

City of Lake Charles Community Development

2017 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Consolidated Plan Defined

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

CAPER

The CAPER provides information on Housing and Community Development activities undertaken by the City of Lake Charles for the 2017 program year, October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The CAPER includes activities funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and the state funded Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. The purpose of the CAPER is to document how the City of Lake Charles has spent federal funds on Housing and Community Development and to assess whether or not the City made progress in meeting the needs of the community as stipulated in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Citizen Participation Plan

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

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

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

The City of Lake Charles fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regard to race, color, national origin, income, gender, age, and disability. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI/Americans with Disabilities Act may by him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491-1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346, or contact the appropriate Department Head.



City of Lake Charles' Allocation for FY 2017

The City's allocation for FY 2017 consisted of a total of \$ 857,642 in projects funding for the following:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

\$ 614,404

HOME Investment

Partnership Program (HOME)

\$ 243,238





2017-2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ **Bethesda House** - A non-profit organization that houses formerly incarcerated men who are homeless. Funds are used to help pay the salary of a Housing Manager to provide services for these men. Sixteen (16) persons were served: Eleven (11) whites and five (5) blacks. Using 2014 reallocated funds, \$810.00 was expended. Using 2017 funds, Bethesda House was allocated \$7,000.00 and \$2,100.00 was expended.
- ◆ **Catholic Charities-Rental & Utility Assistance** - A program created by the Diocese of Lake Charles. This program offers rental and utility assistance to low/moderate income citizens in an effort to prevent homelessness. Using the remaining 2016 funds, \$14,406.50 was expended. Using 2017 funds, \$20,001 was allocated and spent. One Hundred Six (106) individuals/families were served: Ninety-seven (97) blacks; and Nine (9) whites.
- ◆ **Demo/Clearance** - The DOCD provided funds for a demolition and clearance program. This program provided demolition grants to low income residents in blighted areas to pay for the demolition and clearance of substandard housing that has either been condemned by the City or is in danger of being condemned. Using 2017 funds, of which \$12,000.00 was allocated, \$9,415.00 was expended.
- ◆ **Family and Youth Counseling Agency** - Provides guidance and counseling to the Youth Leadership Center. The study included leadership development, career exploration and civic engagement opportunities for the growing needs of youth, ages 12-17. Using the remaining 2016 funds, \$26,647.29 was expended. The program started using 2017 funds of which \$20,001.00 was allocated, \$4,240.00 was expended. The Center helped Two hundred nineteen (219) youth: One (1) Asian; Forty-two (42) blacks; One hundred fifty-five (155) whites; and Twenty-one (21) other.
- ◆ **Family and Youth Counseling Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** - A program that provides Staff Volunteers who speak in court on behalf of children in foster care. Funds were used to pay a portion of the salary for one (1) Counselor. Still using 2014 funds, the remaining \$1,156.50 was spent on salary expense. Using 2017 funds, \$3,084.00 was expended. Eighty-two (82) children were assisted: Fifty-three (53) whites; Twenty-one (21) blacks; and Eight (8) other.
- ◆ **Family and Youth Counseling Young Adult Program (YAP)** - A program that assists young adults who are aging out of foster care. These young adults are between the ages of 17-21. Using 2013 funds, \$266.37 was expended.
- ◆ **The Open Door** - A program that provided funds for training, mentoring, education regarding effective parenting, re-entry courses, education regarding common sense financial literacy, and alcohol chemical treatment for recently incarcerated women re-entering the community. Using the remaining 2016 funds, \$9,947.86 was expended. Using 2017 funds, \$15,458.00 was allocated and \$1,335.88 was expended. Seventy (70) persons were served: Eighteen (18) blacks; Forty-six (46) whites; and Six (6) other.
- ◆ **Southwest Louisiana AHEC - Partnership for a Healthier You** - A program created for children ages 6-12 to educate and encourage the knowledge of physical activity through healthier food choices and exercise. Using 2016 funds, \$5,256.02 was expended. Using 2015 reallocated funds, \$601.84 was expended. 257 persons were assisted: Two hundred fifty (250) blacks; and Seven (7) whites.
- ◆ **SWLA Law Center** - A program that provided funds for education and legal services to senior citizens in Southwest Louisiana. These senior citizens are being educated on topics including, but not limited to, estate planning, power of attorney, health care planning, financial planning, locating long term care facilities, explaining nursing home rights, and drafting a living will. Using 2017 funds, \$14,250.00 was allocated and \$3,018.75 was expended. 8 persons were served: Four (4) blacks; and Four (4) whites.





DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COSTS ASSISTANCE

Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance - Still using 2013 funds, the City provided four (4) grants to persons/families for a total of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). These four individuals/families were low-moderate income: (4) blacks.



Reconstruction

Reconstruction/Rehabilitation – Using 2015 funds, the City reconstructed two and a half (2.5) homes. 2015 expenditures for these homes totaled \$61,081.12 (\$9,210.69 was the City’s match). Using 2016 funds, two and a half (2.5) homes were reconstructed, totaling \$104,097.84 (\$13,012.23 was the City’s match). Five (5) individuals/families were served. All of these individuals/families were black.

Before



After

COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO)

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)- Funds were allocated, but there were no expenses.

Homes that were funded last year are below:



CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

They are:

Theresa Richard (District A)

Deborah Doshier (Housing Services)

At Large:

Dr. Nancy Shepard (District A)

Johnnie Mouton (District C)

Corey Rubin

Carl Ambrose (District B)

Mark Judson (Homeless Advocates)

Adley Cormier (Preservation Society)

Lanny Roy (Community Voice)





2016-2018 LOUISIANA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Awarded \$ 86,520.00

COC ACCESS CENTER	COC ACCESS CENTER	SWLA LAW CENTER	SWLA LAW CENTER	HMIS	HARBOR HOUSE	OASIS A SAFE HAVEN	OASIS A SAFE HAVEN	TOTAL	ADMIN
Homeless Prevention	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless Prevention	HMIS	Operations	Operations	Operations	Homeless Prevention		3%
\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 2,520.00
\$ 4,956.18	\$ 670.00	\$ 10,621.74	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 1,736.49	\$ 0	\$ 38,884.41	\$ 1,166.52
\$ 2,543.82	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 678.26	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0	\$ 6,563.51	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 45,115.59	\$ 1,353.48



INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

3rd Avenue sidewalk project - Still using 2015 funds, \$34,157.23 was expended. These funds were used to provide sidewalks on 3rd Avenue from Broad Street to 12th Street. 736 families benefited.

Eastside 5th Avenue sidewalk project - Using 2016 funds, \$212,807.86 was expended. These funds are being used to provide sidewalks on 5th Avenue from Kayouche Cooley to College Street.

EXPENDITURES 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

CDBG

	Expended
Administration	\$ 144,645.14
Streets/Infrastructure	\$ 246,965.09
Public Services	\$ 93,505.04
Demo/Clearance	\$ 9,412.00
Down Payment Assis.	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 515,527.27

HOME

	Expended
Administration	\$ 34,593.85
Housing Reconstruction	\$ 142,956.04
CHDO	\$ 0
Relocation	\$ 19,906.44
TOTAL	\$ 197,456.33

NICHOLAS E. HUNTER, MAYOR

Community Development Staff

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 Jacqueline Higginbotham- CD Administrator
 Robert (Bob) Green- Rehabilitation Specialist
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