

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan represents the fifth and final year of the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) as ratified by the City Council and approved by HUD. The Annual Action Plan is the City of Rock Hill's application for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants and identifies the proposed programs and projects to be funded during the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. The Annual Action Plan has been prepared by the City's Grants Division.

The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is the development of viable urban communities through the provision of improved living environments, expansion of economic opportunity and decent housing. Funds are intended to serve low to moderate income residents and areas. The Annual Action Plan identifies how the City of Rock Hill proposes to utilize these funds in the upcoming fiscal year to address the goals and priorities for community development, housing, and public services as described in the Con Plan. The plan also describes other projects and programs that leverage those funded by CDBG and further support the City's efforts to address its goals and priorities as identified in the Con Plan.

The Annual Action Plan also includes activities to address impediments to Fair Housing as identified in the *2014 City of Rock Hill Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice*. During Program Year 2019, the City will continue to provide education and outreach to housing consumers and property managers regarding fair housing. For example, in 2018 the City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Department held 10 classes educating 172 first time homebuyers on the Fair Housing Act. In addition, the City of Rock Hill's local television channel will continue to share information about the City's Fair Housing Hotline on a daily basis.

The Con Plan sets goals to be achieved over a five-year period and identifies a list of funding priorities based on the needs of the community. The 2015-2019 Con Plan goals represent high priority needs for the City of Rock Hill and serve as the basis for the programs and activities identified in the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. The current Con Plan goals are listed below:

Goal 1: Improve the quality and quantity of affordable housing by providing homebuyer opportunities and assisting homeowners with housing rehabilitation and repair.

Goal 2: Provide a suitable living environment through neighborhood revitalization by decreasing the number of under-utilized and blighted properties in the City; investing in the City's critical public infrastructure needs; providing support to new or expanding businesses; and investing in community services that maximize impact by providing new or increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations such as severely disabled youth and adults, elderly persons, and homeless persons.

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.

For details regarding the objectives and outcomes identified in the Con Plan and this Annual Action Plan please refer to sections AP-20 (Annual Goals and Objectives), AP-38 (Projects), SP-25 (Priority Needs) and SP-45 (Goals Summary).

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 of Rock Hill recognizes that the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring the City and its sub-recipients are implementing activities effectively and that those activities align with the City's overall strategies and goals; therefore, the City continues to regularly monitor and evaluate the performance of the City's CDBG Program. The information below highlights some of the accomplishments in the areas of community development realized during the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) period:

Seventy (70) households have received assistance with household repairs through the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. Repairs include eligible housing deficiencies like electrical system hazards, plumbing hazards, structural system failures (porches, steps, and roofs), and mitigation of environmental hazards.

Sixteen (16) households received down-payment assistance through the First-Time Homebuyers Program and 620 people participated in one of the 35 First-Time Homebuyer Education Classes held during the current Con Plan period. These classes include fair housing information, credit counseling and home purchase training.

During the current Con Plan period, SPARKS has served 3,766 disabled and/or low to moderate income children, youth, and adults through Camp Arc, Kinder Arc, Rec-in-a-Box, and the Emmett Scott Afterschool Program.

Public infrastructure improvements to water and sewer lines and storm drains in the East White Street area were completed in 2017 benefitting approximately 3,125 residents. Public infrastructure improvements including installation of new storm drainage catch basins, new rolled curb and gutter, and ADA compliant 5-foot sidewalk with associated handicap ramps in a section of Sidney Street began in January 2018 and were completed in September 2018 benefitting approximately 1,955 residents.

Phase I of the Catawba Terrace Infrastructure Improvements Project includes the replacement of sidewalks throughout the Catawba Terrace Neighborhood. Phase I began during the Summer of 2018 and is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2019. Phase II of the project is currently in the final stages of environmental review and design and will include the installation of 5-foot sidewalks and associated handicap ramps along the Northeast side of Dorchester Avenue and the Southwest side of John Street. This projected will improve public safety and increase pedestrian connectivity for approximately 3,455 residents.

The Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) hired two (2) part-time staff to further implement the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness*. The Coordinated Entry Specialist was hired to implement and operate the Coordinated Entry Program. During PY 2017, the Coordinated Entry Specialist arranged meetings with individual agencies in order to begin developing a database for the Coordinated Entry Program. The Warming Center Coordinator was hired to provide case management to persons who are homeless during the coldest months of the year. In addition, the Warming Center Coordinator has supported the transition of homeless men from the Warming Center to the new Transitional Housing Program during PY 2018.

Twenty-seven (27) events have been held educating approximately 1,767 residents on the Fair Housing Act. In addition, a Landlord Seminar was held to educate landlords on fair housing law compliance.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Rock Hill recognizes that citizen participation and consultation are integral parts of the development of the Annual Action Plan. The City obtains recommendations regarding the allocation of funds to meet the Con Plan goals from citizens, various departments within the City, private and public agencies, and various committees focused on the needs of the citizens, especially citizens with low to moderate income. The City facilitated a Public Hearing on February 21, 2019 at City Hall to solicit feedback from citizens on housing and community development needs that should be included in the application for CDBG funds. Funding recommendations were presented to the Mayor, City Council and City Management at the City Council Meeting held on March 11, 2019. Following the City Council Meeting, a 30-day public comment period was held from March 25 – April 24, 2019. Public notice regarding the public comment period and the public hearing were advertised in the local newspaper, *The Herald*, posted on the City's website, and posted in City Hall, Housing and Neighborhood Services, and the Housing Authority of Rock Hill. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was presented and finalized at the

City Council Meeting held on May 13, 2019. All meetings are open to the public and agendas are distributed via hardcopy. All of this is in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. For details regarding the City's efforts to broaden public participation please refer to AP-12 (Participation).

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.

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

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
CDBG Administrator	CITY OF ROCK HILL	City Management Department/ City of Rock Hill

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Rock Hill’s Grants Division is responsible for the administration of the CDBG program including preparation of the Consolidated Plan and oversight of sub-recipients. The City has a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill and the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless regarding the administration of CDBG funds. In accordance with the terms of this agreement, both agencies act as sub-recipients carrying out the administrative functions associated with their respective activities.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

***1. Introduction**

The City's consultation strategies include forming community partnerships with public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health and mental health providers, and other service agencies. The City's partnerships with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill, the Housing Authority of Rock Hill, and the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless are at the core of the City's consultation process. City staff met regularly with staff from various organizations to develop the priorities and strategies in this Annual Action Plan.

***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))**

When developing the Con Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans, the City consults with elected officials, City departments, community stakeholders, and beneficiaries of entitlement programs to develop the priorities and strategies contained within these plans. As part of the effort to implement the policies, programs and projects identified in the Con Plan, the City's staff work collaboratively with staff from various public and assisted housing providers and health and service agencies including the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill, the Housing Authority of Rock Hill, and the more than 20 local service agencies that form the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH). The City's outreach and consultation strategies include individual contact with representatives from the various agencies and regular attendance of agency meetings to inform the development of the Con Plan. Specifically, attendance of monthly CACH meetings offers the opportunity to receive input from agencies providing services in the following areas: public and assisted housing, mental health, veteran affairs, homelessness, poverty, substance abuse, education, and healthcare.

***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 of Rock Hill and the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) are members of the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH), a non-profit organization and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) registered Continuum of Care (CoC) designed to provide a community solution to homelessness. MACH was established in 1994 and represents 14 counties across the Midlands of South Carolina. Continuum of Care funding is utilized by local communities to provide housing and supportive services to homeless individuals and families. Representatives from the City of Rock Hill and HDCRH regularly attend MACH meetings and have benefitted from coordination with MACH in various ways including a shared coordinated assessment tool and donated resources for our

local shelters. Representatives from MACH also regularly attend monthly meetings of the local coalition for the homeless.

The Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) was formed in 2007 and is comprised of more than 20 local non-profits and faith-based agencies committed to addressing the issue of homelessness in the city of Rock Hill and surrounding areas. With support from the City, CACH became formally incorporated as an organization and received its 501(c)(3) designation in 2017. CACH will continue implementation of *The 10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* which was introduced in 2009 with the support of the City of Rock Hill and the United Way. The City was able to contribute \$47,500 toward the development of *The 10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* from 2008-2009 CDBG funds. The development process included the following:

- Exploration of local options for responding to homeless populations in the community;
- Working with the HUD Continuum of Care planning process to develop proper discharge planning from jails, hospitals, foster care, mental health, etc.;
- Assessing gaps in services and duplications in services;
- Developing strategies for prevention of homelessness for families and individuals; and,
- Delivering a plan that incorporates best practices such as rapid re-housing and targeted services.

The *10 Year Plan* continues to be a valuable guide for responding to homelessness in the city of Rock Hill. CACH recently formed committees to intensely focus on each of the following areas: prevention, engagement and education, single point of entry, support services, employment and income, and housing. The City of Rock Hill, in partnership with CACH, will continue to support actions to respond to and prevent homelessness with a particular focus on supporting activities specifically designed to increase the capacity of CACH to respond to homelessness including updating the *10 Year Plan* and advanced HMIS training.

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

Not Applicable.

***2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Rock Hill
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Grants Division consulted with various City Departments individually and in working groups to develop and implement the Con Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans (AAPs).
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ROCK HILL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Grants Division consulted with representatives of HDCRH individually and in working groups to develop and implement affordable housing goals and strategies for the Con Plan and subsequent AAPs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Local Coalition

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Grants Division consulted representatives of the various agencies that comprise CACH. In addition, City staff attended monthly CACH meetings and working groups with CACH leaders in order to develop and implement homelessness strategies for the Con Plan and subsequent AAPs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ROCK HILL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Grants Division consulted with the Director of the Public Housing Authority of Rock Hill to discuss public housing needs and strategies to address those needs. In addition, the City works closely with the Housing Authority on Section 3 requirements and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

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

The City consulted with all agency types that are actively involved in community development activities in Rock Hill.

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	Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless	The City of Rock Hill's Con Plan includes the goals of the Continuum of Care.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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

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During Program Year 2017, the City's Grants Division began proposing revisions to the Citizen Participation Plan based on guidance from *The eCon Planning Suite: Citizen Participation and Consultation Toolkit* in order to determine efforts to broaden citizen participation especially among low to moderate income residents. The following are efforts identified to improve citizen participation:

- Expand public notice distribution by posting in targeted areas and using the City's Neighborhood Association Phone Tree.
- Promote information sharing by creating a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) web page on the City's website.
- Produce and use a map that depicts locations of existing community assets and investments in the community.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community				
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community				www.cityofrockhill.com
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	No responses were received and no one attended the Public Hearing.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	
4	Posted Notice in City Hall, HNS, and Housing Authority	Targeted	No responses were received and no one attended the Public Hearing.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

During the course of the 2019 program year, the City expects an estimated annual allocation of CDBG Entitlement funds in the amount of \$460,000. In addition, the City will have \$185,340 in prior year resources available in the 2019 program year. The City does not expect program income to be generated during program year 2019.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	460,000	0	185,340	645,340	0	See below.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Leverage, in the context of the City’s CDBG programs, means other local, state, and federal financial resources used to maximize the reach and impact of the City’s CDBG Program. The CDBG program does not have a matching requirement; however, HUD encourages the recipients of federal funding to demonstrate that efforts are being made to strategically leverage additional funds in order to achieve greater results. Funds will be considered leverage if financial commitments toward the costs of a project from a source, other than the originating HUD Program, are documented.

During the 2019-2020 Program Year, the City will leverage CDBG funds with the following financial resources:

HDCRH will use the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund and volunteer labor through organizations like Habitat for Humanity to maximize the impact of the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program.

Private donations and the \$20,000 Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina Community Enrichment Grant will be used to maximize the impact of CACH’s implementation of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness*.

When CDBG funds are used for infrastructure projects, they typically make up a small percentage of the overall project budget. The City leverages CDBG funds with various funding sources including Department of Transportation grants, local sales tax programs, and the City’s General Fund. In addition, City of Rock Hill employees perform labor for certain infrastructure projects in order to decrease the total cost of the project which is the case for infrastructure improvements made to Sidney Street and the Catawba Terrace Neighborhood. The City leveraged \$72,058.38 in labor and equipment costs with CDBG funds to complete infrastructure improvements to Sidney Street.

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 Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) is a subrecipient of the City's CDBG funding and partners with the City to accomplish affordable housing goals. One of HDCRH's goals is to increase the affordable housing stock available in the urban core of Rock Hill. In order to accomplish this goal, HDCRH purchases available lots within targeted neighborhoods to prepare for future home construction. In addition, HDCRH purchases condemned/demolished properties to eliminate blight and prepare the land for future home construction.

Discussion

Not applicable.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Rock Hill	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$158,206.26	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
2	First Time Homebuyer Program	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Rock Hill	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,793.74	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
3	Section 108 Loan Repayment	2015	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rock Hill	Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$177,363	Other: 1 Other
4	Administration	2015	2019	Administration	City of Rock Hill	Affordable Housing Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$10,000	Other: 1 Other
5	Homelessness	2017	2019	Homeless	City of Rock Hill	Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$2,811.25	Organizations: 1
6	SPARKS Program	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rock Hill	Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$15,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Rock Hill	Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$229,166	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 874 Persons Assisted
8	Rehab: Acquisition	2019	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Rock Hill	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$51,000	Housing Units: 2

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Major Rehabilitation Program
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Homebuyer Program
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	

6	Goal Name	SPARKS Program
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	
8	Goal Name	Rehab: Acquisition
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) sets goals and strategies to be achieved over a five-year period and identifies a list of funding priorities. The 2015-2019 Con Plan goals below represent high priority needs for the City and serve as the basis for the projects and activities identified in the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Goal 1: Improve the quality and quantity of affordable housing by providing homebuyer opportunities and assisting homeowners with housing rehabilitation and repair.

Goal 2: Provide a suitable living environment through neighborhood revitalization by decreasing the number of under-utilized and blighted properties in the City; investing in the City’s critical public infrastructure needs; providing support to new or expanding businesses; and investing in community services that maximize impact by providing new or increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations such as severely disabled youth and adults, elderly persons, and homeless persons.

The following table summarizes the allocation priorities and projects the City will use to achieve the goals listed above during the 2019 Program Year.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Section 108 Loan Repayment
2	SPARKS
3	Administration
4	First Time Homebuyer Program
5	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program
6	Sunset Park Area Infrastructure Improvements
7	Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless
8	Rehab: Acquisition

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City’s funding priorities have not changed from those outlined in the Consolidated Plan (Con Plan); therefore, CDBG funds were allocated in accordance with those priorities. According to the City’s 2015-

2019 Con Plan, improving the quality and quantity of affordable housing and providing a suitable living environment through neighborhood revitalization were priority needs identified by the community. Barriers to addressing those needs include income not keeping pace with rising housing costs and overall cost of living, increase in construction and land costs, and federal resources not matching the need experienced by the community. The City applies for various types of grant funding, develops partnerships, incurs labor costs for projects, and continues to promote tourism and economic growth in order to decrease costs and increase revenue to address underserved needs.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Investing in the City's critical public infrastructure needs and providing support to businesses.
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$177,363
	Description	Repayment of Section 108 Loan through 2026.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	Planned repayments of Section 108 Loan (19F); Payment of interest on Section 108 loan (24A)
2	Project Name	SPARKS
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations.
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	SPARKS is a combination of after-school programs and summer camps that provide recreational and educational activities for children and youth ages 3 to 18 with low to moderate income and/or disabilities. SPARKS also includes a program that provides recreational and educational opportunities to adults with disabilities. In addition, the City's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) Department has added a REC in a Box vehicle to the SPARKS Programs. REC stands for Recreation, Education, and Community. This vehicle allows PRT to bring programming to low to moderate income areas and special needs groups.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	SPARKS programs serve on average 500 participants with low to moderate income and/or disabilities.
	Location Description	Programs are based at Boyd Hill Recreation Center and Emmett Scott Recreation Center.
	Planned Activities	Other public services (05) including handicapped services and youth services.
3	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Administration of CDBG funding
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	General Program Administration (21A)
4	Project Name	First Time Homebuyer Program
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Improve access to affordable housing.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,793.74
	Description	Provides down payment/closing cost assistance to low to moderate income first time homebuyers.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is estimated to benefit five (5) low-to-moderate income households.
	Location Description	Various locations within the city limits of Rock Hill, SC.
	Planned Activities	Direct Homeownership Assistance (13)
5	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Improve the quality of affordable housing.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$158,206.26
	Description	Rehabilitation assistance to low to moderate income homeowners. Funding assistance will be provided to repair single-family, owner-occupied homes with eligible housing deficiencies including electrical system hazards, plumbing hazards, structural system failures (porches, steps, and roofs), mitigation of environmental hazards, and repairs to prevent displacement of eligible households.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is estimated to benefit 25 low to moderate income households.
	Location Description	Various locations within the city limits of Rock Hill, SC.
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential (14A)
6	Project Name	Sunset Park Area Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Invest in the City's critical public infrastructure needs.
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	\$229,166
	Description	Infrastructure improvements to low to moderate income areas.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit approximately 874 residents in 395 households in the Sunset Park Neighborhood. Sunset Park is located in census tract 605.02 block group 2 with 78.8% of the population at or below the poverty level.
	Location Description	This project will take place in the Sunset Park Neighborhood which is located in census tract 605.02 block group 2.
	Planned Activities	Infrastructure improvements to sidewalks in Sunset Park (03L)
7	Project Name	Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations.
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,811.25
	Description	Support for activities specifically designed to increase the capacity of the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless to respond to homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is estimated to benefit one (1) organization. The Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (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 the community.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	Non-Profit Organization Capacity Building (19C)
8	Project Name	Rehab: Acquisition
	Target Area	City of Rock Hill
	Goals Supported	Improve the quantity of affordable housing.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$51,000
	Description	Acquisition of property to be rehabilitated for affordable housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is estimated to benefit 2 low to moderate income households.
Location Description	Various locations within the city of Rock Hill, SC
Planned Activities	Rehab: Acquisition (14G)

***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

The City of Rock Hill uses a map indicating low-to-moderate income census tracts within the city limits and data from HUD to determine where assistance will be directed. The city of Rock Hill, SC is comprised of the following census tracts: 609.06, 609.04, 609.07, 609.05, 614.04, 605.01, 606, 607.00, 608.03, 608.02, 608.01, 608.04, 609.01, 601.02, 602, 605.02, 603, 613.01, 613.02, 604.01, 612.01, and 604.02. CDBG funded activities such as Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and First-Time Homebuyer provide LMI housing benefits to all eligible residents within the city limits of Rock Hill. However, infrastructure improvements typically benefit all residents of an LMI area. The Catawba Terrace Neighborhood Improvements will benefit residents in census tract 607.00 block group 3 and census tract 608.03 block group 2. The infrastructure improvements in the Sunset Park Neighborhood will benefit residents in census tract 605.02 block group 2.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
LMI areas within the city of Rock Hill	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

***Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

During the development of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, the City of Rock Hill combined input from citizens and community development partners with knowledge of low-to-moderate income areas within the city limits to identify gaps in affordable housing and community development, develop strategies to address those needs, and undertake specific actions consistent with those strategies. There were no specific target areas identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The City of Rock Hill will continue to prioritize allocation of funds to areas of Rock Hill located in low to moderate income (80% or below AMI) census tracts or ensure funded projects serve low to moderate income residents.

***Discussion**

The City of Rock Hill allocates all funds to projects and activities serving low-to-moderate income residents. The City uses a map of low-to-moderate income census tracts and input from citizens and community development partners to ensure all funding allocations meet that requirement.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Rock Hill partners with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) to promote affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income households through the following programs: construction of affordable housing units, rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units, rehabilitation of acquired property for affordable housing, and assistance with the acquisition of affordable housing units. In addition, the City in partnership with HDCRH provide rental assistance to prevent homelessness.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	37
Special-Needs	0
Total	37

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	5
Rehab of Existing Units	25
Acquisition of Existing Units	7
Total	37

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

Discussion

The City and HDCRH will continue using CDBG funds to rehabilitate existing owner-occupied units and provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers. During the 2019 program year, the City and HDCRH also plan to purchase two (2) properties to rehabilitate for affordable housing. In the 2019 program year, the City and HDCRH estimate they will construct five (5) affordable housing units. In the 2017 and 2018 CDBG program years, HDCRH has completed the construction of nine (9) affordable housing units in the Arcade Cotton Mills Area. HDCRH also received HOME funds to construct an additional three (3) affordable rental housing units. Construction on those homes began in February 2018 and are scheduled to be completed by May of 2019. The City has submitted additional applications for grant funding on behalf of HDCRH to leverage CDBG and other current funds in order to increase the

capacity of Rock Hill's affordable housing opportunities.

Due to the success of the initial rental assistance program, the City in partnership with HDCRH received a second ESG award in the amount of \$25,000 to expand the rental assistance program and lengthen the amount of time households can receive rental assistance. During the 2019 CDBG program year, the City and HDCRH estimate providing financial assistance to 10 households at risk of homelessness.

During PY 2019, the City's Housing and Neighborhood Services (HNS) Department will continue to conduct public outreach and education related to fair housing, including addressing insufficient understanding of fair housing laws, in order to address fair housing goals identified in the City of Rock Hill's 2014 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan. The City of Rock Hill's local television channel will continue to share information about the City's Fair Housing Hotline daily. Due to the closing of the South Carolina Fair Housing Center in 2016, HNS refers potential South Carolina Fair Housing Law violations to the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission for investigation.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Rock Hill does not directly provide public housing. However, the City does work closely with the Housing Authority of Rock Hill which is responsible for providing safe, decent, and sanitary public housing and meeting the needs of public housing residents. The Housing Authority manages and maintains 339 Public Housing units within the city limits and an additional 30 Public Housing units in Great Falls, SC. The Housing Authority of Rock Hill also owns and manages eight (8) units of affordable housing, but the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is the largest program the Housing Authority administers. The HCV Program allows the Housing Authority to provide rental assistance to more than 500 low income households. The City of Rock Hill will not be providing 2019-2020 CDBG entitlement funds to the Housing Authority of Rock Hill.

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

The Housing Authority of Rock Hill will continue regular inspections and preventative maintenance of public housing units in order to maintain a safe and decent living environment for residents. In addition, the Housing Authority will continue modernizing units upon vacancy with a particular focus on the kitchen and bathroom areas. Renovations include installation of energy-efficient appliances, water heaters, and HVAC systems to lower utility costs. The City of Rock Hill will not be providing 2019-2020 CDBG entitlement funds to the Housing Authority of Rock Hill.

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

The Housing Authority of Rock Hill will continue to host an annual public hearing to receive comments from residents on the programs administered by the Housing Authority. In 2001, the Housing Authority of Rock Hill established a Resident Council for residents to discuss planned programs, procedural changes, and funding opportunities with employees of the Housing Authority. The Council will continue to meet throughout the program year to encourage residents to become more involved in the management of Public Housing units. The City of Rock Hill will not be providing 2019-2020 CDBG entitlement funds to the Housing Authority of Rock Hill.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The Housing Authority of Rock Hill is not designated as “troubled” or otherwise performing poorly; therefore, the City will not be providing financial or other assistance to the Housing Authority. In fact, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognized the Housing Authority of Rock Hill as a high performing housing authority with a score of 100 on the most recent Section 8 Management

Assessment Program (SEMAP) evaluation and 88 on the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) evaluation.

Discussion

Not applicable.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City in partnership with Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) utilizes the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* to determine goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness in the community. The *10 Year Plan* continues to be a valuable guide for responding to homelessness in Rock Hill. CACH recently formed committees to intensely focus on each of the following areas in the *10 Year Plan*: prevention, engagement and education, single point of entry, support services, employment and income, and housing. The City of Rock Hill, in partnership with CACH, will continue to pursue grant funding to support actions to respond to and prevent homelessness with a particular focus on supporting activities specifically designed to increase the capacity of CACH to respond to homelessness such as updating the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* and advanced training in HMIS.

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 Rock Hill will continue to participate in the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The PIT count for York County is organized by Pilgrims' Inn, a local homeless shelter in Rock Hill. The data from the PIT count is used to inform the City's strategies to address homelessness in the community. In addition, CACH conducts various outreach and education opportunities including the Homelessness 101 Program and Homelessness Awareness Week to provide members of the community with a better understanding of how to interact and serve homeless persons.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (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. The City continues to partner with CACH to address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons. Various agencies within the city of Rock Hill are also stepping up to meet the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons. During the previous program year, Pilgrims' Inn converted some of their transitional housing into 14 beds for family emergency shelter in an effort to reduce the number of homeless families that had to be separated due to age and gender restrictions. In February 2017, the Children's Attention Home established a program to serve homeless youth in our community in response to the estimated 100 homeless teens enrolled in

Rock Hill Schools at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

The City of Rock Hill and CACH are currently focusing on the increasing need for emergency shelter for men. At present, the Haven is the only emergency shelter in the area serving men and the shelter's 12 bed maximum capacity is not enough to meet the current and increasing need. At the start of the *10 Year Plan*, United Way partnered with CACH to open two (2) warming centers, during the coldest months of the year when unsheltered homeless are most vulnerable to the elements, as a temporary solution to the number of unsheltered homeless. What was meant to be a temporary solution has been in effect for almost ten years now. Recently, the City supported CACH and the Warming Centers with the implementation of a new program called Transitions. This program will assist homeless men and women to successfully transition from temporary shelter to a more permanent form of housing. The City is also supporting several CACH agencies in their efforts to address the unmet needs for emergency shelter and transitional housing. Pathways Community Center has acquired real property for existing agencies to offer access to all the critical services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless at a single location in Rock Hill.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The City of Rock Hill in partnership with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) and the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) assist families and individuals in short-term and transitional housing programs move to permanent housing and independent living. Recently, the City supported CACH and the Warming Centers with the implementation of a new program called Transitions. This program will assist homeless men and women to successfully transition from temporary shelter to a more permanent form of housing. In addition, the City is supporting several CACH agencies in their efforts to address the unmet needs for emergency shelter and transitional housing through Pathways Community Center. Real property was acquired so that existing agencies can offer access to all the critical services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless at a single location in Rock Hill. This will create a faster and more efficient use of the limited resources available to support homeless persons. Local providers will be able to better assist households with case management targeted to gaining employment, supportive services, and financial competency.

The City's partnership with HDCRH and the Housing Authority of Rock Hill increases resources available to homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness through rental assistance and affordable housing opportunities. The City's *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* includes an objective to increase the

capacity of current non-profit, faith-based, and government service providers to expand services to transition homeless persons to permanent housing through training, modeling, and mentoring programs, including programs that build the capacity to serve special needs populations.

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.

The City partnered with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) to pursue grant funding to establish a Rental Assistance Program as a means of preventing homelessness. In PY 2017, HDCRH was awarded \$7,715 from ESG and \$10,000 from the Sisters of Charity Foundation to provide rental assistance. Due to the success of HDCRH's initial rental assistance program, HDCRH received \$25,000 in ESG funds during PY 2018 to expand the rental assistance program. In addition, the City's Neighborhood Empowerment Division targets low to moderate income areas to provide education on housing and other available resources. The Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) is in the process of creating a community resource guide to distribute to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in order to increase awareness of available resources including health, education, and social services.

The overall collaboration of CACH allows agencies to better coordinate discharge planning and help low and extremely low income families such as those being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care to avoid becoming homeless. Agencies like Pilgrim's Inn and the Children's Attention Home currently have programs that address individuals being discharged from mental health facilities and foster care or other youth facilities. The City's *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* includes an objective to create a model of collaborative discharge planning from local institutions such as health care facilities and mental health institutions in order to further prevent individuals from being released directly to the streets. In order to meet this objective, the City of Rock Hill and CACH will need to continue to increase collaboration with publicly funded institutions, systems of care, and assistance agencies in PY 2019.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction:

A variety of barriers exist which make increasing affordable housing within the City of Rock Hill a challenge:

1. Local earnings are not keeping pace with rising housing costs due in part to Rock Hill's proximity to Charlotte, NC.
2. Increasing cost of land due to decrease in vacant land for future growth.
3. Increasing construction costs.
4. Inability of supportive resources for affordable housing, such as the Housing Choice Voucher Program, to meet the need within the community.
5. Homeownership is out of reach for many residents.
6. Development barriers including impact fees, taxation of rental units, and community opposition.
7. Impediments to Fair Housing including discrimination based on race directly related to rental housing, higher than average home loan application denial rates for minority and low-income households, and limitations in the public transit options available to Rock Hill residents.

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 is addressing barriers to affordable housing through a variety of actions. The City continues to implement suggested actions from the City of Rock Hill's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice including educating home buyers through credit counseling and home purchase training, educating landlords and property management on fair housing law, and educating housing consumers on fair housing rights. The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Division has increased the resources available for comprehensive homebuyer education, including credit education, credit counseling and financial literacy training. In addition, the City is in the final stages of establishing a public transportation system in the City of Rock Hill. The routes will target low to moderate income areas of the City with the goal of increasing access to employment, housing, and other supportive resources for these residents. The City Council also recently approved the Neighborhood Resource and Education Development Initiative (REDI) which allocates resources to the lowest income areas needing the most investment. The resources allocated are shaped in response to community specific quantitative data and resident input with a goal of more efficiently targeting limited resources.

Discussion:

As a subrecipient of the City, the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) is addressing

the barriers that hinder affordable housing by providing closing cost assistance grants, housing counseling, fair housing education, and housing rehabilitation assistance. In addition, HDCRH continues to focus on purchasing land and constructing affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City has identified the following obstacles to projects intended to improve the quality and quantity of affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods. Infrastructure projects are an area where extremely high construction costs have become an obstacle. In order to accomplish more with the available funding, the City has opted to use in-house labor to complete as many infrastructure projects as possible. In addition, the City is always looking for alternative funding to leverage these infrastructure projects.

Homeownership continues to be a challenge for low to moderate income individuals and families. The City's First-Time Home Buyer Program continues to provide down payment and/or closing costs with funding from CDBG and the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority. Unfortunately, an overall lack of affordable housing and a housing market which has more buyers than sellers has resulted in higher housing prices and low to moderate income clients being out bid for housing within their price range. The Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) is in the process of revising the First-Time Homebuyer Program to better assist potential clients. HDCRH also continues to purchase residential lots for the development of affordable homeownership opportunities when possible and provides education on various topics including financial literacy and homeownership to help potential homeowners achieve their goals. The City also continues to promote and address fair housing by conducting fair housing forums and operating a fair housing hotline.

During PY 2017 and PY 2018, the City provided CDBG funds to the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH). One of the major obstacles to the implementation of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* has been the lack of funding available to hire staff to lead the charge. In addition to CDBG funds, the City's Grants Division secured private grant funding as leverage so CACH could hire two (2) part-time social workers. The initial focus has been on the areas of coordinated assessment and the provision of case management at the Warming Center in order to promote transition into stable housing.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Rock Hill will continue to partner with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) to foster and maintain affordable housing. Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing include providing homebuyer opportunities, assisting homeowners with housing repairs, and promoting fair housing. The City in partnership with the HDCRH will continue to provide homebuyer education, offer down payment and/or closing cost assistance, re-develop infill properties and rehabilitate existing housing for affordable housing opportunities, provide minor and major repair assistance, and conduct fair housing outreach. Please see the Strategies to Remove or Ameliorate the

Barriers to Affordable Housing listed in the Consolidated Plan section SP-55 and AP-75 for more details. Due to the current housing market conditions, the City has seen a decrease in affordable housing and anticipates a continued decrease. However, HDCRH's affordable housing inventory has remained steady. HDCRH constructed three (3) new affordable housing units in the Arcade Cotton Mills Area during PY 2017 and has constructed an additional six (6) affordable housing units in the same area during PY 2018.

***Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

According to the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, interior surfaces that contain lead-based paint may present serious health hazards to occupants, especially children. HUD estimates that three-quarters of the dwellings built before 1980 contain some lead-based paint. Intact lead-based paint is not an immediate hazard because the predominant route of lead poisoning is through ingestion or inhalation, so the risk of poisoning becomes significant when lead-based paint contaminates dust through peeling, chipping, flaking and abraded conditions. Lead contamination may also be caused by lead-based paint that is disturbed during repair and remodeling activities.

The City in partnership with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) will continue to cooperate with the EPA to reduce lead-based paint hazards and promote lead safe work practices. HDCRH's Rehabilitation Manual discusses the actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards during rehabilitation of homes. These actions are listed in the Con Plan section SP-65. The City and HDCRH also provide technical assistance to contractors and businesses involved in the rehabilitation of housing units regarding safe lead-based paint practices. The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services (HNS) Department employees and supervisors are trained and certified to undertake activities specifically intended to abate or control lead-based paint hazards. HNS also provides education on lead hazard awareness and hazard control information to contractors, property owners, homeowners, and renters.

The City does not have code enforcement that applies to lead-based paint and therefore defers to EPA and DHEC regulations when addressing lead-based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Access to affordable and quality housing is recognized as an important component of a comprehensive effort to reduce poverty. That effort should also include expanding safety-net options for families in crisis, promoting savings and asset accumulation, improving the consumer environment in poor neighborhoods, increasing access to education and training, and improving access to work supports. One of the City's main goals is improving the quality and quantity of affordable housing. The City's affordable housing, public housing, and community revitalization initiatives focus on accomplishing this goal. The City continues to focus significant resources, including CDBG funding, on the rehabilitation and creation of affordable housing for low to moderate income individuals and

families by supporting programs like Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and First-Time Home Buyer. The City will also continue to partner with the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH) to purchase residential lots to create affordable housing opportunities.

The availability of transportation has been identified as a variable crucial to escaping poverty. A lack of reliable and efficient transportation is often a huge barrier for low income people trying to build a better life especially in areas that lack public transportation. The City is in the final stages of establishing a community transit system to address the need for increased access to health care facilities, support services, and education and employment opportunities. Routes will specifically address low to moderate income neighborhoods and areas. In addition, the City continues to revitalize areas in the urban core of Rock Hill to increase economic opportunities in close proximity to low income neighborhoods.

The City's *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness* is a vital part of the City's Anti-Poverty Strategy. The City partners with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) in this effort. CACH is comprised of 20 local non-profits and faith-based agencies committed to addressing the issue of homelessness in the city of Rock Hill. The City is pursuing grant funding and committing CDBG funds to support the continued implementation of the *10 Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness*. The *10 Year Plan* includes actions in six areas including prevention, education and engagement, single point of entry, support services, employment and income, and housing. Action steps in these areas include creating a resource guide for community distribution, landlord outreach especially in regards to rental assistance and other programs to support poverty-level families, the creation of a coordinated assessment for individuals and families seeking assistance, enhance coordination between service providers, establish collaborative alliances with businesses and education communities to create employment and educational opportunities, develop additional housing options to meet a wide range of needs. These local non-profits and faith-based organizations collaboratively and individually provide a wide array of services including financial literacy and job training.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure (organizations that will carry out the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan)

The City of Rock Hill is the lead agency responsible for carrying out the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. The gradual yet significant reduction in CDBG funding prompted the City to revise the jurisdiction's institutional structure and limit subrecipients to City Departments and the City's affordable housing partner, the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH). Limited subrecipients has created a more manageable and efficient CDBG program while still allowing the City to fund a wide variety of projects that meet the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. In PY 2017, Rock Hill City Council made the decision to allocate funds to an additional subrecipient in order to further the City's response to homelessness. The Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH) consists of over 20 local non-profits and faith-based agencies committed to addressing the issue of homelessness in the city of Rock Hill. The City had previously partnered with CACH to create the City's *10 Year Plan to Respond to*

Homelessness.

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

The City, in conjunction with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless (CACH), meets monthly to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. CACH is comprised of more than 20 local non-profit and faith-based agencies, including the Housing Authority of Rock Hill and the Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill (HDCRH), which are committed to addressing the issue of homelessness and affordable housing in our community. These meetings provide a forum for support agencies throughout Rock Hill to discuss needs, concerns, resources, and goals. Please refer to section AP-10 of the Annual Action Plan for more detail on coordination and consultation.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that 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.	100.00%

The City of Rock Hill has elected to use a three (3) year consecutive period to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds are used to benefit persons of low to moderate income. This Annual Action Plan is included in the 2017-2019 overall benefit period.

Attachments

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)