

**City of Hattiesburg**  
**2021 Annual Action Plan**



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## **Executive Summary**

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

#### **1. Introduction**

The City of Hattiesburg (COH) 2021 Annual Action Plan is the fourth Action Plan of the City's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. The 2021 Action Plan will continue to address the identified housing, homelessness, supportive services and non-housing community needs as the basis for the City's strategy and its use of the 2021 CDBG and HOME funds granted to the City by HUD. This year's Action Plan is the City's application of the 2021 allocations of the above-mentioned grant funds.

#### **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 2021 Action Plan are the same as detailed in the Consolidated Plan. The proposed projects/activities with 2021 CDBG/HOME funding will address housing concerns in a number of areas, with primary focus on: Housing Rehabilitation, Affordable Housing Production and Down Payment Assistance. Proposed activities also include continuation of previously established Public Facility activity. Specific goals for each area can be found in section AP-20.

#### **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, particularly in the area of substantial rehabilitation of single-family homes. Over the five years of the previous five-year Consolidated Plan, the City 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 10 households. Along with CHDO partnerships, 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 the last 2-3 years, the City has continued an effort through code enforcement to demolish more than 75 vacant blighted properties.

The City also has a full-time Homelessness Coordinator, 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 is 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 November 23, 2020, for the purpose of receiving comments on the creation of the 2021 Action Plan. In addition to newspaper publications, the City utilized its website, community calendar and its Facebook page to provide notice of the hearing and comment period. The Impact paper and local TV station WDAM, both advertised the upcoming hearing on their websites. City staff also sent letters to neighborhood associations and churches to generate interest. Four citizens attended the public hearing and 1 written comment was submitted electronically. The City believes the COVID-19 pandemic is the reason for low community turn-out.

#### **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.

Summarizing the electronically submitted comment received would suggest that down payment assistance and housing needs- repair and rehabilitation of substandard housing- are still perceived as the greatest need. Home ownership in blighted or under-occupied areas of the City as well as homelessness shelter and services were also noted. The City considered these comments and all other resources available in preparing the plan.

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

The comment received was accepted and considered in regard to the creation of the 2021 Action Plan.

#### **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 residents of low-income areas and the organizations that regularly serve low-income households is vital to ensure that funds are directed to areas and programs in which they can make the greatest impact. The City believes that the input from the hearing, 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 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	HATTIESBURG		Urban Development D/Community Development Division
HOPWA Administrator			
HOME Administrator	HATTIESBURG		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(l))**

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**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AIDS Service Coalition
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Agency has participated in meetings and discussions.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Habitat for Humanity in Hattiesburg, MS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Group participated in meetings and gave verbal comments. Question/comments favored down payment assistance, housing repair programming and rehabilitation grant amounts.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Breakthrough Community Services, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Education Civic Leaders



	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Organization participated in public hearings and verbal discussions. Comments focused on down payment assistance, rehabilitation grant funding, and housing repair programs.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Hattiesburg Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearings. Comments focused on improving the quality of safe and habitable public housing.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional)**

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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.

## 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 Community Development Division hosted a virtual public hearing on 11/23/2020 as the first effort in gathering public input for the 2021 Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds in addition to newspaper publications, the City utilized its website, community calendar and its Facebook page to provide notice of the hearing and comment period. City staff also sent letters to neighborhood associations, churches and community organizations to generate interest. The City believes concerns regarding COVID-19 seriously impacted community participation. The virtual public hearing was attended by City staff and three community organization representatives. The consensus from the community is overwhelming support for housing repairs and new affordable housing, women's shelters and emergency housing assistance for the homeless. These recommendations have been incorporated into the 2021 Action Plan.

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

### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Attendance was expected to be low due to COVID-19.	The one electronic comment received was focused on down payment assistance, housing rehabilitation and repair.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	530,462	0	0	530,462	The expected amount for the remainder of the Con Plan is simply the Year 4 amount to estimate Program Year 2022.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	297,029	0	0	297,029	297,029	The expected amount for the remainder of the Con Plan is simply the Year 4 amount to estimate Program Year2022.

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 publicly 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.

## **Discussion**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities	2018	2022	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility Improvement	CDBG: \$254,370	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1900 Persons Assisted
2	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)	2018	2022	Affordable Housing		Emergency Repair Housing Rehabilitation Rental Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$120,000 HOME: \$267,327	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Services	2018	2022	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$50,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

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<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This goal serves to address the community need for a multi-purposed gathering place and also to stimulate area development. This goal is the result of support from citizens and elected officials.
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	<b>Goal Description</b>	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.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	



## 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 2021.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	CDBG Housing Programs
3	Public Facilities and Improvements
4	HOME Administration
5	CHDO Set-Aside
6	HOME Housing Programs
7	Public Services

**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, affordability - being the greatest priority identified, it is allocated the greatest amount of funding. The City also seeks to make funding available for Public Facilities and Improvements and Public Services. Should funding for those programs go unused for any reason, the city may reallocate those funds for use in Housing Programs.

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**Project Summary Information**

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1	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing) Public Facilities Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Emergency Repair Down Payment Assistance Public Facility Improvement Microenterprise Assistance Commercial Rehab - Facade Improvement Rental Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$106,092
	<b>Description</b>	Overall and day-to-day administration of the CDBG Program
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration of CDBG activities
2	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Housing Programs
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Emergency Repair
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$120,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funding for all CDBG Housing Activities as well as project delivery for CDBG and HOME funded housing activities
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	

	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Substantial rehabilitation and Emergency repair of owner-occupied housing.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facilities and Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facility Improvement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$254,370
	<b>Description</b>	Acquisition and rehabilitation of facilities for a community multi-purpose gathering place.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing facilities to be utilized as multi-purpose community centers.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Down Payment Assistance Acquisition Rental Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$29,703
	<b>Description</b>	Overall and day-to-day administration of the HOME Program
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

5	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO Set-Aside
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Acquisition Rental Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$44,555
	<b>Description</b>	Funding to be awarded to a CHDO for an affordable housing activity that benefits a low and/or very low-income household.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Construction or rehabilitation of housing as an affordable unit.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Housing Programs
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Down Payment Assistance Rental Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$222,771
	<b>Description</b>	Funding of HOME housing activities, primarily substantial housing rehabilitation
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding for all HOME housing activities
	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Services

<b>7</b>	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services activities to benefit homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

## **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**

None of the activities proposed for the 2021 Action Plan are directed geographically, meaning that there is not a prescribed area in which these activities are required to take place. Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Repair, 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. 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**

All activities are allowable Citywide with the exception of Public Facilities and Improvements project located in a low-mod neighborhood. No other activity is geographically focused. 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.

### **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	6
Special-Needs	0
Total	6

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	6

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 2021 Action Plan with the exception of Administrative activities and Public Facilities and Public Services Activities. To a 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 down payment 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 households supported included among the non-homeless are those households anticipated to directly benefit from 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 an 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 bring residents valuable information related to the City, the schools, civic service agencies, or others as may be pertinent. The HHA continues to host National Night Out Against Crime events, and use them as an opportunity to engage residents.

The City of Hattiesburg continues to require, as a component of its Down payment Assistance Program, homebuyer education requirements, which are available to attendees at no or minimal cost through various agencies. The City will continue to work with public housing management to encourage homeownership options through down payment assistance, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

### **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 2021, 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 Homeless Coordinator assists the city and homeless support agencies with all homeless issues. The city has acquired a facility being 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**

**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'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 2021.

**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.

### **Discussion:**

The City continues to implement housing rehabilitation programs to upgrade owner-occupied housing. Through CHDOs, the City of Hattiesburg is supporting the development of 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.

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City relaunched its Down Payment Assistance Program, continues to promote the Bank On Hattiesburg Program, and continues 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 2021 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**

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**

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. Once COVID related meeting restrictions are lifted, 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**

The City will continue to participate with and support the efforts of the Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness, and will continue to encourage agencies that have a mutual interest to participate as well. The City continues 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(l)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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	1,170,791
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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>1,170,791</b>

#### 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 benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall 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(l)(2)

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

as follows:

The City has no other forms of investment beyond identified in section 95.205.

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

In all HOME activities, the City of Hattiesburg employs Recapture as the method by which HOME investment is protected for the period of affordability. The HOME investment to be protected is described as the “direct subsidy,” which includes the HOME investment that enabled the homebuyer to purchase a property (or the total HOME expenditure in the case of Homeowner Rehabilitation). Direct subsidy includes two components: 1) down payment assistance, closing costs or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer, and 2) the difference between the fair market value and a reduced sales price which is attributable to HOME development assistance. These two components will be added together to identify the direct subsidy amount to be protected by the Recapture provisions.

Specifically, the City imposes Recapture requirements in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(2), whereby there is a reduction of the amount subject to recapture, pro-rata, over the course of the affordability period.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City acknowledges the provision of 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(5)(ii) that allows subsequent buyers to assume the remaining affordability period should the subsequent buyer be determined income-eligible for HOME purposes. This assumes that the new buyer does not receive any HOME assistance in the acquisition of the unit. Subsequent purchase by a buyer using HOME assistance in the acquisition will result in applicable recapture for the selling party and the establishment of a new affordability for the new buyer based on the details of their own HOME assistance. Additionally, in the case of death of the homeowner(s), or in the case of foreclosure, the City may elect to waive the remaining affordability period and applicable recapture amount.

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 through a Request for Proposal process.



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- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
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**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

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City of Hattiesburg

**\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

64-600432

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0794481300000

**d. Address:**

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**Suffix:**

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**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:**

601-545-4558

**Fax Number:**

601-545-4592

**\* Email:**

pwingo@hattiesburgms.com

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C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

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**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

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**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Program Administration; Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Repair; Public Facilities Improvement; Facade Improvement; and Microenterprise Assistance

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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Middle Name:

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Suffix:

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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 notified.

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds 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 Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted 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 awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits 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 abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. 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 subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition 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 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. 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 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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

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

**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 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 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 an 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 of any 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 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-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 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 jurisdiction'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 CFR Part 135.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

Mayor

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Title

## **Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications**

The Entitlement Community Certifies 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 housing needs and specifics both short-term 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, 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 has 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 slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

**2. Overall Benefit** – The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 Guaranteed Loans, during 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 funds, including Section 108 Loan 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 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 financed by a source other than CDBG 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 financed by a source other than CDBG funds, if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** – It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** – The grant will be conducted 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.

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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 essential element of its consolidated plan.

**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 §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 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**

### **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 prerequisite 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 each such failure.

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## 2021 Action Plan

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**November  
23, 2020**

**5:00pm**

**VIRTUAL  
MEETING**

**TO REQUEST  
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ACCESS**

#### **CONTACT:**

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE 2021 ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG & HOME) PROGRAMS AND APPLICABLE INFORMATION

#### ATTENTION: ALL HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS

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CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI  
BY: Kermas Eaton  
CITY CLERK  
(SEAL)  
Toby Barker, Mayor  
Published November 5, 2020

## Wingo, Petra

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**From:** Hall, Stephanie  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 3:04 PM  
**To:** Ellard, Andrew; Wingo, Petra  
**Subject:** Public Hearing RSVP's

As of 3pm, we have the following registered to attend virtually. It should be approximately 6 individuals.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL	# attending virtually
Kathy Garner	Aids Services Coalition	<a href="mailto:asc@ascms.org">asc@ascms.org</a>	1
Laura Goodwin-Wright	Neighborhood Assn Member	<a href="mailto:llgwright@gmail.com">llgwright@gmail.com</a>	1
Linda Bolton	Twin Forks Rising	<a href="mailto:lb.tfrcdc@gmail.com">lb.tfrcdc@gmail.com</a>	3
Deborah Delgado	City Council	texted to her	1

Best,

**Stephanie Hall Campos**

City of Hattiesburg

Office Manager & Public Engagement Coordinator

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**PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET**

<b>Project:</b>	City of Hattiesburg 2021 Action Plan	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	November 23, 2020
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Andrew Ellard / Petra Wingo	<b>Place/Room:</b>	Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center   5:00 p.m.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MAYOR BARKER, ANN JONES  
**FROM:** ANDREW ELLARD  
**CC:** PETRA WINGO  
**SUBJECT:** SUMMERY OF 11/23/2020 PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021 ACTION PLAN  
**DATE:** 11/30/2020

The Community Development Division hosted a virtual public hearing on 11/23/2020 as the first effort in gathering public input for the 2021 Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds. Andrew Ellard and Petra Wingo led the meeting and Stephanie Campos facilitated the public engagement piece.

The meeting was attended by Kathy Garner (ASC), Councilwoman Delgado, and Andrea Graham (Twin Forks Rising). We used Slido.com to encourage some virtual participation, though the small group size afforded the chance to discuss several things as well.

We presented a list and description of the types of projects the city has done in recent history as well as a general list and description of other types of projects that may be eligible. We also described the dollar amounts received in each grant over the last couple of years and what we estimate is likely for 2021. The purpose of this initial public engagement is not to get into the details on specifics of the programs or activities, but rather to get a high-level general direction from the public on project types and geography.

What activities should we do more of (select up to 3)? Answers: Housing Repairs and New Affordable Housing tied with the most responses. Demolition of Blight and Homelessness Services/Shelter/Housing tied for the second most, and Affordable Rental Units and Economic Development rounded out the remaining responses tied at third.

What activities are we not currently doing that you would like to see? Answers: Rehabilitation, women's shelters, modular homes, emergency assistance, more homeless assistance, and fresh food/grocery stores in food deserts. When prompted for more discussion, it was noted that the rehabilitation referenced had to do with rehab such as drug and alcohol treatment. Emergency assistance spoke to needs for emergency housing or to prevent homelessness.

Tell us what neighborhood(s) and/or population segments you feel need more attention. Answers: All of East Hattiesburg in close proximity to downtown. Mobile-Bouie re: 2013 tornado damage. William Carey and East Jerusalem re: 2017 tornado damage. Edwards St area, Ward 5, Ward 2, East Jerusalem, Palmers Crossing, Broadway Drive; homeless, elderly. In discussion, we talked about emergency repairs to homes – particularly “blue roof” projects the city performed in years past.

Other discussion during the hearing had to do with potential work – rehab, elevation, etc. in flood prone areas and even legal services. There was recognition that the City's

CDBG and HOME dollars are insufficient to do all that is needed and that other sources would have to be secured along the way.

Taking into consideration our very small pool of participants – and taking further into consideration the specific agencies or areas that they represent – there are no surprises found in the responses. And largely, they support how the city typically allocates CDBG and HOME funds in its Action Plans.

I would like to see us work in a way that would promote fresh food options in food deserts, but I think this is something we take a longer look at – perhaps to involve area farmers and schools, and also to work with Planning to ensure that zoning does not place undue limitation on a grocer or farmer starting up a small operation.

For now, and to move this process forward, I would propose drafting the 2021 Action Plan in the following way:

CDBG:	Admin	\$109,000
	Housing (includes Project Delivery)	\$300,000
	Homelessness Related (TBD) *	\$136,000
	*public services will be limited	
HOME:	Admin	\$28,500
	CHDO (we could specify project type)	\$42,750
	Housing Rehabilitation	\$213,750

One other public comment was received outside of the public hearing, which spoke about Down payment Assistance needs. There are sufficient funds allocated to DPA in prior year funds on hand.

From here, CDD will begin drafting the 2021 Action Plan, but it will sit on a shelf until HUD announces the actual allocation amounts. At that time, we will adjust the plan and advertise it again for a final public comment opportunity.

Let's discuss ASAP in case there is any other particular direction this may need to be taken – especially when it comes to how we may be able to work on the Homelessness piece.

Thanks,  
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## PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT PERIOD

# 2021 ACTION PLAN

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## MARCH 30, 2021 5:00 P.M.

**REQUEST VIRTUAL MEETING ACCESS BY  
3 P.M. ON MARCH 30TH BY CONTACTING:**



CITY OF HATTIESBURG  
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
601-545-4675  
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The City has drafted a 2021 Action Plan for the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds based on strategies in the 5-year Consolidated Plan and on feedback from previous public comment opportunities. The City proposes to allocate the 2021 funding in the following manner:

CDBG:

Administration: \$106,092

Housing Programs: \$120,000

Public Facilities: \$254,370

Public Services: \$50,000

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CHDO Housing: \$44,559

Housing Rehabilitation: \$222,771

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CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

(SEAL)

Toby Barker, Mayor

BY: /s/Kemas Eaton,

City Clerk

Published March 11, 2021



Petra Wingo, Division Manager  
Dequandra Johnson, Housing Coordinator  
Kendrick Laster, Housing Inspector  
Nick Williams, Housing Coordinator  
Tonya Jordan, Neighborhood Coordinator

## CDBG

The CDBG Program allows for activities that benefit LMI individuals, LMI households, areas of the community that are major LMI, or serve to create jobs available to LMI persons. CDBG Programs undertaken by the City include Homeowner-occupied rehabilitation and Emergency Repairs, Downtown Facade Improvement, various Public Services through non-profits, Microenterprise Assistance, Public Facility Improvement, and Infrastructure Improvement

### Programs with ongoing application periods:

- > HOME Downpayment Assistant for First Time Homebuyers
- > CDBG Facade Improvement Assistance
- > CDBG Emergency Housing Repair (homeowner-occupied)
- > NOAA Weather Alert Radios

### Programs with limited application periods:

- > CDBG & HOME Substantial Housing Rehabilitation (homeowner-occupied)
- > CDBG Public Service Awards for Non-Profits
- > CDBG Microenterprise Assistance

Individuals interested in programs with time-limited application periods are encouraged to call the Community Development Division at (601) 554-1006 for more information. Notices of Funding Availability or Requests for applications/proposals will be advertised in the Pine Belt News when funding is available. Whether or not funding is available will depend on the amount of funding made available in the City's annual grant awards and what priority level is assigned to these program areas in comparison with others.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### March 11 – PUBLIC NOTICE

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Please see the official PUBLIC NOTICE for more information regarding the comment period and hearing.

[Comment Form](#)


































































































































































































































































































































































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**Council – Ward Two**  
*Deborah Denard Delgado*

**Council – Ward Three**  
*Carter Carroll*

**Council – Ward Four**  
*Mary Dryden*

**Council – Ward Five**  
*Nicholas Brown*

Hello,

The City of Hattiesburg's Department of Urban Development has opened a public comment period related to the 2021 Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME programs. We will host a virtual public hearing on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

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The public comment period will run through April 12, 2021. The draft 2021 Action Plan is available for review at [www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development](http://www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development). A copy of the draft can be requested by calling 601-545-4558 or emailing [cdbg@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:cdbg@hattiesburgms.com). Any comments will be taken into consideration when finalizing the 2021 Action Plan.

The enclosed flyer has more information regarding the public hearing. We encourage you to participate in the virtual public hearing if available and hope you would pass along this information to your colleagues, clients, and community.

Please contact Stephanie Hall Campos at 601-545-4675 or [shall@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:shall@hattiesburgms.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ellard  
Director of Urban Development



## COMMENT FORM 2021 Action Plan for Housing

*Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships  
[CDBG & HOME] Programs*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any comments below on the City's plan. Your comments are important and will be included in the 2021 Action Plan and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To ensure consideration, written comments must be received by the Community Development Division by April 12, 2021.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Use back of this form for additional comments, if necessary.*

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## **AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 Annual Action Plan Community Development Division**

**March 30, 2021- 5:00p.m.  
Virtual Meeting – GoToMeeting**



- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. What is an Annual Action Plan? What is the process for completing an Annual Action Plan?
- III. Key elements of an Annual Action Plan:
  - A. Demographics & Geography
  - B. Consultation
  - C. Participation
  - D. Expected Resources
  - E. Annual Goals & Objectives
  - F. Projects
- IV. Comments
- V. Next Steps

#### **City of Hattiesburg Staff:**

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Dequandra Johnson  
Nick Williams  
Kendrick Laster  
Randy Jordan  
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## COMMENT FORM 2021 Action Plan for Housing

Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships  
[CDBG & HOME] Programs

Date: 4/5/21

Name: Chad Edmonson

Address: 1202 S. 34th Ave, Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Telephone: 917 952 4262

Email: cedmonso@hotmail.com

Please provide any comments below on the City's plan. Your comments are important and will be included in the 2021 Action Plan and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To ensure consideration, written comments must be received by the Community Development Division by April 12, 2021.

Comments: ① Focus on doing fewer programs better.  
② Focus on programs that have a broader impact across neighborhoods - facades, sidewalks, blight eradication, substantial repair versus expensive projects that help very few like construction of new rental units or down payment assistance.

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Bcc: jwaits@lamarcountymms.gov <jwaits@lamarcountymms.gov>; bcarlisle@co.forrest.ms.us <bcarlisle@co.forrest.ms.us>

 1 attachments (183 KB)

2021 Action Plan Comment Form.pdf;

Hello,

The City of Hattiesburg's Department of Urban Development is still accepting public comments related to the CDBG and HOME program's 2021 Action Plan.

As a representative of county government, we would like to get your input on what community development needs you see in the Hattiesburg area – particularly with regard to housing and community services for low- to moderate-income citizens. Your input on citizen access and availability of broadband internet would also be valuable.

**The public comment period will run through April 12, 2021.**

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Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Respectfully,

*Petra Wingo*

Urban Development

Community Development Division Manager

P. O. Box 1898

Hattiesburg, MS 39403

O: 601-545-4558 F: 601-545-4592

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## City of Hattiesburg 2021 Action Plan

CDBG <cdbg@hattiesburgms.com>

Mon 4/5/2021 1:36 PM

To: Wingo, Petra <pwingo@hattiesburgms.com>

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