



## **CITY OF JONESBORO 2015 ACTION PLAN**

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### **DEPARTMENT OF GRANTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

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## APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

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Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<b>3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE</b>	State Application Identifier
<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>		<b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b>	Federal Identifier
Legal Name: City of Jonesboro, AR		<b>Organizational Unit:</b> Department: Grants and Community Development	
Organizational DUNS: 073540288		Division: CDBG	
<b>Address:</b> Street: 300 S. Church St. PO Box 1845		<b>Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)</b>	
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State: AR		Last Name Walker-Clark	
Zip Code 72403-1845	Suffix:		
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<b>6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):</b> 7 1 - 6 0 1 3 7 4 9		Phone Number (give area code) 870.336.7229	Fax Number (give area code) 870.933.4626
<b>8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:</b> (See back of form for Application Types) C. Municipal Other (specify)	
<b>10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:</b> TITLE (Name of Program): Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grants 1 4 - 2 1 8		<b>9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:</b> HUD	
<b>12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> Jonesboro, AR		<b>11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> CDBG Action Plan FY 2015-16, July 1 2015 - June 30 2016	
<b>13. PROPOSED PROJECT</b> Start Date: 7/1/2015		<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b> a. Applicant AR-001	
Ending Date: 6/30/2016		b. Project AR-001	
<b>15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:</b>		<b>16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>	
a. Federal	\$ 574,495 <sup>00</sup>	a. Yes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE: 4.15.2015	
b. Applicant	\$ . <sup>00</sup>	b. No. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
c. State	\$ . <sup>00</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
d. Local	\$ . <sup>00</sup>	<b>17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b>	
e. Other	\$ . <sup>00</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes if "Yes" attach an explanation. <input type="checkbox"/> No	
f. Program Income	\$ . <sup>00</sup>	<b>18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.</b>	
g. TOTAL	\$ 574,495 <sup>00</sup>	a. Authorized Representative	
Prefix Mr.		First Name Harold	
Last Name Perrin		Middle Name	
b. Title Mayor		Suffix	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		c. Telephone Number (give area code) 870932.1052	
		e. Date Signed	

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

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

The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas is beginning its nineteenth year with the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2015 represents the fourth year of the City of Jonesboro's Five Year Consolidated Plan submitted for program years 2012-2016. It is prepared in direct correlation with the specific goals and objectives stated therein. The Action Plan is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for submission for Federal entitlement funds.

The city began its first program year on July 1, 1997. In August 1999 the city received approval from HUD to change the program year to January 1 of each year. Therefore, our third year program was for six months and our fourth year program began on January 1, 2000 and ended on December 31, 2000. Our fifth year and all subsequent program years have started January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year until most recently. The City of Jonesboro has received HUD approval to change the program year back to the July 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup> program year starting with the 2014 CDBG program year effective July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014.

The actual level of funding Jonesboro received from HUD is determined annually and is based upon a formula that all entitlement communities are subject to in relation to HUD's overall annual budget.

The city does not receive HOME, HOPWA, or ESG funds at this time. The city anticipates applying for HOME funds in 2015 from ADFA. The HUD Community Development Block Grant allocation for the fiscal year 2015-16 is \$574,495. The annual Action Plan has been prepared in accordance with existing regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Consolidated Plan format. The activities and programs described herein are aligned with the Strategic Plan, as outlined in the 2012-2016 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The 2015 Community Development Program highlights the number one goal in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan – Improve Livability and Availability of Affordable Housing to our low income residents with the highest priority being housing rehabilitation. Another key area of focus within the Action Plan is to create a suitable living environment by the elimination of slum/blight with HUD approved CDBG areas. Acceptance in the HOME Program will allow the City to complete between 10 and 20 additional housing

rehabilitation projects. Additional projects may include home reconstruction and new construction projects. CDBG funds will also be used for housing rehabilitation in addition to emergency rehabilitations.

A total of 16 individual projects are listed in the 2015 Action Plan. In this plan, the most attention is given toward preserving housing stock with 33% of the budgeted plan going towards homeowner occupied housing rehabs for low income and sewer connections for low income. The elimination of slum and blight and neighborhood revitalization each represent 17% of this plan for a total of 34%. Economic opportunity and public services represent 14% with the remaining being represented by administration costs for staff, supplies, etc. Public services this year are a total of 8 projects: North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (\$35,000), which includes a \$15,000 allocation for 50 low income North Jonesboro PreK to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to attend a 6 week educational summer camp at Arkansas State University; City Youth Ministries (\$14,682); Habitat for Humanity (\$6,000); Foundation of Arts (\$3,750); Hispanic Community Services INC (\$3,750); New Life (\$2,500); Life Skills, INC (\$2,500); and West End Neighborhood Association (\$2,500). Priority is given to projects designed to serve low-income CDBG areas, and to those projects that serve the highest number of low income participants, thereby having the largest impact in the community. There was a theme of educational opportunity and advancement in this year's public service project applications. The theme in this year's public hearing meetings was more lighting in neighborhoods and more sidewalks. The West End Neighborhood Association is going to partner with CWL to install additional street lights and will then pay the utility bill with CDBG public services funds. They have partnered with Lt. Todd Nelson, a certified crime free housing officer with the JPD Quality of Life Unit, to increase safety elements in the west end community. Lighting was a recommendation to them and they have found a creative way to implement by partnering with the city and CWL.

Jonesboro's 2015 Action Plan continues to reflect the true intention of the HUD Community Development Block Grant: *seeking to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.* As stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan, the entire City's housing and Community Development projects serve in the Census tract areas that represent the highest density of low income populations, and/or serve as a direct benefit to low income individuals. Maintaining the current housing stock in these areas is a high priority. Neighborhood revitalization is also a predominant consideration. The City of Jonesboro's priority objectives are to improve the housing and neighborhood livability and the quality of life for low income, disadvantaged, and often underserved citizens.

## **CITY OF JONESBORO PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:**

- Housing – Rehabilitation/Homeownership
- Neighborhood Revitalization/Beautification
- Economic Opportunity/Development/Job Creation/Business Development
- Public Services – Quality of Life/Life Skills/Special Needs
- Slum & Blight Control – Elimination of Slum/Blight

The City of Jonesboro is committed to the proper implementation of a balanced Community Development Program that maximizes benefits to low and moderate income persons both directly and through the improvement of their immediate neighborhoods. Through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, 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 remains on housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and a broad range of public and social services addressing the core needs of our low income residents.

While the needs of the City of Jonesboro continue to far exceed the financial resources available through the Community Development Block Grant Program and the city's financial means, this funding makes it possible for Jonesboro to provide meaningful housing improvements, public improvement, and community restoration and

development activities. It is through these activities that we address the quality of life issues that are essential in achieving and truly beneficial level of neighborhood specific community improvements. The following pages define the distribution of funds and outline the proposed projects and activities to be undertaken with the federal fund allocation.

## **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

### **2015 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Jonesboro continues to place major emphasis on HUD's priority goals of Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and the improvement of the quality of life through the provision of needed social services and education. 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. The plan prioritizes Neighborhood Revitalization through the improvement of neighborhood safety and aesthetics via implementation of code enforcement, and the elimination of slum and blight. Quality of life issues are addressed through various forms of education including life skills, educational summer camps, after school tutoring and mentoring, pre-K educational programs, fine arts programs, computer training for youth and adults, translation services for the Hispanic community; and neighborhood safety strategies using increased lighting as a proven crime deterrent.

The City of Jonesboro's Department of Grants & Community Development will continue its implementation of the community engagement initiative, North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative, which includes the aforementioned partners as well as residents, churches, and the business community. This resident-driven place-based change initiative includes a citizen-driven strategy for addressing and meeting needs in the lowest income area of Jonesboro, the banking and financial community, non-profit organizations, area businesses and a supporting partner in the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. Many accomplishments came in 2014 and in 2015 it is the plan of the city to implement this initiative city wide with staff and governance revisions. With this shift, the NJNI Board (represented by the North Jonesboro residents and stakeholders) will take ownership of the NJNI agenda. It has always been the city's intention to build a model of community involvement that directly addresses the poverty issues, provides community leadership, and enables the low income neighborhood areas to see marked change in the fiscal year 2015. This initiative has created neighborhood networks in our extremely low income area of Jonesboro to individually address specific needs and become a part of the solution.

There continues to be many community stakeholders willing to further our efforts to address the needs of their individual neighborhoods. Through the 2015 CDBG program funds the city will be serving not only specific low income neighborhoods, but directly serving our low income and special needs populations including youth, elderly, disabled, and otherwise disadvantaged.

Our primary goal is to promote, sustain and preserve an excellent quality of life in the City of Jonesboro. Through the Community Development Objectives cited below we are continuing to conduct our activities in a manner designed to benefit our most vulnerable populations.

## **2015 ACTION PLAN GOALS**

The following are the Goals to be addressed with the 2015 Program Year funding as they are stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan:

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & PUBLIC HOUSING**

1. Goal: Improve livability and availability of affordable housing and assist in the improvement of housing opportunities

### **BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

2. Goal: Address barriers to affordable and fair housing

### **LEAD-PAINT HAZARDS – GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES**

3. Goal: Increase lead safe housing stock

### **SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT – NON HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

### **SPECIAL NEEDS – HOMELESSNESS**

5. Goal: Increase service opportunities extended to potentially homeless persons.

### **ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY**

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

### **NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS**

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

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

8. Goal: Explore the possibility of job creation through technical and life skills training and micro business development

## **PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS**

The City of Jonesboro’s 2014 anticipated allocation is \$583,680 for the Eighteenth Year Community Development Block Grant Program. The plan was developed using an all inclusive citizen participation process in compliance with the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 91. The city has evaluated all projects, conducted public hearings, invited public comments and suggestions, and obtained the Mayor and City Council approval for the expenditures of the following projects:

<b>HOUSING SERVICES</b>	
<i>Code Enforcement</i>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>
<i>Homeownership Assistance</i>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>
<i>Homeowner Rehabilitation (Sewer Connections)</i>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<i>Demolition &amp; Clearance</i>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES &amp; IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
<i>Pop Stricklin Park Playground Improvements</i>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<i>Parker Park Pavilion</i>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<i>West End CWL Park Pavilion</i>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<i>Sidewalk Improvements</i>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	
<i>North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (NJNI)</i>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<i>City Youth Ministries</i>	<b>\$14,682.00</b>
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<i>Foundation of Arts</i>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>
<i>Hispanic Community Services INC.</i>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>
<i>New Life</i>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<i>Life Skills</i>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<i>West End Neighborhood Association</i>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	

	<i>Administration</i>	<b>\$105,813.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$574,495.00</b>

The above listed activities are the proposed and approved projects for the 2015 Program Year. The 2015 Plan has gone through a 30-day comment period and input from the community has been taken into consideration. The Mayor and the City Council have approved the plan, the specific projects, and their amounts by Resolution, thereby approving the allocated funds in the amount of \$574,495, and the implementation of said projects.

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

According to the U.S. Census Bureau:

	<b>Jonesboro</b>	Craighead County	Arkansas State	United States
Persons below <b>POVERTY</b> percent	<b>24.2%</b>	20.6%	19.2%	14.5%
<b>HOMEOWNERSHIP</b> rate	<b>52.6%</b>	59.6%	58.3%	64.8%

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

The projects are designed with maximum feasible benefit for the low and moderate-income residents. The City will continue to strive to meet the HUD national objectives as we increase the number of opportunities for our residents to move from homelessness and /or poverty to housing, self sufficiency, and the possibility of homeownership.

**EFFECTIVENESS**

The 2015 Action Plan coincides with the national objectives and the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan. The City of Jonesboro included in its consideration the results of two well-attended public hearings on February 17<sup>th</sup>, the scoring sheets of the public service applications (the CDBG Advisory Board does this annually), monthly well-attended community meetings in North Jonesboro, collaborative discussion among department heads and other city staffers, input from the Mayor, and of course final approval by the City Council of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Notices of all public hearings and the availability of the 2015 CDBG proposed projects for a 30-day public review were published in the Jonesboro Sun newspaper twice and were posted on the City of Jonesboro website. Further, blast emails and texts were sent out to anyone that signed up for notices of the Grants and Community Development Department online. Last, blast emails to all residents and other known stakeholders were sent out twice. Copies of the complete 2015 Action Plan are available for public review and inspection during normal business hours Monday through Friday in the Offices of the Department of Grants and Community Development located at the Municipal Center, 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401. Copies of the plans are also available on the Grants & Community Development website.



# ELEMENTS OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

## MANAGING THE PROCESS

The City of Jonesboro's Department of Grants & Community Development is responsible for the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. Various City Departments and local agencies assist in the collection of the needs data for preparation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. J- Quad Planning Consulting Group assisted in writing portions of the Consolidated Plan. J-Quad Planning was hired by the City of Jonesboro to conduct a comprehensive housing study, funded by the Residential Housing and Health Care Facilities Board. Portions of that study were used in the completion of the Consolidated Plan and the 2015 Action Plan.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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

The preparation of the 2015 Action Plan builds upon the public participation and input provided in developing the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan Priority Needs Summary, as approved by the City Council. This plan sets forth a five year plan citing Housing and Community Development Needs. The Action Plan follows the Consolidated Plan in its focus on those goals that will benefit lower income households and identifies which goals are anticipated to be carried out using federal CDBG funds allocated to the City.

Public input was obtained from two public hearings, and participation in public and service provider meetings, as well as, other annual Ward meetings held by the Mayor, and monthly community association meetings. In an effort to broaden the public participation process for development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, the city seriously encourages involvement in the process and holds the meetings in locations in service-recipient neighborhoods. Efforts are also made to reach persons with disabilities by utilizing agencies that serve persons with disabilities.

## INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

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

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

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

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

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

## **MONITORING**

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

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

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

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

## **MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Minority Business Policy-It is the policy of the City of Jonesboro that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the city purchasing process. Therefore the City of Jonesboro encourages all minority businesses to compete for, win, and receive contracts for goods, services, and construction. The city also encourages all companies to sub-contract portions of any city contract to minority business enterprises. Furthermore, the city directly contacts minority owned businesses that are recognized by the state of Arkansas and invites them to bid on contracts.

## **LEAD BASED PAINT STRATEGY**

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



# CERTIFICATIONS

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

## CERTIFICATIONS

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN** -- Following is the detailed citizen participation plan which:

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

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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

1. Met the citizen participation requirements of §91.10; and
2. Prepared its housing and community development plan and annual use of funds in accordance with §91.1 and made its Housing and Community Development Plan submission available to the public.

## **AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING**

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

The City continues to improve neighborhoods with the improvements of parks, sewer improvements and the elimination of substandard housing and unsightly lots through demolition and clearance. The City has plans to apply for HOME funds through ADFA in order to expand our home rehabilitation program. The activities to be completed are either located in or will directly serve our low and moderate income areas, and the areas of minority concentration. The attached maps show said areas.

In addition to the projects outlined, the Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority, Salvation Army, Mission Outreach, Inc., Consolidated Youth Systems, Mid South Health Systems, and Women's Crisis Center of Northeast Arkansas are assisting homeless and potentially homeless individuals and families with the programs that they administer. We are continuing to monitor and collaborate with the services that are provided by other entities in Jonesboro. In fact, the Walnut Street Baptist Church is in the process now of purchasing land to renovate an existing facility and incorporate a homeless shelter with a rapid re-housing program. Also, the Salvation Army is raising funds to expand their shelter activities (currently have 22 beds). The CDBG 2016 Action Plan will include match funds for this program if/when said funds are raised by Salvation Army.

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

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

Our monitoring of the agencies reflects that the agencies are providing assistance within their guidelines and scope of work. The City will endorse and support new applications for the agencies to apply for funding, as well as monitor the housing and general needs of the citizens of Jonesboro.

## **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION**

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

## **ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION PLAN**

The City of Jonesboro will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, as required under §91.10 and Federal implementing regulations; and that it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the relocation requirements of §91.10 governing optional relocation assistance under section 105 (a) (11) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

## **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

The city will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by enacting certain requirements:

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

Demolition of substandard housing units, various park improvements in the city and administrative responsibilities, all in the City of Jonesboro, will be carried out from 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas 72401.

## **ANTI LOBBYING**

To the best of the City of Jonesboro's knowledge and belief:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal Grant, the making of any Federal Loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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 Part 91.225 of the Federal Register dated January 5, 1995, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas further certifies that:

## **CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN**

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

## **SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE**

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

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Signature: Harold Perrin, Mayor

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Date

## **SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS**

The City of Jonesboro certifies that:

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

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

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

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

**LEAD-BASED PAINT**- The City of Jonesboro's notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint will comply with §570.608;

**EXCESSIVE FORCE**- The City of Jonesboro has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and



2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

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Signature: Harold Perrin, Mayor

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Date

## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements:

### **A. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

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

### **B. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

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

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

## **TABLE 3**

### **CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

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

**TABLE 3  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Code Enforcement

**PROJECT TITLE:** Housing Services – Code Enforcement

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.202(c) provide that cost incurred for inspection and enforcement of codes, such as salaries and related expenses of code enforcement inspectors and legal proceedings, are eligible costs.*

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** Jonesboro LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.202(c)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>

**TABLE 3**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Homeownership Assistance

**PROJECT TITLE:** Homeownership Assistance

**DESCRIPTION: REGULATION:** 570.201(n) Homeownership Assistance

Increase the viability for potential homeownership through provision of homeownership assistance programs, such as down payment and closing cost assistance.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** Jonesboro LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(n)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b>	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>

**TABLE 3**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Rehabilitation and preservation activities

**PROJECT TITLE:** Housing Services – Homeowner/Emergency Homeowner Rehabilitation

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.202 Eligible rehabilitation and preservation activities*  
 Assist in the improvement of housing conditions for LMI Homeowners, thereby preserving our existing affordable housing stock.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.202
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b> Housing Units	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b> 10
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**TABLE 3**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Clearance

**PROJECT TITLE:** Demolition & Clearance

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 (d) Clearance activities.*  
Demolish blighted structures in approved CDBG/LMI areas.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(d)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**TABLE 3**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Public Facilities and Improvements

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Facilities and Improvements – Pop Stricklin Park Improvements/Renovation

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 – (c) Public facilities and improvements*  
 Installation of playground equipment at Pop Stricklin Park (located in a LMI/CDBG area). This addition will help to further serve LMI children who do not currently have an adequate public playground.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** CDBG LMI Area

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(c)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**TABLE 3**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Public Facilities and Improvements

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Facilities and Improvements – Parker Park Improvements/Renovation

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 – (c) Public facilities and improvements*

Installation of a pavilion at Parker Park (located in a LMI/CDBG area). This addition will help to further serve LMI children and families who do not currently have a shaded place to gather/eat/commune while children are playing on playground area and on splash pad area.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** CDBG LMI Area

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(c)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	\$25,000
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$25,000

**TABLE 3**



**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Public Facilities and Improvements

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Facilities and Improvements – CWL Park Improvements/Renovation

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 – (c) Public facilities and improvements*

Installation of playground equipment at CWL Park (located in a LMI/CDBG area). This addition will help to further serve LMI children and families who do not currently have a shaded place to gather/eat/commune while children are playing on playground area, playing baseball, or walking on walk trail around the park.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** CDBG LMI Area

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(c)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**TABLE 3**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Public Facilities and Improvements

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Facilities and Improvements – Sidewalk Improvements

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 – (c) Public facilities and improvements*

North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative Quality of Life Committee is working on a sidewalk improvement plan. They have identified several areas of existing sidewalks that need maintenance, additional concrete poured, and some areas that need new sidewalks that have never had sidewalks – especially areas that connect residents to public transit. This plan will be utilized in determining how this money is spent in North Jonesboro.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** CDBG LMI Area

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(c)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

**TABLE 3  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative (NJNI)

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – Neighborhood Revitalization & Community Engagement

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

Collaborative community change strategies where engaged residents, local businesses, faith communities, social service providers and funders work together to build vibrant neighborhoods, foster community cohesion, and build a strong infrastructure of services and supports for families. Funds will be used for community outreach events, board development/training and resident leadership training, small grants for engaged committees to go towards community improvements in NRSA (approved by NJNI Board), and an educational summer camp offered at A-State.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(e)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 07.01.2015	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	\$35,000
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$35,000

**TABLE 3  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** City Youth Ministries, Inc.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – CYM Advantage Project

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

The CYM Head Start Initiative is a family engagement program that promotes financial, technological, and parenting literacy among CYM families living in the North Jonesboro area and advances access to better economic opportunities for families living in poverty. Funds will be used for equipment, supplies, and coordination.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201(e)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
<b>START DATE:</b> 7.01. 15	<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b> 6.30. 16
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$14,682</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,682</b>

**TABLE 3  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Habitat for Humanity

**PROJECT TITLE:** PROJECT OUTREACH 2015

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

This project educates and develops life skills for Jonesboro LMI residents by focusing on 5 topics: healthy eating, smart shopping, financial stewardship, home maintenance, and disaster preparedness.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.201 (e)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
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<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:</b>	<b>ANNUAL UNITS:</b>
<b>LOCAL ID:</b>	<b>UNITS UPON COMPLETION:</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

**TABLE 3  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Foundation of Arts

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – Art Reaches Program

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

Provide art education, supplies, materials for LMI and disabled children to participate in dance and drama. These services are offered at no charge to LMI, homeless, and persons with disabilities.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

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<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>

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**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Hispanic Community Services, INC.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – The Bridges Between Cultures

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

The project focus includes provision of translations and interpretations for individuals in the community, public and private organizations of the City of Jonesboro, helping bridge the cultural gap and supporting individual and family self-sufficiency for low income persons/families which prepares them for job placement and contributions to the economic climate of the region.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

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<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
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<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>

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CONSOLIDATED PLAN LISTING OF PROJECTS**

**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** New Life Empowerment Development Center, INC.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – E-GO (Employment on the Go)

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

Seeks to teach low income youth and adults the power in computer and digital literacy to eradicate economic, cultural, racial, health, and educational disparities amongst the most susceptible populations in the community; fostering a life-long desire for self-improvement, economic development, and community service.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

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<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
<b>TOTAL FORMULA</b>	
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<b>ASSISTED HOUSING</b>	
<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>



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**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Life Skills, INC.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – LEAD Program

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

The goal of LEAD is to expand existing programs to help students with special needs acquire the skills that help them to live independently, to become employable and self-sufficient/reliant to prevent homelessness.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

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**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – Safety Lighting Project

**DESCRIPTION:** *Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services*

Seeks to increase and improve neighborhood lighting in partnership with City of Jonesboro, JPD Quality of Life Unit, and CWL. Effective lighting is a proved crime deterrent.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** City Wide LMI

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<b>FUNDING SOURCES:</b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
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<b>HOME</b>	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

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**JURISDICTION'S NAME:** City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** CDBG Program Planning & Administration

**PROJECT TITLE:** Planning & Administration

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

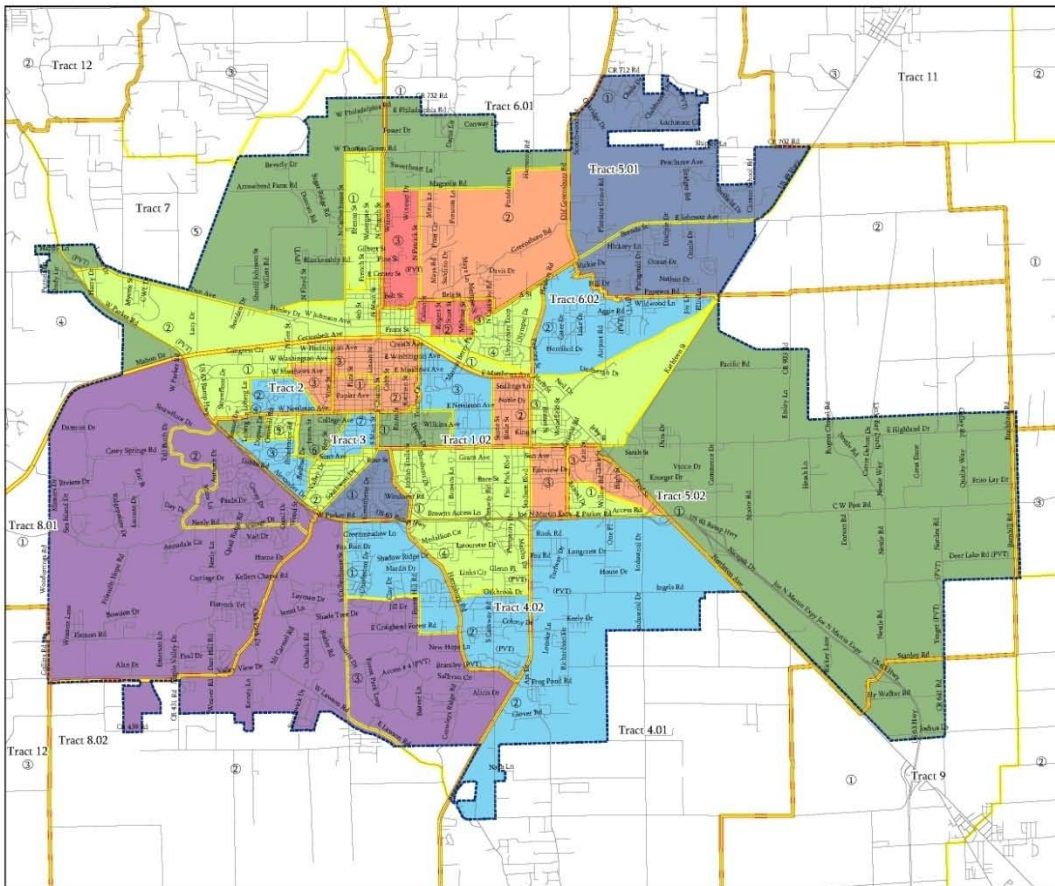
**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** Administrative Activity

<b>OBJECTIVE NUMBER:</b>	<b>PROJECT ID:</b>
<b>HUD MATRIX CODE:</b>	<b>CDBG CITATION :</b> 570.206 (a)
<b>TYPE OF RECIPIENT:</b> Local Government	<b>CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:</b>
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<b><u>FUNDING SOURCES:</u></b>	
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$105,813.00</b>
<b>ESG</b>	
<b>HOME</b>	
<b>HOPWA</b>	
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<b>PRIOR YEAR FUNDS</b>	
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<b>PHA</b>	
<b>OTHER FUNDING</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,813.00</b>

# MAPS

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



### Median Household Income

Median household income, by Census block group  
(Source: ACS 2006-2010)

FY 2012 CDBG income thresholds for 2-, 3- and 4-person families in Jonesboro, AR:

Low Income	\$35,400	\$39,850	\$44,250
Very Low Income	\$22,150	\$24,900	\$27,650
Extremely Low Income	\$13,300	\$14,950	\$16,600

Average household size, Jonesboro, AR: 2.47 people

#### Legend

- Road
- City Limits
- Census Tract Boundary
- Block Group Boundary
- \$15,000 or less
- \$15,001 – \$25,000
- \$25,001 – \$35,000
- \$35,001 – \$45,000
- \$45,001 – \$60,000
- \$60,001 – \$75,000
- \$75,001 or greater

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3. To meet other community development needs

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The CDBG program is citizen driven. As throughout the year, all inquiries are welcome and should be emailed to

hclark@jonesboro.org or mailed directly to the Department of Grants & Community Development, 300 S. Church Street, Jonesboro, AR or call Heather Clark, Administrator, at 870.336.7229.