



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program was established by 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 for lower income persons (defined by HUD as 80% or less of the City of Jonesboro area median household income). In Jonesboro, as of this date of April 9, 2015, the median household income for Jonesboro, Arkansas is \$43,353. The City of Jonesboro will start its 19th CDBG program July 1, 2015 and will end June 30, 2016. The annual allocation for FY 2015 is \$574,495. This amount is formula based determined by HUD for all "entitlement" cities, of which Jonesboro is one of fourteen in the State of Arkansas. Each year, the City of Jonesboro prepares an annual action plan in partnership with its residents, CDBG Advisory Board, city staffers, Mayor, and City Council. This plan is then presented to HUD for final approval according to HUD requirements. Once approved by HUD, the City of Jonesboro receives a "release of funds" letter, at which time the City of Jonesboro is authorized to begin implementation of its outlined activities. In addition to meeting one or more of the three goals outlined by the CDBG program (Create a suitable living environment, provide decent housing, and create economic opportunities), the plan's activities must meet one or more of the three national objectives outlined by HUD: 1. Benefit people with low incomes (defined by HUD as up to 80% of the median), 2. Aid in the prevention and/or elimination of slum and blight, and 3. Meet an urgent need (for example natural disaster).

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Jonesboro's FY 2015 Annual Action Plan places a high priority on providing decent housing for low income residents by allocating 26% (\$150,000) of its \$575,495 to the homeowner rehabilitation program. This program benefits low to moderate income residents that need assistance with getting their homes up to code and safe. Based on a housing analysis conducted in 2013 by J-Quad Planning, there is a significant need to improve the housing stock in Jonesboro's low income neighborhoods for low income residents. The City of Jonesboro completes on average 20 of these projects annually. Creating suitable living environments is also a priority in this action plan with activities such as code enforcement, demolition and clearance, and public facilities and improvements. And, finally, this plan creates economic opportunities through the homeownership assistance program and the public services that are offered through the nonprofit partners in the community. The four main categories in this plan are: Housing Services (45%), Public Improvements (24%), Public Services (12%), and Administration (18%). Housing Services includes code enforcement, homeownership assistance, homeowner rehabs, and demoltion/clearance. Public Improvements include new playground at Pop Stricklin Park located in a CDBG area, a new pavilion at Parker Park Community Center located in a CDBG area and the NRSA, a new pavilion at CWL Park located in the West End neighborhood - a CDBG area, and a \$40,000 allocation for new and improvements to existing sidewalks in North Jonesboro, a CDBG area as well as the NRSA.

The Public Services chosen by the CDBG Advisory Board this year are the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative, City Youth Ministries Parent Engagement Program, Habitat for Humanity's Life Skills Program, Foundation of Arts outreach to LMI children, Hispanic Community Services INC for translation services, New Life's mobile computer classes for LMI residents, Life Skills classes to LMI autistic residents, and finally a new lighting/safety program in the West End - a partnership between the West End Neighborhood Association and the Quality of Life Unit of JPD (Jonesboro Police Department), an effort to deter crime after dark.

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 Jonesboro CDBG Program has had to overcome many obstacles in the past 5 years. However, in the process of combatting the impact of the passing of the previous director, high staff turnover in two positions, and the reallocation of unspent funds, this program has improved tremendously. Although there are aspects to still be learned, improved, and streamlined to better serve the residents of Jonesboro as well as protect the investment of federal funds in the community, many accomplishments in the past five years led to the decisions made for the FY 2015 Action Plan. Almost 80 homes occupied by low income residents have successfully been rehabilitated, meaning that the home was unsuitable for living and now meets HUD standards for living and is up to code by local, state, and federal requirements. Almost 60 unsafe, condemnable structures have been demolished in low income areas of Jonesboro in an effort to eliminate slum and blight, deter crime enabling properties, and create a suitable environment in low income neighborhoods. Moreover, the City of Jonesboro in the past five years has successfully partnered with the local nonprofit community to provide economic opportunity to the 24% poverty stricken population in Jonesboro, Arkansas. These are success, but there was also room for improvement. For example, in the last few community meetings and public hearings, residents have stressed the need for more sidewalks. This is addressed in the FY 2015 Plan.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Jonesboro follows the Citizen Participation Plan in the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. It is the goal of the City of Jonesboro 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 income neighborhoods and diverse populations) including residents who do not speak English and residents with disabilities. The preparation of the FY 2015 Action Plan builds upon the public participation and input provided in developing the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan Priority Needs Summary, as approved by the City Council. This plan 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 two public hearings, and participation in public and service provider meetings, as well as, other annual ward meetings held by the Mayor, and monthly community association meetings. In an effort to broaden the public participation process for development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, the city seriously encourages involvement in the process and holds the meetings in locations in service-recipient neighborhoods. Efforts are also made to reach persons with disabilities by utilizing agencies that serve persons with disabilities. In the development of the FY 2015 Action Plan specifically, two public hearings were held in the community to determine the priorities for the FY 2015 Action Plan. The CDBG Advisory Board also met to review public service applications, score each one objectively, and determine which applications would be funded. The top 3 scored applications were fully funded, with the next level of scored applications scored partially. The lowest scoring applications were not funded.

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.

A total of 19 residents attended the first public hearing meeting and a total of 11 residents attended the second public hearing meeting for the preparation and planning of the FY 2015 Action Plan. Everyone that attended the meetings participated and had great input for city staffers. Many residents from the West End Community showed for the first meeting and stressed lighting was a major concern for this community. They believe also that there needs to be more sidewalks, improvements to existing sidewalks, and they want major improvements to CWL Park for outdoor play for their children. Many residents commented that they would like to have another water play option in Jonesboro. Currently, there is one community pool in Jonesboro and it is located in west Jonesboro in the Scenic Hills Neighborhood. North Jonesboro, east Jonesboro, and south Jonesboro all have splash parks/pads. North Jonesboro residents recognized the need for library services in North Jonesboro, as the current only library location is also located in old west end Jonesboro. When door to door surveys were implemented in North Jonesboro, 475 of the 513 respondents indicated a need for more sidewalks. Homelessness was also brought up at both meetings. Residents indicated a need for more life skills classes, literacy classes, financial counseling, and accessible computer labs in low income neighborhoods. Several residents noted a need for a dog park in Jonesboro. There were lots of great comments from the public in this year's citizen participatory process, but overall the two most common statements that city staffers heard was 1. more sidewalks, and 2. more lighting.

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

As stated above, two public meetings were held in the community. Once the proposed FY 2015 Action Plan was posted on line for the 30 day public comment period, the Administrator received several follow

up phone calls and emails in reference to the allocations in the FY 2015 Plan. Residents in the hearings stressed the importance of lighting and sidewalks. In fact, the NJNI Public Safety Committee scheduled a meeting with the Administrator to discuss a request for an allocation for new sidewalks and the improvement of existing sidewalks in North Jonesboro. They conducted their own research, provided a map of existing sidewalk inventory in North Jonesboro, provided photographs of deteriorated sidewalks, and cost estimates for the requested improvements. The City of Jonesboro agreed to rearrange the allocations and add a \$40,000 allocation for sidewalks and improvements in North Jonesboro as a direct result of the productive meeting. Also, it should be noted that although the West End Neighborhood Association's public service application scored in the lower realm of applicants, because there was such a significant request for lighting by residents, this application was approved and partially funded for the West End Neighborhood Association to partner with the JPD Quality of Life Unit on a pilot project to improve lighting in the West End. Outcomes will be measured in terms of crimes reported and calls for service in the area. It should be noted that while lighting is also very important to the City of Jonesboro, CWL is not city-owned or operated. CWL is a private entity of which the City of Jonesboro has a great relationship. When residents request additional lighting in certain areas, CWL is GREAT to go and check the scene out at night and evaluate if the area needs additional lighting. They are good to install additional lighting if the need is recognized. If the need is more of a special request from a resident, CWL will install the lighting at no cost but that resident is asked to pay a monthly fee for the additional electricity. This is a balancing act in Jonesboro. CWL is a great company and does a great job. The Mayor is currently working alongside CWL to improve the lighting situation in certain areas. On sidewalks, the City of Jonesboro has a master sidewalk plan in which over \$500,000 is allocated annually from the general fund. This plan is implemented annually. The additional \$40,000 allocated in the CDBG FY 2015 Plan will add to the effectiveness of the master sidewalk plan but will not take away from it. Sidewalks continue to be a priority in Jonesboro, especially low income neighborhoods where residents walk more for transit and access to transit purposes.

7. Summary

Much work, research, and preparation went into writing the FY 2015 CDBG Action Plan for the City of Jonesboro. Resident input was solicited and utilized in the development of the plan. All activities align with national HUD objectives and goals. The City of Jonesboro has partnered with the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation for the past 5 years on the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative to increase resident engagement and has learned a great deal from this effort. Residents are now so engaged that they are actually establishing neighborhood community agendas and prioritizing activities for the City of Jonesboro Grants and Community Development Department. This has become a great partnership and reshaped the way the City of Jonesboro conducts business. Local government is a service to the resident. The residents are its constituents, its shareholders if you will. Business without resident engagement is a business without accountability. The City of Jonesboro is fully prepared to implement its FY 2015 CDBG Action Plan and fully anticipates approval by HUD to move forward July 1, 2015.

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 | JONESBORO | Grants and Community Development Department |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Jonesboro Grants and Community Development Department is responsible for administering the CDBG program. The Administrator writes the annual action plan based on input and requests from residents at multiple public hearings. Multiple modes of solicitation for input are utilized including email, website, social media, local newspaper, phone calls, flyers, and face to face communication. The CDBG Advisory Board scores every application for public service funds. All funds are used for services to directly benefit low income residents and/or low income neighborhoods.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Jonesboro is responsible for putting together both the consolidated plans and the annual action plans for the CDBG program. The City of Jonesboro is the local government agency that serves the residents of Jonesboro. Jonesboro, AR is made up of 82 square miles and more than 70,000 residents according to the most recent American Community Survey data. The City employes over 500 people. The Grants and Community Development Department oversees the administration and management of the CDBG program and all other federal funds as well. This department has an Administrator, 2 Project Coordinators, a Community Liaison, A Grants Manager, and 2 full time VISTAs [that are working with the department to develop a city wide volunteer program centralized and housed at the City of Jonesboro]. The Administrator works with the public, other governmental agencies, housing agencies, and the non profit community to develop the plan. There are public meetings as well as the CDBG Advisory Board meeting. The CDBG Advisory Board is made up of stakeholders and providers to low income residents as well as low income residents themselves. The plan is taken to the Mayor and Council for approval before sending the final version to HUD. Residents are strongly engaged during the process through the local newspaper, the City website, Facebook, other social media, flyers, phone calls, email distributions, and face to face communication.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Jonesboro Department of Grants and Community Development continually collaborates with educational institutions, not for profits, the private sector and other governmental agencies to serve the low income residents of Jonesboro. The City of Jonesboro utilizes these great partnerships to leverage CDBG funds to improve services offered to the low income residents of Jonesboro. The Grants and Community Development Department also partners with private foundations to fund items of service that are difficult to get funded from governmental agencies or other sources. For example, the City has partnered with the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation for more than 5 years now for both technical assistance and funding for the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative. The Quality of Life Unit from the Jonesboro Police Department partners with JURHA by attending their board meetings monthly and offering crime data concerning their clients. This unit also offers a Certification Program for Crime Free Housing. All landlords in Jonesboro are encouraged to participate. The North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative is a great example of a pilot program for engagement of residents in low income neighborhoods to increase government participation. This year in 2015, this will be a city wide program for all low income areas of Jonesboro. The Grants and Community Development Department will continue to fund the salary of a Coordinator to serve as the liaison to the low income community. S/he will offer technical support, educational oppourtunities - such as the Capacity College - and in some cases funding to the leaders of organized groups from low income neighborhoods to change the way that

government business is done. Low income families will have the same access to top level government officials as all other residents.

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 Jonesboro is a part of the Continuum of Care which addresses the needs of homeless persons in Jonesboro and the surrounding areas. Two years ago, the City of Jonesboro established a Homelessness Initiative by ordaining a council-commissioned committee to begin studying the homeless population in Jonesboro, the services provided, the gaps in services provided/not provided, and invited ALL pertinent agencies to the table to make progress in this area. On any given day, it is determined that an estimated 200 people are homeless in Jonesboro. This committee made up of social service organizations, the local housing authority, both hospitals, local emergency shelters, and other not for profit agencies that serve this population, were charged with 1. Needs Assessment, 2. Gaps Analysis, 3. Research of comparable cities and solutions, 4. Strategic Planning, and 5. Identifying a host agency within the group to be the oversight agency for plan implementation. The City of Jonesboro agreed to host, facilitate, and [fund]. To date, the committee has completed the Needs Assessment, the Gaps Analysis, the research of comparable cities and solutions. They are in the process of developing the plan. In the midst, a local church has purchased property to become a Transformation Center for Homeless and they are involved in this committee's activities and have agreed to be data driven in their efforts. They have secured [at thier own cost] a consultant with the knowledge and expertise to assist this committee in developing this plan for a new system of care in Jonesboro for the homeless population. Agencies being engaged are both hospitals, all churches, local government, all social service agencies and non profits, and all mental health agencies offering mental health services to the homeless population. This plan will offer a system of care approach by filling the gaps in services and focusing on long term sustainability on families through rapid rehousing efforts.

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

All of the agencies involved in the Homlessness Initiative are, for the most part, a part of the Continuum of Care in Northeast Arkansas. These two groups are working closely together to determine appropriate use of ESG funds. The new system of care being developed may become the new "Continuum of Care." In fact, it is an option for the lead agency [now Mission Outreach INC] to potentially change.

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

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | JURHA |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing PHA Services - Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | JURHA is a member / participant in the Homelessness Initiative Committee and participates in the regular meetings of this committee. The Director of JURHA shares data with the Grants and Community Development Staff to inform private partners of housing needs for low income residents. The Grants and Community Development Department and JURHA are in contact regularly. They also offer the home ownership assistance grant recipients housing counseling services. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Arkansas State University |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Education Services-Employment Major Employer |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Economic Development |

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| | <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p> | <p>Arkansas State University is a partner and is consulted regularly. They participated in the efforts of the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative to offer educational opportunity to low income youth and children during summer break. They collected data and analyzed this data to demonstrate the need for early educational opportunities for low income children and youth. NJNI and A-State partnered to submit the HONDA Foundation grant and was awarded such grant to offer 50 scholarships to low income children from North Jonesboro the opportunity to participate in the summer camps at A-State at no charge. ASU Newport also partners with NJNI on workforce development. The City consults with the Director monthly to coordinate opportunities to low income residents for workforce readiness opportunities.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> | <p>Craighead County Department of Human Services</p> |
| | <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> | <p>Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Other government - County</p> |
| | <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> | <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p> |
| | <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p> | <p>Craighead County DHS serves on the Homelessness Initiative Committee and is regularly consulted on the needs of low income families, women, children, homeless, and other at-risk populations.</p> |

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| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | VA Clinic |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - Federal |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Needs - Veterans |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The VA Clinic as well as the VA Administration serve on the Homelessness Initiative and are consulted often on the needs of the homeless / veterans populations. There are regular meetings of the committee and regular emails, phone calls, and surveys. |

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

There are no agency types not consulted.

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 | Mission Outreach INC | The City of Jonesboro, AR Vision 2030 - 20 year strategic plan; the Master Street and Land Use Plans, the Homelessness Initiative Committee's plans for a new system of care, and EAPDD's regional economic development plan. |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of Jonesboro values all organizations and their insight and knowledge as to how to best serve low income residents and create economic opportunity in low income neighborhoods. ALL organizations are invited to the table to discuss how we can all partner to best serve this community. Agencies at the table regularly include but are not limited to: DHS, A-State, local banks, Habitat for Humanity, VA, Life Skills, HCSI INC., United Way, Women's Crisis Center, Craighead County government, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, local developers and contractors, Food Bank, local churches, and Jonesboro School Systems.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of Jonesboro follows its Citizen Participation Plan in the development of its annual action plan. 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 CDBG program. The process emphasizes the involvement of extremely low, very low, and low income persons (especially those living in low income neighborhoods and diverse populations) including people who do not speak English and persons with special needs. During the planning and citizen participation process for the CDBG 2015 Action Plan, the majority of residents that attended the two public meetings were from the North Jonesboro and West Jonesboro communities. Also attending were representatives from non profit organizations that serve low to very low income persons in Jonesboro. The most common feedback was that the city needs more sidewalks and more lighting on the streets. The residents were reminded that the City of Jonesboro does not own the utilities in Jonesboro but works very closely with CWL to improve the street lighting. In fact, the City of Jonesboro Mayor meets regularly with the CWL Manager to ensure that all streets are well lit and safe for pedestrians after dark. The Public Safety Committee from the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative took pictures, worked with the City of Jonesboro Engineering Department to create a map of existing sidewalks in North Jonesboro and proposed that the CDBG Action Plan allocate funding every year for sidewalk repair and new sidewalks in North Jonesboro. They brought their data and plan to the table and the response was that this line item was added to the 2015 plan. The CDBG Advisory Board reviewed the public service applications and scored them and determined which would be funded and at what levels. City Council approved their decision in the plan. One citizen was unable to attend either public meeting but was able to email the Administrator her input. She advised that more services need to be funded for low income families with special needs children. It should be noted that Life Skills is funded in the 2015 plan and delivers services to low income youth and young adults with autism.

Citizen Participation Outreach

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Public Meeting | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community | 19 | More sidewalks and more lighting. | All comments are considered and accepted. | |

| 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) |
|------------|------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 2 | Public Meeting | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community | 10 | More lighting and more sidewalks | All comments are considered and accepted. | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Jonesboro is expected to receive \$574,495 in CDBG funds for the FY 2015 program year. These funds will be used between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 to serve low income residents and low income communities through the activities outlined in the FY 2015 Annual Action Plan for the City of Jonesboro, AR.

Priority Table

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Reminder 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 | 574,495 | 0 | 0 | 574,495 | 0 | FY 2015 CDBG annual allocation. |

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

The City of Jonesboro has been receiving both technical and financial assistance from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation for the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (NRSA). The City received a \$100,000 grant to fund the salary of the Community Coordinator for engagement in the North Jonesboro community. They have continued to offer technical assistance through consulting to aid in the educations and development of the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative Board. This will continue and the City of Jonesboro will be applying for additional dollars this June 2015.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City of Jonesboro owns 10 acres in North Jonesboro located on Johnson Avenue half way between downtown and A-State. The Mayor has committed this land to the NJNI for a Lifestyle Community Center where residents can join life skills classes, healthy eating classes, workforce readiness classes, computer classes, and more. A-State Newport is going to partner with the City to offer many of the classes as well as the Craighead County Library.

Discussion

The City of Jonesboro is constantly looking for partners of which to better serve the low income residents in Jonesboro. A 20% poverty rate is too high and the City believes that through education and economic opportunity, this will significantly decrease.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|---|------------|----------|---|---|---|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Housing | 2015 | 2016 | Affordable Housing | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas | Housing - Rehabilitation and Homeownership | CDBG: \$162,500 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted |
| 2 | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas | 2015 | 2016 | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas | CDBG: \$95,500 | Buildings Demolished: 12 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 100 Household Housing Unit |
| 3 | Public Facilities and Improvements | 2015 | 2016 | Public Facilities and Improvements | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas | Public Facilities & Improvements | CDBG: \$140,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17163 Persons Assisted |
| 4 | Public Services to Low Income Residents | 2015 | 2016 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas | Public Services | CDBG: \$70,682 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 13158 Persons Assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|----------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 5 | Planning and Administration | 2015 | 2016 | Administration | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas | Administration | CDBG: \$105,813 | Other: 17860 Other |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Housing |
| | Goal Description | To preserve existing housing stock, break down barriers to affordable housing, and offer direct financial assistance to aid in the attainable goal of purchasing a home. |
| 2 | Goal Name | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas |
| | Goal Description | To demolish and clear unsafe, uninhabitable, and un-rehabable properties deemed condemnable by Code Enforcement and the Chief Building Official. The property must be owned by either a low income resident or be located in the NRSA. Also includes code enforcement activities in North Jonesboro (NRSA). |
| 3 | Goal Name | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Goal Description | Four projects will be implemented in the FY 2015-16 year: new playground equipment will be installed at Pop Stricklen Park, new pavilions constructed at CWL Park in the West End Neighborhood and at Parker Park Community Center located in North Jonesboro, and finally major sidewalk improvements in North Jonesboro. |

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| 4 | Goal Name | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Goal Description | A total of 8 public service projects will be implemented in the FY 2015-16 program year: (1) North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative - citizen engagement and educational opportunity for low income children, (2) City Youth Ministries - parental engagement and training, (3) Habitat for Humanity - life skills classes, (4) Foundation of Arts - drama and dance classes will be taught to low income and special needs children, (5) Hispanic Community Services INC. - translation services will be delivered to low income spanish speaking residents, (6) New Life Empowerment Development INC. - computer classes will be taught from a mobile bus in the communities, (7) Life Skills INC. - life skills classes will be taught to special needs adolescents and young adults for increase self-sufficiency and homeless prevention, and (8) West End Neighborhood Association - will partner with CWL and JPD to implement strategically placed and additional street lighting to deter property crime and a pre-post test design will be implemented to measure results. All 8 projects are designed to directly benefit low income residents are were chosen / approved by the residents and the CDBG Advisory Board. |
| 5 | Goal Name | Planning and Administration |
| | Goal Description | Funds necessary for implementation, administration, and management of the FY 2015-16 program year's projects and activities. |

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Jonesboro is committed to serving the low income residents in Jonesboro. Several projects and programs will be implemented in the FY 2015-16 CDBG Action Plan to directly benefit the low income residents living in Jonesboro. Projects include: Code Enforcement in North Jonesboro, Homeownership assistance grants to 5 low income families, 10 homeowner rehabs, 12 demolition and clearance projects, new playground equipment at Pop Stricklen Park, new pavilions at CWL Park in the West End and at Parker Park Community Center in North Jonesboro, major sidewalk improvements in North Jonesboro, and a total of 8 public service projects to offer life skills training, computer classes, parental engagement, citizen engagement, safety lighting in high crime areas, translation services to spanish speaking residents, and dance and drama classes. All of these projects are designed to increase the quality of life and economic opportunity of low income, disenfranchised residents.

| # | Project Name |
|----|---|
| 1 | Code Enforcement |
| 2 | Homeownership Assistance |
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| 17 | Planning and Administration |

Table 8 – Project Information

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

The programs and projects outlined in this plan were endorsed and approved by the residents. The residents of Jonesboro that participated in the public meetings and such had great input in how these funds were allocated.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

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| 1 | Project Name | Code Enforcement |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| | Goals Supported | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas |
| | Needs Addressed | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,500 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 15. Regulation: 570.202 Eligible rehabilitation and preservation activities. Necessary costs directly related to the enforcement required for the elimination of unsafe housing - condemnation/abandonment. This activity will be funded July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. This activity will not be funded after FY 2015. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2015 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 100 Type of families that will benefit: low to moderate. |
| | Location Description | All code enforcement activities will take place in low income areas of Jonesboro, AR. |
| | Planned Activities | Code Enforcement from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. |
| 2 | Project Name | Homeownership Assistance |

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| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Housing |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing - Rehabilitation and Homeownership |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$12,500 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 13. Regulation 570.201(n) Homeownership Assistance. Increase the viability for potential homeownership through provision of homeownership assistance programs, such as down payment and closing cost assistance. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 5 Type of families that will benefit: low to moderate income, first time homebuyers. |
| | Location Description | Low income families, first time homebuyers. |
| | Planned Activities | Homeownership Assistance grants in the amount of \$2500 per family for low income first time homebuyers. |
| 3 | Project Name | Homeowner Rehabilitation/Emergency Homeowner Rehab |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Housing |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing - Rehabilitation and Homeownership |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$150,000 |

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| | Description | Matrix Code 14A. Regulation 570.202 Eligible rehabilitation and preservation activities. Assist in the improvement of housing conditions for LMI Homeowners, thereby preserving existing affordable housing stock. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 20 Type of families that will benefit: Low income. |
| | Location Description | All homeowner rehabs and emergency homeowner rehabs will be eligible based on income and all applicants will be income qualified. All activities will take place inside the City of Jonesboro limits. |
| | Planned Activities | Homeowner rehabs and emergency homeowner rehabs to low income families that need assistance with plumbing, electrical, roofing, HVAC, structural, energy efficiency, and other activities to get the home up to code and up to standard. |
| 4 | Project Name | Clearance and Demolition |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas |
| | Needs Addressed | Elimination of Slum and Blight in LMI Areas |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$75,000 |
| | Description | Matrix 04. Regulation 570.201(d) Clearance Activities. Demolish blighted structures and unsafe structures in approved CDBG/LMI areas and/or for LMI families. These are structures that have been identified as "uninhabitable" and "condemnable" by the Chief Building Official of the City of Jonesboro, AR. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 12 directly; however, most clearance and demolition activities occur in North Jonesboro and West End, and some in Southeast Jonesboro. These are all areas with high poverty rates. For example, North Jonesboro has 5,788 residents that benefit when unsafe and blighted structures are cleared and demolished. |
| | Location Description | All clearance and demolition activities will occur in CDBG areas and the NRSA. All will occur with the city limits of Jonesboro, AR. |
| | Planned Activities | Clearance and Demolition of unsafe, blighted structures in CDBG areas and the NRSA, and/or for LMI families. |
| 5 | Project Name | Public Facilities and Improvements - Pop Stricklin Park Playground |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities & Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$50,000 |
| | Description | Matrix 03F. Regulation 570.201(c). Public Facilities and Improvements. Installation of playground equipment at Pop Stricklin Park located in south central Jonesboro, a well-defined CDBG area with a 31% poverty rate. Old playground equipment that is no longer safe for use will be ripped out and hauled off. New equipment will be installed. This addition will help to further serve LMI children who do not currently have an adequate public playground. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 4,575 residents. Type of families that will benefit: Low income - poverty rate is 31% in this area. |
| | Location Description | South central Jonesboro - Pop Stricklin Park located in tract #402. A well-defined CDBG area. Within the City of Jonesboro, AR limits. |

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| | Planned Activities | Rip out old unsafe playground equipment at Pop Stricklin Park. Replace with new playground equipment. |
| 6 | Project Name | Public Facilities and Improvements - Parker Park Community Center Pavilion |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities & Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | Matrix 03F. Regulation 570.201(c). Public Facilities and Improvements. Installation of a pavilion at Parker Park Community Center located in a well-defined CDBG area and the NRSA - North Jonesboro. This addition will help to further serve LMI children and families who do not currently have a shaded place to gather/eat/commune while children are playing on the playground area and on the splash pad area at Parker Park. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 5,788 (North Jonesboro) Type of families that will benefit: Low income. |
| | Location Description | Parker Park is located in North Jonesboro within the City of Jonesboro, AR limits. North Jonesboro is the lowest income tract in Jonesboro with a poverty rate of 56%. |
| Planned Activities | Construct a pavilion at Parker Park. | |
| 7 | Project Name | Public Facilities and Improvements - West End CWL Park Pavilion |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities & Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |

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| | Description | Matrix 03F. Regulation 570.201(c). Public Facilities and Improvements. Installation of a pavilion at CWL Park in the West End. This addition will help to further serve LMI children and families who do not currently have a shaded place to gather/eat/commune while children are playing on the playground area, playing baseball/softball, or walking on trail. This park is located in a CDBG area - with a 31% poverty rate. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 6,800 residents. Type of families that will benefit: Low income, 31% poverty rate in this tract. |
| | Location Description | CWL Park is located in the west end in a CDBG area with a 31% poverty rate. Within City of Jonesboro, AR limits. |
| | Planned Activities | Install pavilion at CWL Park located in West End Neighborhood. |
| 8 | Project Name | Public Facilities and Improvements - Sidewalk Improvements |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities & Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$40,000 |
| | Description | Matrix 03L. Regulation 570.201(c). Public Facilities and Improvements. North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative, located in the NRSA, Quality of Life Committee is working on a sidewalk improvement plan. They have identified several areas of existing sidewalks that need maintenance, additional concrete poured, and some areas that need new sidewalks that have never had sidewalks - especially areas that connect residents to public transit. This plan will be utilized in determining how this money is spent in North Jonesboro, AR. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 5,788 residents in North Jonesboro, AR. Type of families that will benefit: low income living in tract with 56% poverty rate. |
| | Location Description | North Jonesboro is the lowest income tract in Jonesboro and is defined by HUD as an NRSA. Within City of Jonesboro, AR limits. |
| | Planned Activities | Repair of existing and installation of new sidewalks in North Jonesboro. |
| 9 | Project Name | Public Services - North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$35,000 |
| | Description | Matrix 05. Regulation 570.201(e). Basic Eligible Activities - Public Services. Resident engagement in North Jonesboro, NRSA and lowest income tract in Jonesboro. Community organizing efforts. Community committees being organized for agenda and advocacy work at the grass roots level. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Number of families that will benefit: 5,788 residents. Type of families that will benefit: lowest income families in Jonesboro, 56% poverty rate in North Jonesboro. |
| | Location Description | North Jonesboro is defined by HUD as an NRSA - because of its high poverty of 56%, high crime, high dilapidated housing and other structures, vacancy rates, low access to healthy food options, social services, transit, and other amenities. |

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| | Planned Activities | Community engagement, organization, facilitation, community gardens, community meetings, agenda setting, priority setting within each area of North Jonesboro, Brownfield identification/inventory, identification of needed services, implementation of needed services, youth and children camp opportunities at A-State co-funded by Honda Foundation. |
| 10 | Project Name | Public Services - City Youth Ministries INC. CYM Advantage Project |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$14,682 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 05D. Regulation 570.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. The CYM Head Start Initiative is a family engagement program that promotes financial, technological, and parenting literacy among CYM families living in North Jonesboro and advances to better economic opportunities for families living in poverty (56% in North Jonesboro). Funds will be used for equipment and supplies. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | CYM estimates that 200 individuals from 50 households will be impacted by this project. These are low and very low income families living in North Jonesboro. |
| | Location Description | City Youth Ministries is located at 118 Burke Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401. |
| | Planned Activities | This is a family engagement initiative that will promote financial, technological and parenting literacy among City Youth families living in North Jonesboro. |
| 11 | Project Name | Public Services - Habitat for Humanity. Project Outreach 2015. |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |

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| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$6,000 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 05U. Regulation 570.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. This project educates and develops life skills for Jonesboro low and very low income residents by focusing on 5 key topics: Healthy eating, Smart shopping, Financial Stewardship, Home maintenance, and Disaster preparedness. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 20 individuals from 10 households will benefit from these classes. |
| | Location Description | Habitat for Humanity is located at 1003 Union Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401. Classes will take place at the Headquarters House for Habitat. |
| | Planned Activities | Participants will take classes taught by Habitat for Humanity on 5 focus areas and will receive a certificate of completion at the end. Habitat follows up with clients post-completion to ensure accurate implementation and follow through. |
| 12 | Project Name | Public Services - Foundation of Arts. Art Reaches Program. |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$3,750 |

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| | Description | Matrix Codes 05B and 05D. Regulation 540.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. Art Reaches provides art education, supplies and materials for low to very low income children [and special needs children] to participate in dance and drama. These services are offered at no cost to children that otherwise would not get to participate in dance and/or drama classes. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/0016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 100 individuals will benefit from the Art Reaches Program [with CDBG funding]. These services are for low and very low income and special needs children that otherwise will not get the opportunity to participate in dance and/or drama. |
| | Location Description | Foundation of Arts is located at 115 East Monroe, Jonesboro, AR. The classes are offered on site. |
| | Planned Activities | Dance and Drama classes. |
| 13 | Project Name | Public Services - Hispanic Community Services INC. Bridge Between Cultures. |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$3,750 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 05. Regulation 570.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. This project focuses on the provision of translation services and interpretations for individuals in the community, public and private organizations of the City of Jonesboro, helping to bridge the cultural gap and support individual and family self-sufficiency for low income persons/families. This prepares them for job placement and contributions to the economic climate of the city and the region. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | A total of 4900 individuals receive translation services from HCSI annually. With this CDBG funding, it is estimated that 100 people will receive services. |
| | Location Description | HCSI is located at 311 West Huntington Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401. |
| | Planned Activities | Translation Services for low and very low income spanish speaking residents. The spanish-speaking population makes up about 6% of the Jonesboro residency. |
| 14 | Project Name | Public Services - New Life Empowerment Development Center INC. E-GO (Employment on the Go). |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$2,500 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 05H. Regulation 570.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. Seeks to teach low income youth and adults the power in computer and digital literacy to eradicate economic, cultural, racial, health, and educational disparities among the most susceptible populations in the community; fostering a life-long desire for self improvement, economic development, and community service. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 100 individuals will benefit from this project utilizing these funds. These youth and young adults are low income and living in disenfranchised neighborhoods. The mobile bus will come to them to teach computer literacy at no charge. |
| | Location Description | New Life INC is located at 1001 Brownstone Drive, Jonesboro, AR. Classes are on a mobile bus in the low income communities. |
| | Planned Activities | Computer literacy classes. |

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| 15 | Project Name | Public Services - Life Skills INC. LEAD Program. |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$2,500 |
| | Description | Matrix Code 05B. Regulation 570.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. The goal of LEAD is to expand existing programs to help students with special needs acquire the skills that help them to live independently, to become employable and self sufficient/reliant to prevent homelessness. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2015 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 50 individuals will be impacted that this project/these funds. These are low income special needs adolescents and young adults that are being trained for self-sufficiency in an effort to prevent homelessness. |
| | Location Description | Life Skills INC. is located at 217 East Cherry Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401. Classes are taught on site. |
| | Planned Activities | Classes teaching life skills to the special needs community - adolescents and young adults. |
| 16 | Project Name | Public Services - West End Neighborhood Association. Safety Lighting Project. |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services to Low Income Residents |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$2,500 |

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| | Description | Matrix Code 05I. Regulation 570.201 Basic eligible activities - (e) Public Services. The West End Neighborhood Association seeks to increase and improve neighborhood lighting in partnership with the City of Jonesboro, JPD Quality of Life Unit, and CWL (City Water & Light). Effective lighting is a proven crime deterrent. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 6800 residents reside in the West End Neighborhood and will benefit from the extra lighting in this project. |
| | Location Description | West End Neighborhood Association is located 1224 W. Matthews Ave., Jonesboro, AR. The West End Neighborhood is bordered by Nettleton Ave. on the south, Gee Street on the west, Union Pacific RR on the north, and Main Street on the east. |
| | Planned Activities | To partner with CWL and JPD Quality of Life to determine where extra lighting is needed and to pay the lighting bill for one year. The West End Neighborhood Association will work with the JPD Crime Analysis Unit to do a pre/post test measurement of certain types of crime in the west end. One year prior to implementation will be evaluated to serve as the control data. One year post implementation will be measured as the test data. The two data sets will be compared to determine if property crimes in particular significantly decrease post implementation of the additional lighting. Postitive outcomes will be utlized to advocate to the city to continue to (1) pay for the additional lighting as a major crime deterrent, and (2) add lighting in other high crime neighborhoods. |
| 17 | Project Name | Planning and Administration |
| | Target Area | Jonesboro, Arkansas Jonesboro - Low Income Areas |
| | Goals Supported | Planning and Administration |
| | Needs Addressed | Administration |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$105,813 |

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| Description | Matrix Code 21A. Regulation 570.206 (a). CDBG Administration costs necessary for planning, project management, implementation, and compliance reporting. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2016 |
| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Roughly 20% of Jonesboro lives in poverty. That equates to 14,000 residents that will benefit from the CDBG programs and/or projects. This does not include families living low to moderate income that aren't considered living in poverty. |
| Location Description | 300 S. Church St. Jonesboro AR 72401. |
| Planned Activities | Administration, project management, public meetings, citizen engagement, Reporting, Data entry, planning, and training. |

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

All funds are used to directly benefit low income residents and/or low income neighborhoods. Several projects are designated in the NRSA (strategy area) which is North Jonesboro. North Jonesboro has a 56% poverty rate. Also, North Jonesboro accounts for less than 7% of the city's population but more than 30% of calls for service to JPD. Therefore, this is an area designated by HUD as needing more assistance. The City, in this plan will designate \$20,500 in code enforcement to this area, \$40,000 to sidewalk improvements in this area, a new pavilion at Parker Park will cost \$25,000 in this area, and public services such as City Youth Ministries (\$14,682) and North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (\$35,000) are dedicated to serving North Jonesboro families. Total committed to this area is \$135,182, which accounts for 24% of the city's total allocation in 2015-16. Other areas of concentration are West End where the poverty rate is 30% and south central Jonesboro where the poverty rate is about the same at 30%.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
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| Jonesboro, Arkansas | 24 |

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

North Jonesboro and West End are two of the lowest income areas in Jonesboro with the oldest housing. Since housing a top priority of the City of Jonesboro, it is intentional that funds are directed in these areas.

Discussion

The City of Jonesboro concentrates its CDBG funds where the biggest return on investment can be achieved. North Jonesboro and West Jonesboro are two of the most needy areas in terms of housing; therefore, much of the funds are directed to one or more of these areas. North Jonesboro is designated by HUD as a NRSA. Much time is invested in revitalizing North Jonesboro and creating economic opportunity.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Jonesboro is committed to collaborating with other agencies and the private sector to increase the number of affordable housing units in Jonesboro. In the 2015-16 plan, the City will rehab a minimum of 10 homeowner occupied homes of low to moderate income qualifying families. The City will also offer 5 low to moderate income qualifying families financial assistance with closing costs to make the purchase of a new home more attainable.

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

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
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| Rental Assistance | 0 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 10 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 10 |

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City does not receive funds that can be used for new construction; however, the City supports private developers that want to apply for ADFA funds to either rehab existing housing or build new housing for our low to moderate income families. The City supports these developers by lessening construction restrictions, loosening timelines, encouraging City Council, educating the public on the needs, and signing letters of support of course. The City of Jonesboro designates a substantial amount of its annual CDBG allocations to homeowner rehabs. In the 2015-16 it has dedicated \$150,000 total and \$12,500 to homeowner assistance grants.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Jonesboro Urban Renewal Housing Authority (JURHA) is the local housing authority in Jonesboro, AR. JURHA is a major partner to the City of Jonesboro and has its own council-commissioned board of directors that oversee and direct the policy of the local housing authority. JURHA receives incredible scores on its annual inspections, nothing less than 90. The City of Jonesboro itself does not receive funds for public housing as this is all handled by JURHA.

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

The largest shortfall in Jonesboro for public housing is that there is not enough of it. There is currently a 2 to 3 year waiting list for public housing. One strategy that will be implemented in the 2015-16 program year is that the private sector will be engaged to assist with rehabilitating existing multi-family units and to offer them at affordable rates for the low income population, while in tandem, other partners will be teaching classes on homeownership, workforce readiness, and financial counseling.

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

One of the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative's committees is focused on Homeownership issues for low income. They are developing now a program to educate low income residents on financial budgeting living on a budget. They are partnering with organizations already offering these services, such as Habitat for Humanity, A-State University, and BanCorp South. The CDBG 2015-16 has also allocated funding for public services in these areas, as this is a constant request of the residents.

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

N/A.

Discussion

In Jonesboro, the population is growing at 2.5% annually. There are 16,000 A-State students. There is 6% unemployment rate and 23% poverty rate. In North Jonesboro, there is a 56% poverty rate. The homeowner rate is just more than 30% with the renter population just under 70%. Government can only do so much with the amount of funds available. To solve the shortage of affordable housing in Jonesboro, there will need to be a strong partnership between the public, private, and non profit sectors. The Grants and Community Development Department is confident that this strategy is well on its way to being implemented in Jonesboro, AR.

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

Introduction

The City of Jonesboro started a Homelessness Initiative two (2) years ago to bring all of the service providers and vested stakeholders together to address the homeless issue in Jonesboro. On any given day, there are 200 homeless people in Jonesboro. In fact, the Jonesboro Schools system reports that there are currently 500 children and youth that attend Jonesboro Schools considered "homeless." The Homelessness Initiative is made up of local government, local DHS, local VA Administrators and the clinic, multiple churches/pastors, NARAN, mental health providers, JPD, both hospitals - St. Bernards and NEA Baptist, UAMS Clinic, Early Learning/Head Start, Goodwill, A-State, various residents, and homeless residents.

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

This committee just finished the gaps analysis for Jonesboro and NE Arkansas and is now moving towards developing a strategic plan for a new system of care in Jonesboro. The gaps analysis is a comprehensive listing of every service offered to this population so that gaps can be identified. The process of services still has to be examined in depth. The Continuum of Care of NEA will be a part of this new system of care. The system of care will be designed so that no gap will exist and no matter the point of entry for each client [designated as homeless and/or at-risk homeless] they will be served seamlessly. Each homeless person will be assigned a "buddy," which is a volunteer to stay with them throughout their walk through the system.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Currently there is one emergency shelter in Jonesboro - the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has 22 beds and is always full. Walnut Street Baptist Church has purchased 17 acres on Hwy 226 with a brand new building, which will be converted to a Homeless Transformation/Transitional Shelter. NEAT (Northeast Arkansas Transit) will provide transportation to / from the shelter since it is outside the city limits. NEAT will pick up clients and transport them from the Center on Hwy 26 to the new JETS multi-modal Transfer Station. At that point, each client will be able to access the JETS system to move around within the city to get to/from services. A one-stop shop is being evaluated for this population to eliminate confusion in services. The buddy system will be used to eliminate frustration of the client.

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 private sector will be engaged to provide transitional housing. There are several developers and landlords in Jonesboro that own multifamily units that are willing to designate a certain number of units annually to transitional housing for this population.

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.

Services are offered in Jonesboro to prevent homelessness and within the new system of care being developed now by the Homelessness Initiative Committee every client will move up and down within the system of care. The most restrictive setting would be an emergency shelter moving to a transformation center where long term services/training are offered, to transitional and somewhat independent housing to independent housing with case management. Services to at-risk will be offered in the least restrictive housing setting as possible but with a buddy and a case manager to ensure long term success. This system is still under development but should be ready for implementation in the 2015-16 program year. Funding is already secured for public services offered to this population. In the FY 2016-17 funding year, additional dollars can be allocated with a more definitive plan from the group and approved by Mayor, Council, and HUD.

Discussion

The City of Jonesboro and the Homelessness Initiative Committee are moving towards solutions in this area. The City is committed to assisting this population.

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| One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for: |
| Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family |
| Tenant-based rental assistance |
| Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated |
| Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds |
| Total |

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

Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing in Jonesboro largely consist of lack of quality and safe affordable housing. Rental rates in Jonesboro are very high due to a high demand for rental units. Jonesboro has a 70% renter occupied rate. The average sales price of a home in Jonesboro is \$130,000, which is not an option for low income residents on fixed incomes; therefore they rent. More than 45% of renters pay more than 30% of their gross income on rent, considered cost-burdened.

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

One action step the City of Jonesboro is taking to remedy the quality issue is to enforce the housing maintenance codes to landlords. This will go to council in June 2015 for approval to increase enforcement.

Discussion

The City of Jonesboro will continue to make efforts in this area by increasing enforcement, supporting developers rehabilitating and building affordable units, and lessening restrictions on policies that negatively impact affordable housing options.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Listed below are the actions planned to address obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and other social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Jonesboro will continue to support its non profit community. The non profit community continues to prove its worth in its provisions to low income residents in all areas. One way that they City of Jonesboro will support them is to create a city-wide volunteer program where the City will actually recruit, train, manage, and retain volunteers for City projects, A-State, and all of its non profit partners [of the ones that wish to participate]. This plan is being developed now by two VISTAs funded by the CNCS out of Little Rock, AR. The City of Jonesboro will fund the web based database/software needed to coordinate all of the volunteers. This is one small way that local government can support the non profit community and allow them to continue services without the worries of recruiting, managing, and retaining volunteers.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Jonesboro will continue to invest CDBG funds in preserving existing housing stock for low income. The City will also continue to support developers that wish to rehabilitate existing affordable units, as well as, build new units for low income - whether it is using LIHTC funding or HOME funds.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Jonesboro informs all owners of properties to be rehabilitated 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.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Several action steps are being taken to reduce the number of poverty level families. For example, the

City of Jonesboro is facilitating a workforce readiness/training program in collaboration with ASU Newport and the National Development Council to improve economic opportunity in North Jonesboro. Surveys have been administered to determine the most common obstacles to people working in North Jonesboro. This data is being analyzed now and will be utilized to develop a plan with ASU.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City provides technical assistance and funding to other partners such as non profits, educational institutions, and private sector to build institutional structure.

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

The City of Jonesboro maintains contact with all of its partners by emails, phone calls, meetings. For example, the Mayor and his key staff persons meet with the Presidents of all of the civic clubs monthly to discuss the needs of the City and its low income residents. The City reaches out to local banks for services to low income residents for medical, mental, dental, and more. JURHA and JPD Quality of Life Unit are in monthly meetings together to determine the needs of the low income residents in public housing. The City of Jonesboro also has a Crime Free Housing Certification Program of which all landlords are strongly encouraged to participate in and get certified, which makes the property safer and more valuable.

Discussion

The City of Jonesboro believes strongly in partnerships. No one entity / organization can serve all people. The City of Jonesboro is great at what it does but HAS to support its partners so that they can be great at what they do also. With every agency doing thier part, hopefully any gaps in services that do exist fade and are eliminated over time.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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| 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% |

Discussion

The City of Jonesboro has always and will continue to use all CDBG funds received from HUD to benefit low income residents and/or low income neighborhoods.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments



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Subject: CDBG Planning for FY 2015-16 Program Year
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:12:56 AM
Attachments: 2015-16 Request for Proposals and Applications Announcement.pdf
2015-16 Notice of Public Comment Period.pdf
2015-16 Notice of Public Hearings.pdf

These announcements are in the paper today and will be again next Sunday the 18th. They are also posted on our website as well as applications. <http://www.jonesboro.org/145/Grants-Community-Development>.

PLEASE forward – I really want to increase citizen input this year! Thanks all!

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CDBG Public Meeting 2 pm 2/17/2015

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|---------------------|------------------------------|---|
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| • Mary Ransone | West End Neighborhood Assoc. | jeffmaria@suddenlink.net |
| • Mary Ellen Warner | WENA | mwarner@csneea.com |
| Greg Ota | | gregota@newlifeempowerment.org |
| Yvonne Scarell | | |
| Wesley Halloway | NJNI | 9152410104@yahoo.com |
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| Michael Sullivan | Habitat for Humanity | Michael.Sullivan91@gmail.com |
| Kelley Kelley | F.O.A. | executiveadministrator@jonesborofoa.org |
| Jeff Ransone | West End Neighbor. | |
| Cheryl L. Doye | West End Neighborhood Assoc. | |
| FRANK SLOAN | WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. | |
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| Leandro Brodsky | HCSI | leandro61@jhcsi.org |

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

notes

CDBG public meeting for action plan 2 pm

- west end. West Matthews. Need sidewalk attention and more street lighting. Perception of crime is high. Good bit of disrepair in the area. Senior citizens like to walk/run at night. Want to feel safe. Need repair of sidewalks in the area. Need areas of gaps filled. After dark activities on the street that need to be avoided.
- West end. Violent crime doubles at night than from day.
- West end. Residents - neighborhood association a few residents have signed on for additional lighting and pay the \$3-5 /month to CWL.
- West end image problem. To overcome.
- West end. Safety is highest priority.
- When west end becomes better jonesboro will become better. All of the above.
- Early morning hours very important too for the younger folks moving into area.
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- North jonesboro. Need connectivity in the midst of A State being connected to downtown. And we don't want to be excluded from that conversation. Need more places to walk. Sidewalks very important. We want to walk and ride our bike. Dogs at large problem in n. Jonesboro.
- Need another swimming pool in jonesboro. Maybe north jonesboro is a good place.
- Need library in that direction of n. Jonesboro.
- Need shopping. Restaurants. Banking.
- Across the board low level services. Mom and pop type places.
- Sidewalks!!!! In north Jonesboro!
- Out of 513 .. 475 responses said need sidewalks!
- Between Johnson and belt on Patrick there are no sidewalks.

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- Section on Woodcrow between main and church no sidewalks and looks like a forest.
- Sidewalks make it easier to get to FOA.
- FOA is inclusive of everyone. Especially LMI families. Arts education. Advocating for programs at FOA. Serves LMI.
- 30% of families served at FOA is LMI. Scholarships!
- Security / lighting. At FOA up to 100 volunteers at theater at night. No lighting on Monroe. Lighting is an issue.
- Homelessness... Issue downtown. Under Main Street bridge. 200 on any given day.
- Walnut street baptist church. Purchasing property. Homeless recovery center.
- Community based activity. Self driven site once developed.
- Land is out on 226 south side of Jonesboro.
- Hispanic community. 9% Hispanics population. 5 different areas that we cover.
- Needs for the community. Etc. our community need to communicate (translation services).
- Culture diversity education and inclusiveness very important.
- Majority of Hispanic population lives in north Jonesboro. (60% n. Jonesboro)
- Lighting has been needed all over jonesboro for a long time.
- Citations are being given for walking in the street by JPD even though there are no sidewalks to walk on...???
- Citizens police academy. 3 hours/day. Is a great education process. Is a good informative process.
- Mobile computer labs in local churches in ... New life centers.
- Need a dog park.
- Economic development, voice from the people from CDBG areas

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| Margaret Johnson | Resident | margaretjohnson@yahoo.com |
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notes

CDBG public meeting for action plan 5 pm

- homes, housing.. Rent to own homes.
- Training for credit repair, financial literacy.
- Needs someone to actually offer this training
- Classes at habitat, HUD, and to come NJNI for financial literacy
- Classes for business - mom and dad start up funding.. Entrepreneurial-ship
- Areas for disability services, extra curricular activities
- Life skills, workforce development
- Educational classes, trade schools, vocational schools, wood work??
- West end. Playground equipment last year! Revived the park. Have started a master plan, phase 2 would be a pavilion. # 1 concern is for safety- more lighting.
- Need more places for older kids to go and hang out and play sports,etc.
- more lighting, behind justice complex
- 322 west Monroe
- Sidewalks in north Jonesboro. Specifically behind bill's market
- Street signs,
- Transitional housing is a need for homeless and those coming out of prison, etc. 200 homeless in jonesboro on any given day. Salvation Army only provider to this population. 22 beds.

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From: amywatson22111@gmail.com
To: [Heather Clark](#)
Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:01:37 PM

I am writing to request more information on programs for autism in Jonesboro. My son is 14.
Thank you
Amy Watson

Scrt from my LG Optimus G Pro™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Mari Jordan](#)
To: [Heather Clark](#)
Subject: FW: CDBG Public Hearing Minutes
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:52:58 PM

In case you want to add onto the minutes.

From: Larry Turner [mailto:larry@walnutstreetbaptist.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Mari Jordan
Subject: RE: CDBG Public Hearing Minutes

Mari, one thing that was not mentioned about sidewalks is that in the city where there are emergency vehicle routes designated there should be a priority to have sidewalks. South Culberhouse is an example, inside the bypass.

From: Mari Jordan [mailto:MJordan2@jonesboro.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:44 PM
Subject: CDBG Public Hearing Minutes

Thank you for attending the CDBG Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17th.
Please see attachments for the meeting minutes.

Best regards,

Mari Kitasaka-Jordan

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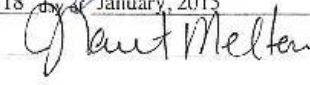
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FY 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Announcements

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Grantee Unique Appendices



City of Jonesboro

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Resolution: R-EN-045-2015

File Number: RES-15:042

Enactment Number: R-EN-045-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE FY 2015 CDBG ACTION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro Grants Department will allocate FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in such a manner that priority is given to activities that benefit low to moderate income families, eliminate slum and blight, and revitalize impoverished neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, there is a total of \$574,495 for FY 2015 CDBG funds for budgetary purposes; and

WHEREAS, the use of these monies are strictly monitored including the mandate that an annual action plan be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development in accordance with Title 1 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program totaling \$574,495 for budgeting purposes is approved by reference to the attached project/activity budget table (within the FY 2015 Action Plan); and

SECTION 2: The in-house certifications as included in this document are reaffirmed; and

SECTION 3: The Grants and Community Development Department is authorized to prepare and submit the FY 2015 Action Plan to HUD for review and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2015.

Harold Perrin
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Date 4/9/15

ATTEST: *Donna Jackson*
Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date 4/9/15

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

| APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE | | OMB Approved No. 3276-0006 | Version 7/03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 5. APPLICANT INFORMATION | | 4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY | Federal Identifier | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal Name: City of Jonesboro, AR Organizational DUNS: 073540288 Address: Street: 300 S. Church St. PO Box 1845 City: Jonesboro County: Craighead State: AR Zip Code: 72403-1845 Country: | | Organizational Unit: Department, Grants and Community Development Division: CDBG Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) Prefix: Ms. First Name: Heather Middle Name: M Last Name: Walker-Clark Suffix: Email: hclark@jonesboro.org Phone Number (give area code): 870.336.7229 Fax Number (give area code): 870.933.4526 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 71-8013749 | | 7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (See back of form for Application Types) C. Municipal Other (specify) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) | | 9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: HUD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: TITLE (Name of Program): Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grants 4-218 | | 11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: CDBG Action Plan FY 2015-16, July 1 2015 - June 30 2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Jonesboro, AR | | 14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant AR-001 b. Project AR-001 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: 7/1/2015 Ending Date: 6/30/2016 | | 16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? a. Yes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE: 4.15.2015 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. ESTIMATED FUNDING: <table border="1"> <tr><td>a. Federal</td><td>\$</td><td>574,495⁰⁰</td></tr> <tr><td>b. Applicant</td><td>\$</td><td>⁰⁰</td></tr> <tr><td>c. State</td><td>\$</td><td>⁰⁰</td></tr> <tr><td>d. Local</td><td>\$</td><td>⁰⁰</td></tr> <tr><td>e. Other</td><td>\$</td><td>⁰⁰</td></tr> <tr><td>f. Program Income</td><td>\$</td><td>⁰⁰</td></tr> <tr><td>g. TOTAL</td><td>\$</td><td>574,495⁰⁰</td></tr> </table> | | a. Federal | \$ | 574,495 ⁰⁰ | b. Applicant | \$ | ⁰⁰ | c. State | \$ | ⁰⁰ | d. Local | \$ | ⁰⁰ | e. Other | \$ | ⁰⁰ | f. Program Income | \$ | ⁰⁰ | g. TOTAL | \$ | 574,495 ⁰⁰ | 17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
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| 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. Authorized Representative Prefix: M. First Name: Harold Middle Name: Suffix: Last Name: Perrin Title: Mayor Signature of Authorized Representative: Previous Edition Usable Authorized for Local Reproduction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | c. Telephone Number (give area code): 870932.1052 e. Date Signed: 4-9-15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CERTIFICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING PAGES are certifications that have been signed by Mayor Harold Perrin, City of Jonesboro, Arkansas for the CDBG BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2015.

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 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 course 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; and
2. Prepared its housing and community development plan and annual use of funds in accordance with §91.1 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, and maintains 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 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. The City has plans to apply for HOME funds through ADFA in order to expand our home rehabilitation program. The activities to be completed are either located in or will directly serve 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, Mission Outreach, Inc., 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 and collaborate with the services that are provided by other entities in Jonesboro. In fact, the Walnut Street Baptist Church is in the process now of purchasing land to renovate an existing facility and incorporate a homeless shelter with a rapid re-housing program. Also, the Salvation Army is raising funds to expand their shelter activities (currently have 22 beds). The CDBG 2016 Action Plan will include match funds for this program if/when said funds are raised by Salvation Army.

The City of Jonesboro is currently spearheading the Homelessness Needs Initiative to determine services offered, existing gaps in services, and a plan of action in collaboration with a host (service delivery) agency to improve the services offered in Jonesboro, Arkansas to this population. The plan will include a self-sufficiency sustainability plan for all homeless in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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, FOCJS, 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 these organizations.

Our monitoring of the agencies reflects that the agencies are providing assistance within their guidelines and scope of work. 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 §91.10 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 §91.10 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 purposes 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 provided the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with this specific grant:

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 300 South Church Street, 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;

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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 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 its 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: Harold Perrin, Mayor

4-9-15
Date

SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The City of Jonesboro certifies that:

USE OF FUNDS - It has developed it's 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 §57C.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: Harold Perrin, Mayor

4-9-15
Date

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 or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U. S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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 (a).
2. The certification set out in paragraph (a) 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).