Incorporation of CDBG-CV funds into the 2019 Action Plan.

# **Executive Summary**

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

# 1. Introduction

The City of Hattiesburg's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan was developed through a coordinated community process to identify housing, homelessness, supportive service, and non-housing community needs in the City. The Plan provides the basis and strategy for the use of federal funds granted to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. The accompanying one-year Action Plan serves as the City's application for its annual entitlement allocation from HUD under these programs for Program Year 2019.

### 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.

The primary objectives of the Plan for 2018-2022 are consistent with the primary objectives in the prior Consolidated Plan, which involve addressing a variety of housing concerns. Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Repair, Acquisition/Rehabilitation, Down Payment Assistance, and Affordable Housing are some of the types of housing-related activities that are consistent with the prior plan. Over the Plan period, the City plans to address 50 Homeowner Rehabilitation projects, Rehabilitate 2 rental units for affordable housing, and create 4 new affordable housing units either for sale or rent, to assist 15-20 households through the Down Payment Assistance Program. The achievement of these objectives will rely in part on the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other partners in the field of housing.

Behind housing objectives, the next objective of greatest need is in the area of Homelessness and Special Needs Populations. Objectives within the Consolidated Plan that address these populations vary among several eligible types of activities. Population-targeted housing activities can all benefit homeless individuals and families as well as households with special needs.

The City's Plan also includes Infrastructure activities such as drainage, street improvements, sidewalks, and trails that would benefit low-income areas including more than 1,000 households. Commercial Rehabilitation such as the Facade Improvement Program and Economic Development activities such as the Microenterprise Program will continue to support businesses. Objectives include the facade improvement of commercial structures in the commercial business district and Microenterprise Assistance awards that meet various eligibility requirements.

Added by amendment, the City will undertake other Economic Development activities to support businesses in response to COVID-19 as well as Public Service activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic with the use of the special allocation of CDBG CARES Act funding made available in 2020. In the area of Public Services, the City will seek to provide outreach and education to low-to-moderate income neighborhoods on the Coronavirus in general and practices to prevent its spread. Activities will also involve screening and testing for COVID-19 both at existing health care facilities as well as pop-up testing sites in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods. Other activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic include financial assistance to low- and moderate-income households whose income has been negatively impacted by the pandemic as well as Public Facility activities to improve access to the internet in LMI areas.

# 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 has managed to meet many of its past objectives, in spite of funding cuts that decreased the City's ability to maintain its previous level of accomplishments, particularly in the area of substantial rehabilitation of single-family homes. Over the five years of the previous five-year Consolidated Plan, was able to continue its objectives in the areas of housing activities by limiting its eligible activities to primarily housing and housing related activities. The City has reduced its waiting list to approximately 25-30 households. Along with partnerships with CHDOs, a number of rental and homeownership affordable housing opportunities were made available to residents.

During the previous five year Consolidated Plan period, the City also demolished more than 20 vacant and blighted properties.

In 2016, the City also hired a full-time Homelessness Coordinator. This new role was the first full-time position of its kind hired by a Mississippi city. The position focuses on outreach and documentation of homeless individuals, and partnership with other agencies to update the state's homeless management information system. The role it integral to identifying resources available across various agencies and organizations, and to connecting individuals in need to those resources. Likewise, the coordinator has become a go-to point of contact for other city departments and citizens when facing challenges related to homelessness. In recent years, the City also made great strides in reducing the number of homeless veterans.

# 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City conducted a Public Hearing on February 4, 2019. There were no citizens nor residents in attendance, only City staff. This is a problem that the city seeks to correct in the future through more intentional outreach. The role of Public Engagement Coordinator has been assigned to a member of the department in order to help various divisions get creative in ways to go above and beyond the minimal effort of public comments and public hearings. We anticipate results of this change in the year ahead. Despite the poor attendance at the formal public hearing, the city has had sufficient opportunity over the last 12-18 months to gather input from the public on a variety of topics through a circuit of Town Hall meetings hosted by the Mayor. In that amount of time, the Mayor has hosted more than 40 such meetings, discussing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats as it relates to individual neighborhoods. Though not a part of the formal citizen participation process, feedback at these meetings provide insight into what residents hold as priorities for their neighborhoods, and in lower-income areas of the city, that was often found to revolve around condition of housing stock.

As it relates to the May 2020 amendment to incorporate CDBG CARES Act funding and related activities, the City provided an expedited consultation process to engage as many community partner agencies in as short a period of time as possible. Responses from various agencies, including housing organizations, health care institutions, higher education, civic and business organizations and various public service providers provided responses. Responses supported the Public Service activities, and others suggested economic support to businesses other possible activities to consider. Following consultation, a draft amendment to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Action Plan were created, and a notice of the proposed amendments was published. The city took advantage of HUD's waiver opportunity for the typical public comment period and public hearing requirement in order to expedite the use of these funds in addressing local public health concerns. The public comment period extended from May 14, 2020 until May 21, 2020 and included a virtual public hearing on May 19, 2020.

# 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.

There were no verbal nor written comments during the formal citizen participation process. However, though not a part of the formal citizen participation process, feedback at the Mayor's Town Hall meetings provide insight into what residents hold as priorities for their neighborhoods, and in lower-income areas of the city, that was often found to revolve around condition of housing stock. Daily phone calls to the Community Development Division from residents interested in assistance would also indicate that housing rehabilitation and affordable housing assistance remain high priorities for citizens.

As it relates to the May 2020 amendment to incorporate CDBG CARES Act funding, during the course of the public comment period, only one comment came in writing. Other comments came verbally to members of the Mayor's office. Comments included advocating for improved internet access such as through free public wifi in order to help address challenges especially among lower income individuals in accessing the internet for education or job-related resources. Comments also supported the concept of financial assistance to households, particularly those that have been negatively impacted financially by the pandemic.

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

### N/A

# 7. Summary

The City of Hattiesburg recognizes its CDBG and HOME grants as an opportunity to do great things to improve quality of life for low- to moderate-income residents and as a result, for the City as a whole. The City values the citizen participation process and looks forward to doing more to promote participation opportunities in the future. Participation in this process by the residents of low-income areas, and the organizations that regularly serve low-income households is vital to ensuring that the funds are directed to areas and programs in which they can make the greatest impact. Though we did not receive input in the manner in which we would have preferred, we believe that the input through other meetings and daily calls to the city support the priorities in this plan.

The City believes that the strategies and objectives set forth in this Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan are feasible and attainable (assuming that funding remains available), and they are in accordance with the needs and desires communicated by the public that these grants are intended to serve and organizations that provide such services.

# 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                    |  |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Lead Agency               |        | HATTIESBURG          |  |                                      |  |
| CDBG Administrator HATTIE |        | 3URG Urban Developme |  | ent D/Community Development Division |  |
| HOPWA Administrator       |        |                      |  |                                      |  |
| HOME Administrator        | HATTIE | SBURG                | Urban Development D/Community Development Division |                                      |  |
| HOPWA-C Administrator     |        |                      |  |                                      |  |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information** 

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

# 1. Introduction

The City's program staff reached out to citizens, local government representatives, public housing authorities, non-profit developers, and various social service agencies to gather input for the Annual Action Plan through its traditional advertising method. Staff also participated in the Mayor's Town Hall meetings and in quarterly meetings of the Community Advisory Committee – a group similar in purpose to the Housing Round Table.

# Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City continues to participate quarterly in the Community Advisory Committee to discuss a variety of housing and homelessness issues. Participants are similar to the former Housing Round Table, which included the City's Urban Development Department, Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. 8, the Hattiesburg Housing Authority, Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity, R3SM (a non-profit housing organization), as well as the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Participants also include the Salvation Army and Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services, which both serve homeless persons; the AIDS Services Coalition, which serves the homeless as well as those living with AIDS; the University of Southern Mississippi's Institute for Disability Studies, which addresses housing issues statewide; and the Hattiesburg Board of Realtors.

The City has worked to bolster mental health services by way of a Behavioral Health Court partnership with Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources, and through working with the Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness to coordinate efforts toward functionally ending homelessness.

# 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.

The City works closely with the Continuum of Care operating in Hattiesburg and the surrounding areas. The Pinebelt Homeless Coalition is the lead agency for the implementation of HUD Continuum of Care programs. Generally, individuals requiring assistance are referred to this organization. Further, the City has provided funding to the AIDS Services Coalition and Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services. The City also has a full-time Homeless Advocate/Coordinator, who works actively with the coalition as well as other agencies in making proper referrals to appropriate resource agencies. In the last year, the city's coordinator has worked with the coalition to press the issue of a need for a documented plan as well as an adopted standard of care. 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

The City of Hattiesburg is a part of the 71-county "balance of state" Continuum of Care. The City works with the Continuum of Care (Mississippi United to End Homelessness), and a representative from the City regularly participates in their meetings. MUTEH and its members establish guidelines, policies, etc. for the Continuum of Care. The City does not enjoy entitlement status under ESG, and as the City does not directly undertake any activities supporting homeless persons, the City does not access or input information into HMIS.

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

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<br>overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Continuum of Care |                   |   |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

#### Narrative (optional)

The City's interaction and coordination with the agencies and partnership groups mentioned above is constant. A full-time grant coordinator also seeks out other opportunities to leverage the city's resources – in Community Development as well as citywide. We have recently considered grant opportunities specific to lead hazard reduction, but have elected to defer such application until we have additional capacity to administer such a program.

The preparation of this action plan also overlapped with the creation of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which afforded opportunities to gauge feedback regarding the need for quality affordable housing from the perspective of both public housing residents and public housing management.

# 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 City conducted a Public Hearing on February 4, 2019. There were no verbal nor written comments during the formal citizen participation process. However, though not a part of the formal citizen participation process, feedback at the Mayor's Town Hall meetings provide insight into what residents hold as priorities for their neighborhoods, and in lower-income areas of the city, that was often found to revolve around condition of housing stock. Daily phone calls to the Community Development Division from residents interested in assistance would also indicate that housing rehabilitation and affordable housing assistance remain high priorities for citizens.

The City will bolster its efforts going forward to encourage more citizen engagement.

#### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach  | Summary of<br>response/attendance          | Summary of<br>comments received | Summary of comments<br>not accepted<br>and reasons | URL (If<br>applicable) |
|------------|------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1          | Public Hearing   | Non-<br>targeted/broad<br>community<br>Residents of Public<br>and Assisted<br>Housing | N/A. Only city staff<br>was in attendance. | None were<br>received.          |  |                        |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

# **Expected Resources**

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

Introduction

### **Anticipated Resources**

| Program | Source              | Uses of Funds   | Expe  | cted Amoun | t Available Ye                                       | ar 1    | Expected  | Narrative Description   |
|---------|---------------------|---|---|------------|--|---------|-----------|---|
|         | of Funds            |   | Allocation:Income:Resources:\$Av\$\$\$\$Rer |            | Amount<br>Available<br>Remainder<br>of ConPlan<br>\$ |         |           |   |
| CDBG    | public -<br>federal | Acquisition<br>Admin and<br>Planning<br>Economic<br>Development<br>Housing<br>Public<br>Improvements<br>Public Services | 561,417                                     | 0          | 0  | 561,417 | 1,684,251 | The expected amount for the<br>remainder of the Con Plan is simply<br>the Year 2 amount multiplied by 3 to<br>estimate Program Years 2020, 2021,<br>and 2022. |

| Program | Source<br>of Funds  | Uses of Funds  | Exped                       | ted Amoun                | t Available Ye                 | ar 1         | Expected   | Narrative Description   |
|---------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|---|
|         |                     |  | Annual<br>Allocation:<br>\$ | Program<br>Income:<br>\$ | Prior Year<br>Resources:<br>\$ | Total:<br>\$ | Amount<br>Available<br>Remainder<br>of ConPlan<br>\$ |   |
| HOME    | public -<br>federal | Acquisition<br>Homebuyer<br>assistance<br>Homeowner<br>rehab<br>Multifamily rental<br>new construction<br>Multifamily rental<br>rehab<br>New construction<br>for ownership<br>TBRA | 284,296                     | 0                        | 0                              | 284,296      | 852,888  | The expected amount for the<br>remainder of the Con Plan is simply<br>the Year 2 amount multiplied by 3 to<br>estimate Program Years 2020, 2021,<br>and 2022. |
| Other   | public -<br>federal | Economic<br>Development<br>Public<br>Improvements<br>Public Services   | 321,280                     | 0                        | 0                              | 321,280      | 0  | Atypical, special allocation.   |

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

# 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 has recently utilized its mapping capabilities to identify City and State owned property throughout the City of Hattiesburg. These properties are reviewed periodically when need arises for particular projects, and the City intends to continue this approach of utilizing property already in its inventory (when appropriate) before seeking property to purchase.

It is anticipated that publicly owned property may be used in the provision of Public Service activities as well as in provision of public wifi resources.

Discussion

# Annual Goals and Objectives

# **AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives**

### **Goals Summary Information**

| Sort  | Goal Name        | Start | End  | Category    | Geographic | Needs Addressed    | Funding   | Goal Outcome Indicator            |
|-------|------------------|-------|------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Order |                  | Year  | Year |             | Area       |                    |           |                                   |
| 1     | Housing Programs | 2018  | 2022 | Affordable  |            | Emergency Repair   | CDBG:     | Rental units rehabilitated: 0     |
|       | (including       |       |      | Housing     |            | Housing            | \$389,114 | Household Housing Unit            |
|       | Affordable       |       |      |             |            | Rehabilitation     | HOME:     | Homeowner Housing Added: 1        |
|       | Housing)         |       |      |             |            | Rental             | \$205,867 | Household Housing Unit            |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            | Rehabilitation     |           | Homeowner Housing                 |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            |                    |           | Rehabilitated: 8 Household        |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            |                    |           | Housing Unit                      |
| 3     | Down Payment     | 2018  | 2022 | Affordable  |            | Down Payment       | HOME:     | Homeowner Housing Added: 5        |
|       | Assistance       |       |      | Housing     |            | Assistance         | \$50,000  | Household Housing Unit            |
| 8     | Economic         | 2018  | 2022 | Non-Housing |            | Commercial Rehab - | CDBG:     | Jobs created/retained: 7 Jobs     |
|       | Development      |       |      | Community   |            | Facade             | \$60,000  | Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses |
|       |                  |       |      | Development |            | Improvement        | CDBG-CV:  | Assisted                          |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            | Microenterprise    | \$50,000  |                                   |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            | Assistance         |           |                                   |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            | Economic           |           |                                   |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            | Development -      |           |                                   |
|       |                  |       |      |             |            | Other              |           |                                   |

| Sort  | Goal Name         | Start | End  | Category      | Geographic | Needs Addressed | Funding   | Goal Outcome Indicator               |
|-------|-------------------|-------|------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Order |                   | Year  | Year |               | Area       |                 |           |                                      |
| 9     | Public Facilities | 2018  | 2022 | Non-Housing   |            | Public Facility | CDBG-CV:  | Public Facility or Infrastructure    |
|       |                   |       |      | Community     |            | Improvement     | \$50,000  | Activities other than                |
|       |                   |       |      | Development   |            |                 |           | Low/Moderate Income Housing          |
|       |                   |       |      |               |            |                 |           | Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted       |
| 10    | Public Services   | 2018  | 2022 | Non-Homeless  |            | Public Services | CDBG-CV:  | Public service activities other than |
|       |                   |       |      | Special Needs |            |                 | \$221,280 | Low/Moderate Income Housing          |
|       |                   |       |      | Non-Housing   |            |                 |           | Benefit: 850 Persons Assisted        |
|       |                   |       |      | Community     |            |                 |           | Public service activities for        |
|       |                   |       |      | Development   |            |                 |           | Low/Moderate Income Housing          |
|       |                   |       |      |               |            |                 |           | Benefit: 150 Households Assisted     |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

# **Goal Descriptions**

| 1 | Goal Name           | Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)  |
|---|---------------------|--|
|   | Goal<br>Description | This goal includes the creation of affordable housing by CHDOs either in the rehabilitation of existing housing stock or the construction of new housing for the purpose of sale or rental to eligible households. This goal also includes the bulk of the City's housing program, which is the substantial and emergency rehabilitation of eligible owner-occupied homes. Substantial Rehabilitations are completed with either HOME or CDBG funding. Emergency Repairs are completed using CDBG funding. |
| 3 | Goal Name           | Down Payment Assistance  |
|   | Goal<br>Description | This goal includes the use of HOME funds to assist in making new homeownership affordable for eligible buyers.   |

| 8 | Goal Name           | Economic Development  |
|---|---------------------|---|
|   | Goal<br>Description | This goal serves to re-establish the City's former façade improvement program to incentivize the elimination of slum and blight conditions in the central business district. This is considered Privately-Owned Commercial Rehabilitation, a CDBG eligible activity.  |
|   |                     | This goal includes support of eligible microenterprise businesses. Historically, this program was available without geographic boundary as long as other eligibility requirements were met. The City may consider a geographic target.  |
|   |                     | As it relates to CDBG-CV funds, this goal includes provision of assistance to private, for-profit entities, when appropriate to carry out an economic development project, particularly to provide grants or loans to support new businesses or business expansion to create jobs and manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease OR to avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing by providing short-term working capital assistance to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons. Also, provision of assistance to microenterprises to provide technical assistance, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to establish, stabilize, and expand microenterprises that provide medical, food delivery, cleaning, and other services to support home health and quarantine. |
| 9 | Goal Name           | Public Facilities   |
|   | Goal<br>Description | Public Facility Improvements can serve low/mod limited clientele (LMC) or low/mod are (LMA) depending on the circumstances. Such an activity may upgrade facilities at a city park in a low-income area, which benefits the entire area and all who utilize the park. such an activity may make improvements to a community center or to a non-profit owned facility that benefits the clientele (51%+ low/mod) of its programs. Such activity may serve to create a recreational path in and through low to moderate income areas. such an activity may allow for the assessment and/or abatement of lead based paint hazards or asbestos hazards to benefit the facility's usefulness to the LMI community. Such an activity may include installing or adding features that benefit the surrounding area, such as public wifi access at strategic locations in a LMA.                 |

| 10 | Goal Name           | Public Services  |
|----|---------------------|--|
|    | Goal<br>Description | When the City decides to fund Public services, it often pursues non-profit organizations to implement the activities. These activities vary, but all benefit low/mod clientele (or areas). Special needs identified through the public participation process include financial literacy, job/skills training, housing counseling, supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS, supportive services for homeless persons and families, and utility/rent/deposit assistance for low-income households, health-related outreach and education, and health screening and testing. |
|    |                     | City will seek to provide outreach and education to low-to-moderate income neighborhoods on the Coronavirus in general and practices to prevent its spread. Activities will also involve screening and testing for COVID-19 both at existing health care facilities as well as pop-up testing sites in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.   |

# Projects

# AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

# Introduction

The following is a listing of projects that the City of Hattiesburg proposes to undertake using CDBG and HOME funds anticipated for 2019.

#### Projects

| #  | Project Name                         |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1  | CDBG Administration                  |
| 2  | CDBG Housing Programs                |
| 3  | CDBG Facade Improvement              |
| 4  | CDBG - Microenterprise Assistance    |
| 5  | HOME Administration                  |
| 6  | HOME Housing Programs                |
| 7  | Down Payment Assistance              |
| 8  | CHDO Set-Aside                       |
| 9  | CV-CDBG Public Services              |
| 10 | CV-CDBG Economic Development - Other |
| 11 | CV-CDBG Public Facilities            |

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocation of funding is in keeping with the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Housing issues - rehabilitation, code compliance, demolition, affordability - being the greatest priority identified, it is allocated the greatest amount of funding. The City also seeks to make funding available for Façade Improvement and Microenterprise Assistance. Should funding for those programs go unused for any reason, the city may reallocate those funds for use in Housing Programs. AP-38 Project Summary

**Project Summary Information** 

| 1 | Project Name   | CDBG Administration   |
|---|--|---|
|   | Target Area  |   |
|   | Goals Supported  | Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)<br>Down Payment Assistance<br>Economic Development  |
|   | Needs Addressed  | Housing Rehabilitation<br>Emergency Repair<br>Down Payment Assistance<br>Microenterprise Assistance<br>Commercial Rehab - Facade Improvement<br>Rental Rehabilitation |
|   | Funding  | CDBG: \$112,283   |
|   | Description  | Overall and day-to-day administration of the CDBG Program   |
|   | Target Date  |   |
|   | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |   |
|   | Location Description   |   |
|   | Planned Activities   | Overall and day-to-day administration of the CDBG Program   |
| 2 | Project Name   | CDBG Housing Programs   |
|   | Target Area  |   |
|   | Goals Supported  | Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)   |
|   | Needs Addressed  | Housing Rehabilitation<br>Emergency Repair  |
|   | Funding  | CDBG: \$389,134   |
|   | Description  | Funding for all CDBG Housing Activities as well as project delivery for CDBG and HOME-funded housing activities   |
|   | Target Date  |   |
|   | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |   |
|   | Location Description   |   |

|   | Planned Activities  | Emergency Repair   |
|---|---|--|
|   |   | Housing Rehabilitation   |
|   |   | Project Delivery   |
| 3 | Project Name  | CDBG Facade Improvement  |
|   | Target Area   |  |
|   | Goals Supported   | Economic Development   |
|   | Needs Addressed   | Commercial Rehab - Facade Improvement  |
|   | Funding   | CDBG: \$30,000   |
|   | Description   | Commercial rehabilitation of building exteriors to improve quality of life and/or eliminate blight conditions. |
|   | Target Date   |  |
|   | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities  |  |
|   | Location Description  |  |
|   | Planned Activities  | Commercial rehabilitation  |
| 4 | Project Name  | CDBG - Microenterprise Assistance  |
|   | Target Area   |  |
|   | Goals Supported   | Economic Development   |
|   |   |  |
| 1 | Needs Addressed   | Microenterprise Assistance   |
|   | Needs Addressed<br>Funding  | Microenterprise Assistance<br>CDBG: \$30,000   |
|   |   |  |
|   | Funding   | CDBG: \$30,000<br>Assistance to microenterprise businesses based on qualifying factor of                       |
|   | Funding<br>Description  | CDBG: \$30,000<br>Assistance to microenterprise businesses based on qualifying factor of                       |
|   | Funding<br>Description<br>Target Date<br>Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from                            | CDBG: \$30,000<br>Assistance to microenterprise businesses based on qualifying factor of                       |
|   | Funding<br>Description<br>Target Date<br>Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities | CDBG: \$30,000<br>Assistance to microenterprise businesses based on qualifying factor of                       |

| 5 | Target Area  |   |
|---|--|---|
|   | Goals Supported  | Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)<br>Down Payment Assistance                |
|   | Needs Addressed  | Housing Rehabilitation<br>Down Payment Assistance<br>Acquisition<br>Rental Rehabilitation |
|   | Funding  | HOME: \$28,429  |
|   | Description  | Overall and day-to-day administration of the HOME Program.                                |
|   | Target Date  |   |
|   | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |   |
|   | Location Description   |   |
|   | Planned Activities   |   |
| 6 | Project Name   | HOME Housing Programs   |
|   | Target Area  |   |
|   | Goals Supported  | Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)   |
|   | Needs Addressed  | Housing Rehabilitation  |
|   | Funding  | HOME: \$163,222   |
|   | Description  | Funding of HOME housing activities, primarily substantial housing rehabilitation.         |
|   | Target Date  |   |
|   | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |   |
|   | Location Description   |   |
|   | Planned Activities   | Housing Rehabilitation  |
| 7 | Project Name   | Down Payment Assistance   |
|   | Target Area  |   |
|   | Goals Supported  | Down Payment Assistance   |

|                        | Needs Addressed  | Down Payment Assistance  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Funding<br>Description |  | HOME: \$50,000   |
|                        |  | Down Payment Assistance  |
|                        | Target Date  |  |
|                        | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |  |
|                        | Location Description   |  |
|                        | Planned Activities   | Down Payment Assistance  |
| 8                      | Project Name   | CHDO Set-Aside   |
|                        | Target Area  |  |
|                        | Goals Supported  | Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)  |
|                        | Needs Addressed  | Housing Rehabilitation<br>Acquisition<br>Rental Rehabilitation   |
|                        | Funding  | HOME: \$42,645   |
|                        | Description  | Funding to be awarded to a CHDO for an affordable housing activity that benefits a low and/or very low income household. |
|                        | Target Date  |  |
|                        | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |  |
|                        | Location Description   |  |
|                        | Planned Activities   |  |
| 9                      | Project Name   | CV-CDBG Public Services  |
|                        | Target Area  |  |
|                        | Goals Supported  | Public Services  |
|                        | Needs Addressed  | Public Services  |
|                        | Funding  | CDBG-CV: \$221,280   |

|    | Description  | Currently, COVID-19 testing is conducted by local health care facilities<br>at a cost. The City proposes to provide free testing and outreach and<br>education to low-to-moderate income neighborhoods on the<br>Coronavirus in general and practices to prevent its spread and to assist<br>in providing some financial relief. Additionally, funding will be used to<br>assist LMI households that have been negatively impacted financially<br>by the pandemic.  |
|----|--|---|
|    | Target Date  |   |
|    | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |   |
|    | Location Description   |   |
|    | Planned Activities   | Activities will involve screening and testing for COVID-19 pop-up<br>testing sites in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods. Free testing<br>will be administered by Hattiesburg Clinic and staff. The City will use<br>funding to provide facilities, security, daily sanitizing, etc. Additionally,<br>supplies to aid in preventing the spread of COVID-19 will be distributed<br>to tested individuals (masks, gloves, thermometers, wipes, etc.).<br>Outreach activities will include community canvassing to promote free<br>testing and reinforce messaging on preventing the spread of COVID-<br>19. The City will additionally seek to provide assistance to LMI<br>households that have been negatively impacted financially by the<br>pandemic by way of utility/rent arrearages. |
| 10 | Project Name   | CV-CDBG Economic Development - Other  |
|    | Target Area  |   |
|    | Goals Supported  | Economic Development  |
|    | Needs Addressed  | Economic Development - Other  |
|    | Funding  | CDBG-CV: \$50,000   |
|    | Description  | Business closures and social distancing have negatively impacted<br>businesses throughout the community. The results include layoffs,<br>furloughs and terminations for individuals and slow to no revenue<br>growth for small businesses. The need exists to assist LMI residents<br>and LMI employers recover from the new normal of COVID-19.  |
|    | Target Date  |   |
|    |  |   |

|    | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |  |
|----|--|--|
|    | Location Description<br>Planned Activities   | : Provide grants or loans to support new businesses or business<br>expansion that creates jobs to manufacture medical supplies necessary<br>to respond to infectious disease OR to avoid job loss caused by<br>business closures related to social distancing. Provide short-term<br>working capital assistance to small businesses to enable retention or<br>re-instatement of jobs held by low- and moderate-income<br>person. Finally, assistance to qualified microenterprises by way of<br>technical assistance, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to<br>establish, stabilize, and expand microenterprises that provide medical,<br>food delivery, cleaning, and other services to support home health and<br>quarantine. |
| 11 | Project Name   | CV-CDBG Public Facilities  |
|    | Target Area  |  |
|    | Goals Supported  | Public Facilities  |
|    | Needs Addressed  | Public Facility Improvement  |
|    | Funding  | CDBG-CV: \$50,000  |
|    | Description  | Funding to install equipment at strategic locations in LMI Areas to provide free wifi access.  |
|    | Target Date  |  |
|    | Estimate the number<br>and type of families<br>that will benefit from<br>the proposed activities |  |
|    | Location Description   |  |
|    | Planned Activities   | Provide free Wi-Fi access in LMI communities at locations such as community centers, parks, and public school properties.  |

# 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

With the exception of the Facade Improvement Program, none of the activities proposed for the 2019 Action Plan are directed geographically, meaning that there is not a prescribed area in which these activities are required to take place. Microenterprise Assistance, Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Repair, Demolition, Down Payment Assistance, and other Affordable Housing activities are allowable Citywide. However, these activities have historically taken place in areas of low-income and minority concentration. Such areas include the greater portion of Wards 2, 4, and 5, which are better identified by U.S. Census tracts 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 011, and 105. Public Service grants are likewise, not directed geographically, but tend to be centered in low-income areas by virtue of the clients that the agencies serve. The Facade Improvement Program is directed to the downtown area as a program policy in an effort to continue the revitalization of the historic downtown.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|
|             |                     |  |

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

# Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The only activity/priority that is geographically driven in the 2019 Action Plan is the Facade Improvement Program, which is focused by program policy on the downtown area in an effort to continue the revitalization of the historic downtown. It is possible that procedures may change in the future regarding the approach taken to address housing rehabilitation, which could allow for a geographic focus. Such a focus would be based on findings of concentrations of need in low-income areas and/or based on a concerted effort by the City and/or partner agencies to create an impact on a particular neighborhood or area. Though it is currently not the case, the same effort could be enacted to concentrate Microenterprise Assistance on particular low- to moderate-income areas.

# Discussion

# **Affordable Housing**

# AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

The city intends to concentrate its limited resources on affordable housing rehabilitation.

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported           |    |  |
|---|----|--|
| Homeless  | 0  |  |
| Non-Homeless  | 14 |  |
| Special-Needs   | 0  |  |
| Total   | 14 |  |
| able 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Sunnort Requirement |    |  |

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

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Sup                 | ported Through |
|---|----------------|
| Rental Assistance   | 0              |
| The Production of New Units                                     | 1              |
| Rehab of Existing Units   | 8              |
| Acquisition of Existing Units                                   | 5              |
| Total   | 14             |
| able 10 - One Vear Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type |                |

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

# Discussion

The figures provided above are taken from the total goals from all activities/projects anticipated within the 2019 Action Plan with the exception of Administrative activities, and Economic Development Activities. To a large degree, the goals for each category of household or housing project type are unknown because they will vary depending on the type of households that apply for downpayment assistance or for any housing developed by CHDO's. The numbers above are a tabulation of each type as listed in the goals outlined earlier in the Action Plan. The number of house holds supported included among the non-homeless are those households anticipated to directly benefit for housing rehabilitation activities.

# AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

# Introduction

The Hattiesburg Housing Authority manages 296 Public Housing units in the City of Hattiesburg.

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

The City of Hattiesburg stands ready to support the Hattiesburg Housing Authority in any way possible, particularly as the HHA seeks to replace many of its older units in the coming years. Most recently, the City has supported via resolution, a funding opportunity that would allow for the replacement of several buildings/units with new units at a HHA property.

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

The Housing Authority will continue to host monthly resident meetings at each of its developments to engage its residents. Guest speakers will be scheduled as appropriate to bring residents valuable information related to the City, the schools, civic service agencies, or others as may be pertinent. The HHA will also continue to host National Night Out Against Crime events as an opportunity to engage residents.

The City of Hattiesburg continues to require, as a component of its Downpayment Assistance Program, homebuyer education requirements, which are available to attendees at no cost through various agencies. The City will continue to work with public housing management to encourage homeownership options through downpayment assistance, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. In addition, the City will continue to chair/hold quarterly Housing Roundtable meetings for the purpose of be bringing together organizations throughout the city to engage in collaborative opportunities and services in support of affordable housing for low to moderate income households.

# 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 City of Hattiesburg actively participates in meetings of the Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness and supports the efforts of individual organizations whose mission is to serve homeless populations. The City's Homelessness Coordinator leads a homeless outreach team, which travels weekly to known and suspected homeless encampments and other known locations in order to assess individuals' needs and to work to pair willing individuals with appropriate resources or services. The City intends to continue this collaboration in 2019, and intends to increase efforts in serving the homeless community by way of funding supportive services offered by appropriate agencies. The City also intends to support these agencies in attaining funding for additional emergency and transitional shelter. The City has a full-time Homeless coordinator to assist the city and homeless support agencies with all homeless issues. The city has also recently acquired a facility to be used by Pinebelt Mental Healthcare Resources and other agencies serving homeless individuals, which will become a multi-faceted resource center for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

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

As previously stated, the City intends to continue its collaboration with organizations whose missions include services and housing for homeless persons. The City will support these agencies in competing for and attaining funding for additional emergency and transitional shelter, and may, as funding allows, consider opportunities to support new sustainable programs for emergency and/or transitional housing. More direct support for these housing needs will likely come through Public Facility Improvement activities, which may be more feasible in future years. The City's full time Homeless Coordinator assists in identifying available resources for individuals facing homelessness, and these resources sometimes include connecting individuals with emergency or transitional 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

Annual Action Plan 2019 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 City of Hattiesburg's partner agencies in the field of homelessness and special needs clients are well organized and maintain close working relationships. The City also facilitates a Housing Roundtable – an organization focused on a variety of housing concerns in Hattiesburg. Though the two coalitions differ somewhat in purpose, there is a great deal of overlap in both subject matter and membership. The City's intended (continued) support of the agencies within both groups are an opportunity to address transition to independent living, affordable housing, and ensuring appropriate case management, as the organizations have already proven capable of doing. The City's Homeless Coordinator works closely with a local non-profit by helping to refer clients for the Rapid Re-Housing Program. This work will continue in 2019.

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.

Forrest General Hospital has a process for identifying homeless persons and persons with substance abuse problems that may require certain case management or supportive service resources, and there is a well-organized process by which people are referred to appropriate agencies that may be able to assist. The City intends to support activities that will assist all manners of homelessness, including the prevention thereof.

Discussion

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

### Introduction:

Hattiesburg has historically supported efforts to meet housing needs of its citizens and has been proactive in the provision of housing to its low- and moderate-income residents. In the 1938-1939 timeframe, the City created one of the first housing authorities in the State of Mississippi. The City supported the creation of the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII and its efforts to bring Section 8 assistance to City residents.

The Official Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations make provisions for affordable housing and provide protection to citizens by ensuring proper land use and high quality residential land development.

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

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 has to do with development in flood zones where FEMA regulations create limitations on the value/cost 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. The City will make it known to partner agencies and CHDOs that such new

#### **Discussion:**

#### Discussion:

The City continues to implement housing rehabilitation programs to upgrade owner-occupied housing. Through its three CHDOs, the City of Hattiesburg is supporting affordable housing initiatives providing for the construction of new affordable housing and homebuyer down-payment assistance programs. These activities serve to reduce affordable housing barriers. The City has also partnered with service providers in areas of adult financial literacy, jobs training, and employability skills training - all of which address barriers individuals may have in attaining affordable housing. The City will continue to support such programs.

# AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Several of the City of Hattiesburg's CDBG and HOME funded activities seek to address underserved needs by way of affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, and assistance to non-profit organizations with such missions, among others. The City will continue these efforts in the coming years, and will also continue work in areas of obstacles pertaining to affordable housing.

Public Service activities related to CDBG CARES Act funding and COVID-19 specifically seek to address obstacles in access to accurate information on prevention of the spread of Coronavirus and obstacles in access to testing for residents in LMI areas. Additionally, Public Facility activities designed to install free wifi resources will support LMI areas in a time that internet access for educational resources and for job related resources is becoming more critical.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In this planning period, the City will continue to make its Down Payment Assistance Program available, will continue to promote the Bank On Hattiesburg Program, and will continue to address code compliance in an effort to continue improving housing stock.

# Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Through the City's ongoing Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Repair, and other housing activities, the City and its partners comply with 24 CFR Part 35, which often requires lead-based paint abatement. These activities will be continued in 2019 along with the potential for addressing LBP hazards in housing as a stand-alone activity.

#### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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The City will continue to support non-profits and public efforts to improve adult financial literacy

through continued participation with Bank On Hattiesburg and continued promotion of free tax preparation services in an effort to address the high number of households in the area that are either un-banked or under-banked.

### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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The City plans to continue facilitating meetings with various housing agencies, and participating in the Community Action Agency, the Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness, and participating with other similar organizations as the opportunity arises. The City will continue to assess the group for gaps in representation and work to close those gaps by bringing other valuable participants to the table in order to further develop institutional structure. The Mayor's Town Hall circuit of neighborhood meetings will also continue, which has proven effective in making additional contacts with interested organizations and individuals.

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

As stated previously, the City will continue to participate with the Housing Roundtable and the Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness, and will continue to encourage agencies that have a mutual interest to participate as well. The City continue to work with United Way and Bank-On to provide reasonable costs banking services and financial literacy education to all residents, especially the un-banked and the under-banked.

#### **Discussion:**

# **Program Specific Requirements**

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

Introduction:

# Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
|---|---|
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to   |   |
| address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.  | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements   | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not   |   |
| been included in a prior statement or plan  | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities  | 0 |
| Total Program Income:   | 0 |

# **Other CDBG Requirements**

| 1. The amount of urgent need activities   | 0      |
|---|--------|
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that<br>benefit persons of low and moderate income.Overall Benefit - A consecutive period<br>of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall<br>benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate |        |
| income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.   | 70.00% |

# HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

#### HOME PROGRAM – RECAPTURE PROVISIONS

<u>Recapture Provisions</u> HOME program regulations governing recapture when a HOME participating jurisdiction (City of Hattiesburg) uses HOME funds to assist homebuyers are set forth in 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(5). By virtue of the fact that the City of Hattiesburg uses HOME funds to assist homebuyers, all homebuyers programs provided by the City of Hattiesburg and its sub-recipients must include guidelines for recapture as required by HUD. The 2013 HOME Program Final Rule updated the requirements of Resale and Recapture. The requirements set forth for resale/recapture will be provided in a separate written agreement between the City of Hattiesburg and the sub-recipient and/or beneficiary. Homebuyer Assistance Programs – The City of Hattiesburg will utilize the same Recapture requirements.

Funds subject to *recapture* – include direct subsidy of HOME investment that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the property. This includes down payment assistance, closing costs or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer.

*Net proceeds* are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

The *Recapture* requirements of all the homebuyer assistance programs that utilize direct financial assistance include the following provisions and is included in the Program Written Participation Agreement and the Deed of Trust and Promissory Note:

i. The Deed of Trust and Promissory Note (lien), attached to the property to enforce recapture will be executed at loan closing and recapture guidelines adhered to by the homebuyer. The lien also restricts the homebuyer's ability to refinance during the period of affordability without approval. (See refinance/subordination policy).

The lien will depreciate annually in equal increments based on the affordability period, 5 years (20% per year), 10 years (10% per year), and 15 years (6.66% per year).

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired

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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

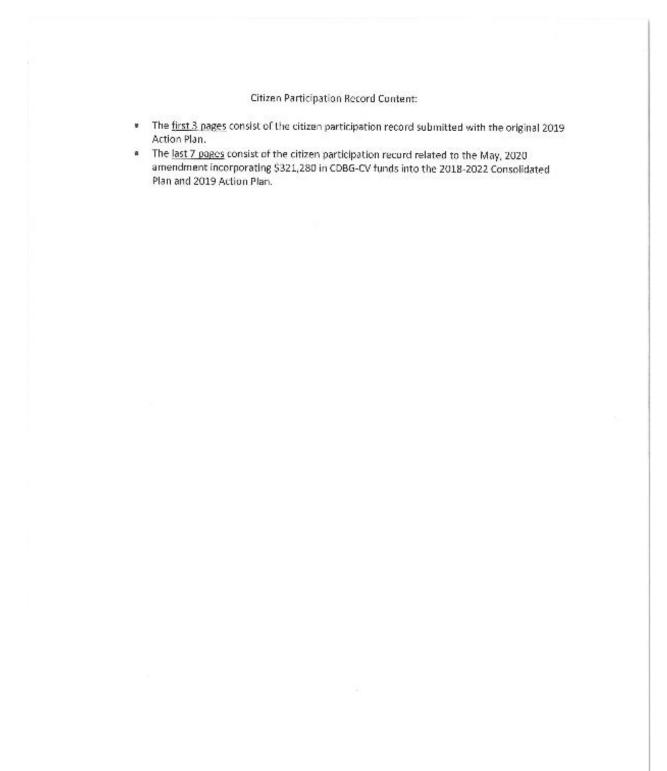
will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

N/A

Based on the HOME Affordable Homeownership, the City will determine 95% of the median area purchase price set forth at CFR 92.254 (a)(2)(iii). For single-family housing, this does not exceed \$148,000.00. Eligible applicants for the City's DPA and Rehabilitation Programs are low and very-low income residents of the City. The City uses a number of public forums and events to promote its programs and to solicit applicants. Information may be obtained in the Community Development office Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For CHDO Set-Aside funds, the eligible applicants are local not-for-profit housing development organizations that can meet HOME CHDO requirements. These agencies are solicited throuigh a Request for Proposal process.

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Citizen Participation Record COVID 19 – CDBG CARES Amendment – 5-2020 2018 Consolidated Plan 2019 Action Plan

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and a special allocation of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$321,280, the city began the process of amending its 2018 Consolidated Plan and its 2019 Action Plan in order to incorporate these funds into the City's planned approach to community development and in response to the pandemic. The US Dept of Housing & Urban Development enabled the city to expedite the process through a waiver of typical public comment period requirements. The city took this waiver opportunity in order to put funds to work in the city as soon as possible but still provided public engagement and consultation opportunities in the process.

On April 30, 2020, the Mayor's office of the City of Hattiesburg sent a letter to all of the non-profit agencies, civic and business organization, and housing agencies (among others) that the city typically consults with on the development of the Consolidated Plan. The letter explained one particular focus area where the administration was interested in applying the funds and asked for feedback and input on other ideas that should be considered. Responses generally favored the city's proposal of supporting COVID-19 testing centers and follow up and the provision of outreach and education particularly in LMI areas. Other ideas included assistance for rent/mortgages for LMI households who may have lost income and small business support.

On May 14, 2020, the city published notice of a comment period and a virtual public hearing to consider draft amendments to the 2018 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Action Plan. There were no attendees to the virtual public hearing, which had been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020.

In addition to newspaper publications, the city utilized its website to provide notice of the hearing and comment period.

The Mayor's office received general comments suggesting that funds be used to provide wifi in LMI areas, that funds be provided to LMI households for rent and/or utility assistance, and that funds be provided to small businesses.

Attachments to this record include:

- Published notice of the comment period and hearing
- Screenshot of the city's website with related information linked
- Summary record of consultation process responses.
- Comment period comment received (only one in writing)

### Published notice of the comment period and hearing

### PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CITY OF HATTIESBURG CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hattiesburg. Department of Urban Development has produced a draft amendment to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan, which outlines proposed use of CDBG and HOME grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NOTICE is further bereby given that the City has produced a draft amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan.

The amendments proposed to all three (3) documents relate to the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and serve to enable the City to incorporate a special allocation of \$321,280 in CDBG grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Further, these amendments take advantage of a waiver offered by HUD to expedite the public comment process in order to put these funds to use as soon as possible. As such, residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to provide any comments no later than May 21, 2020.

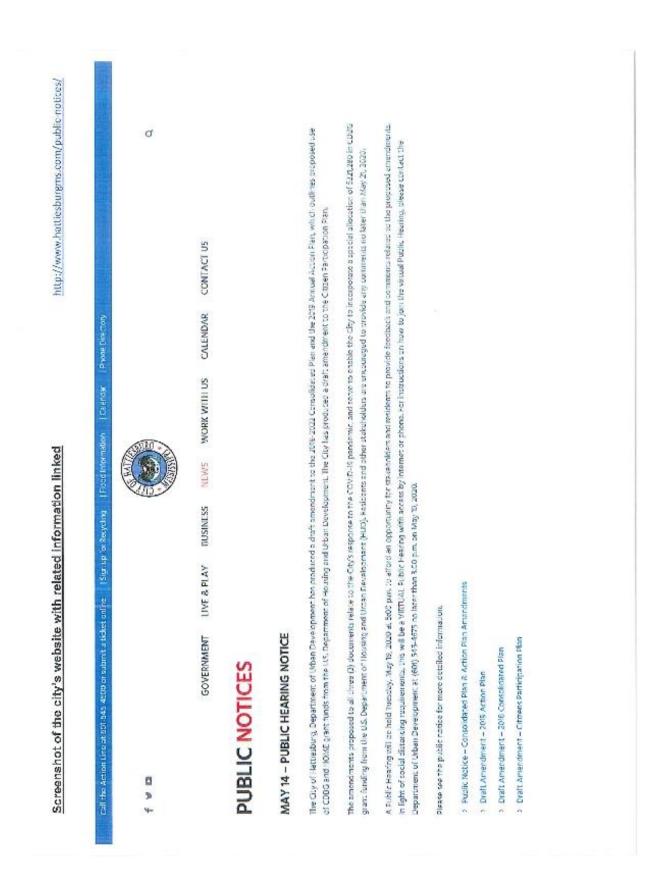
NOTION is further hereby given that the draft documents are available for review at <u>www.hatticsburgms.com/community-dovelopment</u> or at City Hall, First Floor, Department of Urban Development, 200 Forrest Street, Hatticsburg, MS.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to afford an opportunity for staticholders and residents to provide feedback and comments related to the proposed amendments. In light of social distancing requirements, this will be a VIRTUAL Public Hearing with access by internet or phone. For instructions on how to join the virtual Public Hearing, please contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4675 no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020.

Additionally, comments related to the draft documents may be mailed to the City of Hattiesburg, Department of Urban Development, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 1898, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1898, or delivered to City Hall, First Floor, Department of Urban Development, 200 Porcest Street, Hattiesburg, MS. Related comments should be delivered by May 21, 2020.

Questions may be directed to the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4558. 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@hattleshurgms.com in advance of meetings to make arrangements.

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Good morning1

Subject: CBDG CARES Funding

Yesterday on the Business Sup-Group Zoom meeting, we discussed few ideas about the best use of CBDG funds. It seems to be very difficult to avoid overlapping or duplicating the use of these funds with businesses due to federal and state COVID relief efforts...and \$10k grant for only 15 business entities seems limited in scope.

During this pandemic, we do know that many businesses and households have reduced income and increased expenses...so one way to ald both businesses and households is to offset expenses. The businesses have increased expenses to comply with CDC guidelines and government authority mandates; likewise, many households have increased expenses because parents and/or children are at home, not at school or working. Therefore, it may be worth considering to use some of the funds to distribute to local businesses and households to defray expenses, such as electricity. Every business and every household in the city has electric power. Perhaps, it can be called a grant...up to certain cap limit. We may be even able to get MS Power and/or Cooperative Energy to match those funds to help more. Also, this may be considered more inclusive than the limited number of larger grants to very few businesses.

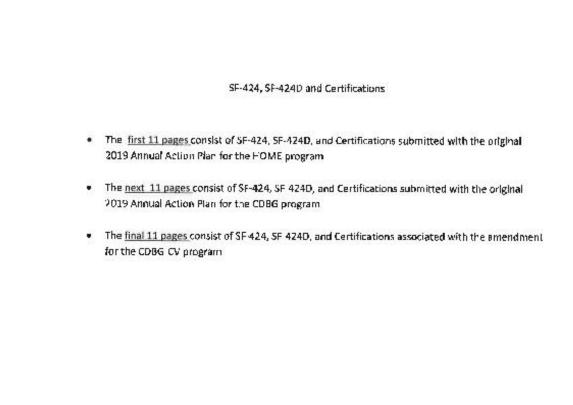
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Fodore: assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will as not fied.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant: I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including fonds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning management and completion of project described in this application.
- 2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptrollar General of the United States and. If appropriate, the State, the ngr1 to examine all records, books, papers, or documents ratated to the asalatence; and will establish a proport accounting system in accordance with generally anxipted accounting standards or agency directives.
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Anti-Lobbying - To the best of the jurisciption's knowledge and be left

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Authority of Jurisdiction - The consolicated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisd clion possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which is is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations

Consistency with Plan - The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant. HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the junsdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 - It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CLR Part 135.

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### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community Certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a cetailed officen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105

**Community Development Plan** – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifics both short-torm and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarry for persons of 'aw and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570

Following a Plan - It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds - It has complied with the following or toria.

**1. Maximum Feasible Priority** – With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low, and moderate-income families or sic in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBC-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to most other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification)

2.Overall Benefit – The aggregate use of CDBC funds, including Section 108 Guaranteed Loans, ouring program year 2020, shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments – It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funca, including Section 108 Lean Guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funcs are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

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### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance - If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenantbased rental assistance is an essential element of its consolicated plane.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §92.205 through §82.209 and that It is not using and will not use HOVE funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214,

**Subsidy Layering -** Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

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### APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

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### CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that.

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing - The unsdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -** It will comply with the accuisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME Programs.

Anti-Lobbying - To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1.No Federal appropriated funds have been baid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any I occral contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or motification of any Federal contract, grant, can, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-loobying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subracipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction – The consolidated plan is authorized under State and lucal law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with Plan** – The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Black Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** – I: will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701c) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 136.

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### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community Certifies that:

**Chizon Participation** – It is in full nomp iance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-ferm and long term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBC program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan - It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds - It has complied with the following criteria:

**1.Maximum Feasible Priority** – With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it heat developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of sturns or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee particles are designed to most other community cove optimer needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2.Overall Benefit – The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 Guaranteed Loans, during orogram year 2020, shall princlosely benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments – It will not altempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 Loan Guarameed funds, by assessing any proount against properties owned and occupied by persons of fow and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements (manced by a source other than CDBC funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and operated by moderate-income (not low income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements (inanced by a source other than CDBC funds, if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBC (units to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force - It has adopted and is enforcing:

- A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any Individual's engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
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### **Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that

Tenant Based Rontal Assistance – If it plans to provide tonant-based rental assistance, the tenantbased rontal assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plane.

**Eligible Activities and Costa** – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §92.205 through §92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy Layering - Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and with not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal essistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

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**Compliance with Antl-discrimination laws** – The grant will be concucted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U S.C. 2000d) AND THE Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and Implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – It activities concerning lead based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K , and R.

Compliance with Laws - It will comply with applicable laws

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Discharge Policy - The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care fac litles, mental health facilities, foster care, or other youth facilities or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelesariesa for these persons.

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### APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

### Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or extered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, TiPe 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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### ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notifix:

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- Has the logal authority to apply for Federal essistance, and the institutional, managoria, and financial capacitity (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning management and completion of project coscribed in this application.
- 2. Will give the awarong agency, the Comptrollor General of the United States and, it appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, un documents related to the ase stance; and will establish a ordper accounting system in accordance with generally eccepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the avending agency. Will record the Faderal avending agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal essistance builds in assure non-discrimination during the Useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agancy with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and acequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work confirms with the epproved plans and apentications and will lumish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the swording agency.
- Will establish safeguards to provide the imployees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4 /28-4 /tii3) relating to prescribed standards of mort systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OP6/'s Standards for a Yort System of Personel Administration (5 CJ. 8, 900, Subpart F)
- Will comply with the Lease-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4501 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lease-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- 10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to (a) Tile Vi of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88 352) which pruhibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin: (b) Title (X of the Education Amendments of 1072 as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681. 1683, and 1685 1686), which prohib is a sor ministion on the basis of sex; (c) Section 584 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29) U.S.C. \$794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of Fand caps: (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibita discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug sbuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Trestment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to rioridiscrimination on the basis of a cohol abuse on alcoho sm: (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Art of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3) as amended, relating to confidentiality of aboneand crug abuse ballent records; (h) Title VI I of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. \$\$3601 et sec.), as amended, relating to nondisorimination in the sale. rontal or financing of housing; (I) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statue(s) under which application for Federal assistance is cellng made; and (j) the requirements of any other conclactmination statue(s) which may apply to the application.

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- 11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of T-flex B and III of the Uniform Redication Assistance and Real Property Adquisition Policids Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-640) which provide for fair and equilable tradition of persons displaced or whose property is accurred as a result of Fodoral and foderally-assisted programs. These requirements acoly to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regarilless of Fodoral participation in purchases.
- 12. Writeompty with the provisions of the Hatch Act (b.J.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limt the partical activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole principal with Federal funds.
- Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subgrooments.
- 14 Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Soct on 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (PJ - 93-234) which requires recipients in a special thood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and equipition is \$10,000 or more.
- 15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91 190) and Executive Order (EO) 13614 (b) null lication of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11/38; (c) protection of wellands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of Rood hexards in fluedplains in accordance with EO 11986; (e) essumence of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coests. Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1461 at seq.); (f) contornity of

Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(5) of the Clean Air Ad of 1955, as americad (42 U.S.C. §§740) et seq.); (g) protection of uniterground sources of drinking water under the Sefa Drinking Water Act of 1974, as americad (P.L. §3-523); and (h) protection of ontdangeroid species under the Encangered Species Act of 1973, as americade (P.L. 93-205).

- Will comply with the Wild and Spenic Rivers Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et soc.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in securing compliance with Social 156 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as emended (16 U.S.C. §470), ED 11593 (Sentification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§669a-1 at seq).
- Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in schools with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and DMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profil Diganizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program
- 20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 108(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2C00, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohib ts grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in behavior during the boried of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the pence of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawerds under the award.

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### CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Afflematively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair honsing

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 19 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community "Xevelopment Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated thirds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or ou employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into a funy cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Ferm-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is socking funding, in accordance with applicable HLD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** – The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOMD, Emerger cy Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12/0.5,C, 1701a) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

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### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community cortifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and heaving needs and specifies both short term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent heaving and capatiling economic opportunities, primarily for persons of flow and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HLD,

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plantse as in give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and mederate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of sluths or blight. The Action Plantmay also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular argency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welface of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Berlefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) <u>2019</u> [a period specified by the granteed for two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at loss 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that henefic such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG finds, including Section 108 lean gnaranced funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persents of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the propertion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDHG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and eccupied by moderato income (not how-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it tacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

 A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent eivil rights demonstrations; and

 A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically berring engrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-victoric civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction. **Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with tide VI of the Civi-Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3600-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning load-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CPR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws,

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### **OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following pertification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular argency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBGassisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an espential concert of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for digible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR o§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME finds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance that is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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### APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS.

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

### Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a procequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for the table of the section factor. each such failure.