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City of Jonesboro 2008 Action Plan

Department of Community Development Community Development Block Grant

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JONESBORO, ARKANSAS
Community Development Block Grant Program

2008 Program Year
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**City of Jonesboro Community Development Block Grant
2008 Action Plan**

**APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		2. DATE SUBMITTED February 27, 2008	Applicant Identifier DUNS # 073540288
		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: City of Jonesboro		Organizational Unit: City Government-Municipality	
Address (give city, county, State, and zip code): P.O. Box 1845, 515 West Washington Jonesboro, AR 72403		Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) Gayle Vickers 870-933-4635	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 7 1 — 6 0 1 3 7 4 9 </div>		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 200px;"> C </div>	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other(specify): _____		A. State B. County C. Municipal D. Township E. Interstate F. Intermunicipal G. Special District H. Independent School Dist. I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning J. Private University K. Indian Tribe L. Individual M. Profit Organization N. Other (Specify) _____	
		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 100px;"> 1 4 — 2 1 8 </div> TITLE: _____		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: Community Development Entitlement Block Grant Projects including Housing Rehab., Homeownership, Demolition, Public Improvements, Code Enforcement, Planning & Administration	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Very Low/Low/Moderate Income Areas Of Jonesboro			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
Start Date 1/1/08	Ending Date 12/31/08	a. Applicant 1	b. Project 1
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$ 545,251 ⁰⁰	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE _____	
b. Applicant	\$ ⁰⁰	b. No. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
c. State	\$ ⁰⁰		
d. Local	\$ ⁰⁰		
e. Other	\$ ⁰⁰		
f. Program Income	\$ ⁰⁰		
g. TOTAL	\$ 545,251 ⁰⁰	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.			
a. Type Name of Authorized Representative Douglas Formon		b. Title Mayor	c. Telephone Number (870) 932-1052
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	

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City of Jonesboro

April 2, 2008

Mr. James Slater, Director of Community Planning
Community Planning & Development Division
Little Rock Office, Region VI
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
425 West Capitol, Suite 900
Little Rock, AR 72201-3488

Attention: Ms. Pamela Barton

Dear Mr. Slater:

Enclosed you will find copies of the 2008 Action Plan and Standard Form 424 for our 2008 CDBG Program activities, with various attachments. The Action Plan was approved by the City Council at its regular meeting on April 1, 2008. In compliance with Citizen Participation requirements we published the availability of the 2007 projects and brief summary of the Plan on February 24, 2008. The 30-day comment period ended March 24, 2008 and no comments have been received to date.

The Twelfth Year Program is for a total of \$545,251.00 and involves homeowner rehabilitation, homeownership assistance programs, neighborhood safety and revitalization, assistance to public services, and planning and administration. We also have submitted the Action Plan to the State for A-95 review.

If you need any additional information on the content of the 2008 Action Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at 870-932-1052 or Gayle Vickers, Community Development Grants Coordinator, at 870-933-4635.

Sincerely,

Douglas Formon
Mayor
Enc.



City of Jonesboro

April 2, 2008

Mr. Tracy Copeland, Manager
Arkansas State Clearinghouse
Department of Finance & Administration
1515 W. 7th - Room 412.
P.O. Box 3278
Little Rock, AR 72203

Re: City of Jonesboro, AR
2008 Action Plan
April 2, 2008

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Enclosed is one copy of the City of Jonesboro's 2008 Action Plan, dated April 2, 2008. We are submitting the plan to your office in compliance with applicable Executive Orders. This plan was approved by the City Council at its regular meeting on April 1, 2008. The application sets out projects that principally benefit low and moderate-income persons, to be carried out with an Entitlement Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In submitting this Plan to your office, we request that you forward the A-95 comments directly to Ms. Pamela Barton, CPD Representative, Little Rock Office of the Department of Housing & Urban Development, 425 West Capitol, Suite 900, Little Rock, AR. 72201-3488. Please provide our office with a copy of your comments.

Should you need any additional information on the City's 2008 Action Plan or any aspect of our 2008 CDBG Program, please do not hesitate to contact Gayle Vickers, CD Grants Coordinator, at 870-933-4635.

Sincerely,

Douglas Formon
Mayor
Enc.



City of Jonesboro

April 2, 2008

Mr. Richard Spelic, Executive Director
East Arkansas Planning & Development
1801 Stadium Blvd.
P.O. Box 1403
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Re: City of Jonesboro, AR
2008 Action Plan
April 2, 2008

Dear Mr. Spelic:

Enclosed is one copy of the City of Jonesboro's 2008 Action Plan, dated April 2, 2008. We are submitting the plan to your office in compliance with applicable Executive Orders. This plan was approved by the City Council at its regular meeting on April 1, 2008. The application sets out projects that principally benefit low and moderate-income persons, to be carried out with an Entitlement Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Sincerely,

Douglas Formon
Mayor
Enc.

2008 Action Plan Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for 2008

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CDBG Program was established by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The primary objective of this program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities, principally for lower income persons (defined as 80 percent or less of the City of Jonesboro area median household income).

The statutes for formula grant programs set forth three basic goals against which the Consolidated Plan, and the jurisdiction's performance under the plan will be evaluated the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Those goals are:

- Create a Suitable Living Environment
- Provide Decent Housing
- Create Economic Opportunities

Through the CDBG Program, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funds to local governments for a wide range of community development activities for low-income persons. In order for an activity to be eligible for CDBG funding, it must be shown to address one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit people with low incomes (up to 80 percent of median)
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or
- Meet an urgent need (such as earthquake, flood or hurricane relief)

The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas is beginning its twelfth year with Community Development Block Grant Program. The Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2008 represents the second year of the City of Jonesboro's second Five Year Consolidated Plan submitted for fiscal years 2007 - 2011. It is prepared in direct correlation with the specific goals and objectives stated therein. The Action Plan is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for submission for Federal entitlement funds.

The City began its First program year on July 1, 1997, the Second year on July 1, 1998, and the Third year on July 1, 1999. In August 1999 the City received approval from HUD to change our fiscal year to January 1 of each year. Therefore, our third year program was for six months and our fourth year program began on January 1, 2000 and ended on December 31, 2000. Our fifth year and all subsequent program years begin as of January 1, of each year.

The actual level of funding Jonesboro receives from HUD is determined annually and is based upon a formula that all entitlement communities are subject to, in relation to HUD's overall annual budget. For fiscal year 2008, the City's allotment is \$545,251.00.

CITY OF JONESBORO CDBG PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Housing and Community Development Needs include affordable housing in the Census tract areas that include the low income populations. Maintaining the current housing stock in these areas, especially for Special Needs (elderly and disabled) populations, is a high priority. Neighborhood revitalization is also a dominant need. The City of Jonesboro's priority objectives are to improve the livability and quality of life for our citizens through:

- Housing - Rehabilitation/Homeownership
- Neighborhood Revitalization/Beautification
- Economic Development/Job creation
- Public Services - Non-Housing Special Needs

The allocation for the fiscal year 2008 consists of a total \$545,251.00 of support from the HUD Community Development Block Grant. The City does not receive HOME, HOPWA, or ESG funds at this time. This plan has been prepared according to the existing regulations governing the Community Development Program and the Consolidated Plan format. The activities and programs described herein are aligned with the Strategic Plan, as outlined in the 2007-2011 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The City of Jonesboro is committed to the proper implementation of a balanced Community Development Program that maximizes benefits to low and moderate income persons both directly and through the improvement of their immediate neighborhoods. Through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and the expansion of economic opportunities we intend to change the face of our low income neighborhoods and provide our citizens with the needed resources to assist them in breaking generational poverty. Again this year, our primary focus remains on housing, neighborhood revitalization, and supportive services for our low income residents. We will be providing new opportunities for homeownership and emergency rehabilitation, neighborhood improvements, and a broad range of public and social services.

While the needs of the City of Jonesboro continue to far exceed the financial resources available through the Community Development Block Grant Program and the City's financial means, this funding makes it possible for Jonesboro to provide meaningful housing improvements, public improvements, and community restoration and development activities. It is through these activities that we address the quality of life issues that are essential in achieving a truly beneficial level of neighborhood specific community improvements.

The following pages define the distribution of funds and outline the proposed projects and activities to be undertaken with the federal fund allocation.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

In the 2008 Program year the City continues to place major emphasis on HUD's priority goals of Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and the provision of improved community facilities and services as listed in the Consolidated Plan. This year's projects and activities will increase the accessibility of affordable housing, help preserve our existing affordable housing stock, improve neighborhood safety and aesthetics, addresses education in fair housing, and the improvement of the quality of life for our elderly, disabled, youth and other low income citizens through a wide variety of supportive and educational services. Through the implementation of the 2008 (Twelfth Year) Community Development Program, as described below, the City of Jonesboro intends to

achieve as many of the Five Year Consolidated Plan's community development objectives as possible. Please see Year Two - Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan Goals and Objectives:

Housing/Housing Related

- Homeowner Rehabilitation - Assist in the improvement of housing conditions for LMI homeowners, thereby preserving our existing affordable housing stock.
- Homeownership Assistance - Increase the viability for potential homeownership through the provision of homeownership counseling and financial assistance programs.
- Fair Housing Education and Legal Aid.
- Homeless Prevention – Emergency Subsistence.

Neighborhood Revitalization

- Demolition of Substandard Housing and Clearance – The elimination of slum and blight, its prevention from recurrence of blighting influences in our low income neighborhoods.
- Community Centers – Address neighborhood safety and security through community center I.D. Fingerprint Scanners/Park Registration systems, facility improvements and resource availability.

Public Services - Non-Housing Special Needs

Fund public service programs addressing youth, seniors, disabled, mentally ill, homeless prevention, other special needs populations, as well as assistance in the building of capacity of those service providers serving our low income citizens.

Economic Development

As addressed in one of our Public Service provider's employment program.

Planning/Administration/Implementation

Administration - CDBG administrative costs are necessary for project management, compliance reporting, and overall community and project planning and implementation.

Through the execution of our Twelfth Year program the City of Jonesboro proposes to strengthen our new and expanded programs. The City is dedicated to fulfilling the true intention of the CDBG program and its goals and objectives. Jonesboro will continue with the demolition of substandard housing, community center improvements thereby improving the living conditions in our low income neighborhoods. Accessibility to affordable housing, homeowner assistance, neighborhood revitalization, and assistance to the agencies providing public services addressing the core needs of our low income citizens has become our primary focus.

In addition, the City will be participating in new collaborations with low income citizens to further our efforts to address the needs of their individual neighborhoods. Through the 2008 CDBG program funds the City will be serving our low income and the special needs populations including youth, elderly, Hispanic and the disabled and otherwise disadvantaged. Our primary goal is to promote, sustain and preserve an excellent quality of life in the City of Jonesboro.

**City of Jonesboro Community Development Block Grant
2008 Action Plan**

Through the Community Development Objectives cited above we are continuing to conduct our activities in a manner designed to benefit our most vulnerable populations.

PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The City of Jonesboro's 2008 allocation is \$545,251.00 for the Twelfth Year Community Development Program. The plan was developed using an all inclusive citizen participation process in compliance with the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 91. The City has evaluated all projects, conducted public hearings, held citizen advisory committee meetings, invited public comments and suggestions, and obtained the Mayor and City Council approval for the expenditures of the following projects:

Housing		
1.	Homeowner Rehabilitation	95,000
2.	Homeowner Assistance	25,000
3.	Rehabilitation Administration	30,000
4.	Public Service-Housing/Financial Education-JURHA	22,500
5.	Public Service-Legal Education-Legal Aid of Arkansas	5,000
6.	Public Service-Homeless/Potentially Homeless Prevention-Mid South Health	5,000
Neighborhood Revitalization		
7.	Demolition & Clearance	102,251
8.	Code Enforcement	25,000
9.	Public Facility Improvements-Community Centers	25,000
10.	Public Facility Improvements-E. Boone Watson Center	15,000
11.	Public Facility Improvements-Parker Park	6,000
Public Services		
12.	Public Service-Youth Mentoring-City Youth Ministries	10,000
13.	Public Service-Youth/Elderly/Disabled LMI Education-Foundation of Arts	22,500
14.	Public Service-Service Provider Assistance/Education-FOCUS	5,000
15.	Public Service-Translation Services-Hispanic Community Services, Inc.	5,000
Economic Development		
16.	Public Service-Employment Training-Mid South Health	5,000
Other		
17.	Unprogrammed Funds	33,000
18.	Administration	109,000
Total		545,251

The above listed activities are the proposed and approved projects for the 2008 Program Year. The Citizen's Advisory Council, the Mayor and the City Council approved the 2008 Action Plan, the specific projects and their amounts by Resolution thereby approving the allocated funds of \$545,251.00 and the implementation of said projects.

These projects were selected after careful consideration of the City of Jonesboro's needs in relation to HUD's national objectives. As reflected in the table below Jonesboro has a higher percentage of poverty, and lower percentage of homeownership than our county, state, and nation. Therefore, the City has chosen to select the programs that will most directly address the immediate areas of need.

According to the US Census Bureau

	Jonesboro	Craighead Cnty	Arkansas State	United States
Persons below POVERTY percent, 1999	17.4%	15.4%	15.8%	12.4%
HOMEOWNERSHIP rate, 2000	57.7%	63.9%	69.4%	66.2%

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/05/05031.html>

The projects are designed with maximum feasible benefit for our homeless, and low and moderate-income citizens.

The City will continue to strive to meet the HUD national objectives as we increase the number of opportunities for our citizens to move from homelessness and/or poverty to housing, self sufficiency, and the possibility of homeownership.

Effectiveness

The 2008 Action Plan coincides with the national objectives and the 2007-2011 Consolidated Plan. The City of Jonesboro included in its consideration not only the information obtained during public hearings but through various agency and public collaborations, studies, focus groups, and surveys performed throughout the City.

Our Citizen Advisory Committee meetings included project updates, problem resolution, current need, long term goals, and the actual development of this Action Plan. The CAC met at length to determine which public service projects best fulfilled our immediate objectives as stated in the Consolidated Plan and set the amounts based on said objectives. With the full approval of the CAC they then recommended that complete plan be presented to the Mayor and City Council for their approval.

Notices of all public hearings and the availability of the 2008 CDBG proposed projects for a 30 day public review were published in the Jonesboro Sun newspaper.

Copies of the complete 2008 Action Plan are available for public review and inspection during normal business hours Monday through Friday in the offices of the Department of Community Development located next to City Hall at 519 West Washington, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

ELEMENTS OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Managing the Process

The City of Jonesboro's Department of Community Development is responsible for the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. Various City Departments and local agencies assist in the collection of the needs data for preparation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, allowing for meaningful comparisons to be made in evaluating conditions within our City. This process allows for significant cost savings in the collection of the housing market and homeless needs data for preparation of the Consolidated Plan. The City of Jonesboro intends to utilize the existing City institutional structure. This structure will be enhanced with the ongoing use of public and private entities currently providing services to the public.

Citizen Participation Process

The City of Jonesboro follows its Citizen Participation Plan in development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. It is the goal of the City to encourage and facilitate participation of residents in the formulation of priorities, strategies and funding allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The process emphasizes the involvement of extremely low, very low, and low income persons (especially those living in low and moderate income neighborhoods and diverse populations) including people who do not speak English and persons with disabilities.

The preparation of the 2008 Action Plan builds upon the public participation and input provided in developing the City's 2007 - 2011 Consolidated Plan Priority Needs Summaries as approved by the City Council which sets forth a five year plan citing Housing and Community Development Needs. The Action Plan follows the Consolidated Plan in its focus on those goals that will benefit lower income households and identifies which goals are anticipated to be carried out using federal CDBG funds allocated to the City.

Public input was obtained from several resources including two public hearings, and participation in numerous public and service provider meetings. In an effort to broaden the public participation process for development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plans, the City encourages broad involvement in the process and holds the meetings in locations in the neighborhoods we serve in order to facilitate participation. Efforts are also made to reach persons with disabilities by utilizing agencies that serve persons with disabilities.

The City of Jonesboro continues considering the implementation of a two-year budget cycle for public service programs. Under the two-year budget cycle, programs that receive CDBG funding for one Fiscal Year will also receive conditional funding (based on satisfactory performance during that Fiscal Year) for funding in following Fiscal Year. All programs with satisfactory performance would receive a proportional share of the available budget in that Fiscal Year. Capital projects would continue to be funded on an annual basis in order for the City to maintain flexibility to fund projects when they are ready to utilize the funds, which is necessary in order to comply with CDBG Program expenditure requirements.

Institutional Structure

The institutional structure for implementation of the Consolidated Plan includes non-profit organizations, other public agencies and educational institutions. The City of Jonesboro Department of Community Development is responsible for implementation of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans.

The City provides funding and coordinates with nonprofit organizations that provide public services that benefit Jonesboro residents. The City also works with non-profit housing developers in the development of affordable housing in the City. Nonprofit organizations are therefore critical to achieving the Consolidated Plan goals.

The City is available to assist the Housing Authority in submitting applications for funding to increase Section 8 vouchers or provide additional funding for affordable housing or services in the City. The City coordinates its activities with other public agencies. The City regularly participates in JURHA, and non-profit meetings, focus groups, and faith-based activities.

The City assists non-profit agencies in securing other State and Federal funding by writing letters of support and assisting agencies in completing applications for funding. The City is also active in supporting the continued funding of the Section 8 Program and other programs that are crucial for affordable housing programs and public services.

The major strengths of the City's institutional structure is in the access to the various City Departments, and to a large number of very capable non-profit organizations who are highly competent in using available resources and leveraging funding, in order to achieve the desired housing and services.

Monitoring

The City of Jonesboro intends to use the existing delivery/reporting system to achieve its production and service goals. While this includes managing in-house programs, many programs and services will be contracted out to sub-grantees. The City plans to conduct an on-site monitoring assessment of the program activities of each sub-recipient in order to insure strict compliance with program guidelines as stated in their contractual agreement. The monitoring process includes quarterly reports, a review of contract compliance, program, capacity, performance, and timeliness.

Financial monitoring occurs on a quarterly basis with a review of invoices and supporting documentation to insure that all costs correspond to project services as outlined in the recipient's contract budget. The quarterly report includes additional information including client data, project activities, progress in meeting goals/objectives and specific achievements.

At the end of the contract year, the department compiles all the client demographic data and prepares a comprehensive statistical report that becomes part of the CAPER.

The City of Jonesboro includes the following statement on every bid document in order to encourage minority business participation:

Minority Business Participation

Minority Business Policy – It is the policy of the City of Jonesboro that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the city purchasing process. Therefore the City of Jonesboro encourages all minority businesses to compete for, win and receive contracts for goods, services, and construction. The City also encourages all companies to subcontract portions of any City contract to minority business enterprises.

Lead Based Paint Strategy

According to the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X), lead based paint hazard is defined as any condition that causes exposure to lead from lead contaminated dust, lead contaminated soil or lead contaminated paint that is deteriorated or present in chewable surfaces, friction surfaces, or impact surfaces that would result in adverse human health effects. As required by Title X, the City of Jonesboro is carrying out CDBG funded activities in tandem with our Inspection Department.

The City requires lead based paint testing and hazard reduction in properties that are rehabilitated using CDBG funds. Owners of properties to be rehabilitated are informed of the risks of lead based paint. As part of

the rehabilitation process, the property is inspected for signs of defective paint. Defective paint in older homes that is suspected to be lead based is removed following the lead based paint standards. If there are children in the home, the parents are provided information regarding the benefits of having the children tested for lead based paint and also where they can go to get this done.

YEAR TWO – FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN-CITY OF JONESBORO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - 2008 ACTION PLAN

The following are the Goals and Objectives to be addressed with the 2008 Program Year funding: As stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & PUBLIC HOUSING

- 1. Goal: Improve livability and availability of affordable housing and assist in the improvement of housing opportunities.**
 - 1.1 Objective 1: Improve low income homeowner housing conditions.
 - 1.1a Provide funding for emergency homeowner rehabilitation repairs.
 - 1.2 Objective 2: Increase new homeownership opportunities.
 - 1.2a Continue First Time New Homeownership Program.
 - 1.2b Assist in the expansion of homeownership through financial, credit repair, foreclosure education to create new homeowners and retain current homeownership.
 - 1.3 Objective 3: Assist developers in determining incentives/financial partnerships to promote more affordable housing projects.

BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 2. Goal: Address barriers to affordable and fair housing.**
 - 2.1 Objective 1: Increase the number of qualified new homeowners through

homebuyer education.

- 2.3 Objective 3: Create fair housing and resolution information for public distribution.

LEAD-PAINT HAZARDS - GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES

3. Goal: Increase lead safe housing stock.

- 3.1 Objective 1: Maintain standards for lead-based paint abatement in all housing rehabilitation projects.

SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT - NON HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. Goal: Improve Livability, create better functioning, and more attractive neighborhoods

- 4.1 Objective 1: Improve appearance and eliminate blight in low income neighborhoods.
4.1a Demolition and Clearance.
- 4.2 Objective 2: Address needs of low income neighborhoods public facilities.
4.2a Public Facilities maintenance and repair.
4.2b Improve Parks and Recreation Facilities (Community Centers).
- 4.3 Objective 3: Provide public services to address the needs of low income citizens.
4.3a Fund needed services for qualified low income citizens.
- 4.4 Objective 4: Improve low-income neighborhood livability through citizen participation in Neighborhood Revitalization.
4.4a Explore the advantages of creating neighborhood revitalization strategy areas.
4.4b Investigate the need and public interest in local neighborhood networks.
- 4.5 Objective 5: Economic Development and job creation for low income area.
4.5b Encourage employment programs.

SPECIAL NEEDS - HOMELESSNESS

5. Goals: Increase housing and service opportunities extended to homeless persons.

- 5.1 Objective 1: Support and assist existing emergency shelters and transitional living housing.
5.1a Provide support for rehabilitation and/or services for existing shelters.
- 5.2 Objective 2: Address homeless prevention activities.
5.2a Provide technical assistance for and/or actual funding assistance to non-profits addressing homeless prevention activities.
- 5.3 Objective 3: Collaborate with homeless providers.
5.3a Provide staff assistance for homeless counts.
5.3b Develop partnerships with non-profits to expand current services.
5.3c Attend quarterly meetings with service providers in Jonesboro.

ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY

6. Goal: To assist in the reduction of households with incomes below the poverty line.

- 6.1 Objective 1: Support services to prevent homelessness.
6.1a Support services such as emergency rental/utility assistance, financial education, foreclosure resolution programs, and other educational services.
6.1b Survival services needed to enable households to survive on their limited incomes.

6.2 Objective 2: Assist in the provision of job training and supportive services.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

7. **Goal: Explore the possibility of expanding services and/or access to services for our special needs population.**

7.1 Objective 1: To work with services providers to assist special needs groups' access needed services.

PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS

According to NARAN (Northeast Arkansas Regional Aids Network), there remain approximately 50 residents in Craighead County recorded with AIDS. In addition, there have been an additional 100 plus recorded cases of people with HIV in the County. The City will continue to support NARAN and their efforts to address this need.

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To be inserted: Resolution

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CERTIFICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ----- are certifications that have been signed by Mayor Douglas Formon, City of Jonesboro, Arkansas for the **CDBG BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR -- 2008.**

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the Housing and Community Development Plan regulations, the City of Jonesboro certifies that:

Citizen Participation Plan-- Following is the detailed citizen participation plan which:

1. Provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blighted areas in which funds are proposed to be used, and provides for participation of residents in low and moderate income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdiction;
2. Provides citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the City of Jonesboro's proposed use of funds, as required by the regulations of the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under the Act;
3. Provides for technical assistance to groups representatives of persons of low and moderate income that provides for technical assistance to groups representatives of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the City of Jonesboro;
4. Provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped;
5. Provides for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances, within 15 working days where practicable; and
6. Identifies how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the cause of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate;
7. The City of Jonesboro stands ready to provide any and all necessary assistance to persons with visual or hearing impairments to assure that these individuals are fully informed and included in the Consolidated Plan process. The City shall provide assistance up to and including interpreters and persons that sign for the hearing impaired, as well as any appropriate listening devices. The City stands ready to utilize alternative media as requested.

Citizen Participation — Prior to submission of its Housing and Community Development Plan to HUD, the City of Jonesboro has:

1. Met the citizen participation requirements of §91.10
2. Prepared its housing and community development plan and annual use of funds in accordance with §91.105 and made its Housing and Community Development Plan submission available to the public.

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -The City of Jonesboro will continue to affirmatively further fair housing as set out under 24 CFR 91.220, and has prepared an analysis previously that identifies impediments to fair housing choice, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified, and maintain records pertaining to carrying out this certification. The cost and condition of housing in our low income areas will to be addressed directly with the project listed herein. CDBG funds will be used to acquire land for single family unit homes in our most impoverished area. Low income individuals and families will be assisted in new homeownership through education and matching grants for down payment and closing costs. For those who cannot afford to maintain their homes CDBG will be used to provide grants for rehabilitation. The City has undertaken several activities to address emergency shelters and the transitional housing needs of our homeless individuals and families.

The City continues to improve neighborhoods with the improvements of parks, sewer improvements and the elimination of substandard housing and unsightly lots through demolition and clearance. We are not expecting any other resources other than CDBG to address these needs as the City of Jonesboro has yet to be designated participating jurisdiction in order to receive HOME funds. The activities to be completed are either located in or will be directly serving our low and moderate income areas, and the areas of minority concentration. The attached maps show said areas.

In addition to the projects outlined the Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority, Salvation Army, Consolidated Youth Systems, Mid South Health Systems, and Women's Crisis Center of Northeast Arkansas are assisting homeless and potentially homeless individuals and families with the programs that they administer. We are continuing to monitor the services that are provided by other entities in Jonesboro.

Regarding those persons that are not homeless as identified in accordance with 91.215 (d), the City is also monitoring those areas. These persons are the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, alcohol or other drug addictions, HIV/AIDS and their families along with public housing residents. Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Abilities Unlimited Inc., Consolidated Youth Services, Jonesboro Human Development Center, FOCUS, NARAN, Mid South Health Systems, East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, as well as several others assist many handicapped persons and families along with the Housing Authority. The City is actively involved in assisting these organizations and does not intend to step in and duplicate these services. We will continue to monitor the organizations.

Our monitoring of the agencies reflects that the agencies are providing assistance within their guidelines and scope of work. There are no changes that are needed except that additional monies to expand their services. The City will endorse and support new applications for the agencies to apply for funding, as well as monitor the housing and general needs of the citizens of Jonesboro.

Anti-Discrimination — The grants will be conducted and administered in compliance with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3620), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Orders 11063, 11625, 12138, 12432 and 12892, Section 504 of the (title II) and implementing regulations.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan — The City of Jonesboro will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, as required under §91.xxx and Federal implementing regulations; and that it has in effect and is following a residential anti-

displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the relocation requirements of §91.xxx governing optional relocation assistance under section 105 (a) (11) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

Drug Free Workplace - The City will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by enacting certain requirements:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The City of Jonesboro's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug status occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4 (b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant actively the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such proposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

8. The City of Jonesboro has inserted in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:
Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Demolition of substandard housing units, various park improvements in the City and Administrative Responsibilities, all in the City of Jonesboro, will be carried out from 515 West Washington, Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas 72401.

Anti Lobbying — To the best of the City of Jonesboro’s knowledge and belief:

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

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

3. The City will require that the language of paragraph (n) of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly; The City of Jonesboro is in compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by that part.

Legal Authority ---The City of Jonesboro possesses legal authority under State and Local Law to make grant submissions and to execute Community Development and Housing programs and the City Council has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to submit the Housing and Community Development Plan and amendments thereto and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to act in connection with the submission of Housing and Community Development Plan and to provide such additional information as may be required;

Applicable Laws ---The City of Jonesboro will comply with the other provisions of the Acts covering programs covered by the Housing and community Development Plan and with other applicable laws.

In accordance with the certifications as set out under 24 CFR Part 91.225 of the Federal Register dated January 5, 1995, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas further certifies that:

Consistency with plan ---The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 Compliance ---The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas in the administration of it's Community Development Program will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature: Douglas Formon, Mayor

Date

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SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The City of Jonesboro certifies that:

Use of Funds — It has developed its Housing and Community Development Plan one-year projected use of funds so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; (the projected use of funds may also include activities which the City of Jonesboro certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health of welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available); except that the aggregate use of CDBG funds received under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and if applicable, under section 108 of the same Act, shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that not less than 70 percent of such funds are used for activities that benefit such persons during such period;

Community Development Plan — The City of Jonesboro has developed a Community Development Plan, for the period specified in the paragraph above, that identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective and requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

Special Assessments — The City of Jonesboro will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or in part with funds provided under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, or with amounts resulting from a guarantee under section 108 of the same Act by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless:

1. Funds received under section 106 of the housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from revenue sources other than under Title I of that Act; or
2. For purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of moderate income, the City of Jonesboro certifies to the Secretary that it lacks sufficient funds received under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to comply with the requirements of subparagraph (1) above;

Lead-Based Paint — The City of Jonesboro's notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint will comply with §570.608;

Excessive Force — The City of Jonesboro has adopted and is enforcing:

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

Signature: Douglas Formon, Mayor

Date

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SPECIFIC HOME CERTIFICATIONS

The City of Jonesboro, a Home participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

Tenant Based Rental Assistance - Tenant Based Rental Assistance is not a part of the City of Jonesboro's plan at this time. The Jonesboro Housing Authority is administering these funds.

Signature: Douglas Formon, Mayor

Date

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements:

A. Lobbying Certification

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

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement the grantee is providing the certification set out in paragraph (o).
2. The certification set out in paragraph (o) is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies. (This is the information to which entitlement grantees certify).
4. For grantees that are individuals, Alternate II applies. (Not applicable to CDBG Entitlement grantees.)
5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (i.e. All vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, and performers in concert halls or radio stations).
7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees; attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:
9. “Controlled substance” means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);
10. “Conviction” means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;
11. “Criminal drug statute” means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;
12. “Employee” means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All “direct charge” employees; (ii) all “indirect charge” employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are not on the grantee’s payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee’s payroll; or employees of sub-recipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

TABLE 3

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ----- reflect the Projects in which the CDBG Program dollars will be directed in the City of Jonesboro.

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Table 3
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Improvement of Housing Conditions

Project Title

Homeowner Rehabilitation

Description

Assist in the improvement of housing conditions for LMI homeowners, thereby preserving our existing affordable housing stock.

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 100
HUD Matrix Code 14A	CDBG Citation 507.202
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMH
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Housing Units	Annual Units 5
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$95,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$95,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$95,000

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The expected outcome of the projects to improve: Availability/Accessibility Affordability Sustainability

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need
Homeownership Assistance

Project Title
New and Veterans Homeownership Assistance

Description
Increase the viability for potential homeownership through provision of homeownership assistance programs.

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 101
HUD Matrix Code 13	CDBG Citation 570.201 (N)
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMH
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator New Homeowner Assist.	Annual Units 10
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	<u>\$25,000</u>
ESG	.....
HOME	.....
HOPWA	.....
Total Formula	<u>\$25,000</u>
Prior Year Funds
Assisted Housing
PHA
Other Funding
Total	<u>\$25,000</u>

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Rehabilitation Administration

Project Title

Rehabilitation Administration

Description

Housing Rehabilitation Activity Delivery Cost

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 102
HUD Matrix Code 14H	CDBG Citation 507.202
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMH
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Rehab. Admin.	Annual Units N/A
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	<u>\$30,000</u>
ESG	.....
HOME	.....
HOPWA	.....
Total Formula	<u>\$30,000</u>
Prior Year Funds
Assisted Housing
PHA
Other Funding
Total	<u>\$30,000</u>

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Elimination of substandard housing

Project Title

Demolition of Substandard housing

Description

The elimination of slum and blight, prevention from recurrence of blighting influences in our low income neighborhoods.

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 103
HUD Matrix Code 04	CDBG Citation 570.201 (D)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective SBA
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Demolition	Annual Units 25
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	..... \$102,251
ESG	.....
HOME	.....
HOPWA	.....
Total Formula \$102,251
Prior Year Funds
Assisted Housing
PHA
Other Funding
Total \$102,251

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need
Code Enforcement

Project Title
Code Enforcement

Description
Necessary costs directly related to the enforcement required for the elimination of unsafe housing –
condemnation/abandonment.

Location/Target Area
LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 104
HUD Matrix Code 15	CDBG Citation 570.202 (C)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMA
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Code Enforcement	Annual Units N/A
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$25,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$25,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$25,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Improve Parks/Recreation/Community Center Facilities

Project Title

E. Boone Watson Community Center Improvements

Description

Assist with facility improvements of E. Boone Watson Center.

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 105
HUD Matrix Code 03F	CDBG Citation 570.201 (C)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Facility-Parks	Annual Units 1
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$15,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$15,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$15,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Improve Parks/Recreation/Community Center Facilities

Project Title

Community Center Security I.D. System and Park Registration Software

Description

Assist with implementation of security identification finger print scanners and registration software for Allen Park, Parker Park, Earl Bell, and City Youth to create secure and better functioning community centers.

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 106
HUD Matrix Code 03	CDBG Citation 570.201 (C)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Facility	Annual Units 4
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$25,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$25,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$25,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Improve Parks/Recreation/Community Center Facilities

Project Title

Parker Park Community Center Side Walk Improvement

Description

Provide a sidewalk at Parks and Recreation Facility to create a secure walk way to the facility.

Location/Target Area

LMI

Objective Number	Project ID 107
HUD Matrix Code 03F	CDBG Citation 570.201 (C)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Facility	Annual Units 1
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$6,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$6,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$6,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-Housing and Financial Education to low income persons

Project Title

Housing and Financial Education

Description

Counseling including credit repair, foreclosure, financial training, new homeownership assistance to low income citizens.

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 108
HUD Matrix Code 05 R	CDBG Citation 570.204
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator P.S.- Homeownership	Annual Units 50
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$22,500
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$22,500
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$22,500

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-The improvement of quality of life of LMI persons

Project Title

Low Income Children/Disabled/Elderly Programs

Description

Provide educational programs and recreational opportunities to low/moderate income families, school children, the elderly and disabled.

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 109
HUD Matrix Code 05	CDBG Citation 570.201 (E)
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Service	Annual Units 500
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$22,500
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$22,500
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$22,500

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-Hispanic/LMI Community Services

Project Title

Low/Moderate Income Community Services

Description

To increase self-sufficiency through Hispanic/LMI translation services.

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 110
HUD Matrix Code 05	CDBG Citation 570.204
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Service.	Annual Units 200
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$5,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$5,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$5,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-Youth Mentorship for low income youth

Project Title

Youth Mentorship

Description

Mentor/Education to low income youth to enhance the learning process.

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 111
HUD Matrix Code 05D	CDBG Citation 570.201 (E)
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator P.S. - Youth	Annual Units 35
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$10,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$10,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$10,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need
Public Service-Homeless/ Potentially Homeless Prevention

Project Title
Subsistence Program

Description
One Time or Short Term Subsistence Assistance

Location/Target Area
N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 112
HUD Matrix Code 05Q	CDBG Citation 570.204
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator P.S. Subsistence Assist.	Annual Units 12
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$5,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$5,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$5,000

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**Table 3
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects**

Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-Employment Assistance/Education

Project Title

Employment/Education

Description

Employment/Job Skill Training for mentally ill

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 113
HUD Matrix Code 05H	CDBG Citation 570.201 (e)
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Service	Annual Units 30
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	..... \$5,000
ESG	.....
HOME	.....
HOPWA	.....
Total Formula \$5,000
Prior Year Funds
Assisted Housing
PHA
Other Funding
Total \$5,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-Fair Housing Outreach/Education

Project Title

Fair Housing Outreach/Education

Description

Fair Housing Outreach and Education to LMI

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 114
HUD Matrix Code 05J	CDBG Citation 570.201 (e)
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Services	Annual Units 50
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$5,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$5,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$5,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

Public Service-Services Provider Assistance/Education

Project Title

Services Providers Assistance/Education

Description

Non Profit and Social Service Capacity Building Annual Conference

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 115
HUD Matrix Code 05	CDBG Citation 570.201 (E)
Type of Recipient Subrecipient	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Public Service	Annual Units N/A
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$5,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$5,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$5,000

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Priority Need

Unprogrammed Funds of Community Development Projects

Project Title

Unprogrammed Funds of Community Development Projects

Description

Unprogrammed Funds of Community Development Projects

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 116
HUD Matrix Code 22	CDBG Citation
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Other	Annual Units N/A
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$33,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$33,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$33,000

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Jurisdiction's Name City of Jonesboro

Priority Need

CDBG Program Planning & Administration

Project Title

Planning & Administration

Description

CDBG administration costs necessary for project management, implementation, compliance reporting, and planning.

Location/Target Area

N/A

Objective Number	Project ID 117
HUD Matrix Code 21A	CDBG Citation 570.206
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMC
Start Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/2008	Completion Date(mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2008
Performance Indicator Admin.	Annual Units N/A
Local ID	Units Upon Completion

Funding Sources:

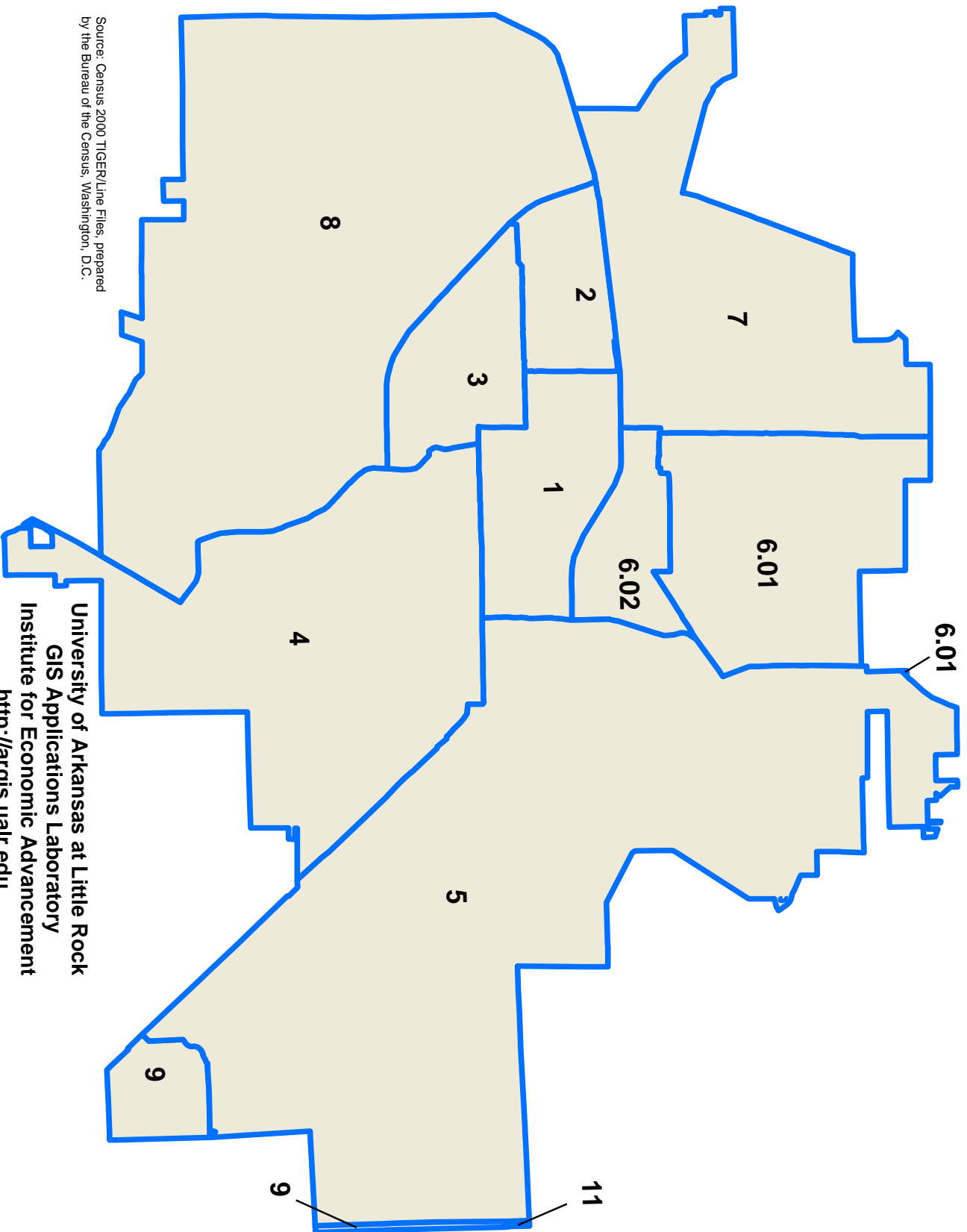
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ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	\$109,000
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$109,000

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MAPS

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ----- reflect the income and minority areas in which the CDBG Program dollars will be directed in the City of Jonesboro.

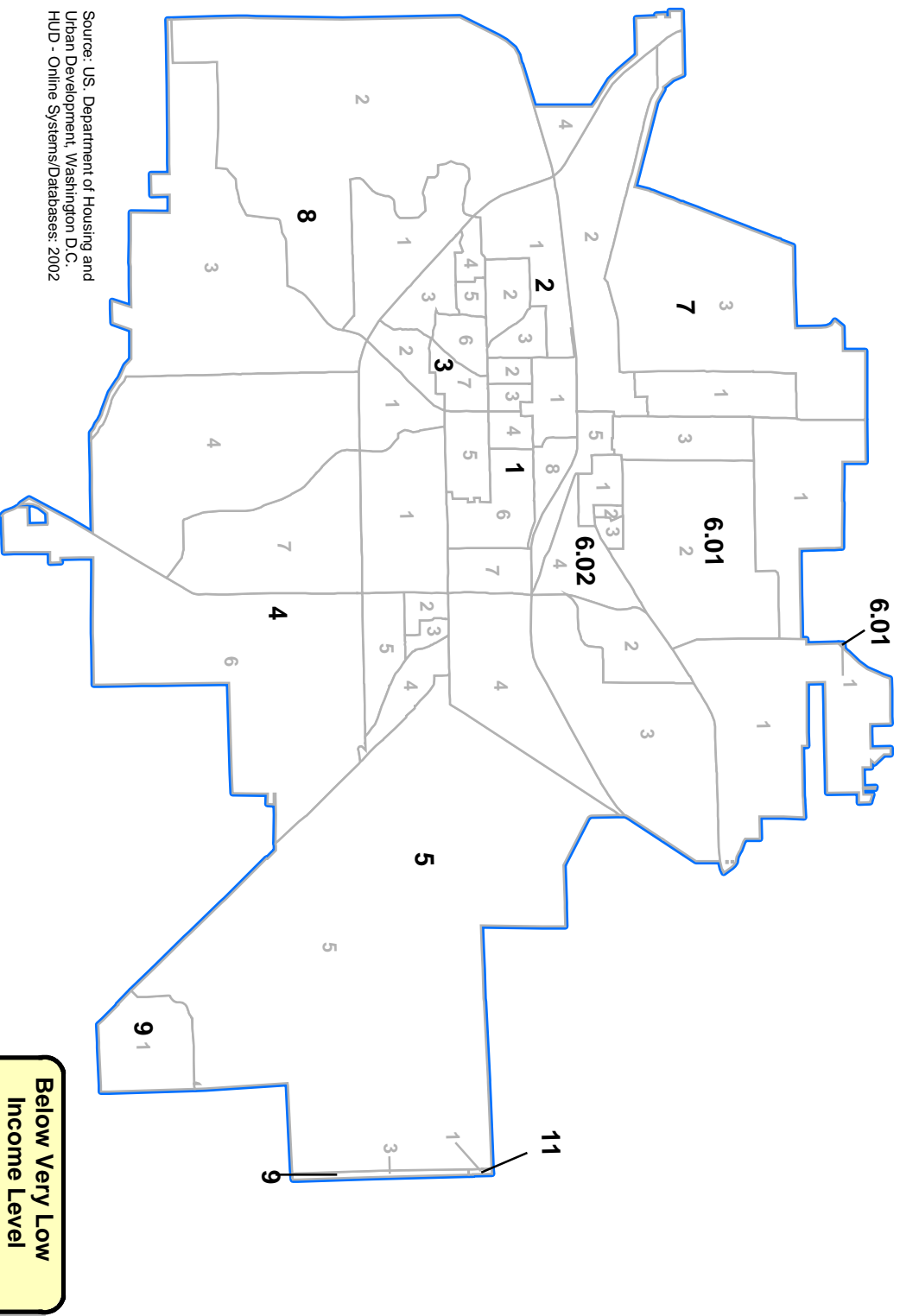
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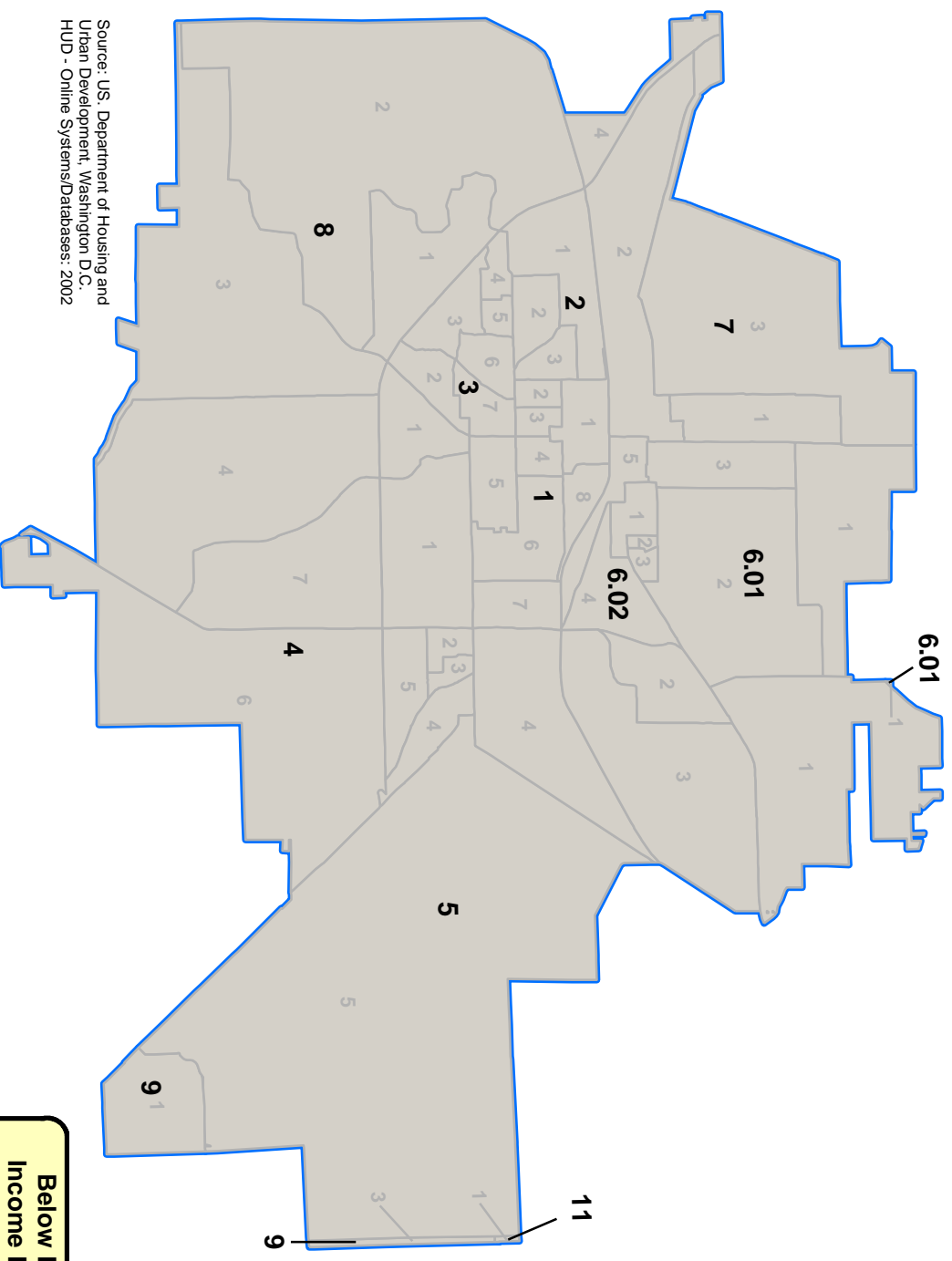
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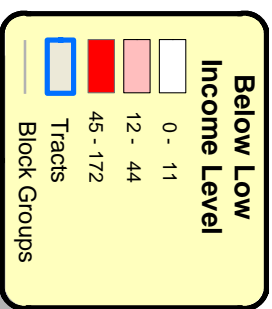
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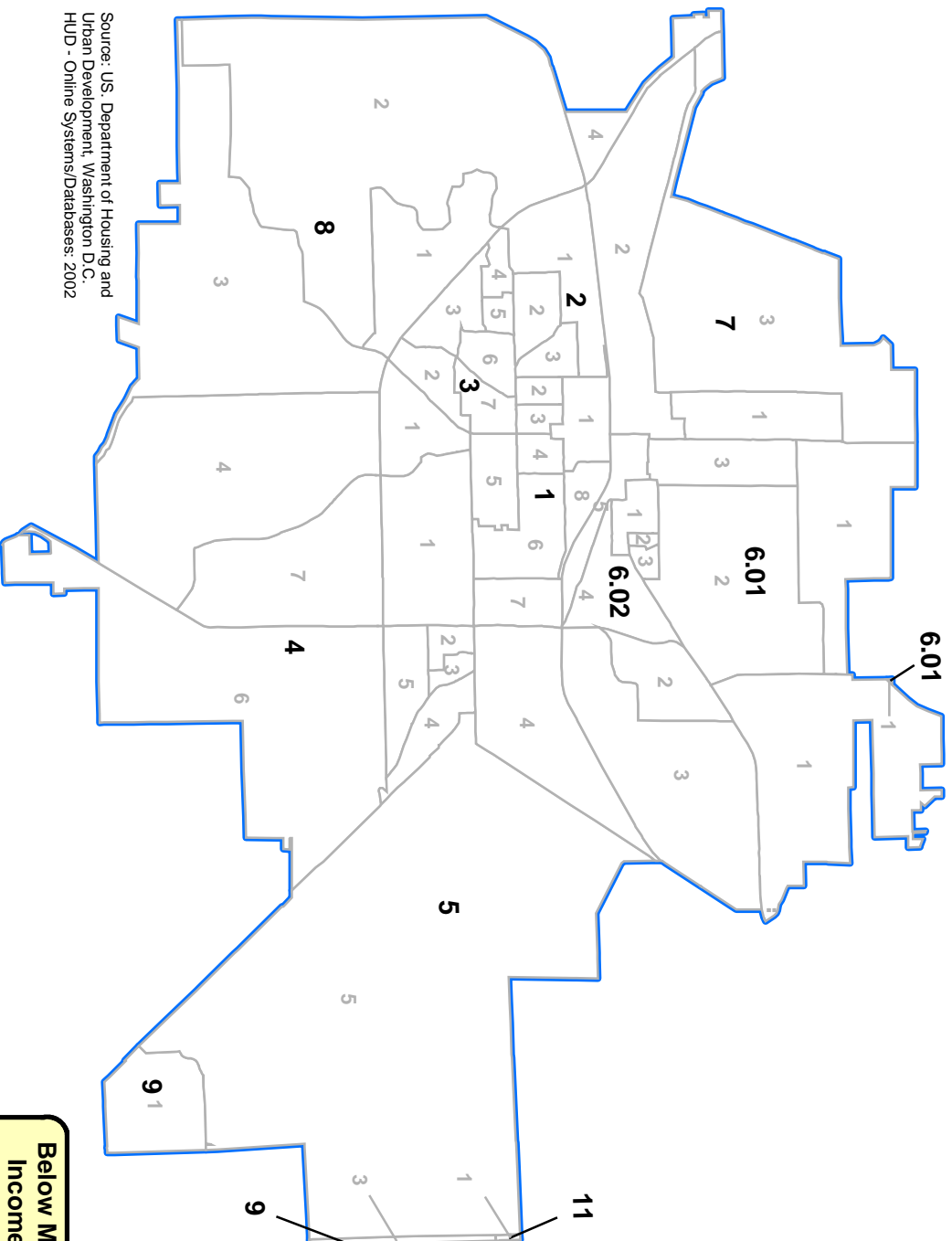


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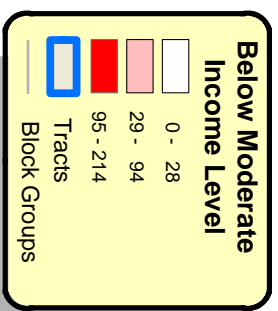


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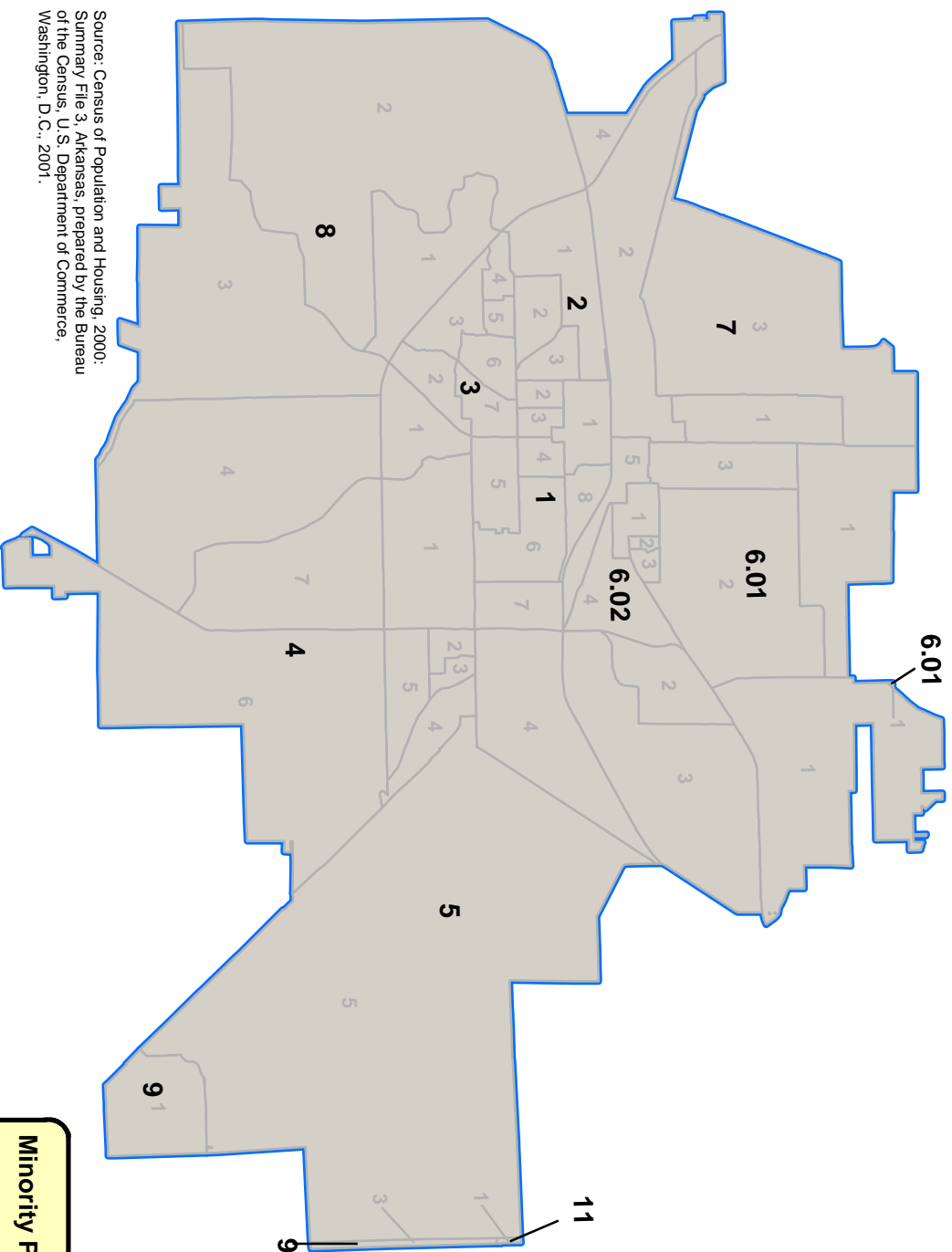


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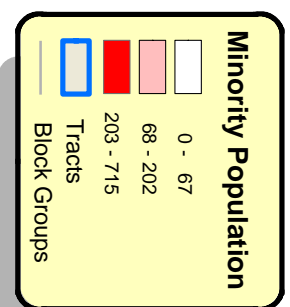


Minority Population in Jonesboro; by Tract, by Block Group; 2002



Source: Census of Population and Housing, 2000: Summary File 3, Arkansas, prepared by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., 2001.

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