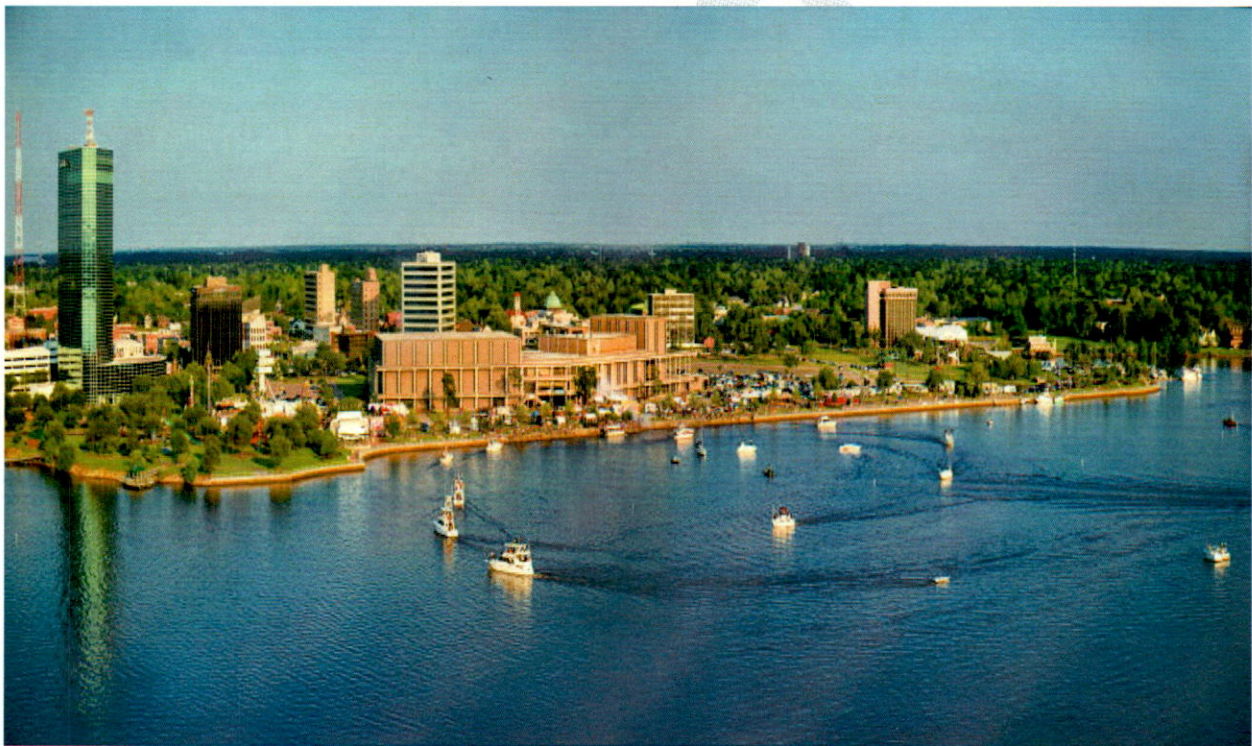


CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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To re-program \$626,929.04 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV) from three previously funded projects that are now defunct with unspent balances to the JD Clifton Park Improvement project. The projects with unspent funding balances include The Small Business Stabilization Fund Program (\$110,000), The Lake Charles Memorial Mental Health Program (\$293,810.78), and Project Build A Future Mortgage/Rental Assistance Program (\$223,118.26). Featured improvements for the park will include installation of a putting green, adding a botanical garden, creation of walking trails, and installation of an open pavilion. In addition, two vacant and blighted structures will be demolished. This project will provide suitable open space for activities to encourage physical distancing and support social distancing.

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 2019 consists of a total of \$ 981,953 with an additional \$ 165,157 in Program Income and \$1,005,428 in CDBG-CV funds.

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$ 651,664
2. HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME)	\$ 330,289
3. Program Income	\$ 165,157
4. CDBG-CV	\$1,005,428

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 Action 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 of Lake Charles
- Removal of Slum and Blight Conditions
- 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, 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 Homeowner Rehabilitation activities targeting lower income and elderly households unable to properly maintain their homes. The City also operates a successful program that provides Homebuyer Assistance to new homebuyers. The City is working to remove the dilapidated housing stock in the CDBG eligible areas through demolition and major rehabilitation 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. HUD has stated that the city of Lake Charles has met all required actions, and is in compliance with all of our findings and concerns.

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(s) 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. The meetings also allowed potential sub-grantees to receive information on how to submit a grant for this upcoming funding period.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No comments were received during the comment period.

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

No comments were received during the comment period.

7. Summary

The City of Lake Charles provide the citizens with information concerning availability of Community Development funds by holding public hearing along with posting to the City's website. Citizen's are advised to review plans and make comments during the comment period to incorporate their comments into the planning process.

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 Hearings were also held with a comment period.

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 housing providers (CHDOs) working on housing development activities. The CHDO system provides a forum for assisting these agencies to grow and meet their targeted clientele. The City 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 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 Southwest Louisiana Balance of State, 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 Calcasieu Parish Police Jury will assume the responsibility of ESG. This will all individuals from the surrounding areas to be served as well.

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-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless 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?	
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

	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.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Lake Charles Housing authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing 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	Calcasieu Parish School Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City of Lake Charles partners with the Calcasieu Parish School Board on many events that allow us to come in and educate the parents on the programs that are made available through CDBG and HOME funds. The City also participates in Health Fairs that help educate the children and their parents on healthy eating and life style.</p>
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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 conducting of public review of draft documents.

In addition to public hearings, as a means of receiving comments from the public, the Community Development staff held community meetings/hearings to provide citizens with information concerning the availability of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds and incorporate their comments into the planning process. 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.

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 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 Public Hearings were held in the City of Lake Charles; on April 29, 2019 at City Hall and on May 1, 2019 at the Martin Luther King Center.	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	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 Public Hearings were held in the City of Lake Charles; on April 29, 2019 at City Hall and on May 1, 2019 at the Martin Luther King Center.	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	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>	Two Public Hearings were held in the City of Lake Charles; on April 29, 2019 at City Hall and on May 1, 2019 at the Martin Luther King Center.	NA	NA	

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)
					<p>It should be noted that this is the City's second attempt at submitting a Substantial Amendment to include CARES Act funding in its 2019 Annual Action Plan. An error was made by Community Development staff in its first attempt as staff requested and received City Council approval on the Substantial Amendment prior to the final day of the comment period. As a result, our local HUD CPD field office required the City to follow the proper procedure in submitting a new Substantial Amendment. The City then allowed for a 15-day comment period and received City Council approval after doing so. The City received several</p>	

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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 \$981,953 into the City to support affordable housing, homelessness, Community Development programs and projects in the fifth program year. 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). The City has also accumulated Program Income from the HOME program in the amount of \$ 165,157 and \$1,005,428 in CDBG-CV funds to respond to the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic.

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	651,664	0	0	651,664	130,333	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is Year 5 times 20%

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	330,289	165,157	0	495,446	99,093	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan is Year 5 times 20%.
Other	public - federal	Other	1,005,428	0	0	1,005,428	0	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.

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 the total HOME project expenditures). The Program income will be used to build homes for our Major Rehab program.

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 to emphasize expropriating abandoned and adjudicated property to make property available for profit and non-profit developers to build affordable housing development.

Discussion

The City was allocated \$981,953 from the CDBG and HOME programs for the 2019 Program Year. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan. The City has obtained Program income from the Home funds that will be used for the Major Home Rehabilitation program. The City has also accumulated Program Income from the HOME program in the amount of \$ 165,157. Lastly, the City is receiving \$1,005,428 in CDBG-CV funds to respond to the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic.

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	HOME Administration	2019	2021	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Home Administration	HOME: \$33,029	Other: 1 Other
2	Affordable Housing CHDO Assistance	2019	2021	Affordable Housing	Citywide	CHDO Assistance	HOME: \$49,543	Other: 42 Other
3	Relocation	2019	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Relocation	HOME: \$25,000	Other: 4 Other
4	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation	2019	2021	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation	HOME: \$387,874	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 9 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	CDBG Administration	2019	2021		Citywide	CDBG Administration	CDBG: \$130,333	Other: 2 Other
6	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation	2019	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$40,500	Other: 7 Other
7	Demolition and Clearance	2019	2021	Clearing or property	Citywide	Demolition and Clearance	CDBG: \$25,000	Other: 4 Other
8	Infrastructure	2019	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG Area Benefit	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$358,082	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3303 Persons Assisted
9	Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities	2019	2021	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Homeless Prevention	CDBG: \$55,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Households Assisted
10	Youth Services-ETC	2019	2021		Citywide	Youth Services	CDBG: \$29,750	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18 Persons Assisted
11	Youth Services-CASA (Family & Youth)	2019	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Youth Services -	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 35 Persons Assisted
12	Legal Services-Elder Law (SWLA Law Center)	2019	2021	Legal Services for the Elderly	Citywide	Legal Services	CDBG: \$3,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Small Business Stabilization Fund Program	2020	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Small Business Stabilization Fund	CDBG-CV: \$250,000	Jobs created/retained: 150 Jobs Businesses assisted: 50 Businesses Assisted
14	Rental Assistance - Catholic Charities	2020	2022		Citywide	Rental Assistance _Catholic Charities	CDBG-CV: \$44,989	Homelessness Prevention: 70 Persons Assisted
15	Mortgage/Rental Assistance - Project Build A Future	2020	2022		Citywide	Rental/Mortgage Assistance-Project Build A Future	CDBG-CV: \$310,439	Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted
16	Mental Health Counseling	2020	2022	Mental Health	Citywide	Mental Health Counseling	CDBG-CV: \$300,000	Other: 20 Other
17	CV - Unprogrammed Funds	2021	2022		Citywide	CV - Unprogrammed Funds	CDBG-CV: \$100,000	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	HOME Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative expenses for managing Home Programs.
2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing CHDO Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide housing to low/moderate income families.

3	Goal Name	Relocation
	Goal Description	Provide assistance to homeowners who are receiving assistance through the Major Homeowner Rehabilitation program. Assistance may include payment of rent, utilities, and storage fees.
4	Goal Name	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide assistance to low/moderate income homeowner for Major homeowner rehabilitation to their homes. \$222,717 was allocated for 2019 with an additional \$165,157 of Program Income will be used to carry out these projects.
5	Goal Name	CDBG Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative expenses for managing CDBG programs.
6	Goal Name	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide assistance to low/moderate income persons who needs minor repairs, such as weatherization, roof repair, etc.
7	Goal Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Goal Description	Property clearance of slum blighted homes that are a part of the City's Major Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.
8	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	A public facility that is defined as a pocket park accessible to the general public. The project will incorporate a newly erected green space/public park into an economically distressed neighborhood located with the "Nellie Lutch Cultural District" This Project will serve as the City's catalytic project to spark beatification and community development along a historic, yet neglected corridor.
9	Goal Name	Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities
	Goal Description	Provide rental assistance to person or families who are low/moderate income, who may be facing homelessness.

10	Goal Name	Youth Services-ETC
	Goal Description	The Program will provide counseling, crisis intervention/education, community outreach, and youth residential services. Services are delivered directly in the client's homes or through one of the residential programs which are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
11	Goal Name	Youth Services-CASA (Family & Youth)
	Goal Description	Provide CASA members as advocates to speak on behalf of youth/foster kids in court.
12	Goal Name	Legal Services-Elder Law (SWLA Law Center)
	Goal Description	Provide assistance to the elderly by providing legal assistance along with education.
13	Goal Name	Small Business Stabilization Fund Program
	Goal Description	
14	Goal Name	Rental Assistance - Catholic Charities
	Goal Description	
15	Goal Name	Mortgage/Rental Assistance - Project Build A Future
	Goal Description	
16	Goal Name	Mental Health Counseling
	Goal Description	

17	Goal Name	CV - Unprogrammed Funds
	Goal Description	

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. A review board was used to score public service projects that was chosen.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	HOME Administration
2	CHDO Assistance
3	Relocation
4	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation
5	CDBG Administration
6	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
7	Demolition and Clearance
8	Infrastructure
9	Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities
10	Youth Services-ETC
11	Youth Services-Family and Youth CASA
12	Legal Services -Elder Law (SWLA Law Center)
13	CV - Rental Assistance
14	CV - Small Business Stabilization Fund
15	CV - Rental /Mortgage Assistance
16	CV - Mental Health Counseling
17	CV - Unprogrammed Funds

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	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HOME Administration
	Needs Addressed	Home Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$33,029
	Description	Administrative expenses for managing Home programs. 10% of HOME total funding
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administrate and manage HOME programs.
2	Project Name	CHDO Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing CHDO Assistance
	Needs Addressed	CHDO Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$49,543
	Description	Provide housing to low/moderate income families
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBA
	Location Description	TBA
	Planned Activities	TBA
3	Project Name	Relocation

	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Relocation
	Needs Addressed	Relocation
	Funding	HOME: \$25,000
	Description	Relocate person/family whose homes will undergo Major Rehabilitation to provide assistance with rent, utilities, and storage fees.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least four homeowners will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Relocate person/family whose homes will have Major Rehabilitation to their home. This activity will provide assistance with rent, utilities, and storage fees.
4	Project Name	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Major Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$387,874
	Description	Provide assistance to low/moderate income homeowners for major homeowner rehabilitation activities. \$222,717 was allocated for the 2019 Fiscal year. With an additional \$174,351 in Program income we are able to construct more houses.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate to help 4 low to moderate income person/families in this program.
	Location Description	Various locations within the City.
	Planned Activities	Provide Assistance to low/moderate income person/families who need major rehabilitation to their home.
5	Project Name	CDBG Administration

	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG Administration
	Needs Addressed	CDBG Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$130,332
	Description	Administrative expenses for managing CDBG Programs. 20% of allocated CDBG Funding.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administrative expenses for managing CDBG Programs. 20% of allocated CDBG Funding.
6	Project Name	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,500
	Description	Provide minor rehab to the homes of individuals who are low/moderate income. Items can include weatherization, window, doors etc.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide minor rehab to at least seven low/moderate income person/families..
	Location Description	Various Locations
7	Planned Activities	Provide minor rehab to those who are low/moderate income. Items can include weatherization, window, doors etc.
	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Demolition and Clearance
	Needs Addressed	Demolition and Clearance

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Property clearance of slum/blight homes that are in the Major Rehabilitation Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate to help four low/moderate income persons with this program.
	Location Description	Various locations.
	Planned Activities	Property clearance of slum/blight homes that are in the Major Rehabilitation Program.
8	Project Name	Infrastructure
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$358,082
	Description	A public facility that is defined as a pocket park accessible to the general public. The project will incorporate a newly erected green space/public park into an economically distressed neighborhood located with the "Nellie Lutchter Cultural District" This Project will serve as the City's catalytic project to spark beatification and community development along a historic, yet neglected corridor.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,303 individual will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	The Park location will be located within the Nellie Lutchter District that is on Enterprise Blvd. Census Tract 1, Block 1
	Planned Activities	The park will include green space. This activity will eliminate blight, and it will offer residents a place of respite.
9	Project Name	Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention-Catholic Charities

	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	Provide rental/utility assistance to person or families who are low/moderate income, who may be facing homelessness.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated benefit will be at least 300 persons/families.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	Youth Services-ETC
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Youth Services-ETC
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,750
	Description	Funding to expand current homeless services to young adult up to the age 22 who are low/moderate income. The Program will provide counseling, crisis intervention/education, community outreach, and youth residential services. Services are delivered directly in the clients homes or through one of the residential programs which are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated number with this funding will be 18 individuals.
	Location Description	
11	Planned Activities	The Program will provide counseling, crisis intervention/education, community outreach, and youth residential services. Services are delivered directly in the clients homes or through one of the residential programs which are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
	Project Name	Youth Services-Family and Youth CASA
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	Youth Services-CASA (Family & Youth)
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services -
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Provide CASA members as advocates to speak on behalf of youth/foster kids in court.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Program is estimated to help 30 foster kids withl this funding.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Advocate on the behalf of foster children in court.
12	Project Name	Legal Services -Elder Law (SWLA Law Center)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Legal Services-Elder Law (SWLA Law Center)
	Needs Addressed	Legal Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,000
	Description	Provide Legal assistance and education to the elderly.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	With this funding 10 clients will benefit.
	Location Description	
13	Planned Activities	Provide Legal assistance and education to the elderly.
	Project Name	CV - Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Rental Assistance - Catholic Charities
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$44,989
	Description	Funds will be used to assist residents who have been impacted by COVID-19 with rental assistance.

	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will assist 70 families/households with rent or rental deposits.
	Location Description	NA
	Planned Activities	Rental assistance
14	Project Name	CV - Small Business Stabilization Fund
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Small Business Stabilization Fund Program
	Needs Addressed	Small Business Stabilization Fund
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$250,000
	Description	Funds will be used to assist small businesses been impacted by COVID-19 through a Small Business Stabilization Fund.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50
	Location Description	NA
15	Planned Activities	Small business funding assistance.
	Project Name	CV - Rental /Mortgage Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Mortgage/Rental Assistance - Project Build A Futur
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention Rental/Mortgage Assistance-Project Build A Future
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$310,439
	Description	Funds will be used to assist residents who have been impacted by COVID-19 with Rental/Mortgage Assistance.
	Target Date	9/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80-100
	Location Description	NA
	Planned Activities	Rental and Mortgage Assistance
16	Project Name	CV - Mental Health Counseling
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Mental Health Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Mental Health Counseling
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$300,000
	Description	Funds will be used to provide mental health counseling to residents of the City who have been impacted by COVID-19.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100-150
	Location Description	NA
	Planned Activities	Mental health counseling
17	Project Name	CV - Unprogrammed Funds
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CV - Unprogrammed Funds
	Needs Addressed	CV - Unprogrammed Funds
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$100,000
	Description	Money will be used for COVID-related activities
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

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	84
CDBG Area Benefit	16

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 the 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

Provide to agencies that will help with affordable housing. Rental assistance, Major Rehabilitation, Minor Rehabilitation along with Homebuyer assistance. Our goal is to provide assistance to as many individuals and families who may be in need of this assistance.

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	58
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	14
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	72

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

Discussion

Our goal is to prevent families from becoming homeless by providing agencies with CDBG and HOME funding. This funding can help with rental, deposits, and utility expenses. We are working to develop more ways to helping our community with funding made available through HUD.

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 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 PHA's more flexibility and a 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, and maintains a Section 3 Program which 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

N/A

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 has created a record of where the homeless population lives within the city limits of Lake Charles.

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 has been 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

The Emergency Solutions Program includes activities targeting improvements in the areas of Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention. The Parish has taken over this program. The City of Lake Charles will be working with them on all endeavors.

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 City has facilitated the ESG program for over twenty years, but now the Parish will be conducting this program because they are able to reach those outside of the city limits, which we were limited to.

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 is a member of the board and participates in the planning process.

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

Introduction:

Lack of affordable housing is a barrier. With the rapid growth in our community, we found that rent prices have risen. This has caused many to become homeless or to double up with family members.

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

N/A

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City currently provides a variety of services to the residents of Lake Charles. Some are funded by CDBG, HOME, Private, State, and City funding has brought additional assets to combat these problems.

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 and most affordable housing possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City provides homebuyer assistance to families who are purchasing a home for the first time. These families are low/moderate income. Also, the City provides Major Home Rehabilitation to those who are low to moderate income and qualify for assistance. We, the City, partner with our local CHDO to provide construction of new homes that are sold to persons who are low/moderate income.

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.
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 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 such as educational opportunities, job growth and life skills training. This will be achieved 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 the SWLA 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:

The actions are primarily the continuation of what the City is currently doing in the various areas. No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified that need to be addressed. The City is also satisfied with its efforts to coordinate with private housing and social service agencies.

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:

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:

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).