

City of Lake Charles



2017 Action Plan Amendment

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Substantial amendment to re-program HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from Down Payment Assistance to Housing Reconstruction in the amount of \$20,405.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan serves as a planning document meeting the federal government statutory requirements in 24 CFR 91.200-91.230, with revisions for preparing a Consolidated Plan and guiding the use of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funding based on applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The major sections of the Consolidated Plan include a Housing Market Analysis, Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment, 5-year Strategic Plan, a 1-year Action Plan, and Consultation and Citizen Participation, with accompanying documentation relating to public comment. The Strategic Plan addresses specific needs that were identified in the data analysis, with specific goals and program targets for each category designated for funding. The Action Plan is a subset of the

Strategic Plan while addressing funding options for the next fiscal year.

The City's proposed allocation for FY 2017 consists of a total of **\$857,642** in projected funding from the following programs:

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$614,404
2. HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME)	\$243,238
3. Plus a 12.5 % General Funds for HOME	\$ 31,274

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.

This Consolidated Plan contains a range of goals, objectives, and outcomes formulated to address needs identified for homelessness, other special needs, affordable housing, non-housing community development, barriers to affordable housing, lead -based paint hazards, institutional structure, and coordination. These objectives include:

- Continue to collaborate with homeless providers to supply a continuum of services.
- Support services aimed at the prevention and elimination of homelessness and Rapid rehousing.
- Improve the condition of housing for low -income homeowners.
- Increase the viability of potential homeownership opportunities.
- Improve the condition of housing for low -income renters and homeowners through relocation services.
- Support improvement of infrastructure and public facilities in CDBG targeted areas in Lake Charles.
- Removal of Slum and Blight Conditions to create marketable sites for new housing development.
- Address community needs through community -based public service programs.

These goals are supported by a collection of associated objectives and performance goals. These objectives seek to work toward meeting the goals stated, addressing the need for more affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and social services.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Lake Charles has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program. Of particular importance to the health of the city have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The City has successfully funded housing reconstruction activities targeting lower income and elderly households unable to properly maintain their homes. The City also operates a successful program that provided down payment assistance to new homebuyers. The City is working to remove dilapidated housing stock in the CDBG eligible areas through demolition and reconstruction programs. Details of past performance can be found in the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the New Orleans Field Officer monitored the City of Lake Charles' Community Development Division, there were Findings and Concerns that the City must address.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) was adopted for development in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The CPP provides details for public notice for all meetings and the various stages of Consolidated Plan development, public hearings before the citizens of Lake Charles and City Council, accommodations for persons with disabilities, and the conduct of public review of draft documents.

City staff held community meetings to provide citizens with information concerning the availability of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds and incorporate their comments into the planning process. These included two technical assistance workshops, which were held during the evening at a community center and one meeting held at City Hall for housing, homeless, disability service providers and nonprofit organizations to do public service activities. During the Draft Action Plan period, citizens are encouraged to view the plan at various locations or call the office for an individual plan to be forwarded to them, as well as, make comments.

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.

All Comments were accepted and attached.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

N/A

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	LAKE CHARLES	Community Development Department
HOME Administrator	LAKE CHARLES	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The lead agency for the development of the 2017 Action Plan is the City of Lake Charles' Community Development Department. The Staff also consulted with a number of other agencies including the Lake Charles Housing Authority, the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), and the agencies involved in the Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care to address homelessness.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Lake Charles works with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to be in the identification of local housing and service needs. Ongoing relationships focused on specific needs and targeted meetings designed to bring public input into the Action Plan process are two of the ways that the City utilizes outside organizations in the consultation process.

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(l))

The City has ongoing relationships with a number of housing providers (CHDOs) working on housing development activities. The CHDO system provides a forum for assisting these agencies grow and meet their targeted clientele. The City also works closely with the Housing Authority of Lake Charles, which organizes resources from the federal government to address the housing needs of the City's lowest income households. The City also participates in a variety of other coalitions that seek to address other issues that relate to housing and service needs.

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.

City staff works actively with the Lake Charles/Southwestern Louisiana/Balance of State Continuum of Care, the local umbrella for the development of the Continuum of Care. Staff participates in regularly scheduled meetings and point-in-time surveys. In the past, the City has often brought CDBG resources to the table to supplement Continuum of Care initiatives and distributes CDBG funding to the various agencies that make up the membership of the continuum.

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

Staff from the City of Lake Charles participates in the development of the SWLA Balance of State, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Lake Charles. The City does not receive ESG funds directly from HUD, but utilizes State ESG funding to the fullest extent possible.

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	Balance of State Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Health Agency Other government - State Other government - Local Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth 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?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums and consulted individually for input on homelessness sections of the needs assessment and market analysis.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Project Build a Future
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums and consulted individually for input on homelessness sections of the needs assessment and market analysis.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Oasis A Safe Haven
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children domestic violence victims
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agencies are consulted through the Balance of State Continuum of Care, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Calcasieu Parish School Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agencies are consulted through the Balance of State Continuum of Care, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Lake Charles Housing authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agencies are consulted through the SWLA Balance of State, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Literacy Council SWLA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agencies are consulted through the Balance of State Continuum of Care, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of SWLA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Counseling Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs various
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agencies are consulted through the Balance of State Continuum of Care, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Volunteer Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agencies are consulted through the Balance of State Continuum of Care, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	The Open door
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Education

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy women who are being discharged from prison
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agencies are consulted through the Balance of State Continuum of Care, along with public hearings and meetings. We also provide one on one Technical Assistance.

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

No specific organizations were intentionally left out of the public participation process.

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	LA Balance of State Continuum of Care	The Strategic Plan provides a set of goals for addressing homelessness, with are supported by the continuum and its participating agencies.
PHA-5 Year Plan	Lake Charles Housing Authority	The 5-Year Plan addresses specific maintenance and planning needs of the Lake Charles Housing Authority, which has a major role in addressing the housing needs of Lake Charles.

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 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) was adopted for development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The CPP provides details for public notice for all meetings and the various stages of Consolidated Plan development, public hearings before the citizens of Lake Charles and City Council, accommodations for persons with disabilities, and the conduct of public review of draft documents.

In addition to public hearings as a means of receiving comments from the public in front of the Mayor,

City Council, and City staff held community meetings to provide citizens with information concerning the availability of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds and incorporate their comments into the planning process. These included five technical assistance workshops, which were held during the day or evening at community centers and one meeting, held at City Hall for housing, homeless, and disability service providers. Additional interviews were conducted with representatives of the housing and banking industry, non-profit organizations, and the community to further explore community needs and concerns. During the Draft Action Plan period, citizens were encouraged to view the plan at various locations or call the office for an individual plan to be forward to them, as well as, make comments.

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	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Two Action Plan forums were held in the City of Lake Charles on June 13, 2017 at the Martin Luther King Center and on June 14, 2017 at City Hall. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events.</p>	<p>The Action Plan format included discussions of the community's priority needs for the next five years and their priorities for funding for the next program year. Supplemental interviews were conducted with various community, social service, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted.</p>	

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 Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Two Action Plan forums were held in the City of Lake Charles on June 13, 2017 at the Martin Luther King Center and on June 14, 2017 at City Hall. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events.	The Acton Plan format included discussions of the community's priority needs for the next five years and their priorities for funding for the next program year. Supplemental interviews were conducted with various community, social service, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions.	All comments were 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)
3	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Two Action Plan forums were held in the City of Lake Charles on June 13, 2017 at the Martin Luther King Center and on June 14, 2017 at City Hall. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events. The American Press and The Voice of Southwest Louisiana were used.	The Action Plan format included discussions of the community's priority needs for the next five years and their priorities for funding for the next program year. Supplemental interviews were conducted with various community, social service, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions.	All comments were 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	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	Public Meeting and Hearings were posted on the City's website to inform the community of upcoming meetings and hearing		All comments are accepted	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Lake Charles receives funding from two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership. These two grant programs combined will bring \$857,642 into the city to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the first program year.

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	614,404.00	0.00	0.00	614,404.00	1,843,212.00	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is Year 3 times 3.

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	243,238.00	0.00	0.00	243,238.00	729,714.00	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is Year 3 times 3.

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

Leverage and match will be identified on a project by project basis, where required. HOME match will be provided from the City's General Fund with the exception of Administrative fees (100% federal). (12.5% of the HOME project expenditures).

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 will continue its emphasis on expropriating abandoned and adjudicated property and making property available for profit and non-profit developers for affordable housing development.

Discussion

The City has programmed \$857,642 from the CDBG and HOME programs for the 2017 program year. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	PY17-CDBG Administration	2017	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	CDBG Administration	CDBG: \$122,880.00	Other: 2 Other
2	PY17-Affordable Housing (Down payment Assistance-C	2017	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Assistance-Down Payment Assistance	CDBG: \$20,000.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 4 Households Assisted
3	PY17-Demolition and Clearance	2017	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Demolition and Clearance	CDBG: \$12,000.00	Buildings Demolished: 3 Buildings
4	PY17-Non-Housing (Infrastructure)	2017	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Area Benefit	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$367,364.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 600 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	PY17-Homeless Services for men (Bethesda House)	2017	2019	Homeless	Citywide CDBG Area Benefit	Homeless Services- Bethesda House	CDBG: \$5,926.43	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Persons Assisted
6	PY17-Non-Housing-Family and Youth	2017	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Youth Services-Family and Youth	CDBG: \$255.01	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60 Persons Assisted
7	PY17-Non-Housing-Family & Youth (CASA/Yap)	2017	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Youth Services-(Family & Youth CASA/YAP)	CDBG: \$3,855.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Persons Assisted
8	PY17-Homeless Prevention-Catholic Chairities	2017	2019	Homeless	Citywide CDBG Area Benefit	Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charites	CDBG: \$20,001.00	Homelessness Prevention: 60 Persons Assisted
9	PY17-Non-Housing for Women (The Open Door)	2017	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Homeless Services for Women	CDBG: \$12,239.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted
10	PY17-Non-Housing (Senior Services)	2017	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide CDBG Area Benefit	Public Services-Seniors	CDBG: \$4,293.75	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 35 Persons Assisted
11	PY17-Home Administration	2017	2019	Administration	Citywide	Home Administration	HOME: \$24,323.00	Other: 1 Other
12	PY17-Housing Reconstruction	2017	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Reconstruction	HOME: \$157,430.00	Other: 3 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	PY17-Affordable Housing- Down payment Assistance- H	2017	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Home-Down Payment Assistance	HOME: \$25,000.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 2 Households Assisted
14	PY17-Housing (Relocation)	2017	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide CDBG Area Benefit	Housing (Relocation)	HOME: \$25,000.00	Other: 3 Other
15	PY17-Affordable Housing (CHDO Assistance)	2017	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	CHDO Assistance	HOME: \$36,485.00	Other: 3 Other
16	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation	2019	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$45,590.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	PY17-CDBG Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative expenses for managing CDBG programs. 20% of CDBG funding.

2	Goal Name	PY17-Affordable Housing (Down payment Assistance-C
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the conditon and availability of affordable hosing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support low to moderate income households to be first time hombuyers.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding to low/moderate income homeowners toward down payment and closing cost.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance for 4 homeowners .</p>
3	Goal Name	PY17-Demolition and Clearance
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in Lake Charles by addressing non-housing community development needs over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective: Removal of Slum and Blighted Conditions to create marketable sites for new housing development.</p> <p>Strategy: Property clearance of slum and blighted conditions of select sites for new housing development.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assisted help to the HOME program for reconstructed homes/2 households</p>
4	Goal Name	PY17-Non-Housing (Infrastructure)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in Lake Charles by addressing non-housing community development over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support improvement of infrasture and public facilities in CDBG targeted areas in Lake Charles.</p> <p>Strategy: Support the improvement of infratructure projects in low/moderate income census tracts.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Support projects for street improvements and paving and unpaved streets, installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutter improvements during the five year consolidated plan period.</p>

5	Goal Name	PY17-Homeless Services for men (Bethesda House)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless individuals in the Lake Charles over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support and encourage non-profit participation at Bethesda House for formerly incarcerated men who are homeless.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding to help pay for Housing Manager to provide services for formerly incarcerated and homeless men.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Assist 1 Agency/ Serving 20 individual each annual plan year.</p>
6	Goal Name	PY17-Non-Housing- Family and Youth
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: To provide funding for support of at risk youth activities.</p> <p>Objective: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding to non-profit and government organizations to deliver services to youth and children.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide funding for to support at risk youth in the area of truancy, dropout prevention and increase high school retention, pregnancy prevention, and summer enrichment and day and after school programs.</p>
7	Goal Name	PY17-Non-Housing- Family & Youth (CASA/Yap)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: To provide funding for support of at risk youth activities.</p> <p>Objective: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding to non-profit and government organizations to deliver services to youth and children.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide funding to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care system.</p>

8	Goal Name	PY17-Homeless Prevention-Catholic Chairities
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals in Lake Charles over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support service aimed at the prevention and elimination of homelessness.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide CDBG funds to avert eviction and/or utility disconnection, as well as pay deposits and rent.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Assist 1 Agency / Serving 60 individuals each annual plan year</p>
9	Goal Name	PY17-Non-Housing for Women (The Open Door)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals in Lake Charles over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support and encourage non-profit participation for formerly incarcerated women who are in jeopardy of becoming homeless, also to reconnect them with their children.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide CDBG funds for training, mentoring, effective parenting, Re-Entry Courses Common Cents Financial Literacy Alcohol Chemical treatment.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Assist 1 Agency / Serving 30 individuals each annual plan year.</p>
10	Goal Name	PY17-Non-Housing (Senior Services)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in Lake Charles by addressing non-housing communiity developement needs over a five year period.</p> <p>Ojective: Address community needs through community-based public public services.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding to non-profit organization to deliver services to seniors.</p> <p>Performance Goals: Provide legal assistance to senior citizens who are low/moderate income with legal matters.</p>
11	Goal Name	PY17-Home Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative expenses for managing HOME programs. 10% of total HOME funding.

12	Goal Name	PY17-Housing Reconstruction
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective: Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding for rehabilitation / reconstruction projects for low-income homeowners.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance for 3 housing units each of the annual plan years.</p>
13	Goal Name	PY17-Affordable Housing- Down payment Assistance-H
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the conditon and availability of affordable hosing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support low to moderate income households to be first time hombuyers using Home funds.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding to low/moderate income homeowners toward down payment and closing cost.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance for first time homeowners .</p>
14	Goal Name	PY17-Housing (Relocation)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in Lake Charles by addres non-housing community developement needs over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective: Provide assistance to homeowners who is recieving assistance through the Home Recontruction program for payment of relocation.</p> <p>Strategy: Relocate homeowners with the use of Home assisted Funds.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance to homeowner who are receiving assistance through the Home Reconstruction program in payment of rent and utilities along with storage.</p>

15	Goal Name	PY17-Affordable Housing (CHDO Assistance)
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective : Increase the availability for potential homeownership opportunities by providing newly built houses.</p> <p>Strategy : Provide funding to CHDO organization to for construction material to build housing for low/moderate households.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Support 1 CHDO / 3 Units.</p>
16	Goal Name	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: The goal is to Provide assistance to low moderate income individuals/families that are in need of minor rehab to their homes.</p> <p>Objective: assist the sustainability to homeowner by providing minor rehab.</p> <p>Strategy: Assist homeowners with minor rehab, such as, but not limited to weatherization, roof repair, and flooring to soft floors.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Assist up to 10 individual and/or families with this much needed project.</p>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects were developed by staff with consultation from non-profit service providers and community input through priorities established with involvement of the community survey.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Down Payment Assistance-CDBG
3	Demolition and Clearance
4	Infrastructure
5	Public Service Bethesda House
6	Youth Services- Family and Youth Counseling
7	Youth Services- CASA
8	Catholic Charities
9	The Open Door
10	SWLA Law Center
11	HOME Administration
12	Housing Reconstruction
13	Home-Down Payment Assistance
14	Relocation
15	CHDO Assistance
16	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-CDBG Administration
	Needs Addressed	CDBG Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,880.00
	Description	Administrative expenses for managing CDBG Programs 20% of CDBG funding
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administrative expenses for managing CDBG programs. 20% of CDBG funding.
2	Project Name	Down Payment Assistance-CDBG
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Affordable Housing (Down payment Assistance-C
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance-Down Payment Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	Provide down payment/closing cost assistance to first time home buyers who are low/moderate income.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide down payment closing cost to first time homebuyers who are low/moderate income.
3	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	PY17-Demolition and Clearance

	Needs Addressed	Demolition and Clearance
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	Description	>Provide assistance to 3 household who are apart of the housing reconstruction program for demolition and clearance of slum and blighted conditions of selected sites for housing reconstruction.</p>
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	>Provide assistance to 3 household who are apart of the housing reconstruction program for demolition and clearance of slum and blighted conditions of selected sites for housing reconstruction.
4	Project Name	Infrastructure
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	PY17-Non-Housing (Infrastructure)
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$367,364.00
	Description	Infrastructure-CDBG funds to be used for street improvements and sidewalks.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Infrastructure-CDBG funds to be used for street improvements and sidewalks
5	Project Name	Public Service Bethesda House
	Target Area	Citywide CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	PY17-Homeless Services for men (Bethesda House)

	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services-Bethesda House
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,926.00
	Description	Funding will be used to help pay for Housing Manager to provide services for formerly incarcerated and homeless men.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program provides counseling, Law Center for Expunging the criminal record, good will to assist in securing jobs and job training.
6	Project Name	Youth Services- Family and Youth Counseling
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Non-Housing- Family and Youth
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services-Family and Youth
	Funding	CDBG: \$255.00
	Description	The program will provide services to 200 youth from low income households with an array of supportive services to keep them in school, prevent drop out and pregnancy and maximize their potential to succeed in life y providing summer activities, after school activities and day activities during school.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The program will provide services to 200 youth from low income households with an array of supportive services to keep them in school, prevent drop out and pregnancy and maximize their potential to succeed in life y providing summer activities, after school activities and day activities during school.
7	Project Name	Youth Services- CASA

	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Non-Housing- Family & Youth (CASA/Yap)
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services- (Family & Youth CASA/YAP)
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,855.00
	Description	(CASA)-Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA's speak in court on behalf of a child's best interest with the goal of placing each child in a loving and caring home.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	(CASA)-Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA's speak in court on behalf of a child's best interest with the goal of placing each child in a loving and caring home. (YAP) Young Assistance Program- will assist youth in establishing an independent living space for themselves, at the request of the Department for Children and Family Services, after exiting the foster care system.
8	Project Name	Catholic Charities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Homeless Prevention-Catholic Chairities
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention- Catholic Charites
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,001.00
	Description	Program used to help prevent homelessness and homeless individuals/families by providing rental and/or utility assistance.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Help prevent homelessness and homeless individuals/families by providing rental and/or utility assistance.

9	Project Name	The Open Door
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Non-Housing for Women (The Open Door)
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services for Women
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,239.00
	Description	The program provides training, mentoring, effective parenting, Re-entry courses and Financial Literacy to women how are incarcerated or recently released from prison.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program provides training, mentoring, effective parenting, Re-entry courses and Financial Literacy to women how are incarcerated or recently released from prison.
10	Project Name	SWLA Law Center
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Non-Housing (Senior Services)
	Needs Addressed	Public Services-Seniors
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,294.00
	Description	Provide Education and Legal Services to Senior Citizens in Southwest Louisiana.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Help individuals who are at least 55 years old, who are low to moderate income with legal services.
11	Project Name	HOME Administration

	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Home Administration
	Needs Addressed	Home Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$24,323.00
	Description	Administrative expenses for managing the HOME program. 10% of total 2017 HOME funding
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administrative expenses for managing the Home Program. 10% of total HOME funding.
12	Project Name	Housing Reconstruction
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Housing Reconstruction
	Needs Addressed	Housing Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$152,835.00
	Description	Housing reconstruction for homeowners with substandard housing Elderly, disabled , and single parent households with no liens.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing reconstruction for homeowners with substandard housing Elderly, disabled , and single parent households with no liens.
13	Project Name	Home-Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Affordable Housing- Down payment Assistance-H
	Needs Addressed	Home-Down Payment Assistance

	Funding	HOME: \$4,595.00
	Description	Provide down payment assistance to low/moderate income families. These funds can be combined with CHDO Home funds
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	Relocation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Housing (Relocation)
	Needs Addressed	Housing (Relocation)
	Funding	HOME: \$25,000.00
	Description	Relocation-for persons whose homes will be reconstructed which includes rent, utilities and storage fees
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Relocation-for persons whose homes will be reconstructed which includes rent, utilities and storage fees
15	Project Name	CHDO Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY17-Affordable Housing (CHDO Assistance)
	Needs Addressed	CHDO Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$36,485.00
	Description	To provide an agency with construction cost to provide housing for low/moderate income families.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	To provide an agency with construction cost to provide housing for low/moderate income families.
16	Project Name	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,590.00
	Description	Provide assistance to low/moderate income persons who needs minor repairs, such as weatherization, roof repair, etc. These monies will be moved to new projects.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Provide minor rehab to the homes of individuals who are low/moderate income. Items can include weatherization, window, doors etc.

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

Much of the funding from the CDBG and HOME programs is available for use in any of the CDBG neighborhoods or citywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Also, some funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	70
CDBG Area Benefit	30

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and certain areas of high minority concentration are targeted. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process.

Discussion

The distribution of funds by target area is projected to be primarily citywide due to use of funds for administrative, non-profit support, and individual benefit-oriented programmatic uses of the funds. The remaining funds are estimated to be spread through smaller CDBG-eligible areas.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The annual goals listed previously specify the following production numbers for housing assistance and for homelessness, non-homeless, and special needs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	50
Non-Homeless	4
Special-Needs	0
Total	54

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	50
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	54

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

Discussion

These figures relate to production targets specified in the annual goals for 2016. CDBG and HOME funding for these activities may target more households.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Lake Charles provides services and housing as detailed in their PHA Plan. Below are very short summaries of actions planned for the next year.

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

The Lake Charles Housing Authority has completed and has 100% occupancy in the redevelopment of High School Park Homes in a low Housing Tax Credit Development. The Lake Charles Housing Authority is moving forward on Rental Demonstration Program allowing PHA's better manage their rental properties.

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

The agency has a resident on the Board of Commissioners, actively promotes participation on resident councils, and maintains a Section 3 program that gives residents opportunities to participate in economic opportunities generated by agency development projects. The agency operates a Section 8 homeownership program and works with Habitat for Humanity and Project Build the Future to move residents into homeownership.

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

Not Applicable

Discussion

The City of Lake Charles works in partnership with the Lake Charles Housing Authority to encourage the public housing residents to become homeowners. The City encourages the residents by providing flyers, e-blast, attendance in classes, and advertising. Information on Down-payment Assistance is provided to potential homebuyers at counseling sessions provided by Calcasieu Parish Human Services, Habitat for Humanity, Project Build A Future, Community Voice and Asset Builders.

With the Balance of State Continuum of Care, we encourage participation and information regarding our services and how we can further assist. We are partnering with various Verteran Administration's organizations to help with homelessness and various needs using Emergency Solutions Grant Funds (ESG), we provide funds to agencies that target homeless youth and families, homeless prevention, outreach, and rapid re-housing.

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

Introduction

Funding from the State's Emergency Solutions Grant allocation is used to support non-profit homeless services providers in Lake Charles. These funds provide agencies with additional means to target specific activities. In the coming program year, the following goals were identified for the ESG request for proposals.

(1) Street Outreach funds may be used for costs of providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connect with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, non-facility-based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.

(2) Emergency Solution funds may be used for costs of providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals, and operating emergency shelters.

(3) Homelessness Prevention funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance necessary to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or another place.

(4) Rapid Re-housing Assistance funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium term rental assistance as necessary to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

(5) Relocation and Stabilization Services funds may be used to pay financial assistance to housing owners, utility companies and other third parties.

(6) HMIS funds may be used to pay the costs of contributing data to the HMIS designated by the

Balance of State/Continuum of Care for the area.

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 Lake Charles/SWLA Continuum of Care merged with the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The Balance of State Continuum of Care, the coalition of local homeless service agencies, conducts annual surveys of homeless individuals, including unsheltered persons. These surveys serve to help focus agency activities for the coming year, as well as provide documentation in response to HUD's program requirements. ESG funding includes street outreach activities.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Homeless providers are focusing efforts on increasing the bed count for both emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. Funding for these efforts is limited.

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

Proposed funding for the ESG program include activities targeting improvements in the areas of rapid re-housing and homeless prevention.

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.

Homeless prevention is a major focus of the participants in Southwestern Balance of State. Agencies include homeless prevention as a support program in conjunction with the provision of shelter and other support services. The City is funding homeless prevention activities in the FY 2017 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion

The participants in the Balance of State Continuum of Care work closely together to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families through the continuum of services coordinated through the partnership. The City participates in the planning efforts and provides a framework through the ESG funding process to focus attention on specific programmatic areas.

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

Introduction:

There was no public policy barriers to affordable housing found in Lake Charles.

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

None needed.

Discussion:

No barriers identified.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City currently provides a variety of services to the residents of Lake Charles, some funded by CDBG, HOME, and the State ESG allocation, with private, State, and City funding bringing additional assets to bear on these problems. Below are some of the actions currently performed by the City or under consideration for the future.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to look for new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed to focus on the vast variety of issues that prevent families from breaking out of poverty and from living the best, most affordable housing possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will provide financial assistance to assist Special Tax Credit Projects for affordable housing development to expand multi-family rental development projects and homeownership opportunities. Additionally, acquisition, soft costs and site development funds will be used for affordable housing development. consideration for additional funding will be given upon completion of the pre-development phase.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

1. Continue to meet HUD lead-based paint abatement standards in housing rehabilitation programs.

2. Identify additional funding to perform abatement on pre-1978 housing in the target census

tracts and perform abatement to reduce affected units by 10 percent during the five-year period ending December 2018 based on current estimates of lead-based paint affected units.

3. Seek funding as it becomes available to provide testing and abatement of lead-based paint

hazards in single-family housing where young children are present.

4. Expand the stock of lead safe housing units through housing initiatives.

5. Seek funding as it becomes available to provide for testing, abatement, training, and educational awareness.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue its efforts in conjunction with the Lake Charles/SWLA Balance of State Continuum of Care and the Housing Authority of Lake Charles to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of services needed to assist those families with educational opportunities, job growth, and life skills training through the various social service agencies operating in the city.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

1. Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal and non-federal funding initiatives.
2. Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
3. Identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal funds.

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

The City will continue to coordinate planning activities with private housing and social service agencies, including participation in Balance of State Continuum of Care meetings and enumeration of point-in-time and homeless surveys. City staff will also continue its participation in other coalitions and study groups as the opportunity arises.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City will continue to support the many efforts of the non-profits and social service provider agencies in the community in their efforts to obtain funding from various sources for their programs.

Many of these organizations receive private donations to sustain their programs, and most apply for funding on the federal, state, and local level. Listed below are a few of the private and non-federal resources that are in use to address both the housing and non-housing needs of this plan:

The City participates in a **Summer Food Service Program** for young people, 18 years of age and under during the summer at various sites throughout the community. Many disadvantaged and low-income children are fed nutritious meals through this program, which is funded through the Louisiana Department of Education.

Project Build A Future is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), which constructs affordable housing for low to moderate families. Greater Southwest Louisiana CHDO, has completed its 41 unit apartments for affordable rental housing for the elderly using HUD's Section 202 grant.

Impact Lake Charles AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a service learning program co-sponsored by Volunteer Louisiana and the Corporation for National and Community Service. The program gives individuals an opportunity to make a positive difference in their lives and the lives of others that are served; meeting the critical needs in their community. An AmeriCorps member receives a modest living allowance from the City of Lake Charles and earns the Segal Education Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service upon successful completion. Our program is called Impact Lake Charles. Working in elementary schools, the focus is on health and safety.

Impact will be hosting a summer camp for community and foster children in grades K-5 encompassing health and safety, academic assistance and character education.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program that was established by the Corporation for National and Community Service to fight poverty in America. Members make a year-long commitment to serve on a specific project at a nonprofit or public agency. Their efforts are focused on building the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations to assist low-income communities. In return for their service, members receive a modest living allowance and health benefits. Members also have the option of receiving the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or a post-service stipend (both paid by the Corporation after completing their term of service).

AmeriCorps VISTA members provide assistance to the Community Development & Services Department by building capacity for two specific social services programs; re-entering citizens who have been formerly incarcerated and foster children aging out of foster care.

The VISTA members are responsible for researching best practices of evidence based programs, developing a reasonable plan for implementation, creating a process to track and report successes, researching and securing grant funding, determining which programs are currently available and connecting resources.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

City of Lake Charles utilizes the recapture/resale methods for HOME programs in accordance with

24 CFR 92.254 (a) (4). The following summarizes portions of the provisions. Complete guidelines can be requested from City staff. The City of Lake Charles chooses to reduce the amount of direct HOME subsidy on a pro-rata basis for the time the homebuyer has owned and occupied the housing, measured against the required affordability period. The resulting ratio would be used to determine how much of the direct HOME subsidy the City would recapture. The pro-rata amount recaptured by the city cannot exceed what is available from net proceeds. The City of Lake Charles Department of Community Development (DOCD) is subject to the limitation that when the recapture provisions is triggered by a voluntary or involuntary sale of the housing unit, and there are no net proceeds or net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME investment due, the City can only recapture the net proceeds, if any.

The homeowner chooses to sell or use the property for non-eligible HOME Program activities, the full amount of the HOME Program funding assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the unit (excluding the amount used for the development subsidy, the cost difference between producing the house and its fair market value) for this activity shall be recaptured and repaid to the City provided that net proceeds are sufficient. If net proceeds are insufficient to repay the total HOME investment due, only the net proceeds will be recaptured. In the event, that net proceeds are zero (as is usually the case with foreclosure), the recapture provision still applies, but there are no refunds to recapture.

Eligible homebuyers who received HOME down-payment assistance and other HOME Program funds must return the HOME funds to the City, which will ensure that the recaptured HOME Program funds are reinvested in other affordable housing for low to moderate income persons. The City of Lake Charles will require HOME and sub recipients alike to lien "wind fall" profits, homeowners would expect to receive if they buy a house for a price below its appraised value. (Lien would be the difference between the appraised value and the sales price). The recapture provision to include the HOME program affordability period for activities shall be accomplished through legally enforceable documents such as a deed restriction, property liens, and contractual obligations, as described in Article 1, Items 2-4 of the Home Program Sub recipient agreement.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The Resale Provision will ensure compliance with the “Period of Affordability” requirements. The requirements are based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing. The total HOME funds expended for the unit determines the applicable affordability period. Any HOME program income used to assist the project is included when determining the period of affordability.

The City of Lake Charles resale requirements will ensure that if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the affordability period, the housing is made available for subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low income and will use the property as its principal residence. The resale provision to include the HOME Program Affordability Period for activities shall be accomplished through legally enforceable documents such as deed restrictions, property liens, and contractual obligations, as described in Article 1, Items 2-4 of the HOME Program sub-recipient agreement.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:
5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

