist people experiencing homelessness, promote better coordination among agency programs, and inform state and local governments and public and private sector organizations about the availability of federal homeless assistance.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The city served as the lead agency in the Central Arkansas Continuum and assisted with the Point in Time Count and served on several committees. The purpose and function of the Continuum is to enhance and ensure coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

The city also participated with various Homeless Coalitions. City staff provided assistance and information to other agencies and the public.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

In 2024, the city engaged in activities that directly addressed the following impediments. The impediments identified were:

Promote affordable homeownership and rental opportunities outside of R/ECAPs:

- Staff worked with local banks, developers, and non-profit organizations to expand the stock of affordable housing.
- The city assisted twenty-five (25) homeowners with Downpayment assistance. Three (3) New Construction units were developed between the City and our CHDO partner. The units were sold to low-income families.

Promote Community Development activities in areas with higher rates of poverty:

- Staff worked with organizations to provide public service activities in the city.
- NWH Complex-CHI St. Vincent Health Clinic assisted seven thousand three hundred eighty-four (7,384) low-income persons with health and dental services. CareLink Meals on Wheels delivered hot and frozen meals to one hundred seventy (170) homebound senior citizens who were unable to shop or prepare their own meals.

Promote community and service provider knowledge of ADA laws:

- Staff have attended Arkansas Fair Housing Commission Design & Construction training which
 introduced key aspects of the Fair Housing Act and ANSI design standards; applicable ADA
 requirements; an overview of federal and state fair housing laws; reasonable accommodations
 and modifications; and compliance.
- The City Manager's Office worked with the City Attorney's Office, the Public Works Department, and the ADA Coordinator to refine the implementation and monitoring of the City's ADA Compliance Transition Plan.

Increase outreach and education for housing providers in the city and the public:

- Staff continued to attend and participate in fair housing workshops to increase their knowledge.
- Fair Housing information is provided to participants.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City of Little Rock follows an adopted Monitoring Plan to effect comprehensive monitoring of programs and activities described in the Consolidated Plan. The monitoring plan is directed to ensure:

- Program performance
- Financial performance
- Regulatory compliance

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The draft 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is available to the public for the required 15-day comment period beginning, March 12th-March 26th. An advertisement is placed in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on Sunday, March 9th.

The advertisement gives a description of the CAPER, the information contained in the report, and the purpose of its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Additionally, an explanation is provided of the 15-day comment period, its associated dates, and assurances that all written comments would be reviewed and considered prior to submission of the report to HUD. The expected submission date is published to further inform citizens of the time limits involved in commenting on the contents of the report.

Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs, Community Development Division, Central Arkansas Library System, and Neighborhood Resource Centers. It is posted on the City's website at https://www.littlerock.gov/city-administration/city-departments/housing-and-neighborhood/.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

There is no change in the Jurisdiction's program objectives or programs as a result of our experiences.

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

No

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

We currently do not have any rental housing projects.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

Based on HUD requirements, recipients that received HOME funds must adopt an Affirmative Marketing Plan. The plan shall affirmatively market houses for rent or sale to eligible, low-income persons in compliance with Public Laws 88-352 and 90-284 (24 CFR 570.601). Housing choice for all residents should be through programs of voluntary assistance, affirmative marketing, outreach, and education.

Organizations are required to maintain documentation of affirmative marketing plan efforts Their plan shall consists of actions that will provide information and attract eligible persons in the housing market, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. Affirmative marketing action supports fair housing to ensure that eligible persons from all protected groups are fully informed of available units for sale and/or rent, are encouraged to apply for available units for sale and/or rent and are given the opportunity to buy or rent the unit of their choice.

Organizations should take all necessary affirmative steps to ensure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps shall include those listed in 2 CFR § 200.321(b). All requirements are outlined in their agreements, and they must submit their marketing plan as an attachment prior to any funds being disbursed.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

• Project Name: Zion & 29th St

Address: Zion & 29th St Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 2909; Program Income expended: \$912.12

HOME units: Under Construction

• Project Name: 4412 Holt

Address: 4412 Holt Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3011; Program Income expended: \$1,050.00

HOME units: Under Construction

• Project Name: Lot 2, Holt Street

Address: Lot 2, Holt Street Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3012; Program Income expended: \$2,406.48

HOME units: Under Construction

• Project Name: 4403 Bowers

Address: 4403 Bowers
Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3013; Program Income expended: \$78,977.40

HOME units: Vacant

• Project Name: 4407 Bowers

Address: 4407 Bowers
Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3100; Program Income expended: \$2,931.03

HOME units: Vacant

Project Name: 4701 Charles Bussey

Address: 4701 Charles Bussey Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3101; Program Income expended: \$28,336.49

HOME units: Vacant

Project Name: 4705 Charles Bussey

Address: 4705 Charles Bussey Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3112; Program Income expended: \$125.00

HOME units: 1: Beneficiary #1: HH size of 3; 61-80% AMI

• Project Name: 4707 Charles Bussey

Address: 4707 Charles Bussey Type: New Construction

IDIS #: 3113; Program Income expended: \$125.00

HOME units: 1: Beneficiary #1: HH size of 2; 31-50% AMI

• Project Name: DPA 6509 Tulip

Address: 6509 Tulip

Type: Homebuyer Assistance

IDIS #: 3217; Program Income expended: \$175.53 # HOME units: 1: Beneficiary #1: HH size of 5; 51-60%

• Project Name: HOME Admin

Address: NA

Type: Administration

IDIS #: 3239; Program Income expended: \$22,146.88

HOME units: NA

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

The City's Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG and HOME funds) increased and improved the supply of affordable housing. The programs provide eligible homeowners with zero interest loans to have repairs done to their property.

The City's Rental Inspection Program continued to improve housing conditions for many low and very low-income people in Little Rock. During the 2024 Program Year, 1,783 housing units were inspected and 532 were re-inspected. Of the non-complying housing units, owners repaired 1,206 and 22 citations were issued regarding the rental units.

CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility	50	40
assistance payments		
Tenant-based rental assistance	75	49
Units provided in transitional housing		
facilities developed, leased, or operated		
with HOPWA funds		
Units provided in permanent housing		
facilities developed, leased, or operated		
with HOPWA funds		
Total	125	89

Table 14 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

Narrative

CR-58 - Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0	0	0	0	0
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0	0	0
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0	0	0

Table 15 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing	0	0	0	0	0
Targeted Workers	U	U	0	0	U
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Targeted Workers.	U	U	0	0	U
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition	0	0	0	0	0
for, off-site training.	U	0	0	0	0
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g.,	0	0	0	0	0
resume assistance, coaching).	U	U	0	0	0
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business	0	0	0	0	0
concerns.	U	U	0	0	U
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand	0	0	0	0	0
and bid on contracts.	0	0	0	0	0
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by					
Section 3 business concerns.	0	0	0	0	0
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment					
including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job	0	0	0	0	0
opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.	0	0	0	0	0
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can				_	
provide direct services or referrals.	0	0	0	0	0
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide					
one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings,	0	0	0	0	0
interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0	0	0	0	0
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four				_	
year educational institution.	0	0	0	0	0
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0	0	0	0	0
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0	0	0	0	0
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids			_	_	
from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0	0	0	0
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online	_	_	_	_	
technologies.	0	0	0	0	0
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create					
opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0	0	0	0	0
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as					
designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and	0	0	0	0	0
Opportunity Act.					
Other.	0	0	0	0	0

Table 16 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The City's Purchasing department held Supplier Outreach workshops to assist businesses to register with the city. The goal is to gain section 3 businesses, minority, and women-owned businesses. The city has a goal to increase minority and women-owned business spending by 25%.

The Small Business Development Office hosted the BUILD Academy. BUILD stands for Business United In Leadership Development. The BUILD Academy is a 12-week business development initiative that walks local business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs through topics pertaining to business essentials. Also, the city hosted a Spanish version of the Build Academy named Imprede'.

On November 2, the Small Business Development Office hosted the first "The Little Rock Build Academy Children's Business Fair". It was a one-day marketplace operated by young Kidpreneurs aged 6-18 to showcase their talent and business, sell in an authentic environment and earn their own money. There were twenty (20) participants.

APPENDICIES

2024
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

		Black	White	Multi-Racial	Asian/Pacific	Native America	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	VeryLow	Low < 50%	Moderate 51%-80%	0/2	
Program	No. Assisted		Ra		•	,						Female Head of Household	Outcome Measures
Emergency Grant Program (CDBG)	38	36	2				38		26	11	1	30	Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent housing
Limited Home Repair CDBG)	10	10					10		8	2		9	Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent housing
SNAP & CDBG (CDBG)	9	9					9		7	2		7	Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent housing
World Changers (CDBG)	11	11					11		10	1		6	Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent housing
Wheelchair Ramps (CDBG) NWH Complex:CHI St. Vincent Health Clinic	9	7	2				9		5	4		8	Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
(CDBG)	7384	2408	4717	99	160		4079	3305	1110	4822	1452	4075	Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
CareLink (CDBG)	170	90	75		1	4	5	165	98	48	24	78	Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
	7631	2571	4796	99	161	4	4161	3470	1264	4890	1477	4213	
HOPWA	89	70	16	3			89		77	8	4	25	Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing
HOME-ARP	21	21					21		11	8	2	15	Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing
Downpayment Assistance (HOME)	25	24		1			25		2	7	16	21	Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing
New Construction (HOME)	2	2					2				2	2	Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing
IN Affordable Housing (HOME/CHDO)	1	1					1				1	1	Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing
	28	27	0	1	0	0	28	0	2	7	19	24	
Total Assisted	<u>7769</u>	2689	<u>4812</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>161</u>	4	<u>4299</u>	<u>3470</u>	<u>1354</u>	<u>4913</u>	<u>1502</u>	<u>4277</u>	

Very Low-Income (VLI) - Income at 30% or below area median adjusted for family size

Low Income (LI) - 31% - 50% of area median income adjusted for family size

Moderate Income (MI) - Income at 51% - 80% of area median adjusted for family size

The Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center which is located in a low/mod area provides a variety of public service programs. During the 2024 Program Year 17,013 persons utilized the Center. Landbank do not acquired any properties with federal funds during the 2024 program year.