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City of Conway Annual Action Plan



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City of Conway, AR Annual Action Plan

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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 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 2023, year three of the five-year Consolidated Plan submitted for years 2021-2025. The City will receive \$476,652 in the 2023 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 into 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 2021-2025, 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 is the first of its kind in the City and is much needed to service our unhoused neighbors. The City's main objective and focus in funding has been homelessness and an increase in affordable housing. We added to our affordable housing initiative with the addition of forty-four townhomes and single-family homes in the Pine Street neighborhood, a Historically African-American Neighborhood. In addition to the forty-four complete houses, the Spruce Street Cottage Development developer has completed 8 of the 12 homes,

with four additional homes currently under construction; all eight of the homes constructed are presently owner-occupied. With subsidy homes, the buyers were eligible for an \$18,765 subsidy that went towards closing costs, fees associated with closing, and the down payment. Six of the twelve homes constructed are Market Rate homes. In the Program Year 2023, we plan to complete the project by adding sidewalk additions within the pocket neighborhood.

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 the 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 CDBG can gain input from the community. Under the new 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, the City will focus on people experiencing homelessness, 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. The City of Conway has engaged Rock Region Metro to bring public transportation into Conway. Two 8-passenger vans are currently used for micro transit transportation for the City of Conway. The City of Conway is in the process of purchasing two additional vans for this service. It is a new system that stays busy and active. Non-profits have been engaged in this process; however, with the City's transportation system, there is still a great need for non-profits that remains for public transportation to assist our LMI population. By helping 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 of Conway Hosted a public forum entitled "Conversation on Fair Housing" with the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission in April (this Spring) of 2023. The program was well received and opened up a great perspective for the community on What Fair Housing is and how it works. We look forward to partnering with the Fair Housing Commission again in the future.

The City will stay within its 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 2023 Action Plan process. We use many individuals and agencies to develop the Annual Action Plan. We look at all input we receive to help analyze, measure, and determine the following needs: transportation, housing, facility, and service needs, emphasizing low-mod, elderly, disabled, and homeless. We look at resources within the City to meet these needs and 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 the 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 posts 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 the 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, prior to submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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 2023 Annual Action Plan; therefore, no comments for reasons for not accepting will be required for the Annual Action Plan.

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, and Purchasing and Transportation Department assist with 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 2023 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, Community Action Program of Central Arkansas, and Conway Housing Authority.

The CDBG Administrator also participates in the Toad Suck Coalition Continuum of Care, comprised of numerous agencies within the Faulkner County area. Through the Continuum of Care, the City attends meetings and training provided by these agencies to meet 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, including the Region VI Association.

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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 encouraged all citizens, especially minorities, persons with disabilities, residents of public and assisted housing developments, residents living in slum and blight areas, and 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 share grant opportunities, training opportunities, and information. The City also holds an open application process for applying for funding; public Hearings were held on January 10th and January 18th. For planning and finalizing the 2023 Annual Action Plan and a Public Hearing was held on March 14, 2023, at a City Council Meeting, and a follow-up Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, regarding the Annual Action Plan prior to submittal.

The City will continue to work with our housing authority to continue the 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 various 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 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 assists our homeless neighbors in operating 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	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.
7	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 2023 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	United Way	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 the adopted Citizen Participation Plan to formulate the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Proposals were accepted from January 1st through January 31st, with two public hearings held on January 10th and January 18th. The City also held a public hearing on December 20, 2023, for a Substantial Amendment to the 2022 Annual Action Plan to reallocate unused funds from previous years' activities to the Overnight Emergency Shelter. 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 provided translation for our Spanish-speaking population with a bilingual community member.

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 and 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 on March 14, 2023, and a second Public Hearing was held on April 19, 2023, for the purpose of obtaining the view of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties that will or may be affected by the 2023 Program Year Action Plan.

The comment period for the Action Plan was held from March 15th through April 17th. 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.

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>	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 10th and the 2nd meeting was held on at 5:30 p.m. on January 18th These meetings were to inform and answer questions for those intending on applying for 2023 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)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held on January 10th as a public information meeting to inform and answer questions for those intending on applying for 2023 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 2023 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	<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>	This legal ad was placed in the local newspaper to inform the public on the publication of the 2023 Annual Action Plan Draft. The comment period ran for from Wednesday, March 15th to Monday April 17th.	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 March 14th as a public information meeting to inform and answer questions for the 2023 Annual Action Plan.	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)
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	This meeting was held on April 19th as a public information meeting to inform and answer questions for the 2023 Annual Action Plan.	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 2023 allocations and projects have been calculated for Year 3. The remaining ConPlan years' projections are based on 2023 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	476,652	0	0	476,652	506,761	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 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 \$476,652 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 to 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 have 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 2023 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 its 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	Administration	2021	2025	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: \$95,330	Other: 2 Other
2	Community Facilities	2021	2025	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Repair and maintain streets and sidewalks Provision of Community and Public Services	CDBG: \$309,824	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services	2021	2025	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: \$71,498	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 800 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Community Facilities
	Goal Description	
3	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.

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. The City will also work on the Pine Street Sidewalks Improvement Project by adding sidewalks to a low-moderate income neighborhood within the City's Spruce Street Cottage Development, where subsidies for qualified homeowners were provided. Transportation remains a priority for the City of Conway's use of CDBG funding.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Boys and Girls Club
3	Faulkner County Council on Aging
4	Independent Living Services
5	Community Action Program for Central Arkansas
6	Milestones Services Inc.
7	Bethlehem House
8	Overnight Emergency Shelter
9	Pine Street Sidewalk Improvement Project

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
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,330
	Description	All cost associated with CDBG Administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	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 and Girls Club
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	The services will consist of assisting the Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County with transportation cost associated with transporting an average of 150 youth daily during the school year from 15 different schools in Faulkner County to serve over 150 unduplicated youth annually with the transportation program.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1404 Robins St. Conway, AR 72034
	Planned Activities	Transportation assistance that will include vehicle maintenance, driver salary, insurance, and transportation rental.
	Project Name	Faulkner County Council on Aging

3	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Funding assist Faulkner County Council on Aging with transportation cost associated with providing over 2500 one-way trips to senior citizens in the Conway area. These trips provide access to food by transporting seniors to the Senior Wellness and Activity Center to receive hot nutritious meals and also to and from medical/dental appointments and grocery shopping. CDBG funding will be used to cover the direct maintenance/ repairs, and insurance in providing this service.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	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 Services
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	ILS provides transportation services to the citizens of Conway, Arkansas ages 18 and older, who have a disability or who are economically disadvantaged. ILS has transportation vehicles dedicated to these services. Approximately 165 unduplicated consumers benefit from these services.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	615 E. Robins St. Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	Transportation assistance that will include vehicle maintenance, driver salary, insurance, and transportation rental.
5	Project Name	Community Action Program for Central Arkansas
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Transportation services that will assist for homeless clients. Clients will be transported to and from the Homeless Shelter, job interviews, health and wellness appointments, and additional service appointments as needed.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	707 Robins St. Conway, AR 72034
	Planned Activities	Transportation assistance that will include vehicle maintenance, driver salary, insurance, and transportation rental.
6	Project Name	Milestones Services Inc.
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Transportation services provided for children with developmental delays. Children are transported to and from facility to receive physical, speech, and occupational therapy services.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	1700 South Blvd. Conway, AR
	Planned Activities	Transporation assistance that will include vehicle maintenance, driver salary, insurance, and transporation rental.
7	Project Name	Bethlehem House
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provision of Community and Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,497
	Description	Services provides transportation services for Low-Moderate income clients in transitional homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1115 Parkway St.
	Planned Activities	Transporation assistance that will include vehicle maintenance, driver salary, insurance, and transporation rental.
8	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: \$289,825
	Description	This project includes the completion of 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 included but not limited to electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and HVAC upgrades, roof rehabilitation, structural renovation to create additional space for dormitories and day room, and parking lot expansion. We will also look to purchase the adjacent property next door to provide homeless services and pay all outstanding invoices from the City. The shelter will assist over 300 individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1116 Gum St. Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	This project includes the completion of 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 included but not limited to electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and HVAC upgrades, roof rehabilitation, structural renovation to create additional space for dormitories and day room, and parking lot expansion. We will also look to purchase the adjacent property next door to provide homeless services and pay all outstanding invoices from the City. The shelter will assist over 300 individuals.
9	Project Name	Pine Street Sidewalk Improvement Project
	Target Area	LMI Census tracts
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Repair and maintain streets and sidewalks
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	This project will finish out sidewalks in the Pine Street area Spruce Street Cottage Development located in a low-moderate income area.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 100 families will benefit from this improvement.
	Location Description	Pine Street Area, Conway, AR 72032
	Planned Activities	This project will finish out sidewalks in the Pine Street area Spruce Street Cottage Development located in a low-moderate income area.

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
City-wide	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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 2023.

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 need for 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 latter 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 hosts 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 Conway Ministry Center also provides case management. 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.

The Toad Suck Coalition joined together to provide housing during the winter and summer months and for emergencies for our homeless neighbors by providing hotel stays.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City purchased an old office building with CDBG funding to renovate into the city's first Overnight Emergency Shelter. Construction of the Shelter has begun and the shelter will be complete this year 2023. The Toad Suck Coalition joined together to provide housing during the winter and summer months and for emergencies to our homeless neighbors by providing hotel stays.

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 that has the resources or staff to take on this project. However, the City does assist our local nonprofits and community stakeholders in developing a strategic plan to address these issues associated with homelessness in our area. Currently, 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 the homeless through transition.

There are agencies within the City that have programs for adolescence. Deliver Hope, a nonprofit 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. 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 diligent 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 our 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 effecting 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 agency's 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 work 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, Bethlehem House, Community Action Program of Central Arkansas, Independent Living Services, 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 2023 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:

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%

If you take out the cost of administration for the 2023 Action Plan, the City typically hits 100% of expenditures benefitting LMI individuals. This program year should be the same.

Attachments

Annual Action Plan
2023

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Citizen Participation Comments

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PY2023 Action Plan Draft

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF AR)
COUNTY OF FAULKNER) SS

(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:

March 16, 2023

Publisher's Fee: \$ 216.20

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 16th day of March, 2023


Janet Mellon, Notary Public 9/6/2032

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City of Conway Legal Acc't
11 Main St.
CONWAY, AR 72032

The City of Conway Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2023 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023) Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for comment beginning March 15th, 2023 at www.conwaykansas.gov and also will be available for pickup at City Hall, 1111 Main Street, 1st Community Development Department Involves 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, the Annual Action Plan must be considered, as 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 federal housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, especially for persons of low and moderate income.

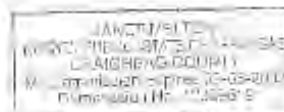
The draft Annual Action Plan was created based upon the goals and objectives outlined in the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2021-2025. The City expects to receive approximately \$476,600 in grant funds from HUD for CDBG Program Year 2023.

Based on the requests for funds, monies will be allocated for Public Services (35%), Public Facilities, & Infrastructure (65%), and Housing and Administration (30%) for these activities as allowed by HUD.

The Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review and comment from March 15th, 2023 through April 17th, 2023. We will hold a public hearing in city council chambers on Wednesday, April 19th at 12:00pm to receive public comment in person, related to the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2023. Copies of the plan can be obtained in Conway City Hall, 1111 Main Street, or by contacting the office at 501.400.6110 or conway@conwaykansas.gov and on the City's website www.conwaykansas.gov/blog.

All interested parties are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan. Comments must be sent in writing on or before April 17th, 2023 to the Office of Community Development, 1111 Main Street, Conway, AR 72032, or to cd@conwaykansas.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 accommodations.



Citizen Participation Comments

Public Hearing & Comment Period

PY2023 Annual Action Plan

April 19, 2023

12pm

Conway Municipal Building

City Hall, Conway, AR 72032

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

Citizen Participation Comments

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CDRG Program Year 2023 Funding

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF ARIZONA SS
COUNTY OF FAULKNER

Matthew Smith, being duly sworn, says:

That I am Classified Director of the Log Cabin Democratic Club newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Conway, Faulkner County, AR; that the publication, a copy of which is attached herein, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

December 30, 2022

Publisher's fee \$242.00

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SIGNED:

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 30th day of December 2022.


Janet Mellon, Notary Public 2/6/2032

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City of Conway Legal Aid
1001 Main St.
CONWAY, AR 72032

City of Conway Community
Development Department
Announcing the CDRG Program Year 2023 Funding Cycle

The City of Conway is now accepting proposals for the Community Development Block Grant funding cycle for the Program Year 2023. Provisions are available for projects in Conway Municipal Building located at 1111 Main Street, Suite 122 and available at <http://conwaydevelopment.org>

The City of Conway is currently submitting the budget and plan for the Program Year 2023 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Conway received \$348,165 for the Urban Program from the Community Development Block Grant funding. The funding for the coming year (2023) will yet be determined, please be advised the requests for all projects are reviewed and all projects apply for funding are subject to allocation availability.

Eligible for eligible activities or public and private programs are subject to the City of Conway's status as a public entity. The City of Conway is currently a CDBG eligible entity and is a public entity. If you are a public entity or organization in progress, the City of Conway is not an eligible entity unless you are a public entity. Activities should be submitted to the City of Conway. If they must have other funding sources and be financially viable without CDBG funding.

The goal of the Community Development Department is to provide a sustainable environment, expand economic opportunities, and create a vibrant community for the City of Conway.

The 2023-2025 Consolidated Plan for the City of Conway is subject to the City of Conway's status as a public entity.



- Repair and maintain streets and sidewalks.
- Increase the capacity of the City's drainage and stormwater infrastructure.
- Increase the supply of affordable housing.
- Provide affordable community facilities and services for low-income residents.
- Provide economic opportunities.

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, the City of Conway will hold public workshops and meetings to hear from the Community Development Department staff and answer questions regarding the Community Development Block Grant program. The public workshops are scheduled for January 10th, 2023 at 10:00 am and January 18th, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Conway Municipal Building in City Council Chambers. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide input. The City of Conway will hold public workshops and meetings to hear from the Community Development Department staff and answer questions regarding the Community Development Block Grant program.

The process open on January 1st, 2023, and the deadline for the City of Conway is January 31, 2023.



Citizen Participation Comments

 			
City of Conway, Arkansas Community Development Block Grant - Public Workshop #1 January 10, 2023 - Conway City Hall - City Council Chambers			
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City of Conway, Arkansas

Community Development Block Grant - Public Workshop #1
January 10, 2023 - Conway City Hall - City Council Chambers

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Citizen Participation Comments

 			
City of Conway, Arkansas Community Development Block Grant - Public Workshop #2 January 18, 2023 - Conway City Hall - City Council Chambers			
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Citizen Participation Comments



City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-23-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE YEAR 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AND BUDGET, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROGRAM YEAR 2023 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 \$476,652.00 for Program Year 2023 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) funds allocated to the CDBG Program for budgetary purposes, subject to change by HUD;

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

- Section 1:** The Program Year 2023 CDBG approximate budget totaling four hundred seventy-six thousand six hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$476,652) 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 2023 CDBG Affirmative Action Plan is adopted to provide contract 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 is 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 2023 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, with the agencies identified in the Community Development Department Budget as applicable entities 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 to be through.

Passed this 14th day of March, 2023.

Attest:

Michael G. Garner
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

Mayor Bert Castleberry

Public Hearing

PY2023 Annual Action Plan

March 14, 2023

6pm

Conway Municipal Building

City Hall, Conway, AR 72032

No comments were received at the public hearing on March 14th, 2023.

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4349-0034
Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Change/Corrected Application		
* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
* 3. Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * 4. Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
* 5. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
6a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		6b. Federal Agency Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only: 6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/> 7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>		
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* 4. Legal Name: <input type="text"/>		
* 5. Employer/Employee Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/>		* 6. UIC: <input type="text"/>
d. Address:		
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* County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text"/>		
* Zip: <input type="text"/>		
* Zip+4: <input type="text"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/>		* First Name: <input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		* Last Name: <input type="text"/>
* Last Name: <input type="text"/>		Suffix: <input type="text"/>
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Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
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* Email: <input type="text"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:		
City or Township Government		
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:		
* Other (specify):		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:		
Department of Housing and Urban Development		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
14.219		
CFDA Title:		
Community Development Block Grant Program for Entitlement Cities		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
5-25-MW-05-1010		
* Title:		
2023 CDBG Allocation		
13. Competition Identification Number:		
Title:		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):		
	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment
View Attachment		
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:		
2023 CDBG funding for services, projects, and administration pertaining to the City of Conway.		
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions		
Add Attachments	Delete Attachments	View Attachments

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="2"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="1"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div> </div>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2023"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="06/30/2025"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	415,652.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	415,652.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on: <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," provide explanation and attach: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div>	
21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE <small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Dana"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Cantaberry"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="201.450.6110"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="201.450.6145"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="dana.cantaberry@mayorkanana.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7/1/23"/>

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 07/28/2025

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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:


- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications;
- Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the concrete 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;
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency;
- 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;
- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F);
- 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;
- 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 1685-1688), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (28 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to non-discrimination 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 non-discrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd 3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other non-discrimination provisions of the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply in 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 of 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. §§1501-1506 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-276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 48 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for Federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance. 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 (E.O.) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to E.O. 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11980; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11980; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1601 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-295).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 105 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§468a-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 "Awards 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. 7154) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from: (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking of 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 Corvallis, Oregon	5/14/20

SP-124-D (Rev 7-87) Dist

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:

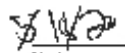
1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the 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-L.L.L. "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.

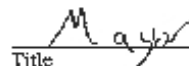
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

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 25.


Signature of Authorized Official


Date


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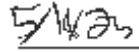
Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

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

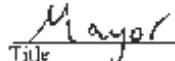
Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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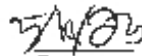
OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

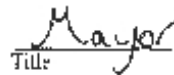
The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the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



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Specific HOME Certifications


The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

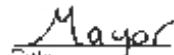
Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official


Date


Title

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 576.203.

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.


Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/23
Date

Mayor
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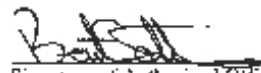
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

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

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

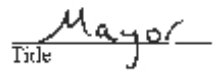
1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility.
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date



Title

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.