



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Agenda Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

4:00 PM

Municipal Center

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-20:035 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on April 14, 2020.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-20:049 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department and Finance

Attachments: [Lease Agreement - 2319 East Matthews Ave 042220 02](#)

RES-20:050 A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPROVE THE 2020 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2020 CDBG Action Plan, DRAFT](#)

[Application for FY20 CDBG Action Plan, SF424](#)

[Assurances for FY20 CDBG Action Plan, SF-424-D](#)

[Certifications for FY20 CDBG Action Plan](#)

RES-20:051 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NEAIDC) FOR FUNDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Finance

Attachments: [Agreement, 2020, City, NEAIDC](#)

RES-20:052 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY 2019 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER)

Sponsors: Grants and Fire Department

Attachments: [5 Year Costs for Safer Grant](#)

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment



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Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on April 14, 2020.



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Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Joe Hafner

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:029](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on March 31, 2020.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said to Mayor Harold Perrin, and Deputy City Clerk April Leggett if at any time during the meeting that we need to do something besides a voice vote just let us know.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:045](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE APPORTIONMENT AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE 2020 FTA FORMULA 5307 CARES ACT FUNDING FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSIT (JET).

Sponsors: Grants and JETS

Attachments: [CARES Act 5307 Split Letter \(002\)](#)

Chair Joe Hafner said, I do have a few questions regarding this. I know Steve Purtee, Finance Director for the City of Jonesboro, and JETS Director Michael Black is also joining the meeting via ZOOM. I will ask my questions and then you all can answer them as you see fit. Mr. Hafner explained that as of right now the 2020 budget has a

total revenue budget of about \$1.3 million, and about \$900,000 of that is related to 5307 grant. My first question is how this \$3.3 million will impact not only 2020, will it impact funding for future years? Chairman Hafner explained that it's for operation, planning, capital, and that, that whole \$3 million has to stay in the JETS program and can't be used to fund anything else in other city departments. I guess I just want to know how you all see this impacting the JETS department. I am not looking for specifics right now, I know that we may not have all that worked out right now. Mayor Harold Perrin said that he asked JETS Director, Michael Black to send him an e-mail in regards to how the monies could possibly be used, I do not have that e-mail with me. But, since he has joined the meeting I will let him answer.

JETS Director Michael Black explained that the CARES Act Funding can be used for the operations of our fixed routes, and para-transit. It can be used for capital, such as rolling stock, and also planning. I don't have the exact break down of how it's going to be used. Mr. Black explained that he would primarily use it for operations and para-transit. It could also allow us to get another para-transit vehicle to bring on-line.

Chairman Joe Hafner asked if this impacts our current budget, like the 5307 grant, we already had about \$900,000 in Federal funding. Is this on top of that? JETS Director Michael Black explained that it would not affect the \$900,000 and that it would be an addition to it. This is 100% Federal Funding and there is no local match involved in this \$3.2 million. Our existing grant that we are working from now would remain in-tact until we utilized all of this \$3.2 million. The way grants work is that we can move items around. We can change our dollar figures from operations to capital and capital to operations within a 36-month window. Mr. Black explained that after the 36-months closed anything designated for capital has to remain in those categories.

Councilmember Ann Williams asked if it could be used for shelters. Michael Black, JETS Director said yes, it can be used for shelters. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked what the duration for each one of these buses is. Mr. Black explained the Federal law requires transit systems to maintain buses for seven years or 250,000 miles, whichever comes first. We are pushing that on four of our seven buses. Dr. Coleman said when those buses are depleted can they still be sold to the public? Mr. Black said they can be sold. The best way to determine value is to put it out for sealed bids, or go through a public auction like the City did last October. Mr. Black explained that any bus that sales for the \$5,000.00 or more, those funds must go back into the purchase of a new bus, anything less than the \$5,000 can be used anywhere within the JETS department.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I see where in the budget that in 2017 we spent about \$80,000 on sidewalk improvement, and the 2019 and 2020 budget have about \$75,000. As part of the JETS program are we allowed to improve sidewalk infrastructure in order to make it safer for people to get to the stops? JETS Director Michael Black said, yes. We can put sidewalks in using our Federal dollars at an eighty twenty match within three-quarters of a mile of the bust stop. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I have another question. Do all of the bus stops have coverings to keep out the weather, and can we change the size of the shelters? Mr. Black said if we were to put in a new stop then we could design our concrete pad for the size of the shelter. Mr. Black explained that the existing shelters were purchased before JETS started in 2006. About 26% of our stops are sheltered. National average is 16%.

Councilmember John Street asked does this allow for the expansion of those shelters, since most of those do not meet the current CDC guidelines for the COVID outbreak of a 6foot distance between patrons waiting at those stops. Mr. Black explained that it

would allow for expansion of those existing shelters. Chairman Joe Hafner asked Mayor Perrin if he had a comment he wanted to make.

Mayor Harold Perrin said yes. You all are asking a lot of questions regarding the CARES Act funding. Mayor Perrin said that what he has talked about with JETS Director Michael Black about is looking at all of the JETS vehicles, looking at all of the bus stops, and the hours of operation. As Mr. Black just told you some of those buses are approaching that 250,000 mile range. Mayor Perrin said, I am going to make an assumption here, but with this additional funding of \$3.2 million we probably will look at purchasing two or three new vehicles along with looking at the needs of the bus stops and the sidewalks for those stops. Mayor Harold Perrin explained that he would like to pull his staff together and develop a master plan for spending the money on specific projects. Then we will present that plan to the council, and show you how that \$3.2 million will be spent.

Councilmember David McClain said that he had a question. Mr. McClain said, so Mayor Perrin you just mentioned that you want JETS Director Michael Black to put a plan together. The money has been allocated, are we going to forward this now, or do we want to wait? Mayor Harold Perrin said, first of all we just were notified and do not have the paperwork on this yet. Mayor Perrin explained that you all are actually accepting the grant of the \$3.2 million. Once we get documentation it will have more specifics in there of how you can use it. Mayor Perrin explained that there will need to be an overlay done on JETS to decide what projects are the most important and what needs to be done first.

Chairman Joe Hafner said Mayor Perrin, correct me if I am wrong this is just step one of the process of accepting the \$3.2 million. Step two, once the plan is put together and has been reviewed by Administration and the other needed parties it will be brought to us too amend the budget. Mayor Harold Perrin said yes, and explained that he wants a full master plan of JETS to figure out what the most prudent way to spend the \$3.2 million. Mayor Perrin said, then we will come back to the Council with a full blown plan.

Chairman Joe Hafner asked JETS Director, Michael Black about the bus stop on Race Street, where exactly it was. Was it near SAMS? Mr. Black said, no, it is right in front of the Post Office. Chair Hafner explained that there was no sidewalk there and I think that would be a great place to put one if it fits the criteria. Mayor Harold Perrin explained that the overall master plan, when developed will show all of the stops and the sidewalks leading to them. Chair Hafner asked if there were any other comments on this matter. Mayor Perrin explained the only reason we received such a large amount is that we were the second largest in the state as far as size. Mayor Perrin also explained that Conway became eligible of federal funding for public transit at the same time as Jonesboro following the 2000 census. Conway opted out of their transit system.

Deputy Clerk April Leggett said, I actually have a question from Cecelie Cochran, Director of MPO. Cecelie asked, would the findings from the 2019 Transit Development Plan be applicable to the grant? Chairman Joe Hafner said, my answer to that is, that is something that can be looked at as they are putting the plan together that Mayor Perrin mentioned, and I think that would be a great use of that. That is my opinion.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Chairman Joe Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to walk-on RES-20:046. All voted aye.

[RES-20:046](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH CRAIGHEAD COUNTY FOR WORK ASSISTING WITH THE TORNADO EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Jonesboro - Craighead County debris mutual aid agreement](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said everyone should have gotten a copy of resolution 20:046. Mayor Harold Perrin explained to Chairman Joe Hafner the only one that needs to be voted on here is the Craighead County Mutual Aid Agreement. I talked with Lori Tudor today and ARDOT is going to submit their own to FEMA. If we could amend that, and take out ARDOT everywhere it is located in the document. All we need is the Craighead County document. Deputy City Clerk April Leggett explained that the document in the legistar software that the City Clerks' Office uses is updated to reflect the change. Mayor Perrin said okay.

Chairman Joe Hafner said the only other comment that I wanted to make, and I know Finance Director Steve Purtee sent out an e-mail today, and from the information that Mr. Purtee sent the first three months were looking really solid compared to the budget. Chair Hafner explained that with the tornado and the COVID 19 pandemic going on we know that there will be an impact to our financials in the city. I know Mr. Purtee, Mayor Perrin, and his Administration are going to make more decisions as they receive more information on what relief we may be able to get from AML or the Federal and State levels. It is going to be interesting to see how everything shakes out over the next three to four months. Hopefully that's it, it could be pretty eye opening. Mayor Harold Perrin said, yes Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Perrin explained that he and Finance Director Steve Purtee met just a few minutes ago, we are going to project what we think the percentage of loss of revenue from sales tax will be. You can't just look at the general use of sales tax revenue, you have to take into account the loss of A&P tax, and the ABC tax. We are going to project that all the way out through December. Hopefully we will have a copy of that for next Tuesday. I can hand that out to the council, and make some comments then. Mayor Perrin explained that they met with AML today on what coverage we've got, and we will be giving you a good update next Tuesday at the council meeting. Chairman Joe Hafner said, okay.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant



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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a Police Department facility located at the Jonesboro Airport was destroyed by a tornado on March 28, 2020 and the operations had to be replaced immediately due to public safety; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 19:165 adopted the 2020 Budget for the City of Jonesboro; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas desires to enter into a lease contract from June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 with Halsey Properties LLC for a building located at 2319 East Matthews Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas consisting of approximately two thousand two hundred (2,200) rentable square feet, with rent at Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$2,750.00) per month under the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement provides after December 31, 2021, the City shall have the right and option to extend the term until June 30, 2022 on a month to month basis; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Police Department Budget will need to be increased in order to include seven monthly lease payments of \$2,750.00 totaling \$19,250 for the remaining portion of 2020.

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

Section 1: The sum of \$19,250 will be added to the Police Department’s 2020 budget fixed asset line item, said sum shall come from the unappropriated funds in the General Fund with the expectation of partial reimbursement by FEMA and/or insurance.

Section 2: The Mayor, Harold Perrin and City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement.

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease") is entered into by and between **HALSEY PROPERTIES LLC** an Arkansas limited liability company ("Landlord"), and **THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS**, a subdivision of the State of Arkansas ("Tenant").

1. **Definitions.**

a. *Premises; Use.* The Premises means the space in that certain building located at 2319 East Matthews Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 (the "Building") consisting of approximately two thousand two hundred (2,200) rentable square feet (the "Premises"). Tenant acknowledges that Tenant is renting the Premises to conduct city business.

b. *Term.* The Term shall commence on June 1, 2020 (the "Commencement Date") and shall terminate on December 31, 2021 (the "Initial Term"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time after March 31, 2021, Tenant may terminate this Lease on sixty (60) days written notice. Upon written notice to Landlord received by Landlord no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term (the "Renewal Option Notice"), Tenant shall have the right and option ("Renewal Option") to extend the Term for the Premises until June 30, 2022, on the terms and conditions hereof, at the rental rate set forth in Section 3.c. below (the Renewal Term and the Initial Term collectively referred to herein as the "Term"). Landlord and Tenant agree the Renewal Term shall be on a month to month basis, and any party can terminate on thirty (30) days' notice to the other party. If Tenant shall fail to provide a Renewal Option Notice to Landlord in the time set forth herein, then Landlord and Tenant agree the then Renewal Option shall be deemed to be terminated. In Landlord's sole discretion, Tenant shall not be entitled to exercise the Renewal Option for the Renewal Term if Tenant is in default under the terms of this Lease either at the time it provides the Renewal Option Notice, or at the beginning of the Renewal Term. No other amendment of this Lease shall be binding on either party unless it is in writing and signed by Landlord and Tenant.

In the event Tenant holds over after the end of the Term or upon earlier termination of the Lease, the Rent shall increase to one hundred twenty five percent (125.00%) of the pre-termination rate, and Landlord may pursue any remedies to remove Tenant from the Premises.

c. *Rent.* The Rent shall be due and payable to Landlord in advance on the first day of each month at Landlord's place of business at 301 West Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, or such other place as Landlord may designate. Monthly Rent shall be Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and No/100 United States Dollars (\$2,750.00) per month.

2. **Lease.** For the duration of the Term, Landlord hereby leases to Tenant and Tenant hereby accepts the Premises for the exclusive purpose of using the Premises to operate the City of Jonesboro's business. Tenant shall pay the Rent by the first day of each month throughout the effectiveness of this Lease. Tenant shall return the Premises to Landlord in the same condition as the Premises is delivered to Tenant subject to reasonable wear and tear; provided, any improvements to the Premises (other than trade fixtures that can be removed without materially damaging the Premises) shall be considered a permanent part of the Premises and shall belong to Landlord. Any property left on the Premises after the termination date shall automatically and irrevocably be deemed abandoned and shall become the exclusive property of Landlord with Landlord having the right to keep or remove the abandoned property at Tenant's expense. Tenant shall not assign this Lease or sublet all or any part of the Premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord, which consent may be withheld in Landlord's absolute discretion. Any approved assignment or sublet by Tenant shall not relieve Tenant of any obligations under the Lease.

3. **Maintenance and Repair.** Tenant acknowledges it has inspected the Premises and accepts the Premises in "AS IS" condition. Landlord shall maintain and repair the exterior of the Premises in satisfactory condition during the Term (subject to contribution from Tenant for damage to any of these structures caused by Tenant, its employees, agents, licensees or invitees). Landlord shall not be responsible for any damages caused by failure to maintain any of the foregoing items unless and until Landlord has received written notice of a problem and has had a reasonable time to repair the same.

Tenant shall, at its cost and expense, repair and maintain the interior of the Premises. Tenant shall not make any modifications to the Premises without Landlord's express written consent. Any approved modifications shall become part of the Premises and shall become Landlord's property upon termination of the Lease. Landlord has the right to specify approved contractors who will do any work or maintenance within the Premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Landlord shall reimburse Tenant for repairs to the interior of the Premises in excess of Five Thousand and No/100 United States Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any calendar year during the term of this Lease, so long as such repairs are not the result of damage caused by Tenant, its employees, agents, licensees or invitees.

4. **Common Area.** The "Common Area" is the part of the Building designated by Landlord from time to time for the common use of all tenants and their invitees, including among other facilities, parking area, sidewalks, landscaping, curbs, loading areas, private streets and alleys, lighting facilities, hallways, elevators, and other areas and improvements provided by Landlord for the common use of all tenants and their invitees, all of which shall be subject to Landlord's sole management and control and shall be operated and maintained in such manner as Landlord, in its reasonable discretion, shall determine. Landlord reserves the right to change from time to time the dimensions and location of the Common Area. Tenant and its employees, customers and licensees shall have the non-exclusive right and license to use the Common Area as constituted from time to time, such use to be in common with Landlord, other tenants of the Building and other persons permitted by Landlord to use the same, and subject to such reasonable rules and regulations governing use as Landlord may from time to time prescribe. Tenant shall not place any temporary signage, or solicit business or display merchandise, within the Common Area, or distribute handbills therein, or take any action which would interfere with the rights of other persons to use the Common Area without the prior written consent of the Landlord. Landlord may temporarily close any part of the Common Area for such periods of time as may be necessary to prevent the public from obtaining prescriptive rights or to make repairs or alterations, but such repairs or alterations shall be done in a manner so as to cause a minimum of interference with Tenant's business.

5. **Default.** Landlord may declare Tenant in default if Tenant: (i) fails to pay its Rent or any other sums due under this Lease within five (5) days of the due date; (ii) fails to perform any of its other obligations under this Lease and the failure shall continue for ten (10) days following written notice from Landlord; or (iii) if the Premises shall be deserted or vacated for a period of more than seven (7) days. If Tenant fails to pay the Rent within the five (5) day grace period, Landlord shall have the option to declare the Tenant in default or assess a late fee of ten percent (10%) of the past-due amount. If the past-due Rent (plus late fees) is not paid in full, Landlord shall have the option to declare Tenant in default or exercise any other remedies available to Landlord. Exercise of the option to assess a late fee instead of declaring Tenant in default shall not waive Landlord's right to declare Tenant in default in the future. After Landlord declares Tenant in default, Landlord may immediately terminate this Lease and/or pursue any remedies available at law or equity, including without limitation, altering all locks and other security devices without terminating this Lease and leasing the Premises for the account of Tenant without releasing Tenant from Tenant's obligations under this Lease or accepting Tenant's surrender.

6. **Signage.** Tenant may display signage on the Premises at locations designated by the Landlord. All signage displayed by Tenant must be approved by Landlord, in writing, prior to Tenant displaying

such signage. Tenant must remove its signage upon termination of the Lease and return the area where the signage was located to its previous condition.

7. **No Waste.** Tenant agrees that it will not commit waste nor permit waste to be done to or upon the Premises. Tenant shall keep and maintain the Premises in compliance with, and shall not cause or permit the Premises to be in violation of, any federal, state or local laws, ordinances or regulations relating to occupational hazards, industrial hygiene or to the environmental conditions on, under, about or affecting the Premises. Tenant shall not use, generate, manufacture, store or dispose of on, under or about the Premises or transport to or from the Premises any flammable explosives, radioactive materials, hazardous wastes, toxic substances or related materials, including without limitation any substances defined as or included in the definition of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, hazardous materials or toxic substances under any applicable federal or state laws or regulations (collectively, the "Hazardous Materials"). If Tenant desires to have Hazardous Materials on the Premises, Tenant must make written request to Landlord detailing the specific Hazardous Materials and documenting to Landlord's satisfaction the Tenant's plan for managing the Hazardous Materials, keeping the Hazardous Materials from contaminating the Premises, complying with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. Landlord shall have no obligation to permit the Hazardous Materials on the Premises. In the event Landlord approves the presence of the Hazardous Materials, Tenant shall be bound to comply with the plans it specified for the handling of the Hazardous Materials and, no matter what, shall keep the Hazardous Materials from contaminating the Premises and, no matter what, shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. Landlord shall not be required to incur any expense in connect with such compliance.

8. **Insurance.** Landlord shall maintain, at its expense, commercial general liability insurance, insuring Tenant, Landlord, and Landlord's agents against all liability for injury to or death of a person or persons or damage to property arising from the Tenant's use and occupancy of the Premises, fire and extended insurance similar coverage for the full replacement cost of the Building (including earthquake and flood insurance) and public liability insurance in such amounts and with such deductible amounts as would be maintained by a prudent landlord of similar commercial properties in Craighead County, Arkansas. Additionally, Landlord may obtain and carry any other form or forms of insurance as it may reasonably desire or as any Landlord's mortgagee may require.

9. **Condemnation/Casualty.** If the whole or a portion of the Premises shall be taken by any public or quasi-public authority under any statute or by right of eminent domain, or by private purchase in lieu thereof, and the portion remaining after the taking cannot, in the sole judgment of Landlord, be used economically or profitably, then, on written notice from Landlord to Tenant or on written notice from Tenant to the Landlord, to be effective as of the effective date of the taking, this Lease shall terminate. If a portion of the Premises shall be condemned, and, in the determination of Landlord, the remaining portion can be operated economically and profitably, this Lease, as to such part, shall continue in full force and effect, and the rents payable hereunder shall be reduced in proportion to the portion taken, and, as to the portion taken, this Lease shall terminate. All condemnation awards or proceeds, whether for the whole or a portion of the Premises shall belong to and be the property of Landlord; provided, however, that Tenant shall have the right to recover from the condemning authority compensation for the taking of any personal property of Tenant, and any relocation costs incurred by Tenant. Notwithstanding anything herein, Landlord may terminate this Lease if Landlord deems such loss to be detrimental to Landlord.

10. **Casualty.** If the Premises are totally or partially destroyed by fire or other casualty and there are, Landlord may terminate this Lease or elect to rebuild as follows. If the Premises are totally or partially destroyed by fire or other casualty so that they cannot be restored or made suitable for Tenant's business needs, as determined by Landlord, within one (1) month from the date of the casualty or the date of expiration of the Term, whichever occurs earlier (the "Rebuild Date"), either Landlord or Tenant may terminate this Lease by giving written notice to the other party within ten (10) days after the date of the

casualty, failure to do so within the specified time period shall mean that the Lease is in full effect. To the extent of the insurance proceeds allocable to the Premises, Landlord will restore the Premises as nearly as possible to the condition which existed immediately prior to such casualty. If Landlord, subject to unavoidable delays or force majeure, does not restore the Premises by the Rebuild Date, Tenant may terminate this Lease. Such restoration shall be commenced promptly and prosecuted with reasonable diligence. Notwithstanding anything herein, Landlord may terminate this Lease if Landlord deems such loss to be detrimental to Landlord.

11. **Taxes.** Landlord shall pay all ad valorem real property taxes for the Premises, but Tenant shall be solely responsible for all other taxes, including without limitation taxes for all property owned by Tenant.

12. **Utilities and Trash.** Tenant shall be responsible for both the procurement and payment of all utilities including, but not limited to, water, electric, gas, cable, internet, telecommunications, and other data services.

Landlord does not warrant that any service will be free from interruptions caused by repairs, renewals, improvements, changes of service, alterations, strikes, lockouts, labor controversies, civil commotion, riot, accidents, inability to obtain electrical power, fuel, steam, water, supplies or labor or other cause beyond the reasonable control of Landlord. No such interruption of service shall be deemed an eviction or disturbance of Tenant's use and possession of the Premises or any part thereof, or render Landlord liable to Tenant for damages, by abatement of rent or otherwise, or relieve Tenant from performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease. Tenant hereby waives and releases all claims against Landlord for damages for interruption or stoppage of service.

In the event that by agreement with Tenant, Landlord furnishes extra or additional services to be paid for by Tenant, a failure to pay for such services within five (5) days after notice to Tenant shall authorize Landlord, in Landlord's discretion and without further notice, to immediately discontinue such services and terminate any agreement for such services. Tenant shall remove and properly dispose of all Tenant's trash on the Premises.

13. **Compliance with Applicable Law.** Tenant shall comply at all times during the Term with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. Tenant shall comply with all rules and regulations Landlord concerning the Premises and any memorandum or other publication, applicable to Tenant, issued as a supplement, amendment, as a replacement for or in addition to the rules and regulations of Landlord.

14. **Right of Entry.** Landlord reserves the right during the Term to enter the Premises during normal business hours of Tenant, after reasonable prior notice to Tenant, for purposes of inspecting the Premises. During the Term or any extensions of the Term, Landlord may enter the Premises as needed from time to time as is customary with the re-leasing of the Premises.

15. **Bankruptcy.** If Tenant shall become insolvent or if bankruptcy proceedings shall be instituted by or against Tenant during the terms of this Lease, Landlord is hereby irrevocably authorized, at its option, to cancel this Lease for default. Landlord may elect to accept rent from such receiver, trustee, or other judicial officer during the term of their fiduciary capacity without affecting Landlord's rights as contained in this Lease, but no receiver, trustee, or other judicial officer are granted any right, title, or interest in or to the Premises by virtue of the terms of this Lease.

16. **Notices.** Any notice or demand required or permitted to be delivered hereunder may be delivered in person or shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid,

registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall also be deemed to have been delivered when deposited, prepaid, with any overnight express mail service, addressed as provided below:

If to Landlord: HALSEY PROPERTIES LLC
301 West Washington Avenue, Suite 200
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

If to Tenant: THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

17. **No Oral Agreements.** This written agreement may not be contradicted by evidence of prior, contemporaneous or subsequent oral agreement of the parties. There are no unwritten oral agreements between the parties. Any provision of this Lease may be changed, waived or terminated only by written instrument specifically referring to this Lease signed by the party against whom the change, waiver or termination is sought to be enforced. Each of the parties hereto hereby acknowledges no other party, or agent or attorney of any other party, has made any promise, representation or warranty whatsoever, express or implied, not contained herein concerning the subject matter hereof, to induce the other party to execute this Lease or any of the other documents referred to herein and each party hereto acknowledges it has not executed this Lease or such other documents in reliance upon any such promise, representation or warranty not contained herein.

18. **Construction.** This Lease and all provisions contained herein have been jointly drafted (or reviewed and negotiated) and agreed to, and shall be deemed to have been prepared jointly by the parties hereto, each being sophisticated in transactions such as the one contemplated by this Lease and each having the benefit and advice of legal counsel (or the opportunity to seek such counsel), and shall not be construed in favor of or against any party to this Lease. This Lease may be executed in counterparts. This Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arkansas, and Arkansas shall be the exclusive forum for any disputes arising in connection with this Lease. If any part of this Lease or any other agreement entered into pursuant hereto is contrary to, prohibited by or deemed invalid under applicable law or regulation, such provision shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed omitted to the extent so contrary, prohibited or invalid but the remainder hereof shall not be invalidated thereby and shall be given full force and effect so far as possible. Time is of the essence with respect to all obligations of Tenant under this lease.

19. **Estoppel Certificate.** Tenant agrees that it will from time to time, upon request by Landlord, execute and deliver to Landlord within ten (10) business days after demand therefor an estoppel certificate in Landlord's form certifying that this Lease is unmodified and in full force and effect (or if there have been modifications, that the same is in full force and effect as so modified).

20. **Rules and Regulations.** Landlord reserves the right to make, establish and amend, from time to time, in Landlord's sole discretion, subject to the provisions herein, reasonable rules and regulations which shall be applicable to the Premises and the Tenant. Tenant shall comply with such rules and regulations as may be set forth from time to time.

21. **Representations and Warranties of Landlord.** Landlord hereby warrants and represents to Tenant as follows: **Authority.** Landlord is a limited liability company duly formed and validly existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, with full power and authority to execute and deliver this Lease, and perform its obligations hereunder. **Validity.** This Lease has been duly executed and delivered by Landlord and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Landlord, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency,

reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditor's rights or by general principles of equity. No Violations. Neither the execution nor delivery of this Lease by Landlord, nor the performance by Landlord of its obligations hereunder will (i) violate or conflict with the provisions of, or constitute an event of default under any note, loan, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, lease or other agreement to which Landlord is a party, or to which it or any of its properties may be bound; or (ii) violate any judgment, ruling, order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to Landlord or any of its properties or assets.

22. **Representations and Warranties of Tenant**. Tenant hereby represents and warrants to Landlord that: Authority. Tenant has full power and authority to execute, by the party or parties executing this Lease, and to deliver this Lease, and to perform its obligations hereunder. Validity. This Lease has been duly executed and delivered by Tenant and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Tenant, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditor's rights or by general principles of equity. No Violations. Neither the execution nor delivery of this Lease by Tenant, nor the performance by Tenant of its obligations hereunder will (i) violate or conflict with the provisions of, or constitute an event of default under any note, loan, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, lease or other agreement to which Tenant is a party, or to which it or any of its properties may be bound; or (ii) violate any judgment, ruling, order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to Tenant, or any of its properties or assets.

23. **Waiver**. The failure of any party to enforce any of the provisions of this Lease, or any rights with respect hereto, or the failure to exercise any right provided for herein, will in no way be considered a waiver of such provisions, rights or elections, or in any way affect the validity of this Lease. The failure of any party to enforce any such provisions, rights or remedies will not prejudice such party from later enforcing or exercising the same or any other provisions, rights or remedies which it may have under this Lease. No custom or practice which may evolve between the parties in the administration of the terms of this Lease shall waive or diminish the right of either party to insist upon the performance by the parties in strict accordance with the terms hereof.

24. **Attorney's Fees**. The prevailing party in any litigation instituted to enforce the terms of this Lease shall recover from the other party, in addition to any other relief or damages awarded, such prevailing party's attorney's fees, and costs and expenses incurred in prosecuting any such litigation.

25. **Real Estate Agent**. This Lease was negotiated by Jerry Halsey, Jr. ("Landlord's Broker"). Landlord's Broker is acting as agent for Landlord and does not represent Tenant. Landlord agrees to pay its respective broker a commission pursuant to a separate agreement.

The parties further disclose that some members of Landlord, including without limitation Jerry Halsey, Jr. hold a valid Arkansas real estate license.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Lease to be executed this ____ day of 2020.

LANDLORD:

HALSEY PROPERTIES LLC

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

TENANT:

CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____

LANDLORD INITIALS: _____
TENANT INITIALS: _____



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A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPROVE THE 2020 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas has held two public hearings and one public review and comment period for the Annual CDBG Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Annual CDBG Action Plan is in the fourth year of the (2017 - 2021) Five-Year Consolidated Plan designed to address goals set for community needs; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2020 Annual CDBG Action Plan contains the projects, activities and budget for allocated Federal funds of \$616,257. The 2020 Action Plan's budget is listed below:

1. Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance (including sewer connections)	\$40,000
2. Homeownership Assistance	\$14,000
3. Demolition & Clearance Assistance	\$10,000
4. Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$40,000
5. Veterans Village Outreach Center	\$150,000
6. Patrick Street Sidewalks	\$130,000
7. Recovery, Inc. - ADA Parking Access Improvements	\$20,000
8. L.M. Stott's Park	\$60,000
9. Hispanic Community Services, Inc.	\$20,000
10. West End Neighborhood Association	\$10,822.88
11. CDBG Program Planning & Administration	\$121,434.12

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

SECTION 1: The 2020 CDBG Action Plan, attached hereto, is hereby approved by the City Council.

SECTION 2: The 2020 CDBG projects, activities and budget are hereby approved for the Action Plan.

SECTION 3: Mayor, Harold Perrin and City Clerk, Donna Jackson are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Action Plan.

SECTION 4: The Grants and Community Development department is hereby directed to submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2020.



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Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant

2020 Program Year

(July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

City of Jonesboro
Department of Grants & Community Development
300 South Church Street, Suite 402
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403

Annual Action Plan
2020

2020 Annual Action Plan

(July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021)

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program allocates annual funds to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas. The CDBG Program authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The purpose of the program is to provide funding for grantees to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities benefitting for low- and moderate-income persons within city limits of Jonesboro. CDBG eligible activities must address one of the following three National Objectives:

- Benefit to low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons or households;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (urgent need).

City of Jonesboro, as grantee, carry out a wide range of community development activities, such as, housing services and economic development within the following core activities - programs:

- Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance (may include sewer connection);
- Homeownership Assistance;
- Demolition & Clearance Assistance;
- Public Services Program;
- Public Facilities and Improvements Program;
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and
- Homeless Prevention and Services.

Designed to set goals that address community needs, the City of Jonesboro 2020 Annual Action Plan is an addition to 2017 – 2021 (Five-Year) Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan is the fourth annual report with descriptions and action items for specific activities that meet the goals outlined in the original Consolidated Plan.

HUD FY 2020 appropriations were released on February 14, 2020. The City of Jonesboro received \$616,257 in CDBG allocation to carryout allowable activities listed herein.

As the lead agency for the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan, the City of Jonesboro Department of Grants and Community Development follows a citizen participation plan to include citizens, City departments, CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee, non-profit organizations, and other public and private entities to contribute in the development of the Plan.

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 with the citizens' participation process has identified objectives and outcomes to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities benefitting low- and moderate-income persons and areas within city limits of Jonesboro.

Based on survey responses during the public hearings on December 11, 2019, citizens indicated these priorities: Infrastructure; Housing; Homelessness and Clearance; Code Enforcements; and Economic Development. Ranking infrastructure as higher need and on respectively. The City considered these surveys to identify objectives and outcomes for the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Programs and FY 2020 CDBG allocations are as followed:

- Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance grant to qualified owner-occupied applicants with needed housing repairs. Allocated \$40,000 to assist approximately 5-8 qualified LMI homeowners with needed minor or major house repairs that may consist in the replacement, installation, and or repair of roofs, windows, doors, plumbing, electrical, sewers, foundations, and may include sewer connections. This activity is where the remaining balances of all activities and projects of the program year are transferred; therefore, the allocated amount may multiply and more homeowners will be assisted.
- Homeownership Assistance grant to LMI first-time homebuyers with down payment and closing costs. Allocated \$14,000 to assist four qualified individuals.
- Demolition and Clearance Assistance to demolish qualified homeowner properties and other dilapidated structures in LMI areas. Allocated \$10,000. Due to not having any qualified applicants in the previous program years, the allocation amount should cover the demolition and tipping cost to assist at least one applicant.
- Public Services Program provides nonprofit organizations with funding for programs benefitting LMI persons and or areas. A total of \$30,822.88 were allocated to two nonprofit organizations. CDBG funds for the Hispanic Community Services, Inc. will assist the organization to cover afterschool program expenses providing bilingual tutoring and support services to 75 school (K-8) age children from LMI household, most of them from CDBG designated area in north Jonesboro. Funding for the West End Neighborhood Association will assist with their neighborhood safety lighting initiative to benefit approximately 3468 individuals in LMI area in the city.
- Public Facilities and Improvements program is where a high amount of CDBG funds is used. Phase three of the Patrick Street Sidewalk and ADA Accessible project has \$130,000 allocated. Constructing the sidewalks will promote connectivity and accessibility to main roads, a nearby

park, and future city master plan redevelopment area. Furthermore, allocation to this program will include \$60,000 for L.M. Stott's Park to replace the playground and other park improvements in the LMI area mentioned above, and \$20,000 for Recovery Inc. for ADA parking and facility access improvements.

- Other activities funded include the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and Homeless Prevention and Services. The NRP is community driven and revitalization focused, \$40,000 allocated, will cover cost of projects selected by City Council and Neighborhood Beautification Committee to focus neighborhood revitalization and beautification in LMI areas. The Veterans Village Outreach Center (formally referred as Business Center), phase two of the construction project. Funds, \$150,000, will cover a portion of the cost to install new roof and windows. The Center will be the hub of the Veterans Village housing community to provide housing and onsite supportive services to veterans suffering homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless.

Sections AP 35 and 38 contains more details about the above-mentioned program and activities.

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 (COJ) continues addressing housing services as one of the priorities for the Department. Providing low-and moderate-income persons with decent housing and a suitable living environment is a continuing goal. Homeownership and Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance, and other activities funded have been instrumental to enable the City to address issues that homeowners encounter by living in substandard conditions and having limited access to affordable housing.

The Rehab grant provides qualified homeowners the opportunity to complete needed home repairs; the grant is very sought after. Most applicants are elderly with low fixed incomes and low-income female-headed households. Due to Rehab being the activity where residuals from program year funded activities are transferred, the FY 2019 Rehab activity has not exhausted the money available for projects. In FY 2018, 18 minor and major rehab projects were completed, a total cost of \$219,006.52. As of now, for FY 2019, by the time this plan becomes official, there will be approximately 10 projects completed; averaging five projects per applications cycle and with a growing waitlist. It is evident that this program is needed; however, not having enough contractors to complete as many projects as possible is a limitation that hinders the amount of projects that can be completed at a time. Nonetheless, due to having FY 2019 funding available, it was determined that FY 2020 would be lower funded than usual. This will enable the usage of those funds to other projects otherwise funded lower amounts, such as allotting \$130,000 for the sidewalk project.

In 2019, the Grants and Community Development Department launched a new campaign as community outreach to promote housing assistance grants available, resulting in an influx of new applicants for all

programs. Last year under FY 2018 funding for Homeownership, there were eight grants awarded, that is four more than in previous years. Four of those grants were awarded to female-headed households.

Aiding in the prevention and elimination of homelessness keeps being a priority for the jurisdiction. In previous years, CDBG funding has been awarded to organizations providing services to the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless through facility rehab projects, administrative expenses, and or program related costs. In FY 2019, CDBG funds were allocated to aid in the construction of the Veterans Village Outreach Center by covering the cost of plumbing installation.

Moreover, the Public Services Program is a great way to assist nonprofit organizations with administrative and program expenses to services they provide to their LMI clients and residents. The Hispanic Community Services, Inc. is an organization providing several programs and services to the Hispanic community in Jonesboro and the outskirts of the city. This year, CDBG will fund them for the afterschool program, La Escuelita, to provide resources, bilingual tutoring and much more to K-8 school age children attending the program. West End Neighborhood Association has created multiple projects to assist and improve their neighborhood within their association boundaries. Previously, the nonprofit has received CDBG funding for neighborhood safety initiatives, safety security cameras, and park and lighting improvements. Continuing with their great neighborhood improvement and safety in-mind projects, for FY 2020, they will receive funding to install over 100 streetlights in their neighborhood aiming to decrease the growing crime rate. They are collaborating with City Water and Light, City of Jonesboro Police Department, and other entities to install lighting strategically needed areas of the neighborhood where more crime activity is reported or seen.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The jurisdiction follows the citizen participation plan to include citizens, City departments, non-profits, and other public and private entities to contribute in the development of the Plan. The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee and the Grants and Community Development Department staff are involved in the decision-making for funds allocation. Citizens have the opportunity to provide input and to become informed throughout the planning process by participating in public hearings and public review and comment period, all advertised in local newspaper and City website.

On December 11, 2019 the *Notice of Funding Availability* and *Notice of Request for Proposal* was published in the local newspaper. The *Notice of Public Hearing* was advertised on November 21, 2019 for two separate hearing held on December 11, 2019. The public hearings were held one in the morning and one in the evening to facilitate participation and convenience for citizens to attend. Attendees to the public hearing were asked to fill out a short survey ranking community needs; the survey responses were taken into consideration while planning allocations and projects for FY 2020 CDBG Program.

To fulfill the public comment and review period for the Action Plan Draft, the City published the *Notice of 30 Days Public Review and Comment Period* advertisement in the local newspaper and City website on March 27, 2020. A copy of the plan was available in the office for review. The last day for the public to submit comments was April 26, 2020. **No requests to review the AP draft or comments were received.**

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.

No comments were received through the end of the 30 days public review and comment period.

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

Not applicable. No comments or views were received.

7. Summary

Through the newspaper advertisement, the website, and City social media the public where given the opportunity for a 30-days public review and comment period for the 2020 Action Plan Draft. There were no comments or concerns submitted or brought up to the department.

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 Department of Grants and Community Development is the lead agency assigned to administrate, implement and oversee the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded programs and activities. The staff are responsible of preparing the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan with the input and collaboration with citizens, public and private entities.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Regina Burkett

Director of Community Development

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870-336-7229

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

1. Introduction

As part of the consolidated planning process, the City of Jonesboro (COJ) recognizes that collaborating with citizens, public and private entities is vital for the advancement of the community. The Grants and Community Development Department administers the Community Development Block Grant Program and continuously form partnerships with organizations to provide input on their field of expertise to better assist the department in developing the Plan.

During the planning process for the 2020 Annual Action Plan, the City consulted with the community, COJ departments, public and private organizations. Collaborated and consulted with the Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority (JURHA), Crowley’s Ridge Development Council (CRDC), Department of Human Services, Beck Pride Center, United Way of Northeast Arkansas, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Jonesboro, BancorpSouth, Food Bank of NEA, and many other organizations and agencies.

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 jurisdiction receives input from City departments, Citizens Advisory Committee, public and private organizations, and federal and state agencies to coordinate community development and housing services. Coordination between entities include strategizing, communicating, and serving on committees and boards.

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 was involved with planning and strategizing of the Homelessness Task Force Coalition in 2016 and 2017. COJ is a member of the Northeast Arkansas Continuum of Care Coalition, part of the Arkansas Balance of State CoC. The City received the Continuum of Care grant in 2017 and the program delivery was between 2017 and 2018. The jurisdiction did not apply for the grant during the upcoming program year. Nonetheless, the City maintains its goal of addressing the needs of homeless persons.

Being part of the NEA AR CoC Coalition has facilitated the COJ with working together with other organizations and agencies that provide services to the homeless population in Craighead, Green, and Poinsett Counties. During the planning process, the jurisdiction has collaborated with Crowley’s Ridge Development Council (CRDC), Hispanic Community Services, Inc. (HCSI); Northeast Arkansas Regional Transportation Planning Commission (N.A.R.T.C.P), East Arkansas Planning and Development District

(EAPDD), Craighead County Veterans Services, HUB Homeless Resource Center, and other non-profit organizations, church outreach ministries, community groups and neighborhood associations.

The City participates in the annual Point in Time Count (PIT); collaborates with its partners to serve the homeless populations and at-risk of becoming homeless. On January 23, 2020, the PIT count was conducted in northeast Arkansas and data was collected by surveying homeless individuals in Craighead, Greene, and Poinsett counties. Among these three counties, reported numbers were categorized as unsheltered (23), sheltered (153), and school districts (847).

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Jonesboro planning process is a 12-month process that solicits and accepts citizens' input throughout the year. Information and data are collected from federally mandated public hearings; including CDBG, AFH hearings, community meetings and listening sessions. This process has enhanced the avenues for sharing data and gaining a better understanding of how we can coordinate our efforts to improve the lives of low- and moderate-income citizens. Additionally, social service agencies and other entities were invited to the table during the planning process as well as throughout the year. This yearlong listening process has proven to be successful in gaining input from a cross-section of the community and service providers.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF JONESBORO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Jonesboro Department of Grants and Community Development has collaborated with all City departments through the year process for the annual action plan. The purpose to collaborate is to find ways to leverage CDBG funds with other local, state, federal, and private funding for project to benefit LMI areas and individual. Projects such sidewalk and street improvements, parks improvements and playground equipment, economic development, in conjunction with assisting with City's Master Plan to provide connectivity to LMI neighborhoods to access to stores, health services, and more.

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

Not applicable - None known.

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	City of Jonesboro	This plan overlaps the Consolidated and Action Plans through ensuring affordable and decent housing is available for the homeless to become independent and integrated into the community. In addition, transportation planning and implementation was the second goal that was part of both programs for the jurisdiction.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

In the efforts to broaden citizen participation the City advertises all notices in the local newspaper, COJ website and social media pages, flyers are created and posted in community centers, and mass emails are sent out from all staff of the department.

The citizen participation process began with publishing the *Notice of Public Hearing* on November 21, 2019 in the local newspaper, flyers posted on COJ's social media and website announcing two separate hearings. On December 11, 2019, the public hearings were held one in the morning and one in the evening to facilitate participation and convenience for citizens to attend. Attendees to the public hearing were asked to fill out a short survey ranking community needs; the survey responses were taken into consideration while planning allocations and projects for FY 2020 CDBG Program.

The *Notice of Funding Availability* and *Notice of Request for Proposal* was published on December 11, 2019 in the local newspaper, COJ website and social media accounts. With the notice of funding availability, citizens get informed of available funding for housing programs, such as rehabilitation, demolition, and homeownership assistance. The RFP notice, which is directed to nonprofit organizations that may be interested in applying for the upcoming program year, proposals were due January 10, 2020.

To fulfill the public comment and review period for the Action Plan Draft, the City published the *Notice of 30 Days Public Review and Comment Period* advertisement in the local newspaper and City website on March 27, 2020. A copy of the plan was available in the office for review. The last day for the public to submit comments was April 26, 2020. **No requests to review the AP draft or comments were received.**

The jurisdiction utilizes newspapers, printed material, website and social media to reach out to the community to encourage citizen participation.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Non-Profit Organization	Notice of Public Hearing - Non-profit organizations and residents contact the office for more questions about public hearings time and location. Notice of Funding Availability and RFP - citizens and organizations contact the office to inquire about the grants available, qualifications, and requirements. Six proposals were received. Noticed of 30 Day Public Review and Comment Period - no comments received.	No public comment received.	Not applicable, no public comments received.	

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Citizens, Citizens Advisory Committee members, and non-profit organizations were invited to attend the public hearing on December 11, 2019. A total of 8 citizens attended the two meetings and filled out a survey identifying community priority needs.	Dept. staff made presentation of all activities and organizations proposals accepted. Attendees filled out a short survey identifying priority community needs. Identifying infrastructure as a community priority, following with housing, homelessness and clearance or demolition, code enforcement, and economic development.	All comments were accepted.	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	No applicable.	No comments received.	No comments received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The 2020 CDBG allocation of \$616,257 will be utilized for the program year to fund multiple projects and activities to benefit LMI persons directly or indirectly.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	616,257	0	0	616,257	534,276	This is the expected amount of CDBG funds for the remainder of the Consolidated Plan (2017 - 2021). The available remainder of funds from 2018 is and 2019 is \$434,223.57 both noted in expected amount available remainder of Con Plan. These amount include encumbered amounts of multiple activities that will completed before 2020 program year begins.

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

One of the priority of the jurisdiction is to aid in the prevention and eradication of homelessness. They City is currently working with appointed coalition members, other COJ departments, and key stakeholders to find location for a homeless shelter. Additionally, the Veterans Village and the Outreach Center are in city-owned property.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	AFH: Improvement of Public Transit	2017	2021	Public Housing Transportation	Jonesboro	AFH Factor: Lack of Public Investment - Transit AFH: Access to Transportation for Persons	CDBG: \$0	

2	AFH: Establish a Citizen Fair Housing Board	2017	2018	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Community Opposition AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Private Discrimination AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range	CDBG: \$0	
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Lack of Private Investments AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public	CDBG: \$390,823	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9745 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3500 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	AFH: Increase Fair Housing Knowledge	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Community Opposition AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Private Discrimination AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range	CDBG: \$0	

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	AFH: Increase Awareness & Enforcement	2017	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Community Opposition AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Private Discrimination AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range	CDBG: \$0	

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	AFH: Establish a City Land Bank	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range	CDBG: \$0	
7	AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled	2017	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public	CDBG: \$20,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	AFH: Increase Acceptability of Housing Choice	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Jonesboro	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$14,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 4 Households Assisted
9	Create Attractive Neighborhood-Livability	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies	CDBG: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings
10	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless	2017	2021	Homeless	Jonesboro	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public		

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AFH: Improvement of Public Transit
	Goal Description	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted in transportation through JETS.
2	Goal Name	AFH: Establish a Citizen Fair Housing Board
	Goal Description	Citizens Fair Housing Advisory Board established March 20, 2018 with 8 members. The members have received training and created a partnership with the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. Several members have attending training and conferences hosted by the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. The goal for 2020 if for the board to focus on the role and actions to take as leaders of the community to establish procedures. It must be determined whether the board will hear citizens’ concerns and reports or if it will maintain in their informative and advocate role.
3	Goal Name	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy
	Goal Description	<p>The purpose of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is to fund community driven, neighborhood revitalization and beautification focused projects to benefit LMI areas. \$40,000 CDBG funds were allocated with the goal to cover the cost of projects selected by City Council and Neighborhood Beautification Committee members. Projects have not been selected; nonetheless, projects selected will benefit LMI areas.</p> <p>Public Services project for West End Neighborhood Association (\$10,822.88). The association aims to decrease crime in key LMI areas of the West End Neighborhoods Association boundaries by installing over 100 streetlights to benefit approximately 1,700 households.</p> <p>Public Facilities and Improvements for sidewalk improvements (\$130,000) in an LMI area, continuing with phase 3 of the Patrick Street Sidewalk projects to facilitate access to residents and connectivity. The sidewalk improvement will benefit over 5,000 LMI persons. Additionally, funding for the construction of the Veterans Village Outreach Center (\$150,000) to cover installation costs of roof and windows. Organizations and services being provided in the Outreach Center will benefit 9 households per year housed in the village, including other veterans experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless that are seeking these services. Furthermore, the L.M. Stott’s Park rehabilitation project (\$60,000) in an identified LMI area will cover the cost of new playground installation and other improvements. The neighborhood is over 51 percent LMI and approximately over 4,000 residents will benefit from these improvements to the park.</p>

4	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Fair Housing Knowledge
	Goal Description	Citizens Fair Housing Advisory Board established March 20, 2018 with 8 members. The members have received training and created a partnership with the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. Several members have attending training and conferences hosted by the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. The goal for 2020 if for the board to focus on the role and actions to take as leaders of the community to establish procedures. It must be determined whether the board will hear citizens' concerns and reports or if it will maintain in their informative and advocate role.
5	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Awareness & Enforcement
	Goal Description	Increasing awareness and enforcement of fair housing among publicly assisted families. Citizens Fair Housing Advisory Board established March 20, 2018 with 8 members. The members have received training and created a partnership with the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. This fiscal year the board will meet to determine their role with the community and establish procedures.
6	Goal Name	AFH: Establish a City Land Bank
	Goal Description	The City Land Bank Commission was established on Dec. 19, 2017. The City of Jonesboro Department of Land Bank and the Commission purpose is to reverse urban blight, increase home ownership and the stability of property values, provide affordable housing, improve the health and safety of neighborhoods within the City and to maintain architectural fabric of the community.
7	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled
	Goal Description	Public Improvement Program (\$130,000) project construct S. Patrick Street sidewalks, phase 3 of Patrick St. sidewalk project. The purpose of the project is to increase accessibility to sidewalks for citizens, including ADA accessible sidewalks in this LMI area. Over 5,000 residents and commuter drivers will benefit. This has already been counted in goal 3 identified prior. Public Facility Program (\$20,000): funding for the Recovery, which they serve approximately 200 individuals fighting substance and are part of AA meetings. The project will cover the cost to provide ADA accessibility to the facility and parking improvements. The Homeowner Rehabilitation projects may also include ADA accessibility improvements for elderly disabled applicants.

8	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Acceptability of Housing Choice
	Goal Description	Homeownership Assistance will benefit 4 LMI First-time homebuyers with \$3,500 down payment and or closing cost assistance.
9	Goal Name	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Goal Description	<p>To create attractive neighborhoods the City will continue to focus on funding housing services.</p> <p>Housing services: Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance (\$40,000) to LMI homeowner-occupied. Approximately 15 homeowners will benefit from the grant; additionally it helps improve their quality of life. Demolition and Clearance Assistance (\$10,000) to LMI homeowner, approximately 1-2 homeowners will benefit from the grant. LMI neighborhoods to prevent/eliminate slum and blight will benefit.</p> <p>Many of the activities funded this fiscal year will be to address neighborhood revitalization, specifically through public facilities and improvements.</p> <p>Additionally, creating attractive neighborhood livability is part of the City aiming to develop a community revitalization strategy with the goal to in the next two years to conduct a professional neighborhood assessment. The assessment will enable the City to design better strategies to target specific and identified neighborhoods in need.</p>
10	Goal Name	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless
	Goal Description	It is the jurisdiction goal to continue prioritizing and aiding in the prevention and eradication of homelessness in the city. CDBG funding utilized will assist with the cost of building the Veterans Village Outreach Center to benefit homeless veterans or those at-risk to become homeless directly. The purpose of the center is to provide a place where organizations and other agencies can provide onsite housing and supportive services needed to those veterans and their families housed in the Veterans Village and community at large seeking for services. The center will provide services to assist with the veteran housing village. Activity identified in goal 3.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded \$616,257 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the City of Jonesboro to achieve the set goals of activities listed in the 2020 Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
2	Homeownership Assistance
3	Demolition & Clearance Assistance
4	Neighborhood Revitalization Program
5	Veterans Village Outreach Center
6	S. Patrick Street Sidewalks - Phase 3
7	Recovery, Inc. - ADA Accessibility Parking Improvements
8	L.M. Stott's Park - Playground Installation
9	PS: Hispanic Community Services, Inc. - La Escuelita Expansion
10	West End Neighborhood Association - Safety Lighting Expansion
11	CDBG Program Planning & Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

CDBG funds will benefit LMI individuals throughout the city of Jonesboro. The Housing Services: Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance; Homeownership Assistance; Demolition & Clearance Assistance, which are direct services managed by the grantee, are citywide services for qualified LMI applicants. Providing these services is a priority for the city, specifically, Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance where the program benefits mainly individuals that are below the 50 percent of HUD income guidelines. These services are a priority due to the high number of applicants having homes near dilapidation caused by the years of being unattended by homeowner for various reasons, one being limited income. Demolition assistance for preventing and eliminating slum and blight in LMI neighborhoods. Furthermore, assisting LMI individuals that are unable to afford demolishing their houses after a fire or beyond decayed. Assisting first-time homebuyers with closing cost/down payment provides accessibility

to affordable housing.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) was designed to revitalize and beautify LMI neighborhoods. Funding for the NRP will be utilized for projects selected by the Neighborhood Beautification Commission—the Mayor appointed members. The City Council—through the initiative call of WIN (Wards Improving Neighborhoods) where the City Council will select projects in their LMI neighborhoods that may be funded with CDBG funds. Additionally, funds for the NRP will assist the Land Bank indirectly to beautify and rehabilitate homeowner-occupied houses near the areas of new development to increase community and economic development. Projects selected may include park rehabilitation, community beautification by planting trees, creating green spaces in empty lots, painting murals, neighborhood cleanup events, and many more projects.

Aiding in the prevention and elimination of homelessness is one of the city's top priority. Finding ways to provide housing and services to the homeless has been a focus for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Veterans Village of Jonesboro—affordable veterans housing is one of the ways COJ has been working in this priority. In addition, CDBG funding is assisting with the cost of building the Veterans Village Outreach Center to provide a place where housing and supportive services can be provided to the veterans housed at the village and those in the community seeking for services. One of the goals to addressing homelessness is to find a location for a homeless shelter. The Mayor has appointed a Taskforce tasked with finding a location for the shelter, potential funding, and partnerships. One of the obstacles that have been identified with finding a shelter location is community opposition.

This program year, funds were allocated to address two public facilities and improvements projects. One is the ADA Accessible parking improvements project for the Recovery center, the center service Alcohol Anonymous and Substance Abuse Services. The second project funded is to continue Patrick Street Sidewalk improvements, phase 3 will be on South Patrick St. in another LMI area of the city.

There are two Public Services Program subgrantees for 2020 program year, one is the Hispanic Community Services, Inc., also known as El Centro Hispano, and the West End Neighborhood Association. CDBG funds awarded to El Centro Hispano will be for their after-school program—La Escuelita, where bilingual tutoring and other services will be provided to school age children grades K-8 of LMI households. The West End Neighborhood Association continues their Safety Neighborhood Initiative by expanding on the safety lighting. The association is aiming to decrease and eliminate crime in their neighborhood association boundaries by installing over 100 streetlights in identified trouble crime areas.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance for qualified homeowner-occupied properties for minor and major home repairs. Repair, replacements, and or installations plumbing, sewer, roof, electric up to code, windows, foundation and many more. It may include sewer connection.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 4-6 projects will be completed for qualified LMI applicants. Most grant recipients are elderly with fix incomes below the 50 percent HUD income limits.
	Location Description	Citywide projects based on LMI applicants in various locations throughout the city limits of Jonesboro.
Planned Activities	CDBG funds will cover the cost of Rehab projects that may be comprised in replacement, repair, and installation of roof; windows, plumbing, electrical, air and heat units, sewer lines, and it may include sewer connection.	
2	Project Name	Homeownership Assistance
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	AFH: Increase Acceptability of Housing Choice
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000
	Description	Homeownership Assistance program provides qualified first-time homebuyers a \$3,500 grant for down payment and closing cost assistance. Most applicants are within the 80 percent of HUD income limits.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four LMI households will benefit directly from this grant.
	Location Description	Citywide qualified applicants.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized for COJ to award a \$3,500 grant to four qualified LMI persons purchasing their first home to cover the closing costs and or down payment.
3	Project Name	Demolition & Clearance Assistance
	Target Area	Jonesboro North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The demolition assistance grant benefits LMI homeowners to demolish their dilapidated properties. It may include the demolition of privately owned buildings aiming to address slum and blight in LMI areas.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One or two homeowners will benefit directly from receiving the grant to demolish their dilapidated homes.
	Location Description	Citywide qualified applicants, most in identified LMI areas, especially north Jonesboro.
Planned Activities	Qualified applicants will receive grant to demolish dilapidated homes. CDBG funds will cover the cost of demolition and tipping fees.	
4	Project Name	Neighborhood Revitalization Program
	Target Area	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public

	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Program will fund the cost of projects addressing revitalization and beautification of LMI neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Beautification Commission and City Council will identify potential projects. Potential projects may be neighborhood cleanup events, tree planting, painting or murals, street lighting, curbside appeals, and much more.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Residents of LMI neighborhoods will directly benefit from neighborhood revitalization and beautification projects.
	Location Description	Jonesboro LMI areas.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will cover the cost of completing projects such neighborhood cleanup events, tree planting, painting or murals, street lighting, curbside appeals, and much more.
5	Project Name	Veterans Village Outreach Center
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Once the construction of the Outreach Center is complete, a vast amount of housing and supportive services will be provided by organizations and agencies collaborating with COJ. Services provided at the Veterans Village Outreach Center will benefit veterans housed at the Veterans Village that have previously experienced homelessness, are chronic homeless, or at-risk of becoming homeless. Services will also be provided to those veterans seeking services in the community.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Primarily, those benefiting from the construction of the Outreach Center and the housing and supportive services that will be provided are those housed at the village. The Veterans Village will housed 9 households of veterans that were experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, services will be provided to veterans in the community seeking for services. Approximately 100 veterans and their families will be assisted.
	Location Description	Administration of the construction project will be conducted at the Municipal Center by the Grants and Community Development Department. The Veterans Village Outreach Center will be located in Jonesboro at boundaries of Aggie Road, Patrick Street, Allis Street, and Chalky Street.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will cover the costs of installing roof and windows for the Veterans Village Outreach Center.
6	Project Name	S. Patrick Street Sidewalks - Phase 3
	Target Area	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings
	Funding	CDBG: \$130,000
	Description	Public Improvements - Phase 3 of Patrick Street sidewalks improvements will be on S. Patrick Street north of E. Matthews Avenue. The sidewalk improvements will include the construction of new sidewalks in certain areas and modifications for ADA Accessibility compliance.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Patrick Street sidewalk improvements will benefit over 5,000 LMI persons in the identified area where over 63 percent are LMI.
	Location Description	On S. Patrick Street from E. Matthews Avenue north to Creath Avenue.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized to cover the cost of construction and ADA Accessible improvements to sidewalks on S. Patrick Street from E. Matthews Avenue north to Creath Avenue.
7	Project Name	Recovery, Inc. - ADA Accessibility Parking Improvements
	Target Area	Jonesboro

	Goals Supported	AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Public Facility Program - modifications and improvements for ADA Accessible parking for the Recovery center. The center provide Alcohol Anonymous and Substance Abuse Services to approximately 200 individuals in the community seeking for those services.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximate 200 individuals including persons with physical disabilities access the facility and use the parking lot.
	Location Description	Administration of project will be conducted at the Municipal Center by the Grant and Community Development Department. Location of Recovery, Inc. facility is 2901 W. Washington Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized to cover the cost of making ADA Accessible modifications and improvements to the parking lot and entrance of the Recovery, Inc. facility.
8	Project Name	L.M. Stott's Park - Playground Installation
	Target Area	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Public Facilities and Improvements Program - the L.M. Stott's Park rehabilitation project includes new playground installation and other improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 4,000 residents will benefit from these improvements to L.M. Stott's Park. The neighborhood is over 54 percent low-and moderate-income.
	Location Description	832 E. Hope Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas 71401

	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will cover the cost of purchasing and replacement of playground equipment and other improvements to the L.M. Stott's Park
9	Project Name	PS: Hispanic Community Services, Inc. - La Escuelita Expansion
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Public Services Program - The Hispanic Community Services, Inc., also known as El Centro Hispano are expanding their after-school program, La Escuelita, where bilingual tutoring and other services and resourced will be provided to school age children grades K-8 of LMI households.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 students benefit directly from La Escuelita. Over 51 percent of the K-8 students are from LMI households.
	Location Description	Program administration will be conducted at Municipal Center by the Grants and Community Development Department. Services will be provided at El Centro Hispano at 211 Vandyne Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized to cover the after-school program expenses for 75 students.
10	Project Name	West End Neighborhood Association - Safety Lighting Expansion
	Target Area	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,822.88
	Description	Public Services Program - The West End Neighborhood Association project aims to decrease crime in key LMI areas of the West End Neighborhoods Association boundaries by installing over 100 streetlights to benefit approximately 1,700 households.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3468 individuals (1700 households) residing in the West End Neighborhood Association boundaries will benefit with the neighborhood safety initiative.
	Location Description	Program administration will be conducted at the Municipal Center by the Grants and Community Development Department. Project activity will be in key crime reported areas within the neighborhood boundaries of the association.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized to cover the expenses incurred with the installation of over 100 streetlights in key areas identified in crime reports within the boundaries of the West End Neighborhood Association.
11	Project Name	CDBG Program Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Jonesboro North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Improvement of Public Transit AFH: Establish a Citizen Fair Housing Board AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy AFH: Increase Fair Housing Knowledge AFH: Increase Awareness & Enforcement AFH: Establish a City Land Bank AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled AFH: Increase Acceptability of Housing Choice Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless

Needs Addressed	<p>AFH Factor: Lack of Public Investment - Transit</p> <p>AFH: Access to Transportation for Persons</p> <p>AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability</p> <p>AFH: Community Opposition</p> <p>AFH: Lack of Private Investments</p> <p>AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing</p> <p>AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions</p> <p>AFH: Private Discrimination</p> <p>AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties</p> <p>AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies</p> <p>AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement</p> <p>AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing</p> <p>AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range</p> <p>AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings</p> <p>AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing</p> <p>AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public</p>
Funding	CDBG: \$121,434.12
Description	<p>CDBG administration expenses necessary for planning, project management, implementation and compliance reporting. Planned activities include managing 2020 CDBG funded programs, projects, and comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Program management will directly/indirectly have a positive effect on thousands of low-to moderate-income individuals throughout the program year. Planned activities include managing CDBG funded programs, projects, and comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Meeting the 20 percent cap.</p>
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide outreach and services, specifically to LMI residents.
Location Description	Municipal Center at 300 S. Church St., Jonesboro, AR 72401
Planned Activities	Planned activities include managing CDBG funded programs, projects, and comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

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

City of Jonesboro – data shows multiple low-and moderate-income sectors citywide. There are multiple pockets of low-income and minority concentrations throughout the city. Three key areas in the city have the highest LMI population and with neighborhoods needed rehabilitation, revitalization, and beautification strategies. These areas are north Jonesboro (NRSA), Fairview at the east of city limits, and West Ends adjacent to downtown in the west side of town. North Jonesboro has approximately 74.8 percent of LMI population in Census Tract 6.01 Block Group 3, 6.02 Block Group 1 and 2. Fairview has approximately 70 percent of LMI population in Census Tract 4.01 Block Group 1 and 3, 4.02 Block Group 3, and 5.02 in Block Group 1 and 3. West End overall census tract data shows that approximately 55 percent of the population is LMI; however, the area of focus are in Census Tract 1.01 Block Group 1 and 3, and 2 Block Group 3 indicating that 75.9 percent are LMI.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Jonesboro	24
North Jonesboro	31
Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	46

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

It is the City's priority to fund projects and activities that benefit LMI individuals. A portion of the funds will be utilize to fund activities in north Jonesboro, where a large number of LMI households reside. Most of the public services organizations being funded this fiscal year provide services to LMI individual. Funds for housing services are awarded to qualified LMI individuals citywide; however, there is a large number of applicants from north Jonesboro for the rehabilitation assistance program.

Geographic distribution is as follow: Jonesboro (citywide) 23.4 percent, LMI areas 45.6 percent, north Jonesboro 30.9 percent. Program Planning and Administration amount allocated was divided evenly among the three areas of focus for a balanced distribution.

Discussion

Funds will benefit low-and moderate-income individuals all throughout the city of Jonesboro. More than

50,000 individuals will benefit through direct and or indirect service.

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In FY 2017 the jurisdiction were granted Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) funds to assist with providing services to homeless and at-risk to be homeless individuals. Services included rapid rehousing, rent and utility payment assistance. The program was completed at the end of FY2018 and the City will not be receiving this funding for FY2020.

FY 2018 funds are being awarded to eight first-time homebuyers for the Homeownership Assistance Program. These funds are awarded to qualified LMI individuals to assist with closing cost and down payment. FY 2019 funds for this activity has not been utilized due to FY 2018 being available and applications not submitted during the winter months.

Currently, the jurisdiction is working on funding housing services from 2019 CDBG funds. Approximately 10+ houses will be completed for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program. Funds to rehabilitate homeowner-occupied properties to bring them up to code, clean and safe environment to live. With this program, homeowners in very dilapidated housing will be able to stay in their property that they can afford as oppose to relocating in case their home becomes condemned—unlivable conditions.

In addition, the Veterans Village of Jonesboro will be assisting approximately 100 veterans and their families with affordable housing. CDBG funds allotted are to assist with the construction of the Veterans Village Outreach Center.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	23
Special-Needs	8
Total	131

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	15
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	15

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

Discussion

All direct and indirect services are provided for LMI individuals, including homeless or at-risk of being homeless veterans.

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AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The jurisdiction does not own or manage any public housing. The City of Jonesboro collaborates with Jonesboro Housing Authority (JURHA) who is over public housing. JURHA public housing developments are primarily located on the outskirts of the R/ECAP. Even though it is physically located out of the R/ECAP, based on the JURHA annual review for de-concentration in public housing, 87 percent (121 of 140 public housing residents) fall at or below the extremely low-income levels. Of the remaining eleven percent of the households (19 residents) live at the 50 percent or the very low-income levels of the city population.

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

Jonesboro Housing Authority notes that residents have frequently given opposition to the requirement that public housing residents provide community service. However, JURHA has no choice but to implement this requirement of federal law. In designing the program, the JURHA has addressed resident concerns. Non-exempt residents will be encouraged to perform community service at the development where they reside or in their immediately surrounding communities. Activities such as participation in Neighborhood Watch, Bus Stop Patrol, Tenant Patrol, Computer Lab Volunteer, and Youth Event Chaperone are available to residents for community service credits. Residents may perform community service at locations not owned or controlled by Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority. JURHA has ten approved work sites.

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

JURHA encourages active participation in our Public Housing Resident Council. Many single parents lacked the time and scheduling conflicts from residents' work schedules prevent adequate participation in these resident council meetings. JURHA offered different schedules for resident council and their board meetings, however the varying non-traditional work schedules of our residents is still second only to lack of transportation as an excuse for nonattendance at the meetings.

JURHA has a public housing resident on our Board of Commissioners, as required by HUD. We give each resident a flyer from JURHA CHDO that sells houses with homeownership tips. Unfortunately, we no longer offer a homeownership program where we were able to truly consult and advise residents on ways to improve credit scores and educate them about homeownership. HUD discontinued funding for the Homeownership Program, expecting housing authorities, to acquire funding from other sources. Even though banks were willing to provide some funding, we were unable to secure adequate funding

from local banks.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Jonesboro is tackling the ever-increasing issue of homelessness. As more and more people find themselves without shelter, the jurisdiction deems necessary to address this issue and allocate funds for services that aim to prevent or eliminate homelessness in the city. However, individuals with disabilities struggle to transition into permanent housing. The jurisdiction is aware of these issues and are willing to work with the service providers and the families of these individuals. There have also been an increase in veterans being homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless, as a result, the City is working to construct a Veterans Village affordable housing. CDBG funds have been allocated in FY 2019 and FY 2020 to assist with the construction of the Veterans Village Outreach Center. The Center will be the hub for organizations and other agencies to provide housing and supportive services to the veterans and their families housed at the village and other veterans seeking these services.

COJ has allotted CDBG funds for ADA Accessible sidewalks, parking, and facility entrance modifications to comply with ADA Accessible regulations. Additionally, through the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program, funds are utilized to make ADA accessible bathrooms, doorways, ramps, and other modification for qualified LMI applicants with disabilities.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

The jurisdiction is aiming to address the homelessness issue by providing funding to two activities this fiscal year. One activity is a public services project for fund The HUB to advance their services to the homelessness population. The other activity/project is the Veterans Village of Jonesboro for affordable housing for veterans. Approximately 100 individuals (and their households) will have access to housing and services. Collaborating with other veteran service organizations to provide services, job preparedness, and to assist individuals to be able to achieve permanent housing and employment. These collaborations will also benefit individuals with disabilities that struggle to transition into permanent housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Mayor of City of Jonesboro has been working tirelessly with finding solutions to the city's shortage of emergency shelters and transitional housing to assist homeless persons. The jurisdiction is collaboration with other private and public entities to open a new emergency shelter and or transitional housing for homeless individuals. Within the city limits of Jonesboro, there are not many shelters, for instance, the Salvation Army has approximately 20 beds and 2 being family rooms, other organizations

and churches have expanded their services to the homeless by assisting homeless seeking for shelter with vouchers for motel stays.

The Mayor has appointed a Homeless Task Force made of service providers, churches, and key stakeholders to find a location for a shelter, funding opportunities, and partnerships.

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 jurisdiction will continue working with the HUB to provide emergency and transitional housing needs for homeless individuals. As a resource center, the HUB will initially tap into emergency and transitional service providers. These includes area homeless shelters and churches. If beds are not available at a shelter, HUB volunteers call area churches who provide 1-2 nights in a motel. If churches are out funds for the month, the HUB used donated and/or raised funds to provide 1-2 nights' motel stay before starting the process over. The jurisdiction and the HUB will continue to refine this process and encourage churches and other organizations to support our efforts to shelter our homeless.

In addition, the City is invested to see the Veterans Village of Jonesboro for affordable housing to provide services and housing for homeless or at-risk of being homeless veterans (and their families). The Veterans Village Outreach Center will be the hub of organizations and agencies to provide housing and supportive services to the veterans to provide skills and transition them into self-sufficiency with being employed, paying rent, and cover all necessities.

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.

As mentioned herein the plan, the jurisdiction has the Veterans Village project for affordable housing to veterans and their families. The Veterans Village Outreach Center will be constructed to have other homeless services providers, organizations and agencies, to provide onsite housing and supportive services. Focusing on providing key services for participants to become self-sufficient and avoid the risks of becoming homeless or chronically homeless. The City through funding projects and activities such as the Veterans Village Outreach Center that address the needs of those that are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless aims to help low-income individual and their families. The jurisdiction intends to

assist individuals and service providers with the resources through providing decent and affordable housing opportunities. In addition to the housing aspect, opportunities to enter into life skills and other programs will assist those living within a community setting.

Finding solutions to establish a homeless shelter that meets demand it is a priority.

One of the core CDBG programs for the City is the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance that provides housing repairs to those who own their home and need assistance to bring their homes up to codes. Most of the applicants are elderly on fixed income and single parent head of household that without receiving the grant for needed housing repairs may run the risk of losing their homes or their homes becoming beyond repair that may be condemned.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

Location and type of affordable housing is listed as a high priority contributing factor in our AFH, because it affects all seven (7) fair housing issues. Much of Jonesboro's affordable and rental housing is located in just two neighborhoods (north Jonesboro and Fairview). These neighborhoods have a high representation of minority and low-income individuals. This concentration of affordable housing has a disproportionate impact on protected classes and impacts their housing choice, their ability to access neighborhoods with community amenities like better schools and proximity to jobs. Affordable housing in a variety of neighborhoods.

In the recent years, there have been an increase in multifamily housing development throughout the city and especially in the impoverished area; however, being new building or duplexes may not be affordable to low-income individual seeking for affordable housing.

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

A significant barrier to affordable housing remains the financial ability of the low- to moderate- income families to provide necessary funding for acquisition or for major or minor homeowner repairs, so acquisition and repair programs implemented by the city help address this obstacle. Another obstacle the City continues to face is the rising cost of materials and labor for rehabilitation projects in the community and the negative impact of that escalation on the existing program limits. The city currently administers minor and major repair programs that enable low- and moderate- income homeowners to stay in their homes in a safe and decent environment. The city continues to assist the low-income community by offering the Homeownership Assistance program to eligible first-time homebuyers. These programs continue to be very successful and in demand. The Homeowner Rehabilitation program, specifically, is a great resource and tool for qualified homeowners to apply for the grant and have their homes repair to avoid fines or losing their homes for becoming dilapidated or inhabitable.

The City enforces various zoning, permit, and parking requirements, which restricts 'free' use of land, but the city considers these regulations as being necessary to regulate safety and traffic issues for residential areas. The jurisdiction has provided for more affordable housing by allowing for relaxed lot standards; smaller lots with reduced setbacks (RS-8 Single Family District). This district allows reduced 15 foot, setbacks in front and back yards, as well as 7.5 foot, side setbacks with a lot as small as, 5,445 square feet at 50 foot, in width. The city's Zoning Code requires two parking spaces per single-family or

duplex unit.

Discussion:

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Jonesboro continues to place major emphasis on HUD's priority to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. COJ's goals of housing, and improving the quality of life for LMI residents through the provision of needed public services, public improvements, and housing assistance programs. This year's projects and activities address these goals directly as it increases accessibility of affordable housing and the viability for potential homeownership through the provision of direct homeownership financial assistance. The city will address the sustainability of our existing affordable housing through its preservation, improvement, and rehabilitation projects. Providing grant opportunities for the underserved LMI and minority groups, fund services through public services programs, working on finding a suitable location to open a homeless shelter, and follow lead-based paint regulations are all efforts to assure the most disadvantaged residents have access to these programs and opportunities.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Jonesboro's Department of Grants & Community Development has implemented a citywide community engagement strategy that includes residents, churches, stakeholders and non-profit organizations that serve our lowest income residents. It is the jurisdiction's intention to build a model of community involvement that directly addresses poverty issues, encourages community leadership, and enables low-income neighborhoods to see marked change in the program year 2020.

2020 program year includes multiple projects that will benefit the LMI and minority persons in the city. Every year through the planning process of the plan, the City focuses on identifying community needs through its citizen's participation plan. Those comments, concerns, and community needs identified take priority in developing projects to be funded through CDBG. This year, a sidewalk project will be funded solely with CDBG program allocation. Funding nonprofit organizations through public services that service primarily minorities and LMI individuals is of importance to the City. Furthermore, the housing programs grants available to LMI individuals is a great way of servicing and providing opportunities to those underserved and with financial difficulty. Thus far, the City has not faced any obstacles to meeting the needs of residents being served within the programs mentioned herein.

Nonetheless, the obstacles of finding a place to open a shelter has been found to be challenging due to community opposition to having a homeless shelter in their neighborhood. The City and the Homeless Task Force is working together with key community leaders to overcome this obstacle and finding better

ways and solution to opening a homeless shelter within the city limits of Jonesboro.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Jonesboro is committed to the proper implementation of a balanced Community Development Program that maximizes benefits to low and moderate income persons both directly and indirectly through the improvement of their neighborhoods. Through the provision of decent and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, educational and supportive services, and the expansion of economic opportunities, the city intends to change the face of our low-income neighborhoods and provide residents with the needed resources to assist them in breaking both generational and circumstantial poverty. This year's primary focus is housing, along with a broad range of public and social services addressing the core needs of our low-income individuals.

CDBG funding makes it possible for Jonesboro to provide meaningful housing improvements, public improvement, and community restoration and development activities. It is through these activities that the City address the quality of life issues.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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

Owners of properties to be rehabilitated are informed of the risks of lead based paint. As part of the rehabilitation process, the property is inspected for signs of defective paint. Defective paint in older homes that is suspected to be lead based is removed following the lead based paint standards. If there are children in the home, the parents are provided information regarding the benefits of having the children tested for lead based paint and also where they can go to get this done. When the Rehab project scope includes paint disturbance or touching paint, the RRP Certified contractor will test the paint surface for lead and if lead is found then the contractor follows Lead-Based Paint Safety Work Practices. All properties with built date unknown are assumed to have lead and SWP must be followed to avoid lead-based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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

Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. Providing LMI individuals multiple of services and opportunity for grants enables the jurisdiction to decrease the number of poverty-level families in the city.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The city funds and coordinates with the nonprofit organizations that provide public services to benefit Jonesboro residents. The city also works with housing developers in the development of affordable housing throughout the city. Non-profit organizations are vital partners in achieving the Consolidated Plan goals.

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

The city will continue to offer their assistance to the Public Housing Authority in submitting applications for funding to increase Section 8 vouchers or provide additional funds for affordable housing or other housing services. The city regularly collaborates with the local PHA, participates in non-profit meetings and faith-based activities, and organizes and facilitates focus groups.

The city assists non-profit agencies in securing other state and federal funding by writing letters of support and assisting agencies to complete applications for funding.

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

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Jonesboro will continue to affirmatively further fair housing as set out under 24 CFR §91.220, and has prepared the AFH Plan that identifies impediments and barriers to fair housing choice, and maintains records pertaining to carrying out this certification. CDBG funding allows low-income individuals and families to 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 funds will be used to provide grants for rehabilitation. The city has undertaken activities to address homeless resource center, affordable housing needs and rapid rehousing of our homeless individuals and families.

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

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

The City of Jonesboro Department of Grants & Community Development administer the CDBG funds. Annually, the assessment of how to use funds involve the citizens' participation. It is the goal of the City to use CDBG to fund programs, projects, and services that benefit LMI individuals within the city limits of Jonesboro.

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles 11 and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction sub-agreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-1 33, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Jonesboro	DATE SUBMITTED

CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

As a requirement to receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires participating jurisdictions, (in this case the City of Jonesboro) to develop a plan to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. The AFH is a certification that the City is affirmatively furthering fair housing choice. The City further maintains appropriate documentation and promotes adherence to fair housing policies and procedures. The AFH was conducted using a methodology consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines and AFH assessment tool.

The certification specifically requires jurisdictions do the following:

- Complete an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment within the **local jurisdiction**
- Outline appropriate actions to overcome the deficiencies identified in the analysis
- Maintain records reflecting the analysis and action in this regard.

Impediments to fair housing choice are defined as:

- Any action, omission, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin that restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choice.
- Any action, omission, or decision that has the effect of restricting housing choices or the availability of housing choices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familiar status, or national origin.

The City of Jonesboro will continue to affirmatively further fair housing as set out under 24 CFR §91.220, and has prepared an analysis that identifies impediments to fair housing choice, and maintains records pertaining to carrying out this certification. CDBG funding allows low-income individuals and families to 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 funds will be used to provide grants for rehabilitation. The city has undertaken activities to address emergency shelters and the transitional housing needs of our homeless individuals and families.

Anti-Discrimination

Funds will be 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. The Jurisdiction 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 proposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
8. The City of Jonesboro has 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;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the City of Jonesboro will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions; and
3. The city will require that the language of paragraph (n) of this certification be included in

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

Legal Authority

The City of Jonesboro possesses legal authority under State and Local Law to make grant submissions and to execute Community Development and Housing programs and the City Council has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the grantee to submit the Housing and Community Development Plan and amendments thereto and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified 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 §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 Consolidated 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

Date

SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The City of Jonesboro certifies that:

Citizen Participation

The detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105 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. These responses include at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance. Hearings shall be held after adequate notice and 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 case 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.

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.

Use of Funds

The jurisdiction has developed the 2020-2021 Action Plan (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities, which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention and/or elimination of slums and 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 or 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, which 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 Assessment

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 24 CFR §570.608;

Excessive Force

The City of Jonesboro has adopted and is enforcing:

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

Signature: Harold Perrin, Mayor

Date



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-20:051	Version:	1	Name:	AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NEAIDC) FOR FUNDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
Type:	Resolution	Status:			To Be Introduced
File created:	4/23/2020	In control:			Finance & Administration Council Committee
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Title:	RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NEAIDC) FOR FUNDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES				
Sponsors:	Mayor's Office, Finance				
Indexes:	Contract				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	Agreement, 2020, City, NEAIDC				

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RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NEAIDC) FOR FUNDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Northeast Arkansas Industrial Development Commission (NEAIDC) was established under ORD-86:1557 to oversee the expenditure of public funds directed to industrial development and to promote economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro appoints four members to the NEAIDC of the total of seven; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 19:165 adopted the City of Jonesboro's 2020 budget and included \$167,250 for Industrial Development in the General-Outside Agencies Fund, and \$227,500 for NEA Development in the Capital Improvements-Other/Annual Obligations Fund, for a combined total amount of \$394,750; and,

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of services provided by the NEAIDC are defined in an agreement.

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

Section 1: This agreement is for the best interest of the residents of the City of Jonesboro.

Section 2: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

Section 3: The funding of \$394,750 is authorized to be provided to the NEAIDC from the 2020 budget.

Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas ("City") and the Northeast Arkansas Industrial Development Commission ("NEAIDC"), and shall be in effect from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. This agreement may be renewed by mutual agreement and subject to approval by the Jonesboro City Council.

WHEREAS, the NEAIDC was established under City Ordinance 86:1557 and City Code Section 2-447 to 2-458 to oversee the expenditure of public funds directed to industrial development and to promote economic development; and,

WHEREAS, A.C.A Section 14-176-103 authorizes cities to contract and provide funding for economic development services; and,

WHEREAS, the City appoints four members to the NEAIDC of the total of seven; and,

WHEREAS, economic development provides a valuable public purpose to the City of Jonesboro including the creation and retention of jobs, expansion of the tax base, and improvements to real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. The NEAIDC and its partners will promote economic development through the following activities:
 - a. Attraction of new business and industry;
 - b. Retention and expansion of existing businesses;
 - c. Workforce development initiatives, including coordination with the educational institutions within the community to promote education and training needed for local employers;
 - d. Production of marketing materials and promotional campaigns;
 - e. Building relationships with site selection consultants, business executives, and targeted business association organizations;
 - f. Building relationships with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and other state and federal agencies involved in economic development and related activities;
 - g. Facilitate infrastructure and industrial land planning and development;
 - h. Management of industrial properties owned by partner entities;
 - i. Promotion of Jonesboro's targeted industries; and,
 - j. Other services and programs associated with economic development activities.

2. The NEAIDC will provide a written report each quarter (prior to the last day of April, July, October, and January) to the City indicating progress of its activities of Section 1 and

report on the economy of Jonesboro. The NEAIDC will also provide an oral report to the City Council upon request.

3. The NEAIDC will provide a written annual report to the City prior to March 31, 2021 that will include the activities of section 1, economic data for Jonesboro, and other data as requested by the City.
4. The City agrees to provide funding of \$394,750 to NEAIDC in one installment prior to June 30, 2020, which includes \$167,250 for economic services as indicated in Section 1, and \$227,500 for capital improvements related to industrial property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands on _____, 2020.

CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

BY: _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

BY: _____
Al M. Heringer III, Chairman



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: RES-20:052 **Version:** 1 **Name:** APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY 2019 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER)

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File created: 4/23/2020 **In control:** Finance & Administration Council Committee

On agenda: **Final action:**

Title: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY 2019 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER)

Sponsors: Grants, Fire Department

Indexes: Grant

Code sections:

Attachments: [5 Year Costs for Safer Grant](#)

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY 2019 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER)

WHEREAS, applications are now being accepted for the FY19 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant ; and,

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant is funded for two years at 75% by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with 25% local match required and one year at 35% by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with a 65% local match required and 100% local funds for the fourth and fifth year; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas is seeking funding up to \$873,487.02 for the employment of three new firefighters (salaries and benefits) of which \$307,783.78 is federally funding and \$565,703.24 would be local match for the five years of the grant timeframe. This assistance will provide support for new, additional firefighters to improve staffing levels.

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

SECTION 1: The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas supports the submission of the application to the FY 2019 SAFER grant for three full time firefighter’s salaries and benefits to provide support for new additional firefighters to improve staffing levels.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this application.

SECTION 3: The Grants and Community Development Department is hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas to submit all necessary documents for this federal program.

Projected cost for one Firefighter for the next 5 yrs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total for 5 Yrs.
Base Salary	34,500.00	36,200.00	37,050.00	37,900.00	38,750.00	184,400.00
Payroll Taxes	500.25	524.90	537.23	549.55	561.88	2,673.80
LOPFI	8,280.00	8,869.00	9,262.50	9,664.50	10,075.00	46,151.00
Group Insurance	9,086.88	9,813.83	10,598.94	11,446.85	12,362.60	53,309.10
Workers Comp	865.95	908.62	929.96	951.29	972.63	4,628.44
Grand Total	53,233.08	56,316.35	58,378.62	60,512.19	62,722.10	291,162.34
For 3 Firefighters	159,699.24	168,949.05	175,135.85	181,536.58	188,166.30	873,487.02
Grant	119,774.44	126,711.79	61,297.55			307,783.78
City's Cost	39,924.80	42,237.26	113,838.30	181,536.58	188,166.30	565,703.24