

November 8th, 2022

Amendment to the PY2022 Action Plan:

Notice of Public Comment and Public Hearing

It is the policy of the City of Conway to provide citizens with reasonable advance notice of the opportunity to comment on plans regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The City of Conway Community Development Department has a substantial amendment to the PY2022 Annual Action Plan. The Community Development Department is reallocating funds from previous years activities to the Overnight Emergency Shelter Project. Total funds to be reallocated are approximately \$113,891.91 in accumulated unspent funds. The substantial amendment will be open for public comments for 30 days starting November 17th through December 19th, 2022. A public hearing will be held at 12 p.m., on Tues., December 20th, 2022, in the City Council Chambers located at 1111 Main Street.

The PY 2022 Action Plan may be viewed online <https://conwayarkansas.gov/cdbg/> at the City of Conway, Department of Community Development website. Paper copies are available at Conway City Hall Front Desk, 1111 Main Street, Conway, AR 72032.

The deadline for considering written comments is Monday, December 12th, 2022 @ 4:30pm Comments should be addressed to Shawanna Rodgers at 1111 Main Street, Suite 102, Conway, AR 72032, or emailed to cdbg@conwayarkansas.gov.

A summary of the public comments regarding this analysis will be provided to HUD, including a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons for non-acceptance.

Non-English Speaking residents with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and citizens with speech, sight, or hearing impairments who wish to review or comment on the amendment should contact Shawanna Rodgers, CDBG Administrator, 1111 Main Street, Suite 102, Conway, AR 72032, 501.450.6100, (Voice/TTY 711) or the following email address: cdbg@conwayarkansas.gov. If you need a hard copy of the amendment, please call the number above.

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Each request will be considered individually according to the type of assistance required, the availability of resources, and the financial ability of the City to provide accommodations.

2022

City of Conway Annual Action Plan



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Director: Shawanna Rodgers



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Action Plan is a requirement of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that cities must prepare in order to receive Federal monetary assistance from HUD Programs. Ultimately, the plan will be used to implement the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). This document is the Action Plan for Program Year 2022, year two of the five-year Consolidated Plan submitted for years 2021-2025. The City will receive \$481,835 in the 2022 Program Year.

The Action Plan is a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. It allows local jurisdictions to shape the various housing and community development programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. It also creates the opportunity for planning and resident participation to take place in a comprehensive process and helps reduce duplication of efforts at the local level. The Action plan is a specific course of action for revitalization.

It builds on local assets and coordinates a response to the needs of the community. Economic, physical, environmental, community and human development are integrated in a comprehensive and coordinated fashion so that families and communities can work together and thrive. The Action plan also sets forth program goals, specific objectives, annual goals, and benchmarks for measuring progress. It helps local government and residents keep track of results and identify what components work well.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) will continue to partner with the City of Conway departments, local nonprofits, and other agencies to meet the objectives set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City's main objective and focus in funding has been associated with the addition of affordable housing since the inception of the 2016 Consolidated Plan.

We added to our affordable housing initiative with the addition of forty-four townhomes and single-family homes in the Pine Street neighborhood. In addition to the forty-four complete houses, the developer for the Spruce Street Cottage Development has completed six of the twelve homes with five additional homes currently under construction; all six of the homes constructed are presently owner-occupied. The subsidy



homes the buyer was eligible for a subsidy that went towards closing costs, fees associated with closing, and the down payment. Five of the twelve homes constructed are Market Rate homes.

The 5-year Consolidated Plan, stated the City's 5-year objectives, one of the objectives is the provision and addition of community facilities and public services. The City acquired a vacant office building to rehab into an Overnight Emergency Shelter using CDBG funding. This shelter will be the first of its kind in the City and is much needed to service our unhoused neighbors.

In addition to the provision of community facilities and public services. The City continues to strive for ways to add to our affordable housing needs. The City will continue to assist public service agencies that serve all categories of very low to low-moderate income persons. These services include transportation funding assistance to our public services agencies that help disabled adults, senior citizens, low to moderate-income children, disabled children, and homeless persons.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Community Development Department should meet or exceed goals established within the Consolidated Plan. The five Priority Needs for the next five years established in the plan are as follows: Repair and maintain streets and sidewalks, Enhance the capacity of the City's drainage and stormwater runoff systems, Increase the supply of affordable suitable housing, Provision of additional community facilities and public services for low-to-moderate income persons/area, and Economic Development. Public input is essential for the City; therefore meeting with Community Stakeholders, Non-profit agencies, and the community at large is a great way for CDBG can gain input from the community. Under the new 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, the City will focus on the homeless, community facilities, and expanding public services.

A priority need that continues to exist currently within the City is transportation. This has been a major initiative for the City due to Conway's lack of public transportation. The City of Conway has engaged Rock Region Metro to bring public transportation into Conway. We hope to engage our local non-profits to provide transportation to our LMI population. By assisting our local services with their transportation needs, we present opportunities their clients would otherwise not be afforded. In addition, the City of Conway completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in 2021. We remain committed to fair housing within our City and actively look for ways to increase public housing within the City of Conway.

The City is currently working on scheduling a town hall meeting with the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission, and we hope to schedule this meeting in the winter of 2022. The City stayed within their 15% cap for public services and 20% cap for administration. All financial reports were submitted on time.



4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Conway follows its Citizen Participation Plan when conducting the 2022 Action Plan process. We use many individuals and agencies in the development of the Annual Action Plan. We look at all input we receive to help us analyze, measure, and determine transportation, housing, facility, and service needs, emphasizing low-mod, elderly, disabled, and homeless. We look at resources within the City to meet these needs as well as gaps that other resources might not meet.

Public input is vital in the Citizen Participation plan; therefore, the City shall conduct two public hearings to obtain citizens' views and to respond to proposals and questions. At least one will occur prior to development of the Draft Plan and will be intended to solicit public input regarding distinct issues, thereby aiding policy formation. Information about the time, location and subject of each hearing will be provided to citizens at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance through adopted public notice and outreach procedures. Every effort will be made to ensure the public hearings are inclusive. Hearings will be held at convenient times and locations and in places where people most affected by proposed activities can attend. The Community Development Department has also been engaged with the Conway Housing Authority as they redevelop their current public housing site in the City.

The Director of Community Development will publish the Draft Annual Action Plan for Public Review in a manner that affords citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments. A succinct summary of the Draft Plan will be published in a newspaper of general circulation at the beginning of the public comment period. The City of Conway also post on social media and the City of Conway's website. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the Annual Action Plan (including a summary of specific objectives) and include a list of the locations where copies of the entire proposed Annual Action Plan may be obtained or examined. The City of Conway's Community Development Department, as lead agency, will receive comments from citizens on its Draft Plan for a period not less than thirty (30) days prior to submission of the Annual Action Plan to HUD. All comments or views of citizens received in writing during the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in preparing the final Action Plan.

To the extent allowed by law, interested citizens and organizations shall be afforded reasonable and timely access to records covering the preparation of the Annual Action Plan, project evaluation and selection, HUD's comments on the plan and annual performance.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.



No comments were received from the citizen participation section of the Annual Action Plan or the citizen participation section of the final plan review held prior to submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Public Hearing & Comment Period
PY 2022 Annual Action Plan
June 29, 2022
12noon

No Comments were received

Comment Period AAP

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

There were no comments that weren't accepted for the 2022 Annual Action Plan; therefore, no comments for reasons for not accepting will be required.

7. Summary

The City of Conway is a committed partner with HUD in improving the lives of our low to moderate income citizens. We will continue to utilize calls received and input from supporting agencies to determine the best ways to assist in the livelihood of our citizens.



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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	CONWAY	Shawanna Rodgers

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Conway, Arkansas is governed by the Mayor and City Council. The CDBG Administrator is responsible for administering the programs covered in the Annual Action Plan. This includes the development, implementation, monitoring, and activities reporting.

The CDBG Administrator uses non-profits, city staff, Conway housing authority, and citizens for their insight and expertise on housing and service projects. The Planning & Development Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Purchasing, and Transportation Department assist on infrastructure and construction projects.

The CDBG Administrator also conducts meetings and public hearings to encourage public comments and to receive citizen views to establish priorities. The City consulted with the following agencies in preparing for the 2022 Action Plan: Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County, Independent Living Services, Salvation Army, Faulkner County Council on Aging, Bethlehem House, City of Hope Outreach, Womens Shelter and Conway Housing Authority.

The CDBG Administrator also participated in the Toad Suck Coalition Continuum of Care comprised of numerous agencies in within the Faulkner County area. Through the Continuum of Care the City attends meetings and training provided by these agencies in meeting the needs of our low-income residents. The CDBG Administrator attends bi-yearly meetings of the Arkansas Community Development Association for additional training



and participates in webinars and other training provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Community Development Association to include the Region VI Association.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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Information can also be found on the City's website at www.conwayarkansas.gov



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

1. Introduction

The City of Conway is the lead agency that oversees the Annual Action Plan. The City's Action Plan was developed in accordance with its adopted Citizen Participation Plan.

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

The City of Conway encourages all citizens, especially minorities, persons with disabilities, residents of public and assisted housing developments, residents living in slum and blight areas, residents in predominately low-to-moderate income neighborhoods to participate in the development of the Action Plan. We worked closely with local organizations that provide services to sharing grant opportunities, training opportunities, and information. The City also holds an open application process for applying for funding. Public Hearings were held January 12th and January 18th for planning and finalizing the 2022 Annual Action Plan and a Public Hearing was held on May 24, 2022 at a City Council Meeting and a follow up Public Hearing was held on Wednesday June 29, 2022 regarding the Annual Action Plan prior to submittal.

The City will continue to partner with housing authority to continue improvement of affordable housing.

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

Conway is in Faulkner County, Arkansas. Conway is a part of the Toad Suck Coalition Continuum of Care. The members of the Faulkner, Perry, and Conway county non-profit entities meet to address a variety of social needs such as affordable housing, homelessness, and special needs populations, and the Community Development Department regularly attends those meetings. The City of Conway's Community Development Department has made significant investments in our upcoming local homeless shelter, transportation for several homeless non-profits, and in facilities for the not-for-profits that provide housing and work for developmentally disabled adults. We are currently working with a local non-profit that already assists our homeless neighbors to operate the City of Conway's Homeless Shelter.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS



The City of Conway's Community Development Department does not receive ESG funding.

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



Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Bethlehem House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization helps conduct Point-In-Time Counts (PIT) as well as provide insight on the growing homeless needs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CAPCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy



	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CAPCA receives the ESG funds. They use these funds for Rapid Rehousing as well as emergency shelter and case management. The personnel at CAPCA bring a wealth of knowledge on low-income citizens in working at these and other programs that they administer -weatherization, head start, food bank, LIHEAP, etc.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Hope Outreach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CoHO is an agency in the city that focuses on the homeless community by opening holistic centers in under resourced areas in Central Arkansas. CoHo Academy is also a apart of this organization. The academy focuses on outreach and community development in under-served areas.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Independent Living Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs



	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ILS focuses on providing services to those that are disabled from the age of 18 and over. The agency also provides a large amount of the transportation in the city which CDBG helps to fund. The agency brings knowledge about dealing with those with special needs and how to implement a strategy that will allow them to live independently and decrease our homelessness population.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Salvation Army is an organization in the city that provides emergency disaster services to those in need as well as other resources that assist those that may be facing homelessness.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	The Ministry Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless



	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency provides resources, case management, and seeks to provide stabilization between emergency and transitional for our homeless population. The center opens a warming station for homeless from December to February.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Central Arkansas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As the front line for many LMI emergency needs, United Way was able to provide call data to point to the needs most important to low to moderate income persons--1) transportation and 2) utility costs.



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

The City of Conway did not exclude any agency from the consultation process that would have been able to provide input on the development of the City's 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Bethlehem House	N/A

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)



AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City of Conway conducted the Action Plan process in accordance with their adopted Citizen Participation Plan to formulate the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Proposals were accepted from January 1st through January 31st, with two public hearings held on January 12th and January 18th. The City encouraged participation by low and moderate-income persons and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used. The City of Conway took steps to encourage the participation of all its residents, including minorities, and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities through the newspaper and social media outreach. The City was able to provide translation for our Spanish speaking population with a CDBG intern that is bilingual.

All meetings were conducted in buildings that were accessible to persons with disabilities. The City, on an annual basis, will make available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, information that includes the amount of assistance the City expects to receive.

The City will also disclose the range of activities and the amount of funding for each activity. The City has posted the Citizen Participation Plan as well as the current Consolidated and Action Plans on the City's website in hopes of generating more participation.

All information received in this process is used to help develop all City plans associated with CDBG. A Public Hearing was held June 29, 2022 for the purpose of obtaining the view of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties that will or may be affected by the 2022 Program Year Action Plan.

The comment period for the Action Plan was held from May 25th through June 27th. The draft was also available on the City of Conway's website and at City Hall. A notice was published in the Log Cabin Democrat and on the City's website on.



Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Initial legal ad was put out to announce the opening of applications and funding availability. The comment period was for 30 days and stated that non-profits applying for CDBG funding were required to attend the meeting. The first meeting was held at 12 p.m. on January 12th and the 2nd meeting was held on at 5:00 p.m. on January 18th. These meetings were to inform and answer questions for those intending on applying for 2022 CDBG funding.</p>	No comments were received	No comments were received, therefore there were no comments that were not accepted.	



Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held on January 12 as a public information meeting to inform and answer questions for those intending on applying for 2022 CDBG funding	No comments were received	No comments were received, therefore there were no comments that were not accepted.	
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held on January 18th as a public information meeting to inform and answer questions for those intending on applying for 2022 CDBG funding	No comments were received	No comments were received, therefore there were no comments that were not accepted.	



Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	This legal ad was placed in the local newspaper to inform the public on the publication of the 2022 Annual Action Plan Draft. The comment period ran for from Wednesday, May 25th to Monday June 27th.	No comments were received	No comments were received, therefore there were no comments that were not accepted.	
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held on June 29th as a public information meeting to inform and answer questions for those intending on applying for 2022 CDBG funding	No comments were received	No comments were received, therefore there were no comments that were not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach



Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The 2022 allocations and projects have been calculated for Year 2. The remaining ConPlan years' projections are based on 2022 grant figures.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	481,835	0	0	481,835	983,413	CDBG funds will be allocated to Staff Salaries for the administration of the program, Fair Housing activities, programs and services benefitting the public, economic development and other eligible activities.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Many of the non-profits applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding receive funding from other areas to make their



programs work. The City and its partners leverage local, state, foundation and private resources. The City will use its \$481,835 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program to address the needs listed in the Action Plan. The City will continue to partner with local organizations and non-profits on their service and facility projects. The City does not require funded projects provide "matching" funds; however, if funding from other sources other than CDBG will be used, we require our applicants to list those amounts and the source of that funding being used.

The City of Conway has greatly benefited from public-private partnerships that have allowed us to continue to provide public housing in Conway. Within the historically African American neighborhood of Pine Street, the City of Conway was able to bring online 44 housing units and was also able to partner with a developer to build a pocket neighborhood, Spruce Street Cottage Development, which will consist of twelve owner occupied homes, seven that will be afforded a subsidy from the recapture amount for the land and five to be sold at market rate by the developer.

Public-private partnerships has allowed more affordable housing to come to the City of Conway and allowed the city to utilize CDBG funding to help a high volume of low to moderate income persons. The city has also continued to work with the Parks and Recreation Department for CDBG funded activities. This allows CDBG to invest, but also leverage with guaranteed match funding.



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 Conway has no publicly owned land available for acquisition or use in the 2022 Annual Action Plan. However, the City will continue to work on property purchased at 1114 & 1116 Gum Street for an Overnight Emergency Shelter, which will be the first of it's kind in Conway.

The City will continue to look at public property available for affordable housing and economic development opportunities.

Discussion

The amount of CDBG funding is valuable to the City of Conway, however it would not be enough to meet the housing and or public services needs in our community. We will use all resources available to address the need and continue to work with community stakeholders to leverage all available resources.



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	Public Services	2016	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	LMI Census tracts	Increase the Supply of Affordable Suitable Housing Provision of Community and Public Services	CDBG: \$72,275	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 700 Persons Assisted
2	Administration	2016	2020	Administration	LMI Census tracts	Enhance the City's Drainage Systems Increase the Supply of Affordable Suitable Housing Repair and maintain streets and sidewalks Economic Development Provision of Community and Public Services	CDBG: \$96,367	Other: 2 Other



Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community Facilities	2021	2025	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Provision of Community and Public Services	CDBG: \$313,193	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide transportation for developmentally and mentally disabled, homeless, elderly, abused women and school children for employment, preschool and after school programs.
2	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Costs for administering the CDBG grant. The costs will include salaries, supplies, advertising expenses, travel, and training.
3	Goal Name	Community Facilities
	Goal Description	For the Program Year 2022 our project is the Remodel for the Overnight Emergency Shelter. This will include but not limited to structural upgrades to roof, added space for dormitories and day room, plumbing, and electrical work, new HVAC, and parking lot expansion.



Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Conway will focus on the Overnight Emergency Shelter, which is currently under construction. The Overnight Emergency Shelter will be located at 1116 Gum Street and will include but not limited to: structural upgrades building which includes the roof, HVAC, plumbing, and mechanical. It will also include additional space for dayroom programming and dormitories. Transportation remains a priority for the City of Conway's use of CDBG funding.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Boys & Girls Club
3	Faulkner County Council on Aging
4	Independent Living Service
5	Overnight Emergency Shelter

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Because the primary national objective of the CDBG Program is to benefit low-income and moderate-income residents, the City of Conway' Block Grant Program funds will be targeted to low and moderate-income neighborhoods and activities to include special needs population. By targeting these groups, we not only provide a benefit to these individuals and families, but we benefit the City as well.



AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information



1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Repair and maintain streets and sidewalks Provision of Community and Public Services Enhance the City's Drainage Systems Increase the Supply of Affordable Suitable Housing Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,367
	Description	All cost associated with CDBG Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1111 Main St. Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	All cost associated with CDBG Administration.
2	Project Name	Boys & Girls Club
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,759
	Description	This services project will consist of assisting the Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County with transportation costs associated with transporting an average of 200 youth daily during the school year from 15 different schools. The Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County serve over 200-300 unduplicated youth annually with the transportation program.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 200 LMI youth that receive free and/or reduced lunch in the local school system.
	Location Description	1405 Robins St. Conway, AR 72032



	Planned Activities	This services project will consist of assisting the Boys and Girls club of Faulkner County with transportation costs associated with transporting an average of 200 youth daily during the school year from 15 different schools. The Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County serve over 300 unduplicated youth annually with the transportation program.
3	Project Name	Faulkner County Council on Aging
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,758
	Description	The Faulkner County Council on Aging serves approximately 275 senior citizens with transportation services. Providing over 2,000 one way trips to senior adults age 60 and older.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will service over 275 seniors.
	Location Description	705 E. Siebenmorgen Rd. Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	Transportation assistance that will include vehicle maintenance, driver salary, insurance, and transportation rental
4	Project Name	Independent Living Service
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,758
	Description	Providing transportation for who are disabled or economically disadvantaged for over 150 unduplicated disabled adults. Transportation assistance includes driver salary, fuel, insurance, vehicle maintenance.
	Target Date	6/30/2023



	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 155 disabled adults are serviced by Independent Living Services program.
	Location Description	615 E Robins St. Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	Transportation Assistance including driver salary, fuel, insurance, vehicle maintenance 200 unduplicated disabled adults.
5	Project Name	Overnight Emergency Shelter
	Target Area	LMI Census tracts City-wide
	Goals Supported	Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$313,193
	Description	This project includes the rehabilitation of an office building in a low-to-moderate income area for the purpose of creating an Overnight Emergency Shelter, the first in the City of Conway. The rehab will include, but not limited to: building renovations, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and HVAC upgrades, roof rehabilitation, structural renovation to create additional space for dormitories and day room, and parking lot expansion. The shelter will assist over 200 individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added
	Location Description	1116 Gum St. Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	This project includes the rehabilitation of an office building in a low-to-moderate income area for the purpose of creating an Overnight Emergency Shelter, the first in the City of Conway. The rehab will include, but not limited to: building renovations, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and HVAC upgrades, roof rehabilitation, structural renovation to create additional space for dormitories and day room, and parking lot expansion. The Shelter will assist over 200 individuals.



AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The assistance will be directed in the low to moderate areas in the City of Conway as well as agencies that serve city-wide persons that are LMI or presumed LMI.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
LMI Census tracts	80

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically is to meet the primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which is to benefit low-income and moderate-income residents per the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards.

The Overnight Emergency Shelter is located in a LMI Census Tract. Over 1700 residents live in this area. We are using 65 percent of our funding in this area because it serves a large population of LMI persons. 15 percent of the funding is associated with city-wide public services that service LMI persons or presumed LMI persons. The additional 20 percent is funding associated with administration

Discussion

The City strives to improve low-income residential neighborhoods, especially those with high concentrations of minorities and other protected classes. These improvements bring the areas up to standards equal to other areas of the City and make the neighborhoods safer and more desirable to live. We also strive to make sure our low-income residents experiencing homelessness have the services and facility they need in the Annual Action Plan 2022.



Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing has been an initiative in the city of Conway for the past 10 years. We have used CDBG funding over the years to complete infrastructure improvements that would later support affordable housing in a historic neighborhood in our city. The townhomes are now complete which has assisted income eligible households with affordable housing.

Spruce Street Cottage project consists of 12 cottages homes and 7 of the 12 cottage homes will be eligible for a subsidy that will go towards closing costs, fees, and down payment. The buyers will determine income eligibility based on the HUD income limits for the current year. These homes support our initiative and goals for suitable and affordable housing in our city. Our city is committed to making affordable housing in Conway a priority!

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

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

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

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

Discussion

While the City of Conway does not receive funds that can be used for new construction, it has found ways to partner with private developers to provide some affordable housing within Conway. The City has also continued to work on infrastructure projects in low to moderate areas to assist with that partnership that includes drainage and stormwater projects. The City will continue to look for ways to provide affordable housing.



AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Conway CDBG program enjoys a working relationship with Conway Housing Authority. The director has a wealth of experience and a good vision for strengthening her program as well as serving her community. Conway PHA submits plans to HUD for management of that program. The City and Conway Housing Authority have a great relationship. We plan to continue to meet with the director and Conway Housing Authority members to continue to work together to bridge the gap for affordable housing in the city of Conway.

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

At this time Conway Housing Authority meets the requirements for accessible units in all properties managed and owned. The Conway Housing Authority has reached out to several nonprofits and congressional leaders to assist them with receiving more housing vouchers to meet the needs of the clients they serve. The city will continue to work with our local community, non-profits, and housing authority to address the growing needs of public and affordable housing.

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

Conway Housing Authority has not been funded for an FSS Coordinator for the past few years for voucher or public housing programs. The administration lacks limited ability to promote ownership without a coordinator

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administrator meets regularly with the Conway Housing Authority to discuss ways that we can get residents involved in management and participate in homeownership.

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

The Conway Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The City of Conway is continuing to develop a long-term housing strategy. Conway Housing Authority is a vital partner in this undertaking. Ongoing communication has been key in order to identify the needs and opportunities to further address affordable housing in Conway.



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

Introduction

The city of Conway is fortunate to have the only transitional homeless shelter in the immediate area, the Bethlehem House, in addition to an emergency battered women's shelter, Rise House Arkansas, and a transition/permanent shelter for girls who have been taken away from their homes due to abuse or neglect, HAVEN. We also have the Conway Ministry Center, City of Hope Outreach and the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas that works directly with our cities homeless population.

The Community Development Department works closely with a subset of the Toad Suck Coalition Balance of State Continuum of Care. To prevent homelessness the CoC tries to increase awareness about outreach, support services and housing available in the subset's geographic area, which is Faulkner and Conway Counties. They also provide support and training to faith-based initiatives in prevention, outreach, support services, and housing available in the communities they benefit. Each CoC is required to submit an annual CoC plan and application for funding. The application includes a Housing Gap Analysis Chart, which identifies housing and supportive service needs for the continuum's homeless and homeless special needs population.

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 of Conway purchased property to open the first Overnight Emergency Shelter in the City. The City hopes this facility will open in the early part of 2023.

In addition to the agencies listed above, the Community Development Department partners with the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas which houses one of the few ESG grants for the county. CAPCA provides case management for emergency homelessness. CAPCA host an event each year called Project Homeless Connect. CAPCA created this event to connect individuals and families to services that they may have difficulty connecting to if homeless. Local businesses and volunteers show up to support and assist with the event.

The Ministry Center also provides case management. The Ministry Center successfully operates a warming center during the winter months. The center is open from December to February. They also recently purchased property to open an Overnight Emergency Shelter that will focus on housing families.

Bethlehem House is the only transitional shelter the city of Conway has and both agencies mentioned above refer to the Bethlehem House and other agencies for transitional homelessness. During planning for the Point in Time count, it was clear to the Community Development Director that these agencies are



aware of chronic unsheltered homeless (homeless by choice) and maintain contact with those individuals. The city continues to work with local agencies for work related programs. This year the city will partner with the Salvation Army for a worked based learning initiative program that will provide services for unsheltered persons and low-moderate income individuals in the city.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City purchased an old office building with CDBG funding to renovate for the city's first Overnight Emergency Shelter. Construction of the Shelter has began and the shelter will be complete early 2023. The Ministry Center also opens a warming station that houses homeless persons during the winter months of December to February.

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

The City of Conway is not an agency who has the resources or staff to take on this project. However, the City does assist our local nonprofits and community stakeholders develop a strategic plan to address these issues associated with homelessness in our area. As of now, Conway Housing Authority, Community Action Program of Central Arkansas, Conway Ministry Center, Bethlehem House transitional homeless shelter, City of Hope Outreach, and the Rise House all provide resources and case management for homeless through transition.

There are agencies within the city that have programs for adolescence. Deliver Hope, a non-profit in Conway, is seeking a housing option for those young adults leaving foster care. This agency currently focuses on incarcerated juveniles. HAVEN House also provides shelter for adolescent girls in DHS custody. The city also hopes that the work-based learning initiative service will be able to provide an opportunity for homeless individuals to sustain employment to transition to permanent housing. Also, we hope to see a decrease in the city's homeless population with the Overnight Emergency Shelter coming online.

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 Conway is very diligently to try to provide a solution to increase the amount of affordable housing in our community. Our Continuum of Care has made it a priority to provide case management for or LMI individuals and families to avoid the trend of those person becoming homeless. They also work on prevention methods for those discharged from healthcare institutions to keep them from being discharged and becoming homeless. The city is committed to continue to work with local non-profits and other agencies to work together to increase the number of affordable housing units in Conway and improve living conditions in LMI neighborhoods.

Discussion

The City will continue to work with local agencies and seek additional resources to help meet the needs of homeless and other special needs within our city.



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

Introduction:

Conway maintains its commitment to preserve, maintain, and increase the stock of affordable housing. Housing affordability is a key component to the quality of life of Conway's residents. Barriers to affordable housing can be found in several things-- lack of public investment in specific neighborhoods (including services and amenities), deteriorated vacant structures and land, location and type of affordable housing, inability to access existing housing, lack of income, availability of affordable units in a range of sizes, and lack of fair housing outreach and enforcement.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Conway would like to see the increase of affordable housing throughout our community. The Community Development is looking at ways to challenge our local developers to provide housing that will fit our LMI neighborhoods. In the next 5 to 10 years, our office hopes to establish a housing rehabilitation program and continue to work with developers to provide additional units of affordable housing.

Discussion:

The City of Conway will continue its ongoing efforts to address any issues that arise with policies adversely affecting housing choice, to seek options for public transportation, to increase the number of affordable housing units in Conway, and improve living conditions in LMI neighborhoods.



AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

There is a major obstacle is the timeliness of receiving funding. Each year there is an uncertainty as to when funding will be received and agencies will be able to start spending money for transportation and other services. At times, the timeliness obstacle can make it difficult for agencies to spend money within the time frame that is given. Another recurring obstacle is limited CDBG funding to assist with transportation and other services. Each year agencies ask for an increased amount, however, due to the 15 percent cap, we are usually unable to increase an agencies funding, especially if applicants have increased. CDBG leverages funds with the city for transportation and various projects to help overcome this obstacle.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to work with local non-profits, agencies, and other resources to help address obstacles to continue to meet the needs in underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

While the City of Conway does not currently have a housing rehabilitation program, the City does follow all federal and state regulations on CDBG-funded projects. It relies on the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to enforce regulations and provide assistance when needed.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All federal and state regulations will be followed on CDBG-funded projects. The City of Conway does not currently have a housing rehabilitation program. It relies on the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to enforce regulations and provide assistance when needed.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Community Development Department will reduce poverty by fostering and promoting self-sufficiency and independence. To better empower individual and families toward this goal, the following strategies will be put to work:

- Promote sustainable economic development through affordable housing and other community development activities; Assist households in purchasing homes, developing stability and net worth and reducing the likelihood for poverty; Evaluate projects, in part, on the basis of their ability to foster self-sufficiency when awarding funding for projects; Maintain a strong relationship with the Toad Suck Continuum of Care to enhance and promote stabilization of



- homeless families and encourage transition to stable, permanent housing situations;
- Create an on-going mechanism for participation by residents and businesses in the revitalization of the area;
- Enhance efforts to educate the public and interested persons about available supportive services that foster self-sufficiency and independent living arrangements;
- Encourage job training and placement referral service to low and moderate income residents in the area.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Conway will meet its responsibility to provide decent and affordable housing and will aid in the development of viable communities with suitable living environments and expanded economic and community development opportunities. This will be done with the help and support of a network of public institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private industries. The CDD takes additional initiative in instilling capacity and strong housing and community development through funding initiatives, outreach and training, and other capability building endeavors. By meeting with non-profit service providers, faith-based organizations, the Conway Housing Authority, other government entities, and various organizations the City of Conway ensures that the needs of the community are addressed.

A collection of non-profit entities works with the City to address a variety of social needs such as affordable housing, homelessness, and special needs populations. The Bethlehem House, Women's Shelter of Central Arkansas, Community Action Program of Central Arkansas, Ministry Center, City of Hope Outreach, and Independent Living Services are all examples of solicited agencies that address special needs populations and homelessness in Conway. City involvement with many of these agencies includes attendance at meetings and funding of projects that are eligible for CDBG funds. Recently programs such as Faulkner County Council on Aging, and the Boys and Girls Club have received or may receive grant allocations from the City of Conway for transportation purposes.

Additionally, Conway works closely with many state and county agencies, such as the Department of Health, Arkansas Department of Human Services, and the Women's Shelter of Central Arkansas to provide citizens with programs that address varied needs. The Department of Human Services provides many important services to residents such as programs to aid the elderly population, and for individuals with disabilities. CDBG funds recently were used and may continue to provide transportation to the developmentally disabled and disadvantaged citizens through Independent Living Services. Faulkner County also has a council on Aging and Day School in which Conway actively participates.

Private industry participation in housing and community development activities include the construction of new multi-family developments, lenders that services loans for first time home buyers, home repair contractors, and other companies with a stake in the future of the city. These companies work with non-profit organizations working in community development efforts, providing construction and financing expertise needed for completion of the projects. Local companies have also worked with non-profit



agencies through donations of time and money, all of which the CDD communicates with periodically.

The City serves as a conduit to enable for-profit and faith-based organizations to stay a brisk of the training and conferences being offered that will enhance the delivery of their services. The City will continue to strengthen existing relationships and build new relationships with private and public organizations, social service agencies, neighborhood associations, and the faith-based community, as well as attend meetings of other organizations promoting community development.

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

The City of Conway will lead homeless and public housing providers in a new homelessness and housing strategy. The City has limited resources to address the priorities identified. As such, the City has created and will continue to seek partnerships to leverage the City's 2022 allocation. These partnerships will be cooperative working relationships.

Discussion:

The City is committed to continuing its participation with Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as profit and non-profit sector, to reach the needs of target income individuals and families in the City of Conway. The City will continue to work on improvements and services for our low-income residents.



Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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.

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.	100.00%



In the past years, the City has always used their funding to benefit persons of low and moderate income. If you take out the cost of administration for the 2021 Action Plan, the City typically hits 100% of expenditures benefitting LMI individuals. This year should be the same.



Attachments



Citizen Participation Comments

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The City of Conway Community

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF AR)
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Matthew Smith, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Classified Director of the Log Cabin Democrat, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Conway, Faulkner County, AR; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

May 25, 2022

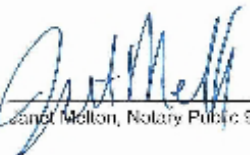
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Subscribed to and sworn to me this 25th day of May 2022.


Janet Melton, Notary Public 9/8/2022

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The City of Conway Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2022 (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023) Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for comment beginning May 25th, 2022 at www.conwayarkansas.gov and a hard copy is available for pickup at City Hall, 1111 Main Street. The Community Development Department invites public review and comment prior to the submission of the Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In order to receive CDBG funds, the Annual Action Plan must be consistent with the primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, which is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income.

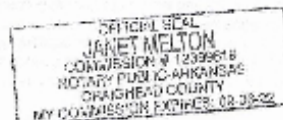
The draft Annual Action Plan was created based upon the goals and objectives outlined in the City's 5-Year Comprehensive Plan 2021-2025. The City expects to receive approximately \$461,833 in grant funds from HUD for CDBG Program Year 2022.

Based on the requests for funds, monies will be allocated for Public Services (15%), Public Facilities, & Infrastructure (68%), and Planning and Administration (16%) for these activities as allowed by HUD.

This Draft 1-Year Annual Action Plan will be available for review and comment from May 25th, 2022 through June 27th, 2022. We will hold a public hearing in city council chambers on Wednesday, June 28th at 12 noon to receive public comment in person related to the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. Copies of the plan can be obtained in Conway City Hall, 1111 Main Street, or by contacting the office at 501.470.8110 or adag@conwayarkansas.gov and on the City's website: www.conwayarkansas.gov/adag/.

All interested parties are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan. Comments must be sent in writing on or before June 27th, 2022 to the Office of Community Development, 1111 Main Street, Conway, AR 72032, or cdag@conwayarkansas.gov.

Non-English speaking residents and citizens with speech, sight, or hearing impairments who wish to review the documents should contact the Community Development Department at the above address or email. Each request will be considered individually according to the type of assistance required, the availability of resources, and the financial ability of the City to provide accommodation.



Public Hearing & Comment Period

PY2022 Annual Action Plan

June 29, 2022

12pm

Conway Municipal Building

City Hall, Conway, AR 72032

No comments were received



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City of Conway, Arkansas

Community Development Block Grant - Public Workshop #1

January 18, 2022 - Conway City Hall - TownHall Square Meeting Room

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City of Conway, Arkansas

Community Development Block Grant - Public Workshop #1

January 11, 2022 - Conway City Hall - TownHall Square Meeting Room

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4	Lisa Bary	Lisa@bgs-fairfax.org	Boys' Girls Club
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8	Robert D. Wright	robert@indliving.org	ILS
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City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-22-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET, THE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 ACTION PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

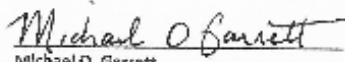
- Whereas,** It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Conway to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in such a manner that the maximum feasible priority is given to activities which will benefit low to moderate income families and eliminate slum and blight.
- Whereas,** there is an approximate total of \$481,835 for Program Year 2022 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) funds allocated to the CDBG Program for budgetary purposes.

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

- Section 1:** The Program Year 2022 CDBG approximate budget totaling four hundred eighty-one thousand eight hundred and thirty five dollars (\$481,835) for budgeting purposes is hereby adopted by reference to the attached budget sheet.
- Section 2:** The in-house Affirmative Action Policy which prescribes equal opportunity policies for the recruitment, hiring, training, promoting, demotions, and termination of employees, with personnel goals revised annually.
- Section 3:** The Program Year 2022 CDBG Affirmative Action Plan is adopted to provide contractual procedures with regard to equal opportunity personnel policies on the part of CDBG project contractors.
- Section 4:** The Fair Housing Program/Policy of the City of Conway to affirmatively further Fair Housing practices in the sale, lease, or rental of housing and to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status and to provide a procedure and Fair Housing Officer to assist and educate the public on their rights and procedures available to have complaints reviewed, investigated and resolved.
- Section 5:** The Director of Community Development is authorized to prepare and submit the 2022 Action Plan to carry out the activities/projects identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Once the approval by HUD has occurred, the City Council approval, Mayor is authorized to execute contracts, his signature being attested by the City Clerk, and City Attorney with the agencies identified in the 2022 Community Development Department budget as application numbers to undertake the activities/projects in the Action Plan.
- Section 6:** All approved agencies of CDBG funds will use the city's procurement procedures for any services or contract.

Passed this 24th day of May, 2022.

Attest:


Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:


Mayor Bert Castleberry



Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

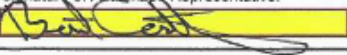
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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY			
1.a. Type of Submission: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Funding Request <input type="checkbox"/> Other Other (specify): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	1.b. Frequency: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Other Other (specify): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	1.d. Version: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission <input type="checkbox"/> Revision <input type="checkbox"/> Update 2. Date Received: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">07/25/2022</div> 3. Applicant Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 4a. Federal Entity Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 4b. Federal Award Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explanation		STATE USE ONLY: 5. Date Received by State: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 6. State Application Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
a. Legal Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">City of Conway, Arkansas</div>			
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">71-6001898</div>		c. UEI: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">KEPKSVVMS2F3</div>	
d. Address:			
Street1: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1111 Main Street</div>		Street2: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Suite 102</div>	
City: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Conway</div>		County / Parish: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Faulkner</div>	
State: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">AR: Arkansas</div>		Province: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Country: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">USA: UNITED STATES</div>		Zip / Postal Code: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">72032-5549</div>	
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Community Development</div>		Division Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this submission:			
Prefix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	First Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Shawanna</div>	Middle Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Last Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Rodgers</div>		Suffix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Title: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CDBG Administrator</div>			
Organizational Affiliation: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>			
Telephone Number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">501.450.6110</div>		Fax Number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">501.450.6145</div>	
Email: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">shawanna.rogers@conwayarkansas.gov</div>			



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8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT: <div>C: City or Township Government</div>	
Other (specify): <div></div>	
b. Additional Description: <div></div>	
9. Name of Federal Agency: <div>Department of Housing and Urban Development</div>	
10. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <div>14.218</div>	
CFDA Title: <div>Community Development Block Grant Program for Entitlement Communities</div>	
11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <div>2022 Annual CDBG allocation</div>	
12. Areas Affected by Funding: <div>Within the city limits of Conway, Arkansas primarily in low to moderate income areas.</div>	
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
a. Applicant: <div>2</div>	b. Program/Project: <div>1</div>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. <div></div> <div>Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment</div>	
14. FUNDING PERIOD:	
a. Start Date: <div>07/01/2022</div>	b. End Date: <div>06/30/2023</div>
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:	
a. Federal (\$): <div>481,835.00</div>	b. Match (\$): <div></div>
16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on: <div></div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	



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17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explanation
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)	
** I Agree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
** This list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text" value="Bart"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
Last Name: <input type="text" value="Castleberry"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>	
Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="501.450.6110"/>	
Fax Number: <input type="text" value="501.450.6145"/>	
Email: <input type="text" value="bart.castleberry@conwayarkansas.gov"/>	
Signature of Authorized Representative: 	
Date Signed: <input type="text" value="1/24/22"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.	
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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request Explanation:



APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation:



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

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPW's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1696), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-265), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1955 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.


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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(e) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11986; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (Identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 108(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Conway, Arkansas	July 9, 2022

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

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



Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

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

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

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


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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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



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



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Specific HOME Certifications


The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

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

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


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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official


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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

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



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

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

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


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CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

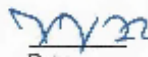
1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the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

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

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official


Date

Mayor _____
Title

