

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

The City of Rock Hill met or exceeded goals in several areas during the 2017 Program Year. In partnership with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH), the City completed the rehabilitation of 28 low to moderate income owner-occupied homes. The Rolling in Rock Hill program was able to paint 27 houses for those who were either physically or financially unable to do so themselves. During Program Year 2017, six new affordable homes were constructed in Arcade Mill Village. The City was also able to begin the Sidney Street Infrastructure Improvements Project in January 2018. The project is 98% complete and includes new rolled curb and gutter, ADA compliant 5 foot sidewalk and associated handicap ramps, new storm drainage catch basins and piping, and new pedestrian lighting. With support from the City, the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) was able to hire two part-time social workers to continue the implementation of the City's *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness*. Approximately 176 homeless persons were assisted through the Coordinated Entry program and the Warming Center which are both programs that resulted from the *10 Year Plan* and were supported by the new social work positions. A couple new programs were added to SPARKS including the REC in a Box program. The REC in a Box vehicle transports sports equipment, art supplies, and educational materials to various locations in the community in order to support Recreation, Education, and Community (REC).

During the 2017 Program Year, the City also faced challenges with a couple of projects including the First Time Homebuyer (FTHB) program and the Catawba Terrace Infrastructure Project. Low participation in the FTHB program resulted in only one household being assisted with down payment/closing cost. As a result, HDCRH is in the process of increasing marketing and revising eligibility requirements in order to improve participation in the program. In addition, HDCRH continues to build affordable homes to increase the number of homes available to low to moderate income individuals and families. The Infrastructure Improvements Project in the Catawba Terrace Neighborhood has been delayed due to a variety of factors including project planning and design, weather, and the mandatory environmental review. The environmental review identified a potential wetland in the project area which required further review by a qualified professional. The City is waiting on the results of the wetland assessment in order to begin the project.

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Administration	CDBG: \$10,000	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless	Homeless	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	508	176	34.65%	169	176	104%
Code Enforcement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	13,400	11,096	82.81%	2,680	3,725	138.99%
Demolition Program	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	170	119	70%	34	28	82%
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	10	30	300%	2	13	650%
Homebuyer Program	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$15,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	27	13	48.1%	5	1	20.00%
Infill redevelopment	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	30	6	20%	6	0	0.00%
Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	6250	5349	85.6%	1250	2134	170.72%

Major Rehabilitation Program	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$100,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	125	56	44.8%	25	28	112.00%
Minor Repair Program	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	105	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Painting Program	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	100	92	92%	25	27	108%
Section 108 Loan Repayment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$179,235	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
SPARKS Program	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	3766	150.64%	500	2025	405%

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

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

CDBG funds assist the City of Rock Hill in accomplishing a variety of community-wide goals. Per the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (S-25 Priority Needs) which was developed through a public participation and consultation process, the City has identified the following as the highest priorities: 1. Improving the quality and quantity of affordable housing and 2. Providing a suitable living environment through neighborhood

revitalization. In program year 2017, the City conducted the following activities with CDBG funding to address the prioritized community needs:

Affordable Housing

1. First Time Homebuyer (FTHB) Program - The FTHB program provides up to \$5,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance to low-income residents who are committed to buying a home. Residents must attend a series of workshops in order to successfully complete the FTHB program. In Program Year 2017, Housing and Neighborhood Services held eight (8) FTHB workshops with 162 participants. One (1) participant successfully completed the FTHB program and purchased their first home.
2. Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) Program - The OOR program provides assistance to residents with low to moderate income that need home improvements in order to have a safe, affordable living environment. In Program Year 2017, the OOR program completed rehabilitation activities for 28 households.

Neighborhood Revitalization

1. Sidney Street Enhancement Project – Approximately 2,134 people in this 84.91% low to moderate income area are benefiting from the following infrastructure improvements: new rolled curb and gutter, ADA compliant 5 foot sidewalk and associated handicap ramps to match the existing neighborhood ramps, new storm drainage catch basins and piping, and new pedestrian lighting.
2. REDI Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements – Approximately 2,451 people in this 81.80% low to moderate income area will benefit from sidewalk improvements in the Catawba Terrace Neighborhood.
3. SPARKS –The SPARKS programs including after-school and summer programs served 2,025 low to moderate income and/or disabled children, youth, and adults through art, recreation, mentorship, and character building opportunities during the 2017 Program Year.
4. Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless – Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) continued the implementation of the City's *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* including the Coordinated Entry System for homelessness resources by hiring two (2) part-time social workers.
5. Repayment of Section 108 Loan – Continued repayment of the Section 108 Loan that was previously used for infrastructure improvements along the Saluda Street Corridor.

In addition to the prioritized activities, CDBG funds were used to support the administration of the CDBG Program by the City of Rock Hill Grants Division. The funding for administrative activities aided in meeting grant requirements and provided support to project managers so that program goals could be accomplished.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	7
Black or African American	22
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	29
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	29

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

Narrative

During Program Year 2017, the Major Rehabilitation Program for owner-occupied households completed rehabilitation work on a total of 28 households. The head of household was classified as African American for 21 of those households and the other 7 households were classified as White. The First Time Homebuyer Program assisted one household in which the head of household was classified as African American.

There were a total of 2,025 low to moderate income and/or disabled children, youth, and adults served through the SPARKS programs. The following is the racial and ethnic composition of the total people served: 900 White (44.4%), 942 African American (46.5%), and 183 Asian/Hispanic (9.04%).

CACH served a total of 176 homeless persons during program year 2017. According to HMIS data, 70 were White, 92 were African American, and 14 were classified as other.

According to 2010 Census Data, approximately 2,134 people reside in census tracts 605.01 block group 2 where the Sidney Street Infrastructure Improvement Project is taking place. The racial and ethnic composition of this tract is as follows: White 544 (25.5%), Black 1,508 (70.7%), Asian 18 (0.8%), American Indian 1 (0.0%), Pacific Islander 1 (0.0%), and two or more races 50 (2.3%). A total of 28 people in this census area reported Hispanic ethnicity.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	CDBG	471,647.04	478,762.49

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

During PY 2017, the City received \$465,912 in CDBG funds. In addition, the City received \$5,735.04 in Program Income (PI) which was re-allocated to the First Time Homebuyer Program. With the addition of Program Income, the total resources made available during PY 2017 was \$471,647.04. The amount of resources expended during the Program Year was \$478,762.49.

PY 2017 funds were allocated as follows:

Section 108 Loan Repayment (\$179,235) – The Section 108 Loan Interest (\$33,617.45) and Principal (\$145,617.45) payments were completed and loan repayment is on schedule.

Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (\$10,000) – CACH expended \$2,811.75 for salary expenses during PY 2017.

First Time Homebuyer (\$10,000 + \$5,735.04) – The First Time Homebuyer Program expended \$5,000 in Program Income during PY 2017.

Administration (\$10,000) – All administrative funds were expended during PY 2017.

SPARKS (\$30,000) – The SPARKS programs expended \$25,215.72 in PY 2017 funds during the program year and an additional \$7,302.83 in PY 2016 funds.

Owner Occupied Rehab (\$100,000) – The Owner Occupied Rehab Program expended in \$56,698.29 in Program Income and PY 2016 funds and \$75,863.38 in PY 2017 funds during the Program Year. An additional \$12,534 in PY 2017 funds has been expended already in PY 2018.

REDI Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements \$1,122.26 (pre 2015) + \$28,872.74 (2015) + \$126,677 (2017) – The Catawba Terrace Sidewalk Improvements were scheduled to begin in July 2018. Funds will be expended during Program Year 2018.

Sidney Street Infrastructure Project \$169,746 (2014) + 118,854 (2016) + \$8,352 (pre 2015) – The Sidney Street Project began construction in January 2018 and expended \$84,924.73 during PY 2017. An additional \$68,439.57 has been expended already in PY 2018.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City of Rock Hill	100	100	LMI areas within the city limits

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

All CDBG funds were invested within low to moderate income areas of Rock Hill, South Carolina. There were no specific target areas identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, but all CDBG projects were located or focused within one of the designated LMI census tracts to ensure that the projects serve low to moderate income residents.

Leveraging

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

The City of Rock Hill continues to have a great deal of success obtaining additional private, state, and local funds by leveraging federal funds, such as CDBG, to address the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The information below lists the most recent leveraged resources that are currently being used and those that were directly related to Community Development activities:

The City of Rock Hill and the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) received an award of \$630,000 through the Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) to allow for the purchase and demolition of blighted homes to positively impact home prices, avoid foreclosure, and develop green spaces. The City demolished four (4) blighted homes in Program Year (PY) 2015, 10 in PY 2016, and one (1) four-unit, multi-family dwelling in PY 2017.

HDCRH currently owns several parcels of land that were purchased for the sole purpose of building more affordable housing for people with low to moderate incomes. Assistance from programs like NIP and partnerships with organizations like Habitat for Humanity in York County help HDCRH achieve its goal. For example, HDCRH leveraged \$200,609 in HOME funds, \$195,449 in funding from the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund, and \$109,237 in HDCRH funds to construct three (3) new rental properties for low to moderate income families using land owned by HDCRH.

The City of Rock Hill and HDCRH also received \$44,500 in funding from the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund to use in conjunction with CDBG funds to provide financial assistance for owner-occupied rehabilitation, emergency repair, and acquisition of affordable housing for low income households. An additional \$37,169 in labor costs were leveraged as a result of the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. The City also uses general funds to leverage CDBG funds for the "Rolling in Rock Hill" Program.

The Bleachery Complex is part of the dilapidated mill district and one of the various community development and re-development projects in Rock Hill's urban core. The City was awarded the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant in the amount of \$400,000 with an \$80,000 required match that was satisfied with the City's General Fund to cleanup the Bleachery Power Plant Parcel and Bleachery Central Parcel. All grant-funded cleanup work has been completed and funding expended. Securing the Brownfields Cleanup Grant made the project more appealing to private developers and helped the City identify a developer who has invested significant resources into this project. This mixed-use infill redevelopment will include a large indoor sports facility, a hotel, retail and office space that will create approximately 1,100 permanent jobs in a low to moderate income area of Rock Hill.

The City received multi-year funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the Innovation Challenge Grant through the SC Department of Commerce to enhance the Knowledge Park Innovation Center throughout Downtown Rock Hill. The 50% cash and in-kind match for this grant is being satisfied by the City of Rock Hill, Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation, and Comporium. The City received an additional \$400,000 toward Knowledge Park utility improvements from SC Department of Commerce and \$500,000 from the State Legislature for water and sewer improvements.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	41	63
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	41	63

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	5	28
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	6	6
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	25	28
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	5	1
Total	41	63

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City of Rock Hill in partnership with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) met or exceeded goals for rental assistance, production of affordable housing, and rehabilitation of existing housing units. HDCRH received funds from Sisters of Charity and ESG to establish a rental assistance program for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The pilot program was able to assist 28 households. Six (6) more homes were built in the Arcade Mills Development during the 2017 program year. In addition, HDCRH received HOME funding to construct three (3) affordable rental properties as another means of increasing the resources

available to low to moderate income renter households. Finally, the bidding of multiple rehab projects together increased the response from qualified bidders and decreased the amount of time it takes to complete a rehab project allowing for the rehabilitation of 28 households during the program year.

The City and HDCRH experienced challenges meeting the goal for the acquisition of existing housing units through direct homeownership assistance. The First Time Homebuyer (FTHB) program assisted one (1) household with down payment/closing costs for the purchase of a home. Challenges include an extremely competitive housing market, lack of affordable homes, and a large number of potential clients with too much debt to qualify for the program. HDCRH is considering the following steps to improve the outcomes of the FTHB program: continuing to build homes in Village at Arcade, with a set price and available to those at 80% AMI or less, proposing changes to FTHB program criteria to ease debt restrictions, and acquisition/rehabilitation/sale to 80% AMI buyers, with restrictive covenants for minimum five years owner-occupied.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Due to the success of the Rental Assistance Program, HDCRH is seeking funding to increase their capacity for assistance. In addition, HDCRH has applied for funds through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program to establish a Rapid Re-Housing Program. Both of these programs benefit persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and future annual action plans will reflect the increase in housing services for this vulnerable population.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	5	0
Low-income	16	0
Moderate-income	8	0
Total	29	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The number of households served by income type listed in the chart above is based on the head of household data collected for the First Time Homebuyer and the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation programs for activities completed during PY 2017. The City made great progress toward meeting the goal of providing affordable housing to low to moderate income individuals and families. In addition, the City in conjunction with HDCRH was able to expand their programs to include the Rental Assistance program and building three (3) affordable rental houses to increase the resources available for low to moderate income renter households.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)
Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

The City of Rock Hill continues to partner with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) to better understand and assess the needs of homeless persons. CACH was formed in 2007 and is comprised of more than 20 local non-profit and faith-based agencies committed to addressing the issue of homelessness in our community. CACH meets monthly to discuss the needs of homeless individuals and families and the resources available to meet those needs.

In prior years, the City allocated CDBG funds to the development of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness*. The City continues to support the updating and execution of the *10 Year Plan* by serving on subcommittees created to more effectively address the objectives in the plan as well as submitting various grant applications on behalf of CACH. During Program Year 2016, CACH received \$20,000 in grant funding to hire staff to oversee the implementation of the *10 Year Plan* and more specifically the development and application of a Coordinated Entry System to more effectively meet the individual needs of homeless persons.

In addition, the Point-in-Time (PIT) count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons was conducted for our area on January 24, 2018. The Rock Hill Police Department and the York County Sheriff's Office continue to provide support for this annual event. The results of the PIT count provide homelessness benchmarks for the city of Rock Hill as well as the entire county. This data helps agencies develop and adjust services to meet the needs of the homeless population.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

According to the 2017 Point-in-Time count, the City of Rock Hill can serve a total of 121 homeless persons through available emergency shelter and transitional housing beds. As a result of assistance from the United Way of York County, an additional 45 beds are available during the coldest months of the year (November through March). During Program Year 2015, Pilgrims' Inn, a local homeless shelter, converted four of their transitional apartments into family emergency housing. This was done in response to the need for emergency shelter and housing that would allow an entire family unit to stay together instead of being separated into different shelters due to size of family and/or different genders. In addition, a local group home for children and youth in foster care designated beds for homeless youth.

During PY 2016, the City assisted the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) with the process of obtaining 501 (c)(3) status in order to be eligible for grant funding opportunities to address Rock Hill's emergency shelter and transitional housing needs. As a result, the City was able to assist CACH with the application for grant funding with the purpose of supporting the implementation of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* and more specifically acquiring staff for the operation and possible conversion of the temporary Warming Shelter into additional year-round shelter for homeless men.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City of Rock Hill continues to support the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) to further the implementation of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* which includes the goal of preventing low-income and extremely low-income individuals and families from becoming homeless. The City and CACH provide education on existing support services to high risk neighborhoods through neighborhood association meetings and distribution of a comprehensive community resource guide throughout the community. One example of the resources available to support extremely low-income individuals and families is the Department of Social Services' SNAP2Work program which helps households receiving SNAP to gain skills, training, work, education or experience that will increase self-sufficiency. Another example are programs such as Adult Education and South Carolina Works that are offered at the Catawba Pre-Release Center in Rock Hill and other agencies as a means of successfully reintegrating offenders into the community.

In addition, the implementation of a Coordinated Entry System will improve the provision of support services by creating a single entity to match at-risk families or individuals with the appropriate resources. This intake/assessment method can also be used as a coordinated discharge from institutions of care, especially when local service providers are collaborating with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill and the City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Department.

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 continues to partner with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) to support the transition of homeless persons into permanent housing and independent living. As part of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness*, the design and implementation of a Coordinated Entry System has been the primary focus during the program year. A coordinated entry process will help the community prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely

manner which could shorten the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness. In addition, the City continues to partner with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) to build affordable housing and provide increased access to safe and affordable housing through programs for low to moderate income individuals and families like owner-occupied rehabilitation, down payment and closing cost assistance for first time homebuyers, and monthly homebuyer education classes that include home purchase counseling and home maintenance information. HDCRH also works closely with Habitat for Humanity of York County to increase affordable housing for low to moderate income persons in the community. The Housing Authority of Rock Hill provides direct assistance to low income individuals and families through Housing Choice Vouchers and the Public Housing Program. In addition, HDCRH received funding to provide rental assistance to persons at-risk of homelessness in order to prevent individuals and families from entering emergency or transitional shelters. HDCRH also applied for funds through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program to establish a Rapid Re-Housing Program in the area. CACH's Housing Committee continues to focus on strategies to increase the availability of rental subsidies and housing below \$75,000.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority of Rock Hill performed 13 renovations and/or complete modernizations during the 2017 program year. The renovations involved routine maintenance such as painting, minor repairs, and cleaning of units to prepare them for re-occupancy. The modernizations involved more extensive work which included kitchen and bathroom remodeling; new flooring; installing ceramic tile on floors, bathroom walls, and counters; crown molding; and any other necessary maintenance. These modernizations also include the installation of energy efficient appliances, water heaters, and HVAC systems when applicable. The Housing Authority of Rock Hill continues to conduct annual inspections of its current 369 public housing units to identify short term needs as well as capital improvements.

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

The Housing Authority of Rock Hill held a public hearing on August 10, 2017 at the office of the Housing Authority of Rock Hill. The advertisements announcing the public hearing were published in the following local newspapers: *Chester News & Reporter* on August 9, 2017 and *The Herald* on August 6, 2017 and August 9, 2017. There were no attendees from the public, as a result there were no public comments. All staff members of the Housing Authority were in attendance.

The Housing Authority of Rock Hill's Resident Council also met on August 10, 2017 to provide residents with an opportunity to offer feedback on housing programs, procedural changes, housing conditions, etc. There were five (5) staff members and five (5) resident council members in attendance. Some of the comments from last program year's Resident Council meeting included issues with keys, Section 3 employment opportunities, requests for additional lighting and maintenance, and the need for bike racks. The comments received from the Resident Council meeting on August 10, 2017 were in regards to the "No Smoking" policy that was implemented in 2018 and requests for more recreation facilities and parks near housing complexes that are not in close proximity to current facilities including Keiger Street and Great Falls. The Housing Authority of Rock Hill also has a public housing resident that serves on the City of Rock Hill's Housing Authority Commission.

The City of Rock Hill continues to offer the First Time Homebuyer Education Class on the second Saturday of each month. This program provides home purchase counseling, home maintenance information, and a module on Fair Housing Law to anyone interested in becoming a first time homebuyer including public housing residents. During the 2017 program year, there were 162 class participants.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Rock Hill Housing Authority is not designated as a troubled Public Housing Authority. The Housing Authority of Rock Hill is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated "HIGH Performer". The Housing Authority scored an 88 on the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) evaluation and a 100 on the most recent Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) evaluation.

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

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City recently added a zoning district for single-family attached (SF-A) housing such as townhomes, duplexes, and quadplexes to be allowed where each unit has a separate parcel of land associated with it. Similar to the Multifamily Residential (MFR) zoning district added in PY 2015, SF-A housing must be constructed in locations that are near major employment centers, transit services, and other amenities. In addition, the Housing and Neighborhood Services (HNS) Division rolled out a pilot program in the Catawba Terrace Neighborhood to help ensure that all rental housing in the designated area is safe and meets basic housing maintenance requirements. Also partial reimbursement of impact fees for housing constructed in low to moderate income areas was approved as part of an amendment to the City's Growth Management Incentives that specifically included expansion to opportunity zones and Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) projects as well as affordable housing in general.

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

The City of Rock Hill continued the following actions, including those not funded by CDBG, to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs of low to moderate income individuals and families. The City in partnership with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) provided homebuyer education classes, financial counseling, and down payment/closing cost assistance to address affordable housing needs. In addition, the City continues to increase code enforcement and demolition to reduce the number of substandard and blighted properties that are then secured for the development of affordable housing for homeownership opportunities. HDCRH also continues to provide an owner-occupied rehabilitation program to assist low to moderate income households to maintain safe and appropriate housing.

One of the main underserved needs for low to moderate income families and individuals in Rock Hill is the lack of an adequate public transit system. The City has taken action to establish a free fare public transit system that will target areas with lower income and less vehicles per household. Public transit would increase access to employment opportunities, resources, and healthcare for low to moderate income households. In January of 2017, the City held a series of public meetings about the proposed public bus system. Public feedback included suggested stops and routes that were taken into consideration and plan modifications were made based

on public input. The City has completed the procurement process and the buses are currently mid-production. Bus services are tentatively scheduled to start at the beginning of 2019.

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

The City of Rock Hill continues to provide education to residents about lead-based paint hazards through community events and requests for information; provide technical assistance to contractors and organizations involved with the rehabilitation of housing units with lead-based paint; and provide information about lead-based paint hazards during monthly first time homebuyers' classes. The City in partnership with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) will continue to comply with HUD regulations and cooperate with the EPA as an action to reduce lead-based paint hazards. All actions related to addressing lead-based paint hazards are included in HDCRH's Housing Rehabilitation Manual.

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

The City of Rock Hill has taken a variety of approaches to try to blunt the impact of income poverty on overall quality of life especially regarding housing. The City in partnership with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) offers a variety of programs to increase the quantity and improve the quality of affordable housing. These programs range from homeowner rehabilitation and down payment assistance to financial counseling and the implementation of a rental assistance program. The City has also made great strides toward the establishment of a public transit system that will connect areas of Rock Hill with lower income and less vehicles per household to areas with additional employment opportunities, healthcare facilities, and other amenities such as public service agencies, supermarkets, and drugstores.

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

Rock Hill City Council continues to uphold the decision to assign the majority of CDBG funding to City departments including the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division and their affordable housing partner. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. A mayor and council members are elected at large. One Council Member is elected to represent each of the six wards. The Mayor and Council determine all municipal policies (except those set forth in the Charter), adopt ordinances, vote on appropriations and the budget, and appoint the City Manager who is the Chief Administrative Officer for the City.

The City continues to look into other ways to support community providers. As part of the City's Strategic Plan, the City of Rock Hill has increased their support of the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) and York County Interagency Coalition (YCIC) both of which have representatives from different departments within the City of Rock Hill, other government

organizations, various nonprofit agencies, for-profit businesses, and faith-based organizations that help carry out the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. For example, CACH has recently developed subcommittees to improve the implementation of the objectives from the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* and City of Rock Hill employees serve on several of these committees. The City of Rock Hill has also submitted grants on behalf of CACH in the last few years and assisted them with the process of incorporation. The City of Rock Hill also continues to increase coordination with the Continuum of Care in hopes of bringing more resources such as the Rapid Re-Housing Program to the area.

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

The City collaborates with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH), the Housing Authority of Rock Hill, and the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social services. Due to the nature of HDCRH's purpose to promote affordable housing, the organization has built relationships with a variety of developers, contractors, and landlords who conduct business in Rock Hill. These connections enable HDCRH to enhance coordination between the private and public sectors of housing and other social services. Leadership and staff members from the Housing Authority of Rock Hill, the City, and HDCRH are members of CACH and meet monthly to discuss resources and needs. The CACH committee established during program year 2016 continues to meet quarterly to specifically address housing for low to moderate income, at-risk of homelessness, and homeless households. These meetings lead to the decision to pursue Continuum of Care funds to re-implement the Rapid Re-Housing Program in York County which will require further coordination with private housing.

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

1. Educate buyers through credit counseling and home purchase training.

During Program Year 2017, there were eight (8) eight-hour classes held providing housing counseling and home purchase training to 162 people.

2. Continue to educate landlords and property management companies about fair housing law.

During Program Year 2017, the City of Rock Hill fielded calls from landlords and property management companies on fair housing laws.

3. Continue to educate housing consumers in fair housing rights.

During Program Year 2017, the City educated 162 people during housing counseling and home

purchase training. In addition, the City presented a fair housing component during a variety of community events reaching approximately 180 people. Also, a fair housing proclamation was read during the Rock Hill City Council meeting on April 23, 2018 which has been rebroadcast several times on the City's local television station.

4. Conduct outreach and education to the public for several perspectives related to fair housing.

City of Rock Hill staff participated in several community events during PY 2017 to conduct outreach and education to the public related to fair housing including:

- First Time Homebuyer Classes held on 8/12/2017, 9/9/2017, 10/14/2017, 11/11/2017, 2/10/2018, 3/10/2018, 4/14/2018, and 5/12/2018.
- The City's Annual Health Fair on October 5 and 6, 2017 with approximately 300 employees of the City of Rock Hill and their families in attendance.
- On April 23, 2018, a fair housing proclamation was read during the City Council Meeting. The meeting was broadcast live over Channel 19 and re-broadcast several times since the original air date.
- Inside Rock Hill held on November 11, 2017 and May 3, 2018 with approximately 50 people in attendance.
- Connect the Dots held on April 28, 2018 with approximately 100 people in attendance.

In addition, the City of Rock Hill operates a local television channel and information about the City's 24/7 Fair Housing Hotline is shared on this channel daily.

5. Contact the South Carolina Fair Housing Center to discuss possibilities for partnership and collaboration in outreach and education.

The South Carolina Fair Housing Center is no longer in operation.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

According to the City's CDBG Policies and Procedures, City Departments and sub-grantees awarded funds must execute a contract with the City Manager's Office to receive grant funds prior to commencing work or incurring expenses. City Departments and sub-grantees approved for CDBG funds must attend an orientation session prior to execution of the contract.

The following procedures are used to monitor the progress of activities toward meeting ConPlan goals as well as compliance with program requirements.

- CDBG staff within the City's Grants Division are available to provide technical assistance to sub-grantees and project managers.
- All grant-funded purchases are submitted to the Grants Division for review before being submitted to the Accounting Department for payment and before a drawdown of CDBG funds is completed.
- Quarterly Performance Reports on all activities are submitted to the Grants Division.
- CDBG staff within the City's Grants Division follow up with sub-grantees and project managers on a monthly basis by telephone, email, or in-person meeting to ensure that progress is being made and requirements are being met.
- The Grants Division submits semi-annual labor standards enforcement reports and an annual Section 3 report based on the monitoring of activities carried out in furtherance of the ConPlan.

City Departments and other subgrantees must submit timely fiscal documents and performance reports to the Grants Division. Failure to submit reports on time will result in a suspension of reimbursements and may result in reprogramming of funds.

During Program Year 2017, The City's Grants Division provided oversight to all City Departments and subgrantees receiving CDBG funds. The orientation session for Program Year 2017 was held on 7/21/2017. The City's Grants Division conducted an on-site review of the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill's (HDCRH) First Time Homebuyer (FTHB) and Owner-Occupied Rehab programs on 8/24/2017 and 1/31/2018. The review on 1/31/2018 was to address lack of participation and potential timeliness issues with the FTHB program. In response, the City transferred funding from FTHB to SPARKS and decreased the 2018 funding allocation. In response to the City's concerns, HDCRH has increased marketing of the program and begun a review of the program's eligibility requirements in order to improve participation. The City's Grants Division also conducted an on-site monitoring review for the Sidney Street Infrastructure Improvements Project on 11/7/2017 and the Catawba Terrace Infrastructure Improvements on 2/8/2018. The Grants Division attends monthly Catawba Area Colation for the Homeless (CACH) meetings but also conducted a monitoring visit on 4/5/2018. Some of the City's

projects faced challenges to progress but none received a finding or violated regulations.

The City in conjunction with the Housing and Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) implemented a couple strategies to improve the City's compliance with minority business outreach requirements. The Housing and Neighborhood Services (HNS) Department connected with the Rock Hill Housing Authority's Section 3 Unit to better meet Section 3 requirements. In addition, HDCRH added a statement about women and minority owned businesses to their Request for Proposal for rehabilitation and construction projects.

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

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

The City of Rock Hill's Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG details the efforts of the City of Rock Hill to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports. The City of Rock Hill published a notice on the City's website and in the local newspaper fifteen (15) days prior to the Public Hearing held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. There were no attendees from the public, as a result there were no public comments. The published notice provided citizens with Grants Division staff contact information if they would like to speak to a staff member directly. All public hearings are held in municipal facilities, such as City Hall, that are convenient to residents in targeted areas and handicap accessible. Accommodations are made for non-English speaking citizens or citizens with disabilities upon request.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

No changes were made to the City of Rock Hill's program objectives.

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

No.

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

Not applicable.