

# **City of Hattiesburg**

## **2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)**

**Program Year January 1, 2019 — December 31, 2019**

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2019 CAPER

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## CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

### Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The 2019 CAPER describes the results of activities undertaken and completed by and through the City of Hattiesburg's Community Development Division to produce the outcomes identified in the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the period of January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. This is the 2nd CAPER for the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan.

### Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Down Payment Assistance	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		5	0	0.00%
Down Payment Assistance	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	10	0	0.00%			
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	3	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	3	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%

Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	2	2	100.00%			
Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	4	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	13	26.00%	8	7	87.50%

**Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date**

**Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

All CDBG and HOME funds expended were directed toward addressing the priorities and objectives identified in the City's Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. Continued concentration has been on housing needs as the highest priority. These priority needs areas are: substantial rehabilitation of owner occupied units, basic rehabilitation/emergency repairs, downpayment assistance, development of new affordable housing done through one or more of the City's CHDO. To promote economic development the City will also revive the façade and microenterprise programs; in 2019, the city continued to review the prior program policies in preparation to update them and begin taking applications in 2020.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	0	0
Black or African American	6	2
Asian	0	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Hispanic	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

### Narrative

## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	561,417	482,061
HOME	public - federal	284,296	103,525

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

### Narrative

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

### Narrative

Programs undertaken in 2019 included activities eligible citywide, including homeowner-occupied rehabilitation and emergency repair. Activities also included one CHDO project for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a home to become an affordable rental unit. Though not required to be a part of a particular neighborhood, activities undertaken in 2019 were almost exclusively in low-income neighborhoods or census tracts.

## Leveraging

**Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

While the City of Hattiesburg is not required to match CDBG or HOME funds from a compliance standpoint, the city highly values the network of other local agencies with similar community development missions. The City of Hattiesburg continues to partner with subrecipients and other non-profit organizations in the community in order to better disseminate community development funds more broadly. Sometimes these organizations seek to use our funds to leverage other financial resources. Twin Forks Rising CDC has applied for Federal HOME Loan Bank monies to support its housing activities. Whether or not these organizations are able to leverage additional funds, they provide leverage in the form of non-financial resources in their areas of expertise (housing counseling, legal services, homelessness related resources, and services for those with HIV/AIDS), their facilities and their community reports. In addition to formal arrangements with subrecipients, CHDO's, the Community Development Division continues to engage other organizations and build a professional network of other service providers that are working to improve the city its communities.

<b>Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match</b>	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

**Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report**

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

### HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income



Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	99,540	0	0	99,540	0	0
Number	2	0	0	2	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	99,540	0	99,540			
Number	2	0	2			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

**Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises**

<b>Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Minority Property Owners</b>				<b>White Non-Hispanic</b>
		<b>Alaskan Native or American Indian</b>	<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property**

<b>Relocation and Real Property Acquisition</b> – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition**

## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	14	8
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	1	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	8	8
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

**Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.**

Goals are set taking into consideration a certain unknown in the number of applications the city may receive for Down Payment Assistance and in the type of CHDO projects that may come forward in the application process. Goals are conservative in areas other than rehabilitation of existing units, because the city intends to recognize that those types of activities are valuable to a well-rounded toolkit of community development activities. For instance, while a goal of one new production unit was listed theoretically to enable a CHDO to construct a new unit, the CHDO project ultimately selected involved

the rehab of an existing unit instead. Another considerable difference in the one-year goal and the actual accomplishment resulted from the city and HUD staff working throughout the year to re-write the policies and procedures for the Down Payment Assistance Program. That program is expected to get more traction in 2020.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

Aggressive recruitment of qualified, competent and capable non-profit agencies that can successfully perform the activities funded by CDBG and HOME dollars, will be a positive impact on accomplishing action plan goals. The city also anticipates expanding the pool of qualified contractors in 2020 and in actively marketing a newly revised Down Payment Assistance program.

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

<b>Number of Households Served</b>	<b>CDBG Actual</b>	<b>HOME Actual</b>
Extremely Low-income	3	2
Low-income	3	0
Moderate-income	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

**Table 13 – Number of Households Served**

**Narrative Information**

## **CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)**

**Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness, which was formed in partnership with the city, local providers and homeless advocates, continues to work to impact homeless individuals through a number of positive ways. The network has increased knowledge of services available which in turn allows agencies, the faith community, and advocates to concentrate on how a specific individual can be uplifted. The Coalition acts as the regional committee for the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) and as such, coordinates the annual Point In Time (PIT) homeless count for the area. Additionally, surveys are conducted with detailed questions regarding the variety of services accessed, needed, or denied. The Pinebelt Coalition leadership uses this valuable information to further advocacy and awareness. Each participating agency providing service in the Hattiesburg area is linked to Mississippi United to End Homelessness (Balance of State) which is continuing to work toward a coordinated system of referrals. The members of the Pinebelt Coalition advocate for funding that will help move homeless persons into housing quickly through the CoC Rapid Re-housing Program and other funding mechanisms.

Members of the CoC include agencies that represent a broad continuum of services – emergency shelter, day shelter, food kitchens, faith-based, transitional shelter, disabled services, veterans' housing, domestic violence shelter, healthcare, and permanent supportive housing. Each agency through the Coalition is connected to what is available and what is not. Annual awareness events such as Veteran's Stand Down and Homeless Memorial by the Coalition members provide continuing access to homeless persons and those at high risk of being homeless.

In 2019, the City of Hattiesburg, in partnership with Pinebelt Mental Healthcare Resources, opened a homelessness resource center - intended to provide certain day shelter type services, but more importantly to create a hub for multiple agencies offering services commonly needed to help those facing homelessness. Additionally, the city's Homelessness Coordinator continues to actively participate in weekly outreach to locate homeless individuals, identify their needs, and work to pair them with appropriate available resources.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

In 2013, the City entered into an agreement with a subrecipient to develop permanent supportive housing in Hattiesburg, and the City entered into various subrecipient agreements with non-profits providing services for the homeless (or those at risk) and other special needs populations, which can serve both an immediate basic need such as food or shelter, as well as supportive services that may help prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless again. The agency is working to resolve some outstanding issues in order to begin producing housing.

**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**

Continuum of Care (CoC), and its respective agencies remain current in regard to the needs of the homeless community and coordinates to the extent feasible given limited resources, to identify and serve individuals that may be discharged from publicly funded institutions. Additionally, the City's Homelessness Coordinator actively participates in outreach to locate homeless individuals, to document their needs and situation, and to help pair them with available, appropriate resources, which includes access to housing in as many circumstances as possible.

## **CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)**

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

The City of Hattiesburg stands ready to assist the housing authority. In recent years, the housing authority sought and received city support in its application to make considerable upgrades to one of the authority's larger properties. The City has also held town hall style meetings at housing authority properties in recent years to enable residents to voice concerns and desires directly to the Mayor and directors of various city departments in terms of how city services might be improved.

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

The City of Hattiesburg attends quarterly Resident Advisory Council meetings of the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority works closely with PRVO, The First Bank and other lending institutions in promoting home ownership. The city of Hattiesburg provides information and promotions related to the Down Payment Assistance Program to Housing Authority residents via distribution of flyers, attending monthly resident meeting and quarterly RAC meetings.

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

The Hattiesburg Housing Authority is not a "troubled" PHA. The Hattiesburg Housing Authority is a 2019, \$750,000 grant recipient from BancorpSouth Bank administered by FHLB Dallas.

## **CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)**

**Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

The City's zoning ordinance and related regulations are conducive to affordable housing development. As public policies are concerned, the only notable barrier to affordable housing is developing within flood zones where FEMA regulations create limitations on the value and costs of rehabilitation that can take place on existing structures. Historically, new affordable housing has not been created in flood zones when using CDBG or HOME funds because of the challenges of meeting the development requirements and the increased cost burden the additional insurance premiums place on homeowners. The City has communicated to partner agencies and CHDOs that such new developments are possible given compliance with certain development and insurance requirements. Though it impacts a small area, in 2019 the City established a new local historic district. While the existence of a local district may place special construction requirements on the development of property, it also serves to alleviate some of the limitations that may exist due to flood zones. The City continually reviews land use regulations, recommending amendments where warranted, though staff has found that land code and the process provided is not particularly limiting when it comes to constructing affordable housing.

### **Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The implementation of various HUD programs presupposes compliance with a variety of guidelines such as the environmental approval process. Many of the dilapidated structures are relatively old and contain lead based paint. The presence of such often increase the rehabilitation cost (in accordance with Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) and result in the project being deemed infeasible. Other requirements found at 40 CFR and 24 CFR part 58 often result in the inability of the city to provide service to those who ironically have the greatest need. The City regularly researches and applies for other funding sources that may help alleviate specific challenges such as lead based paint. In 2019, acknowledging the rising costs of construction and the time elapsed since the last update, elected to increase the maximum amount available per substantial rehab by \$10,000, which may help to ensure that fewer houses are found infeasible due to obstacles like remediations.

### **Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City continues to seek other funding sources to supplement HUD-funded programs in order to allow for additional work to be done, to avoid becoming hindered by the cost of lead abatement, and to generally leverage HUD-funding for greater overall impact.



**Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City continues its partnership with Breakthrough Community Services and Habitat for Humanity to identify families and individuals in poverty and/or those without the means to make emergency repairs to their homes. The Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness carries on administering its meal program for LMI and disabled persons. Former subrecipient, Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, continues to house and provide supportive services to victims of domestic violence. The AIDS Services Coalition is continuing its mission to provide housing, nutrition, and other supportive services to those living with HIV/AIDS.

**Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City participates in the quarterly CRA Advisory Board meetings and has hosted quarterly Housing Roundtable through which different housing and social service organizations collaborate to address housing challenges. The Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness also serves as a networking opportunity for city staff and furthers the local institutional structure.

**Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City's continued series of town hall meetings in neighborhoods throughout the city include directors from various city departments as well as the Mayor's office. The Administration and Urban Development in particular have regular contact with the larger property manager firms in the city. These activities and relationships create an opportunity in which referrals for service or other appropriate introductions can be made.

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

The city continues to consider impediments that may exist as a result of land code or development regulations. The city works to engage its riders/citizens of changes related to transit services. The city continued hosting its annual Disability Awareness Day in 2019 in conjunction with Community Development Week to continue raising awareness. As housing condition and affordability remain an impediment for some that are already housed, the city continued to focus on homeowner occupied housing rehabilitation in 2019 with CDBG and HOME funding. And in 2019, staff worked to update the Down Payment Assistance program policies, which in part, will result in marketing efforts to also include promotion of credit counseling and financial literacy.

## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

Each year, including 2019, the City monitors any subrecipient and CHDO that had open and active agreements with the City of Hattiesburg in the course of that year. In 2019, that included monitoring both Breakthrough Community Services and the Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity related to a subrecipient agreements for Emergency Repair of homeowner-occupied housing and also monitoring Breakthrough Community Services as it related to CHDO agreements active in 2019. City staff contacts organizations in need of monitoring at least a couple of weeks in advance to schedule an agreeable date for a monitoring visit. Following the monitoring visit, the organization is provided written response, including any concerns, findings, and any follow-up action required with appropriate deadlines for response. The city and the organization remain in contact on the matter until any findings are resolved.

In addition to formal monitoring visits, the city is afforded the opportunity to monitor throughout the course of activities through environmental review, review of work write-ups, review of documentation accompanying draw requests, and on-site inspections that can help confirm that requests for draws are proportionate to the amount of work completed.

## **Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**

**Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

A public notice was published in the Hattiesburg Post on March 12 and 19, 2020, alerting the public that a draft CAPER was available for review. The notice described that a public comment period was open from March 12 through March 30, 2020, and that a public hearing was set for 5:30 p.m., March 30, 2020 at City Hall. The notice also provided that the draft was available on the city's website at [www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development](http://www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development) and physically at five (5) locations in Hattiesburg, including City Hall, the main branch of the library, one county facility, and certain community centers. This notification and hearing complies with the Citizen Participation Plan requirement that a 15-day period be afforded for public review and comment on the CAPER.

**CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

**Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

While there were no changes in 2019 that specifically impacted the funding attributed to 2019 grant funds, the city received considerable interest in 2019 for considering the use of CDBG funds toward the creation of public community facilities. This interest resulted in a proposed amendment in late 2019 to impact funding from 2018 in order to shift funding away from housing programs to fund a community facility project. Likewise, the city's proposed allocation of CDBG funds for 2020 (Action Plan still underway) included additional funds for a public community facility project. While the funding shift of 2018 funds took funds from housing programs, housing programs remain the highest priority; sufficient funding remains from other program years with which the city can continue to focus on the housing program priority.

**Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?**

No

**[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.**

## **CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)**

### **Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations**

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

Two properties, both owned by Breakthrough Community Services and the result of past CHDO projects (1205 Country Club Rd and 506 Hall Ave), are within their period of affordability. Both properties were inspected in 2018 and no deficiencies were identified. Based on the 3-year schedule required in 92.504(d), neither address was required to receive an inspection by city staff in 2019.

### **Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)**

Following a 2018 monitoring visit and action requested by the Fair Housing office of HUD's Field Office in Jackson, MS, the City of Hattiesburg has continued to comply with requests made as it relates to affirmative marketing. Some specific steps included periodic review of the city's wait list for housing rehabilitation work in an effort to find opportunity to purge the list as possible, and steps include periodically reopening periods of time in which new applicants can be added. Steps have included staff, subrecipient, and CHDO training as it relates to fair housing, affirmative marketing, and limited English proficiency actions. Additionally, the city has updated its Down Payment Assistance program brochure and will use that in 2020 along with a marketing strategy to promote the program and create education opportunities related to fair housing.

### **Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics**

The City of Hattiesburg neither received nor used any program income in 2019.

### **Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)**

In 2019, the City continued to work on updating its policies and procedures for the Down Payment Assistance program. New marketing materials and a strategy in keeping with the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan will be implemented in 2020 to get the DPA program active again. These efforts are expected to help foster affordable housing as well as educate the public regarding fair housing protections.





Citizen Participation  
2019 CAPER

On March 12 and 19, 2020, the City published a Notice of Availability, Public Hearing and Public Comment Period regarding a draft 2019 CAPER. As spelled out in the notice, the draft document was made available at locations in City Hall as well as four (4) other public locations in Hattiesburg. The notice described a public comment period to run through March 30, 2020, which is in compliance with the Citizen Participation Plan. The notice also provided details of a public hearing on March 30 to hear comments related to the draft document.

Due to health concerns related to COVID-19, as the date for the public hearing approached, the City took additional steps to inform the public via its website and social media that the draft document was available on the City's website and that it was highly encouraged to submit comments electronically, though the public hearing would still be an option.

As it happened, there were no comments submitted electronically or in any other way during the comment period, and the only attendees were two City staff members who were available to administer the hearing. Given the ongoing health concern with COVID-19, and the fact that it is typical for the CAPER draft to receive no comments, this lack of attendance or comment is not viewed in a negative light.

There being no comments that would warrant edits to the draft, this Citizen Participation Record is to be added and the CAPER submitted on 3/31/2020 as drafted.

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY, PUBLIC HEARING, AND  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING:  
2019 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

***ATTENTION: ALL HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS***

The City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has prepared a DRAFT 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The report provides details on the activities proposed and completed during the 2019 program year using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) entitlement funds.

The draft report is available at [www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development](http://www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development) and will be available for review beginning March 12, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, through March 30, 2020, at the following locations:

City Hall  
200 Forrest Street  
City Clerk's Office  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Hattiesburg Public Library  
329 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Forrest County Court House  
641 Main Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Jackie Dole Sherrill  
Community Center  
220 W. Front Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

C.E. Roy Community Center  
300 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hattiesburg, Community Development Division has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, March 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall for the purpose of affording citizens of Hattiesburg an opportunity to comment on the Draft CAPER.

Comments related to the performance report may be mailed to the attention of Petra Wingo at the City of Hattiesburg, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 1898, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39403-1898, or delivered to City Hall, First Floor, Community Development Division, 200 Forrest Street. Written comments may also be emailed to [pwingo@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:pwingo@hattiesburgms.com). Comments will be considered through March 30, 2020.

To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities that require aids or services to participate may contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4675; or e-mail [shall@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:shall@hattiesburgms.com) in advance of meetings to make arrangements.

PUBLISH Twice in the Legal Section: Thursday, March 12, 2020 and Thursday, March 19, 2020.



## PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

<b>Project:</b>	City of Hattiesburg 2019 CAPER
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 30, 2020
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**Facilitator:** Andrew Ellard / Petra Wingo

**Place/Room:** City Hall | Council Chambers | 5:30 p.m.

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