

City of Lake Charles Community Development

2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Consolidated Plan Defined

The Consolidated Plan is a five-year strategy for the City of Lake Charles, which is prepared in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Plan requirement. Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act established the requirements that state and local governments applying for direct assistance under certain Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs have a consolidated strategy and plans. The five year Consolidated Plan and strategy presents the framework that will guide specific HUD funded programs throughout the City.

CAPER

The CAPER provides information on Housing and Community Development activities undertaken by the City of Lake Charles for the 2016 program year, October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. The CAPER includes activities funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and the state funded Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. The purpose of the CAPER is to document how the City of Lake Charles has spent federal funds on Housing and Community Development and to assess whether or not the City made progress in meeting the needs of the community as stipulated in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Citizen Participation Plan

The Citizen Participation plan is a very comprehensive process by which the City of Lake Charles keeps its residents, community agencies, businesses, and all other interested parties continually informed about its community development efforts through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. It is also the tool to gather wide variety of input from the City's low/moderate income residents, as well as the city's public/private sectors.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

A Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is a private, community-based nonprofit organization that is funded with 15% set aside of HOME funds that has, among its purposes, the provision of decent, affordable housing for low/moderate income people.



City of Lake Charles' Allocation for FY 2016

The City's allocation for FY 2016 consisted of a total of \$ 859,367 in projects funding for the following:

**Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)
\$ 625,706**

**HOME Investment
Partnership Program
(HOME) \$ 233,661**





2016-2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ **Bethesda House** - A non-profit organization that houses formerly incarcerated men who are homeless. Funds are used to help pay the salary of a Housing Manager to provide services for these formerly incarcerated and homeless men. Nine (9) persons were served. Five (5) whites and four (4) African Americans were served. \$5,000.00 was allocated and \$2,430.00 was expended.
- ◆ **Catholic Charities-Rental Assistance** - A program created by the Diocese of Lake Charles. This program offers rental and utility assistance to low/moderate income citizens in an effort to prevent homelessness. Using 2014 funds \$15,000 were allocated and spent. During, FY 2016-2017, Catholic Charities was allocated \$25,361.00 and \$10,954.50 .00 was expended. (One- Hundred Eighteen) individuals/families were served: Ninety-two (92) Black; Twenty-two (22) White; Three (3) Island Pacific; and One (1) Native American.
- ◆ **Demo/Clearance** - The DOCD provided funds for a demolition and clearance program. This program provides demolition grants to low income residents in blighted areas to pay for demolition and clearance of substandard housing that has either been condemned by the City or is in danger of being condemned. Using the remainder of 2015 funds of which \$10,000 was allocated the remaining \$878.68 was expended. Using 2016 of which \$10,000.00 was allocated, \$ 6,100.00 was expended.
- ◆ **Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance** - Still using 2013 funds, the City provided three (3) grants to persons/families for a total of eighteen-thousand and eight cents (\$18,000.08) These three individuals/families were low-moderate income: (3) Black.
- ◆ **Family and Youth Counseling Agency** - Provides guidance and counseling to the Youth Leadership Center. The study included leadership development, career exploration and civic engagement opportunities for the growing needs of youth, ages 12-17. Still using 2015 funds (\$27,172), the Center helped Two hundred twenty seven (227) persons: nine (9) Asian; eighty-two (82) Black; one hundred fourteen (114) White; and twenty-two (22) Other. All funds were expended. An allocation of \$27,361 was granted for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, and \$713.71 was expended.
- ◆ **Family and Youth Counseling Agency CASA/YAP -Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** - A program that provides Staff Volunteers who speak in court on behalf of children in foster care. Funds were used to pay a portion of the salary for one (1) Counselor. Still using 2013 funds (of a \$21,000 allocation), we expended \$4,169.75 for salary. Started using 2014 funds (of a \$18,000 allocation), we expended \$456.25 for salary. Eleven (11) children were assisted: ten (10) White and one (1) Black. **Young Adult Program (YAP)** - A program that assists young adults who are aging out of foster care. These young adults are between the ages of 17-21. There were no funds expended for this program during 2016 Fiscal Year.
- ◆ **Girlie Girls** - A mentoring program dedicated to building academic and social excellence in young ladies 12-18 years of age. Program aspires to address the very heart issues confronting girls developing life skills, and improving the ability to identify paths and resources within their communities that can contribute to positive change and break negative cycles for a lifetime. Thirty-nine (39) children were assisted: thirty-nine (39) black. \$5,019.00 was allocated using 2016 funds. \$4,403.58 was expended.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity** - Identified qualified extremely low, very low income persons who have critical home repair needs. Still using 2015 Funds, were used to pay a portion of the salary for one (1) Critical Home Repair Coordinator. \$20,000.00 was allocated, and \$ 5,636.14 was expended.
- ◆ **Kids Connecting the Dots-** A program that addresses the needs of students with academic deficits by building and increasing reading and math fluency. Research based programs are used and developmental methods allow students to increase their conceptual understanding and the vital role it plays in higher order problem solving. \$4,595.88 was allotted to this program using 2016 CDBG funds. There were no expenses during this time.
- ◆ **Leader in Me** - A program that provided elementary age children with education and counseling in leadership and life skills. \$7,500.00 was allocated for this program using 2013 funds and \$7,500.00 was expended. 460 students benefited.
- ◆ **Southwest Louisiana AHEC - Partnership for a Healthier You-** A program created to educate and encourage the knowledge of physical activity through healthier food choices and empowerment of children ages 6-12. Still Using 2013 funds, \$2,029.98 was expended, and 257 persons were assisted: two hundred and fifty-seven (250) Black and ten (7) White.
- ◆ **The Open Door** - A program that provided funds for training, mentoring, education regarding effective parenting, re-entry courses, education regarding common sense financial literacy, and alcohol chemical treatment for women re-entering the community. Allocated funds for this program were \$18,258.00, and \$ 2,935.49 was expended. One Hundred (100) persons were served: twenty-seven (27) Black; sixty-six (66) Whites; two (2) American; and (4) other.
- ◆ **Volunteer Center/HMIS-**A computerized system that continuously collects and manages uniform Information on people experiencing housing crises. \$5000 was allocated. All funds have been expended.





DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COSTS ASSISTANCE

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Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance– Still using 2013 funds, the City provided three (3) grants to persons/families for a total of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$18,000.05). These three individuals/families were low-moderate income: three(3) Black.



Reconstruction

Reconstruction/Rehabilitation –Still using 2014 funds, the City reconstructed one (1)home was completed using the remainder of \$ 8,312.50. Using 2015 funds, three (3) homes were constructed and two are (2) is near completion, totaling \$125,995.63, \$17,999.37 of which was the City's match. Six(6) individuals/families were served. All of these individuals/families were Black.



COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO)

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)- Using 2014 Funds were leveraged by Project Build-a-Future to acquire additional funding for the following: staff training, landscaping expenses, construction supplies . \$30,991.35 was allocated and the remaining \$8,750 was expended. One (1) individuals/families benefitted. All of recipients were Black. For 2015 FY \$34,395 was allocated. **Greater Southwest CHDO** is also one of our CHDOs. They have not received any funding for 2016 FY. (Examples of some of the homes that Project Build A Future has brought into the community)



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In an effort to serve the citizens of Lake Charles, the Community Development Divisions formed its Citizens Advisory Committee in April 2005. As an advisory body, they meet twice a year to review the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In the Interim, they are given the opportunity to comment on all projects. The committee represents a variety of community organizations.

They are:

Theresa Richard (District A)

Dr. Nancy Shepard (District B)

Carl Ambrose (District B)

Adley Cormier (Preservation Society)

Randall Davis (Housing Services)

Lanny Roy (A Community Voice)

Deborah Doshier (Housing Services)

Susan Fry (Mentally Handicapped)

Andrea Harmon (District C)

Johnnie Mouton (District C)

Mark Judson (Homeless Advocates)

Ann Polak (District G)

Joy Till (Elderly & Handicapped Citizens)

At Large:

Corey Rubin, City Assistant Atty.

Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, President LCNRA





2015-2017 LOUISIANA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT



Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless	COC Access Center	COC Access Center	Southwest Law Center	Harbor House ETC.	TOTAL	ADMIN 3.0%
	Homeless Prevention	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless Prevention	Operations		
\$ 5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ 12,5000.00	\$ 20,900.00		

During this period, 2015-2017 funds were still being used. \$86,250 has been awarded for the 2016-2018 FY.



INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Infrastructure Projects - 3rd Avenue sidewalk project \$367,133.07 was spent using 2015 CDBG funds. The funds were used to provide sidewalks on 3rd Avenue from Broad Street to 12th Street. 5,428 families benefited. The Eastside 5th Avenue sidewalk project is in the design phase. \$84.25 was spent using 2016 CDBG funds. The 2016 funds are being used to provide sidewalks on 5th Avenue from Kayouche Cooley to College Street.

EXPENDITURES 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

CDBG

	Expended
Administration	\$ 125,593.03
Streets/Infrastructure	\$ 241,361.36
Public Services	\$ 94,543.30
Demo/Clearance	\$ 6,976.68
Down Payment Assis.	\$ 18,000.08
TOTAL	\$ 486,474.45

HOME

	Expended	City Match
Administration	\$ 54,561.97	
Housing		
Reconstruction	\$ 134,308.13	\$ 19,186.87
CHDO	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 1,250.00
Relocation	\$ 21,956.98	\$ 3,136.67
TOTAL	\$ 219,577.08	\$ 23,573.54

NICHOLAS E. HUNTER, MAYOR

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