

City of Lake Charles



2018 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 \$40,000.

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, 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.

The City's proposed allocation for FY 2018 consists of a total of **\$1,018,269** in projected funding from the following programs:

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$661,553
2. HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME)	\$356,716
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, and 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 home owners 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 downpayment 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 2017-2018 fiscal year, the New Orleans Field Office monitored the City of Lake Charles' Community Development Division, there were Findings and Concerns that the City must address.

FINDING NO: RM17002: PJ Committed to CHDO Funds to a Project that is not Eligible CHDO Activity.

FINDING NO: RM17001: Less Than one-third of Board Members Represent low-income community.

FINDING NO: RM17003: PJ Failed to inspect HOME Rental Units during affordability period.

Concern No. 1: The PJ needs to improve its management of CHDOs

In 2018, the City of Lake Charles forwarded all required documents to the field office and currently, we are waiting for a response.

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 to all meetings and the various stages of Consolidated Plan development.

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.

Please see attachment along with response.

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

All Comments were accepted.

7. Summary

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 2019 Action Plan is The City of Lake Charles' Community Development Department. The Staff consulted with a number of other agencies including the Lake Charles Housing Authority, the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), and agencies involved in the Louisiana Balance of State to address homelessness. Public Hearing were also held with a comment period.

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

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(I))

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 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 will be passing on the ESG grant to the Parish, where they can serve more of the surrounding areas.

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 PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 Balance of State Continuum holds quarterly meetings, where all agencies are able to collaborate on what services are available and how we can all work together to make improvements in our areas.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Project Build a Future
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	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 - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	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	The Open door
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Education Counseling
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Women who are being released 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.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Calcasieu Parish School Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Lake Charles Housing authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA 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 - 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?	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	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.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of SWLA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	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

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		
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 two 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>	Two Action Plan forums were held in the City of Lake Charles; on May 8, 2018 at the Martin Luther King Center and on May 10, 2018 at City Hall. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events.	N/A	N/A	

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 May 8, 2018 at the Martin Luther King Center and on May 10, 2018 at City Hall. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events.	N/A	N/A	

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>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 May 8, 2018 at the Martin Luther King Center and on May 10, 2018 at City Hall. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events.	N/A	N/A	

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> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Public Meeting and Hearings were posted on the City's website to inform the community of upcoming meetings and hearing.			

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)
5	Social Media	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Public Meeting and Hearing will be posted in upcoming 2018 Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year.</p>			

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 \$1,018,269 into the City to support affordable housing, homeless, and Community Development programs and projects in the fourth 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	661,553.00	0.00	0.00	661,553.00	2,646,212.00	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is Year 4 times 4.

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	356,716.00	0.00	0.00	356,716.00	1,426,864.00	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is Year 4 times 4.

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 funds with the exception of Administrative fees (100% federal). (12.5% of 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 \$1,018,269 from the CDBG and HOME programs for the 2018 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	PY18-CDBG Administration	2018	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	CDBG Administration	CDBG: \$132,310.00	Other: 2 Other
2	PY18-Demolition and Clearance	2018	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Demolition and Clearance	CDBG: \$25,000.00	Other: 3 Other
3	PY18-Non-Housing (Infrastructure)	2018	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Area Benefit	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$365,010.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1124 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	PY18-Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities	2018	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Catholic Charities	CDBG: \$50,000.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Households Assisted
5	PY18-HOME Administration	2018	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	HOME Administration	HOME: \$35,671.00	Other: 1 Other
6	PY18-Affordable Housing (CHDO Assistance)	2018	2020	Affordable Housing	Citywide	CHDO Assistance	HOME: \$53,507.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3 Households Assisted
7	PY18-Housing Reconstruction	2018	2020	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Reconstruction	HOME: \$217,538.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
8	PY18-Housing (Relocation)	2018	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Relocation	HOME: \$10,000.00	Other: 3 Other
9	PY18-HOME- Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance	2018	2020	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Home Down Payment and Closing Cost	HOME: \$40,000.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
10	PY18-Homeless Prevention- ETC	2020	2021	Homeless	CDBG Area Benefit	Educational and Treatment Council, Inc. (ETC)	CDBG: \$30,000.00	Other: 10 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	PY18-Non-Housing SWLA Center for Health Services	2020	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG Area Benefit	SWLA Center for Health Services	CDBG: \$19,233.00	Other: 400 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	PY18-CDBG Administration
	Goal Description	Goal Administrative expenses for managing CDBG programs. 20% of CDBG funding.
2	Goal Name	PY18-Demolition and Clearance
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in Lake Charles by addressing non-housing community development needs over a two 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 blighted conditions of select sites for new housing development.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assisted help to the HOME program for reconstructed homes.</p>

3	Goal Name	PY18-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 infrastructure and public facilities in CDBG targeted areas in Lake Charles.</p> <p>Strategy: Support the improvement of infrastructure projects in low/moderate income census tracts.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Support projects for street improvements which includes extension of drainage. East to East Roosevelt Street and North approximately 100 feet on Monroe Street.</p>
4	Goal Name	PY18-Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals in lake Charles over a two year period.</p> <p>Objective: Support services 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 150 individuals each annual plan year.</p>
5	Goal Name	PY18-HOME Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative expenses for managing HOME programs. 10% of total HOME funds.
6	Goal Name	PY18-Affordable Housing (CHDO Assistance)
	Goal Description	Provide the agency Project Build a Future assistance with construction cost to provide housing for low/moderate income families.

7	Goal Name	PY18-Housing Reconstruction
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective: Improve the condition of housing for low/moderate income homeowners.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funding for rehabilitation/reconstruction projects for low-income homeowners.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance for 5 housing units each of the annual plan years.</p>
8	Goal Name	PY18-Housing (Relocation)
	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: Provide assistance to homeowners who are receiving assistance through the HOME reconstruction program for payment of relocation.</p> <p>Strategy: Relocate homeowners with the use of HOME assisted Funds.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance to homeowners who are receiving assistance through the HOME Reconstruction program in payment of rent, utilities and storage.</p>
9	Goal Name	PY18-HOME- Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year plan.</p> <p>Objective: Support low/moderate income households to be first-time homebuyers using HOME funds.</p> <p>Strategy: provide funding to low/moderate income homeowners toward down payment and closing cost assistance.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Provide assistance to first-time homebuyers.</p>

10	Goal Name	PY18-Homeless Prevention- ETC
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Provide financial assistance to assist a transitional home for families with children; provide comprehensive support services for improving family structure.</p> <p>Objective: Support services aimed at the prevention and elimination of homelessness.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide CDBG funds to assist in Case Management, along with Maintenance support to successful run program.</p> <p>Performance Goal: To assist 7-10 families transition into a safe and affordable home.</p>
11	Goal Name	PY18-Non-Housing SWLA Center for Health Services
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Provide a community garden, master gardener, nutrition education to a targeted low/moderate income area that is considered a food desert.</p> <p>Objective: Support services aimed at providing knowledge of healthy choices when it comes to eating healthy.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide funds to agency to help promote healthy eating by providing a community garden along with cooking demonstrations using the foods that are grown in the garden.</p> <p>Performance Goal: Assist agency in servicing at least 400 individuals with knowledge of making healthier choices.</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. A review board was used in choosing public service activities.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Demolition and Clearance
3	Infrastructure
4	Catholic Charities
5	HOME Administration
6	CHDO Assistance-Project Build a Future
7	Housing Reconstruction
8	Relocation
9	HOME-Down Payment Assistance
10	Educational and Treatment Council, Inc. (ETC)
11	SWLA Center for Health Services

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	PY18-CDBG Administration
	Needs Addressed	CDBG Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$132,310.00
	Description	Administration 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	Administration expenses for managing CDBG Programs. (20% of CDBG funding)
2	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-Demolition and Clearance
	Needs Addressed	Demolition and Clearance
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	Property clearance of sum and blighted conditions of select sites for housing reconstruction.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Provide assistance to at least 5 households who are a part of the housing reconstruction program for demolition and clearance of slum and blighted condition of selected home for reconstruction. Program assists those who are low/moderate income.
3	Project Name	Infrastructure
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	PY18-Non-Housing (Infrastructure)
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$405,010.00
	Description	Extension of drainage improvements. East to East Roosevelt Street and North approximately 100 feet on Monroe Street.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Extension of drainage improvements. East to East Roosevelt Street and North approximately 100 feet on Monroe.
4	Project Name	Catholic Charities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities
	Needs Addressed	Catholic Charities
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00
	Description	Provide assistance to prevent homelessness, by providing individuals and families with rental and/or utility assistance. These families or individuals 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 assistance to prevent homelessness, by providing individuals and families with rental and/or utility assistance. These families or individuals are low/moderate income.
5	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-HOME Administration
	Needs Addressed	HOME Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$35,671.00
	Description	Administrative expenses for managing HOME programs. 10% of HOME total 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 HOME programs. 10% of HOME total funding.
6	Project Name	CHDO Assistance-Project Build a Future
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-Affordable Housing (CHDO Assistance)
	Needs Addressed	CHDO Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$53,507.00
	Description	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.

7	Project Name	Housing Reconstruction
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-Housing Reconstruction
	Needs Addressed	Housing Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$252,538.00
	Description	Housing reconstruction for homeowners with substandard housing. Will benefit those who are 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. Will benefit those who are elderly, disabled, and single parent households with no liens. At least 5 families low/moderate families will benefit.
8	Project Name	Relocation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-Housing (Relocation)
	Needs Addressed	Relocation
	Funding	HOME: \$15,000.00
	Description	Relocation-for person/family 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 person/family whose homes will be reconstructed which includes rent, utilities, and storage fees.

9	Project Name	HOME-Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-HOME- Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Home Down Payment and Closing Cost
	Funding	:
	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	Provide down payment assistance to low/moderate income families. These funds can be combined with CHDO HOME funds.
10	Project Name	Educational and Treatment Council, Inc. (ETC)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	PY18-Homeless Prevention- ETC
	Needs Addressed	Educational and Treatment Council, Inc. (ETC)
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Comprehensive support services to include housing, case management, counseling, crisis intervention, prevention/education, community outreach, youth services and any other wrap around services that may be needed for low to moderate income families with children experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 7-10 familes will be helped, all of which are low to moderate income.
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Comprehensive support services to include housing, case management, counseling, crisis intervention, prevention/education, community outreach, youth services and any other wrap around services that may be needed for low to moderate income families with children experiencing homelessness.
11	Project Name	SWLA Center for Health Services
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	PY18-Non-Housing SWLA Center for Health Services
	Needs Addressed	SWLA Center for Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,233.00
	Description	A Master Gardener will create a community garden in a low moderate area which is currently considered a food desert. Provide nutrition education and food demonstrations to residence of this low-mod income area.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimate of 400 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Census Tract 200 Block Group 1 - which is 70.7-76.7% Low-Mod Area
	Planned Activities	A Master Gardener will create a community garden in a low moderate area which is currently considered a food desert. Provide nutrition education and food demonstrations to residence of this low-mod 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

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
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

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	40
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	40

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

Discussion

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

Lake Charles Housing Authority VIA LCHA its' non-profit affiliate will move to final close on LIHATC Development High School Park Homes. The LCHA also is moving forward with Phase I of the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program. This phase includes Clark Courts, Carver Courts, and Meadow Park Homes, 233 units. This program allows PHAs more flexibility and consistent funding stream for their 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 resident participation, maintain 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 a 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

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

Introduction

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 SWLA/Balance of State, 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. Also, Lake Charles City Police takes a windshield shot view of where the homeless are living.

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

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 the Southwest Louisiana Balance of State. Agencies include homeless prevention as a support program in conjunction with the provision of shelter and other support services. The Parish has taken over the responsibility of the Emergency Solutions Grant, but the City will be working with them on a much needed basis. The City has held the Grant for over 20 years, but the Parish can reach more individuals out side of the City limits.

Discussion

The participants in the Southwest Louisiana Balance of State work closely together to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families through the continuum of care by partnering with different agencies. The City participates in the planning efforts and provides a framework through the sitting on the board and sharing information as needed.

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

Introduction:

There was no public policy barriers of 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,, with private, State, and City funding bringing additional assets to bear on these problems.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(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:

N/A

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:

Please see attachment.

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:

Please see attachment.

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:

N/A

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).