City of Hattiesburg

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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 HATTIE		SBURG	Urban Developm	nent D/Community Development Division
HOPWA Administrator				
HOME Administrator HATTIESBUR		SBURG	Urban Developm	ent D/Community Development Division
HOPWA-C Administrator				

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Citizens and community organizations with questions or comments related to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report, or any of the related programs should contact the City of Hattiesburg:

City of Hattiesburg Community Development Division P.O. Box 1898 Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1898

(601) 554-1006

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.

The City of Hattiesburg's Planning Division encompasses floodplain management for the City. The City was fully aware of the plan. Additionally, representatives of county government from Forrest and Lamar counties responsible for the management of water resources, flood areas and emergency management were invited to participate and encouraged to submit comments during the annual action plan process. No response was received.

To garner input on narrowing the digital divide in the jurisdiction, area service providers of digital services, i.e. Comcast/Xfinity and AT&T, were invited to participate and encouraged to submit comments during the annual action plan process. No response was received.

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

Agency/Group/Organization AIDS Service Coalition 1 Agency/Group/Organization Type Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless What section of the Plan was addressed by Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless **Consultation?** Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy **Non-Homeless Special Needs** Briefly describe how the The Department and the City Administration have met with AIDS Services Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What Coalition staff on a number of occasions, particularly to talk about coordination of are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or services related to the homeless population. The anticipated outcome of this areas for improved coordination? effort is a more performance-based approach to the coordination of homelessness services and agencies in the area, whereby at least from the City's perspective, there is a lead homelessness services agency working in concert with the City's homelessness coordinator and the other agencies to assign case management where possible to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Agency/Group/Organization 2 Habitat for Humanity in Hattiesburg, MS Agency/Group/Organization Type Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization What section of the Plan was addressed by Housing Need Assessment **Economic Development Consultation?**

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group participated in meetings and gave verbal comments. Question/comments favored down payment assistance, housing repair programming and rehabilitation grant amounts.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Breakthrough Community Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Education Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization participated in public hearings and verbal discussions. Comments focused on down payment assistance, rehabilitation grant funding, and housing repair programs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Hattiesburg Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	РНА
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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)

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.

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)
		Non-		The one electronic		
		targeted/broad		comment received		
		community	Attendance was	was focused on		
1	Public Hearing		expected to be low	down payment	N/A	
		Residents of Public	due to COVID-19.	assistance, housing		
		and Assisted		rehabilitation and		
		Housing		repair.		

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amoun	t Available Yea	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	530,462	0	0	530,462	530,462	The expected amount for the remainder of the Con Plan is simply the Year 4 amount to estimate Program Year2022.

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

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City has no required match for either CDBG or HOME. While we do not formally identify leverage resources, our partnerships with other non-profit entities, the city's long-term planning in lower-income neighborhoods, transit, and the like, and the city's aggressive approach to improving infrastructure throughout the city – particularly in low-income neighborhoods – are all indirect leverage opportunities.

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.

Discussion

The City hopes to continue its partnerships through groups such as the MUTEH and the Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness in a concerted effort to strategically address problems and mutual concerns. As in the past, the City values these and other such partnerships as community partners bring differing resources to the table - funding, volunteers, services, etc. - for mutual benefit. The City has recently filled the vacant position of Homeless Coordinator to work directly with the Pinebelt Homeless Coalition to address homeless issues, with a special emphasis on veterans and the chronic homeless population. The City will also continue to seek out funding opportunities such as those available for housing activities through the Federal Home Loan Bank, and the Mississippi Home Corporation.

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 1	Public Facilities	Year 2018	Year 2022	Non Housing	Area	Public Facility	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
1	Public Facilities	2010	2022	Non-Housing				-
				Community		Improvement	\$254,370	Activities other than Low/Moderate
				Development				Income Housing Benefit: 1900
								Persons Assisted
2	Housing Programs	2018	2022	Affordable		Emergency	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing Added: 1
	(including			Housing		Repair	\$120,000	Household Housing Unit
	Affordable					Housing	HOME:	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated:
	Housing)					Rehabilitation	\$267,327	5 Household Housing Unit
						Rental		
						Rehabilitation		
3	Public Services	2018	2022	Non-Homeless		Public Services	CDBG:	Public service activities other than
				Special Needs			\$50,000	Low/Moderate Income Housing
				Non-Housing				Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
				Community				
				Development				

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	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.
		This goal and associated activities are within the city limits.
2	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)	
	Goal 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	Public Services
	Goal Description	The homelessness coordinator works with other agencies in the city to do outreach weekly. That outreach results in pairing individuals and families with resources and ideally with more appropriate housing opportunities. The City's goal in 2021 is to continue that weekly outreach in an effort to reduce homelessness. This is goal applies city-wide.

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. AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing) Public Facilities Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Emergency Repair Down Payment Assistance Public Facility Improvement Microenterprise Assistance Commercial Rehab - Facade Improvement Rental Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$106,092
	Description	Overall and day-to-day administration of the CDBG Program
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG activities
2	Project Name	CDBG Housing Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Emergency Repair
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Funding for all CDBG Housing Activities as well as project delivery for CDBG and HOME funded housing activities
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipate assistance will benefit at least 2-3 income eligible households.

	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Substantial rehabilitation and Emergency repair of owner- occupied housing.
3	Project Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility Improvement
	Funding	CDBG: \$254,370
	Description	Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing facilities to be utilized as a multi-purpose community center.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,900 persons will benefit from having access to a community-based facility.
	Location Description	The existing facility and adjacent lots located at 1102 Dabbs Street, Hattiesburg, MS.
	Planned Activities	The acquisition and rehabilitation of an existing facility will result in a community multi-purpose gathering place in a low- moderate community that currently has no such facility constructed.
4	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Down Payment Assistance Acquisition Rental Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$29,703
	Description	Overall and day-to-day administration of the HOME Program
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration of HOME activities.
5	Project Name	CHDO Set-Aside
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Acquisition Rental Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$44,555
	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 and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipate assistance will benefit at least one (1) low and/or very low income-eligible household.
	Location Description	Low, low-mod census tract
	Planned Activities	Construction or rehabilitation of housing as an affordable unit.
6	Project Name	HOME Housing Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Programs (including Affordable Housing)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Down Payment Assistance Rental Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$222,771
	Description	Funding of HOME housing activities, primarily substantial housing rehabilitation
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipate assistance will benefit four (4) low and/or very low- income eligible households.
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	Funding for all HOME housing activities
-	Flaimed Activities	
7	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Public Services activities to benefit homelessness or those at risk of homelessness. Supportive services to include Homeless Outreach, identifying those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness and connecting them with needed resources.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Anticipate assistance benefitting approximately 200 persons.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Funding for community homelessness outreach activities

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

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 Vear Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Pequirement		

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	
able 10 - One Year 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 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 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 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 a HHA property.

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

The City will continue to support throughout FY 2021 the monthly resident meetings hosted by The Housing Authority at each of its developments designed to engage and encourage productive dialogue regarding resident's needs. 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 Downpayment 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 downpayment 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 work to pair willing individuals with appropriate resources or services. Our goal in 2021 is to continue the weekly outreach in an effort to reduce homelessness. The intent of this continued collaboration is to increase efforts 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

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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

The City's HOME and CDBG Programs will continue to support housing rehab and repair activities for low- and moderate-income homeowners. Historically, many of the households served by these activities include disabled and/or senior family members. Though there are no activities proposed in the 2021 action plan for the direct purpose of serving special needs populations other than the homeless, all other activities such as public facilities and public services will inevitably provide indirect benefit to other special needs populations such as those with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and the elderly.

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

While the issue of poverty is far more complex than any one symptom or circumstance, financial literacy and an understanding of traditional banking and traditional (non-predatory) lending can at least serve as pieces to the puzzle of fighting poverty. Efforts like this are beneficial to people of any income group.

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(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

For purposes of #2 under "Other CDBG Requirements," 2021 is the year hereby specified to be covered by this Action Plan.

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	
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(I)(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 FY 2021 HOME allocation, \$297,029.

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 Homebuyer 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. Direct subsidy includes two components:

1) Downpayment 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.

In practice, the City will calculate the number of months that a beneficiary has satisfied the applicable affordability period and will divide that number by the total number of months of the applicable affordability period. The resulting percentage is the proportion of the affordability period that has been satisfied. The total award amount will be multiplied by this percentage. The resulting dollar amount is the portion of the award that reduces any amount subject to recapture. The City may only recapture funds if/when there are net proceeds from which an amount can be recaptured.

Example: A Homebuyer received HOME assistance in the amount of \$10,000, with an applicable affordability period of 5 years (60 months). After 20 months, the beneficiary sells the house. The City will determine that 20 months of the affordability period was satisfied, which is 33.3% of the total period (20/60). Multiplying \$10,000 (total award) by 33.33% (portion satisfied) equals \$3,333. The total award can be reduced by this amount (\$10,000 - \$3,333) to arrive at the amount to be recaptured - \$6,667. This \$6,667 is the maximum amount that can be recaptured and is subject to what net proceeds are available at sale. If only \$2,000 in net proceeds is available at sale, only \$2,000 will be recaptured. If \$20,000 in net proceeds is available at sale, only \$6,667 will be Annual Action Plan

recaptured.

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 incomeeligible 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. In the even of foreclosure (or death) during the affordability period, the Deed Restriction filed at project completion will trigger and teh City will recapture funds if/when there are net proceeds from which an amount can be captured.

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.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

PUBLIC HEARING 2021 Action Plan Housing & Community Development Block Grant (CDBG & HOME) Programs

The City of Hattlesburg Mississippi anticipates receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in January 2021 or soon thereafter. These funds are estimated to total approximately \$750,000. The funds will be used to meet the primary objectives of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974 as amended, by providing access to affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing and a suitable fiving environment and expanding economic oppertunities for persons, of low and moderate- income.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for November 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving ideas, comments, and proposals on the creation of the 2021 Action Plan priorities and feedback on past activities. 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 3,00pm on November 23, 2020.

Public Comments on the topic will be taken between November 5, 2020 and December 7, 2020.

The City expects to receive:

- CDBG enlittement grant of approximately \$546,000
- HOME emittement grant of approximately \$205,000

The City will consider any comments or views of citizens, agencies or units, of local government received in writing and orally at the Public Hearing scheduled for November 23, 2020. Written comments will additionally be accepted in the Community Development Division through December 7, 2020. These comments will be utilized to assist in creating a draft plan which will be made available for review in the coming months. A summary of any comments accepted will be attached to the final action plan.

Comments related to this notice may be delivered to: City Hall, First Floor, Urban Development/Community Development Division, 200 Forrest Street Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Comments can be mailed to: City of Hattiesburg, Urban Development/Community Development Division, P O Rox 1898, Hattiesburg, MS 39403.

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 of (601) 545-4675 ible-e-mail shall@hattiesburgms.com in advance of the hearing to make arrangements



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To:	El'ard, Androw, Wingo, Petra
Subject:	Public Hearing RSVP's

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

NAME	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL	# attending virtually
Kathy Gamer	Aids Services Coalition	asc@ascms.org	1
Laura Goodwin- Wright	Neighborhood Assn Member	llgwright@gmail.com	1
Linda Bolton	Twin Forks Rising	lb.tfrcdc@gmail.com	3
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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 Composition facilitated the public engagement piece.

The meeting was attended by Kathy Garner (ASC). Conneilwoman Delgado, and Andrea Graham (Twin Forks Rising). We used Slido.com to encourage some virtual participation, though the smull 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 field with the most responses. Demolition of Blight and Homelessness Services/Shelter/Housing field for the second most, and Affordable Renal Units and Economic Development rounded out the remaining responses field 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-Bouic 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, ele, 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 – perbaps 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 – ospecially when it comes to how we may be able to work on the Homelessness piece.

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2021 ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (CDBG & HOME) PROGRAMS

The City of Hattiesburg, Mississippl has been allocated \$530,462 in Community Development Block Grant (COBG) funds and \$297,029 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for program year 2021. The funds will be used to meet the primary objectives of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, as amended, by providing access to affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for persons, of low and moderate-income.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. In light of social distancing requirements, this will be a VIATUAL Public Hearing with access by internet or phone. Public Comments on the topic will be taken between March 11, 2021 and April 12, 2021.

The Draft 2021 Action Plan is available at www.hattlesburgms.com/communitydevelopment or at the Community Development Division Office on the First Floor of City Hall, 200 Forrest Street, Hattlesburg, MS. Interested parties may also email cdbg@hattlesburgms.com or call 601-545-4558 to request an emailed copy of the draft document.

Comments related to this NOTICE may be delivered to City Hall, First Floor, Urban Development/Community Development Division, 200 Forrest Street. Hattiesburg, MS 39401 or mailed to City of Hatticsburg Community Development Division. P.O. Box 1898, Hattiesburg, MS 39403. Comments may also be emailed to cdbg@hattiesburgms.com.

Anyone requiring special accommodation in considering these proposals, providing related comments, or in attending the public hearing are encouraged to contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545- 4675 or email shall@hettlesburgms.com in sufficient advance of meetings to make arrangements.





MARCH 30, 2021 5:00 P.M.

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

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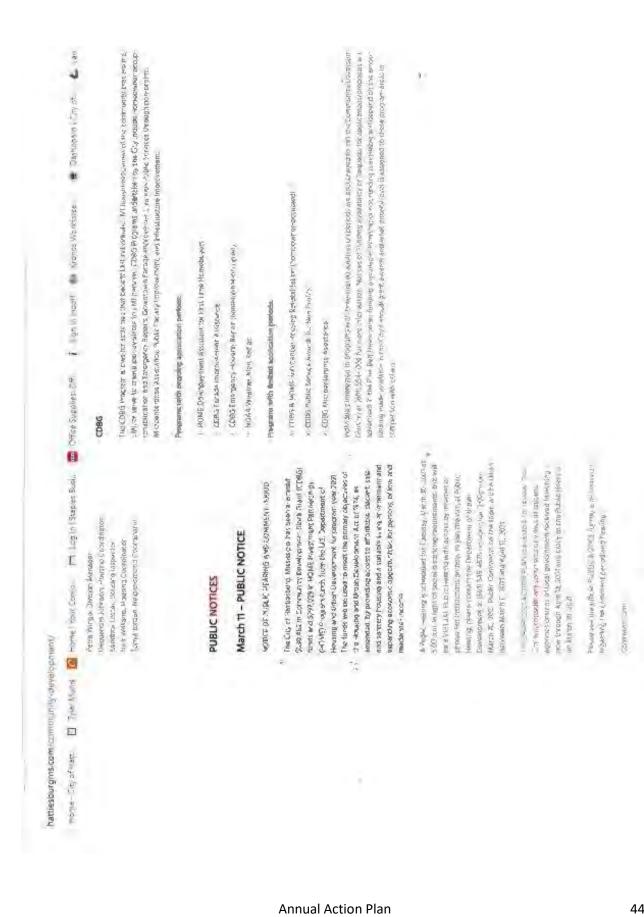
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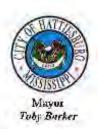
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Hello,

The City of Hatliesburg'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.

In light of social distancing requirements, this will be a **VIRTUAL public hearing** with access by interact or phone. For instructions on how to join the virtual public hearing, please contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545–5675 no rater than 3:00 p.m. on March 30, 2021.

The public comment period will run through April 12, 2021. The draft 2021 Action Plan is available for review at <u>www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development</u>. A copy of the draft can be requested by calling 601-545 4558 or emailing <u>cdbg@hattiesburgms.com</u> Ary comments will be taken into consideration when linglizing the 2021 Action Plan.

The enclosed fiver 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 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ellard Director of Urban Development

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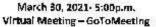
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PUBLIC HEARING - 2021 Annual Action Plan Community Development Division





- 1. 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 Hattlesburg Staff:

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The Community Development Division hosted a virtual public bearing, 03/30/2021, for the 2021 Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds, in conjunction with the ongoing public comment period which ended 4/12/2021. Pera Wingo lod the meeting and Stephaole Campos facilitated the public engagement piece.

We presented the draft action plan highlighting the 2021 projects, project funding allocation, and proposed activities taking comments into consideration from the first public hearing, 11/23/2020.

2021 Action Plan Project Allocation:

CDBG:	Admin	\$106,092	
	Housing (includes Project Delivery)	\$120,000	
	Public Facilities & Improvements	\$254,370	
	Public Services (Homelessness activities)* *public services will be limited	\$50,000	
HOMD:	Admin	\$29,703	
	CHDO (we could specify project type)	\$44,555	
	Housing Rehabilitation	\$222,771	

Other discussions during the hearing include past performance and previous projects.

The meeting was attended by Marino Hughes (Wayside Holy Temple Church), Chad Edmondson (Lexway Financial), and Community Development Staff. We used GeToMeeting.com to encourage virtual participation.

Following the meeting, meeting participants, representatives of area broadband service providers, and county governments were emailed comment forms and encouraged to submit any comments before the deadline, April 12, 2021.

One general public comment was received suggesting focus on doing fewer programs befter and implement programming that has a broader impact across neighborhoods.

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- Will comely with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§12/1 st eeg.) related to projecting components or potential components of the national wild and spenic tivers system.
- 7 Will assist the awarding agency in assuming compliance with Section 108 of the National Historic Preservation Add of 1966 as amended (16 U S C, \$475); EO 11593 (comit callent and protection of historic proporties) and the Archaeological and Tissonic Preservation Action 1974 (15 U S.C, §\$469a+1at sequ.)
- 18. Will cause to be beneficience the met, and insertial and campile-set audits in accordance with the Single A., du Act Amendments of 1986 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audite of Sistes, Local Governments, and Nor-Profit Organizations."
- 15 We comply with all applicable requirements of all other Fodoral laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the program.
- 20 Will comply with the requirements of Storken 1(64(g) of the UtaTh&t ng Vialmes Protocilian Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amenaed (22 U.S.C. / 104) which prohibits grad avoid recipients of a 3D-receiver home; ") Engaging in severe forms of trafficieng in persons during the period of lime hall the several is in offset (2) Proor, ring a conversial set act during the certice of inter that the system is in effect or (S) Using Knoch (Johon – the periometrice of the sive the subsected in the tragent, conversely and the subsected in the sive the subsected in the tragent.

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Affirmatively Further Fair Housing - The unisdiction 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. 4801-4655) 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 jurisdict or 's knowledge and pollof

1.No Ecdere appropriated 'unus have been paid or will be oaid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence all officer or employee of any egenny, a Membor of Congress, an officer or employee of a Membor of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grad the making of any Federal icon, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, smendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this acti-loboying certification be included in the award occuments for all subawards at a litters (including subcontracts subgrants, and contracts under grants, nans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrocipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction - The consol dated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry nut the programs for which it is seaking funding, in accordance with applicable RUD regulations.

**Consistency with Plan** > The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Black Grant, HOMF, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Huusing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (undelare consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisoint on's consordated plan.

Section 3 – If will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. "701 ii) and implomenting regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

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#### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Enlitement Community Certifies that

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a catafled ditizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 81.106.

**Community Development Plan** – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies 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 excending economic opportunities, primarity for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CSR Parts 97 and 570.

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

Use of Funds - It has complied with the following oritoria.

**1.Maximum Feasible Priority** – With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Artion Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which panefit low- and moderate-income families or allo in the pravention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantule certifies are d'asigned to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a servous and immediate threat to the health or wolfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2.Overall Banefit – The siggrogate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 Givaranteed Leans, during program year 2021. Shall or nonally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that tleast 70 percent of the amount is expanded for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments – It will not altempt to recover any papital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 I can Guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and monerate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of polaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDRC funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assassment that relates to the capital costs of public interovoments (assisted in part with COBC funds) financed from other revenue acurces, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than COBC 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 bublic improvements financed by a source other than CDUG funds, if the jurisdictor certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Fxcossive 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 civil rights demonstrations, and
- A policy of enforcing applicable State and 'poal laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent divilinghts demonstrations within its [Unisolation.

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-Sased Paint – If activities concerning load-based pain; 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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#### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that

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

Eligible Activities and Costs - It is using and will use HOME funds for eigible 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 HOMF funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide attordable 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 cartification 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.