



## **CITY OF JONESBORO**

### **2016 ACTION PLAN**

#### **Department of Grants & Community Development**

#### **Community Development Block Grant Program**

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<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>				
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Prefix Mr.	First Name Harold	Middle Name		
Last Name Perrin			Suffix	
b. Title Mayor			c. Telephone Number (give area code) 870-932-1052	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		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 low income persons (defined as 80% of the City's median household income).

The statutes for formula CDBG 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 median household income)  
Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or  
Meet an urgent need (such as earthquake, flood, or hurricane relief)

The Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2016 represents the fifth 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 compliant with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations for submission of Federal entitlement funds.

The city began its first program year on July 1, 1997, and the 2016 CDBG Program Year will be the 19th CDBG program year effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. The actual level of funding that Jonesboro and other entitlement cities receive from HUD is determined annually. The funding is based on a formula that includes population, percent of low-income residents, and HUD's overall annual budget.

The HUD Community Development Block Grant allocation for the fiscal year 2016-17 is \$588,535. The annual Action Plan has been prepared in accordance with all existing regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Consolidated Plan. The activities and programs described herein are aligned with the goals as outlined in the 2012-2016 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The 2016 community development program highlights the number one goal in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan – Improve Livability and Availability of Affordable Housing to our low-moderate income residents with the highest priority being homelessness and housing rehabilitation. Another key area of focus within the Action Plan is to create a suitable living environment by the elimination of slums and blight within HUD approved CDBG areas.

Fourteen individual projects are listed in the 2016 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 to moderate income residents. Homelessness and homeless prevention represent 7% of this plan and 11% goes towards homeownership assistance. Public services represent 14% and 16% for public improvements with the remaining allocated to administration costs for staff, supplies, etc. This year, the Public Services have six projects; they are New Life Empowerment (\$18,735); City Youth Ministries (\$9,152); NEA Community Athletics (\$10,700); The

Learning Center (\$20,000); Hispanic Community Services, (\$16,000); and West End Neighborhood Association (\$5,000). Priority is given to projects designed to serve those low income CDBG areas, and that would serve the greatest number of low to moderate income residents, thereby having the largest impact in the community. The themes in this year's public hearing meetings were housing rehabilitation and homelessness.

Jonesboro's 2016 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 City's housing and community development projects are located in the U.S. 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. The priority objectives for the City of Jonesboro 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/Homelessness
- Public Improvements
- 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 indirectly through the improvement of their 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 is housing, along with a broad range of public and social services addressing the core needs of our low income residents.

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

## **Statement of community Development Goals**

### **2016 Action Plan**

The City of Jonesboro continues to place major emphasis on HUD's priority goals of housing, and improving the quality of life for marginalized residents through the provision of needed public services. 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. This year the plan prioritizes homelessness through the establishment of the Mayor's Taskforce to End Homelessness, a formal partnership with the Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority (JURHA), and active involvement with the area Homeless Coalition and Balance of State.

Quality of life issues are addressed through various forms of education including life skills, after school tutoring and mentoring programs, recreational and physical activities, computer training for youth and adults, and neighborhood safety strategies using increased lighting as a proven crime deterrent.

The City of Jonesboro's Department of Grants & Community Development has implemented a city-wide community engagement strategy that includes residents, churches, stakeholders and non-profit organizations that serve our lowest income residents. It is the city'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 fiscal year 2016.

There continues to be many community stakeholders willing to further our efforts to address the needs of their individual neighborhoods. Through the 2016 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.

## **2016 Action Plan Goals**

The following are the Goals to be addressed with the 2016 Program Year funding as they are stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan:

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & PUBLIC HOUSING - GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

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

- 1.1 Objective 1: Improve low income homeowner housing conditions
  - 1.1a Provide funding for emergency homeowner rehabilitation repairs
  - 1.1b Determine the availability of volunteer organizations, funding, and donations to assist in painting and minor repairs
- 1.2 Objective 2: Increase new homeownership opportunities
  - 1.2a Continue First Time New Homeownership Program
  - 1.2b Partner with public housing authority (PHA) to promote and encourage home ownership
- 1.3 Objective 3: Assist developers in determining incentives and financial partnerships to promote more affordable housing projects
- 1.4 Objective 4: Support and assist existing emergency shelters and transitional living housing
  - 1.4a Provide support for rehabilitation/expansion of current shelters

### **BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING - GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**2 Goal: Address barriers to affordable and fair housing**

- 2.1 Objective 1: Increase the number of qualified new homeowners through homebuyer education
- 2.2 Objective 2: Include fair housing resolution information on city website
- 2.3 Objective 3: Create fair housing and resolution information for public distribution
- 2.4 Objective 4: Educate and public on the facts of the new Property & Maintenance Code

**LEAD-PAINT HAZARDS - GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**3 Goal: Increase lead safe housing stock**

- 3.1 Objective 1: Maintain standards for lead-based paint abatement in all housing rehabilitation projects
- 3.2 Objective 2: Increase the number of safe housing units through housing initiatives
- 3.3 Objective 3: Provide the public with Lead Based paint hazard information on the city website

**SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT-NON HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

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

- 4.1 Objective 1: Improve appearance and eliminate blight in low income neighborhoods
  - 4.1a Demolition and Clearance
  - 4.1b. Beautification of area through gardens, and other green spacer
- 4.2 Objective 2: Address needs of low income neighborhood public facilities
  - 4.2a Public facilities maintenance and repair
- 4.3 Objective 3: Provide public services to address the needs of low-income citizens
  - 4.3a Fund needed services for qualified low-income citizens

**SPECIAL NEEDS - HOMELESSNESS GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

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

- 5.1 Objective 1: Support and assist existing emergency shelters and transitional living housing
  - 5.1a Provide support for rehabilitation and/or services for existing shelters
- 5.2 Objective 2: Address homeless prevention activities
  - 5.2a Provide technical assistance for and/or actual funding assistance to non-profits addressing homeless prevention activities

- 5.3 Objective 3: Collaborate with homeless providers
  - 5.3a Provide staff assistance for homeless count
  - 5.3b Develop partnerships with non-profits to expand current services
  - 5.3c Attend quarterly meetings with service providers in Jonesboro

## **ANTI-POVERTY GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

### **6 Goal: Assist in the reduction of households with incomes below the poverty line.**

- 6.1 Objective 1: Support services to prevent homelessness.
  - 6.1a Support services such as emergency rental/utility assistance, financial education, foreclosure resolution programs, and other services.
  - 6.1b Survival services to enable households to survive on their limited incomes.
- 6.2 Objective 2: Explore possibility of developing a continuum/standard of care for those living in poverty to alleviate the number of individuals living in poverty
  - 6.2a Assist in the provision of job training and supportive services
  - 6.2b Establish criteria and evaluation for success
  - 6.2c Work with services providers to assist special needs groups access needed services.



## Projected Use of Funds

The City of Jonesboro's 2016 anticipated allocation is \$588,535 for the nineteenth 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>	
Homeownership Assistance	
First Time Homebuyer Assistance	\$35,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$30,000
Homeowner Rehabilitation (may include sewer connections)	\$175,000
Demolition & Clearance	\$20,000
Homeless Prevention	
Mid-South Health Systems	\$18,000
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES &amp; IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
David Puryear	\$20,000
Lewellen Park	\$74,000
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	
The Learning Center	\$20,000
New Life Empowerment Center	\$18,735
NEA Community Athletics	\$10,700
City Youth Ministries	\$ 9,152
West End Neighborhood Association	\$ 5,000
Hispanic Community Services, Inc.	\$16,000
<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	
AAMEN	\$22,948
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$114,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,535</b>

The above listed activities are the proposed and approved projects for the 2016/17 Program Year. The 2016 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 \$588,535, 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:

	Jonesboro	Craighead County	State of Arkansas	United States
Persons below poverty levels	25.3%	21.5%	19.2%	15.6%
Homeownership Rates	53.8%	58.9%	66.5%	64.4%

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

The projects are designed with maximum feasible benefit for 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 residents to move from homelessness and /or poverty to housing, self sufficiency, and the possibility of homeownership.

### **Effectiveness**

The 2016 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 public hearings on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the scoring sheets of the public service applications as scored by the CDBG Community Advisory Board, monthly community meetings, collaborative discussion among department heads and other city staffers, input from the Mayor, and final approval by the City Council of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Notices of all public hearings and the availability of the 2016 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. Furthermore, emails and texts were sent to anyone that signed up for notices on the Grants and Community Development Department website. Lastly, emails were sent to residents and other known stakeholders over a two-week period. Copies of the complete 2016 Action Plan are available for public review and inspection during normal business hours Monday through Friday in the Grants and Community Development office, located in the Municipal Center, 300 South Church Street, Suite 402, Jonesboro, AR 72401. The Action and Consolidated Plans are also available on the Grants & Community Development website at <http://www.jonesboro.org/158/Resources>.

## **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.

### **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 those who do not speak English and persons with disabilities.

The preparation of the 2016 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 with its focus on those goals that will benefit lower income households and identifies which goals are anticipated to be carried out using 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 strongly 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 collaborating with agencies that serve persons with disabilities.

### **Institutional Structure**

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 Grants and Department of Community Development is responsible for implementation of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans.

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.

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.

### **Monitoring**

The City of Jonesboro uses its 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 conducts an on-site monitoring assessment of the program activities of each sub-recipient in order to ensure 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 sub-recipient's contract budget. The quarterly reports include 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 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation and Review (CAPER).

## **Minority and Women-Owned Business Participation**

It is the policy of the City of Jonesboro that minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs) shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the city purchasing process. The City of Jonesboro encourages these 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 MWBEs. Furthermore, the city directly contacts MWBEs 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.

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## 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 2016.

## 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**

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 an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The AI 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 AI was conducted using a methodology consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

The certification specifically requires jurisdictions do the following:

- Conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the state or local jurisdiction
- Take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through 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 previously 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; 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 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;
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3. The city will require that the language of paragraph (n) of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly; The City of Jonesboro is in compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by that part.

### **Legal Authority**

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

### **Applicable Laws**

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

In accordance with the certifications as set out under 24 CFR §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

Attest: Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date

## SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The City of Jonesboro certifies that:

**USE OF FUNDS** - It has developed its 2016 Action Plan (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017) 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, 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 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;

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Signature: Harold Perrin, Mayor

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Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Jackson, City Clerk

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Date

**APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements:

**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.

**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).

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

**Table 1**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction’s Name: City of Jonesboro

Priority Need:

**PROJECT TITLE:** Mid-South Health Systems – Homeless Prevention

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.202 Eligible rehabilitation and preservation activities  
Rehabilitate three (1) units that provide transitional housing for mentally ill residents.

**LOCATION/TARGET AREA:** Jonesboro Limited Clientele

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.202(b)2
Type of Recipient: Non-profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units :
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 1

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$18,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$18,000

**Table 2**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Jonesboro

Priority Need:

**PROJECT TITLE:** Habitat for Humanity – Homeowner Rehabilitation

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.202 Eligible rehabilitation and preservation activities  
Rehabilitate residential housing for low-income family.

Location/Target Area: Jonesboro LMI

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.202(a)1
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units : 1
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion:

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$30,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$30,000

**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

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201(n)
Type of Recipient: Local Government	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units: 8
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 14

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$35,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$35,000

**Table 4**

## 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

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.202
Type of Recipient: Local Government	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator: Housing Units	Annual Units: 10
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 10

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$175,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$175,000



**Table 5**

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

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201(d)
Type of Recipient: Local Government	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 5

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$20,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$20,000

**Table 6**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Public Facilities and Improvements

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Facilities and Improvements - Foundation Care, Inc.

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.201 – (c) Public facilities and improvements  
Pave parking lot for facility that houses mentally ill adults

Location/Target Area: Limited Clientele

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201(c)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 1

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$20,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$20,000

**Table 7**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Public Facilities and Improvements

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Facilities and Improvements – Herman Lee Lewellen Park

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.201 – (c) Public facilities and improvements  
Add playground equipment and Pavilion to an inner city park in North Jonesboro

Location/Target Area: CDBG LMI Area

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201(c)
Type of Recipient: Local Government	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 2

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$74,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$74,000

**Table 8**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Jonesboro

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

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – Unlocking the Code

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services  
 Increase reading literacy among disenfranchised and very low-income children/youth, thereby enhancing their opportunities for employment and/or advanced education.

Location/Target Area: City Wide LMI

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201(e)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units: 200
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion:

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$9,152
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$9,152

**Table 9**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** Hispanic Community Services, Inc

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Service – After School Program

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services  
Provide academic assistance to disadvantaged school-age children by instructing in both English and Spanish for those with language barriers.

Location/Target Area: City Wide LMI

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201(e)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units: 70
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion:

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$16,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$16,000

**Table 10**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction’s Name: City of Jonesboro

**Priority Need:** NEA Athletics

**Project Title:** NEA Community Athletics

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services  
 Curves after school and summer criminal activities by providing physical activity while teachings sports, team building, and sportsmanship to low income children.

Location/Target Area: City Wide LMI

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201 (e)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 75

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$10,700
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$10,700

**Table 11**

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  
 Mobile and stationary computer lab 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

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201 (e)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 400

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$18,735
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$18,735

**Table 12**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

Jurisdiction's Name: City of Jonesboro

**PRIORITY NEED:** The Learning Center (TLC).

PROJECT TITLE: Public Service: The Playground Project

**DESCRIPTION:** Regulation: 570.201 Basic eligible activities – (e) Public Services  
Build a playground for pre-school age children with disabilities. The organization provides professional and clinical services

Location/Target Area: City Wide LMI

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201 (e)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion: 160

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$20,000
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$20,000



**Table 13**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

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. Addition to program funded last year.

Location/Target Area: City Wide LMI

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.201 (e)
Type of Recipient: Non-Profit Org.	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.16	Completion Date: 6.30.17
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units: 64
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion:

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

**Table 14**

Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects

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.

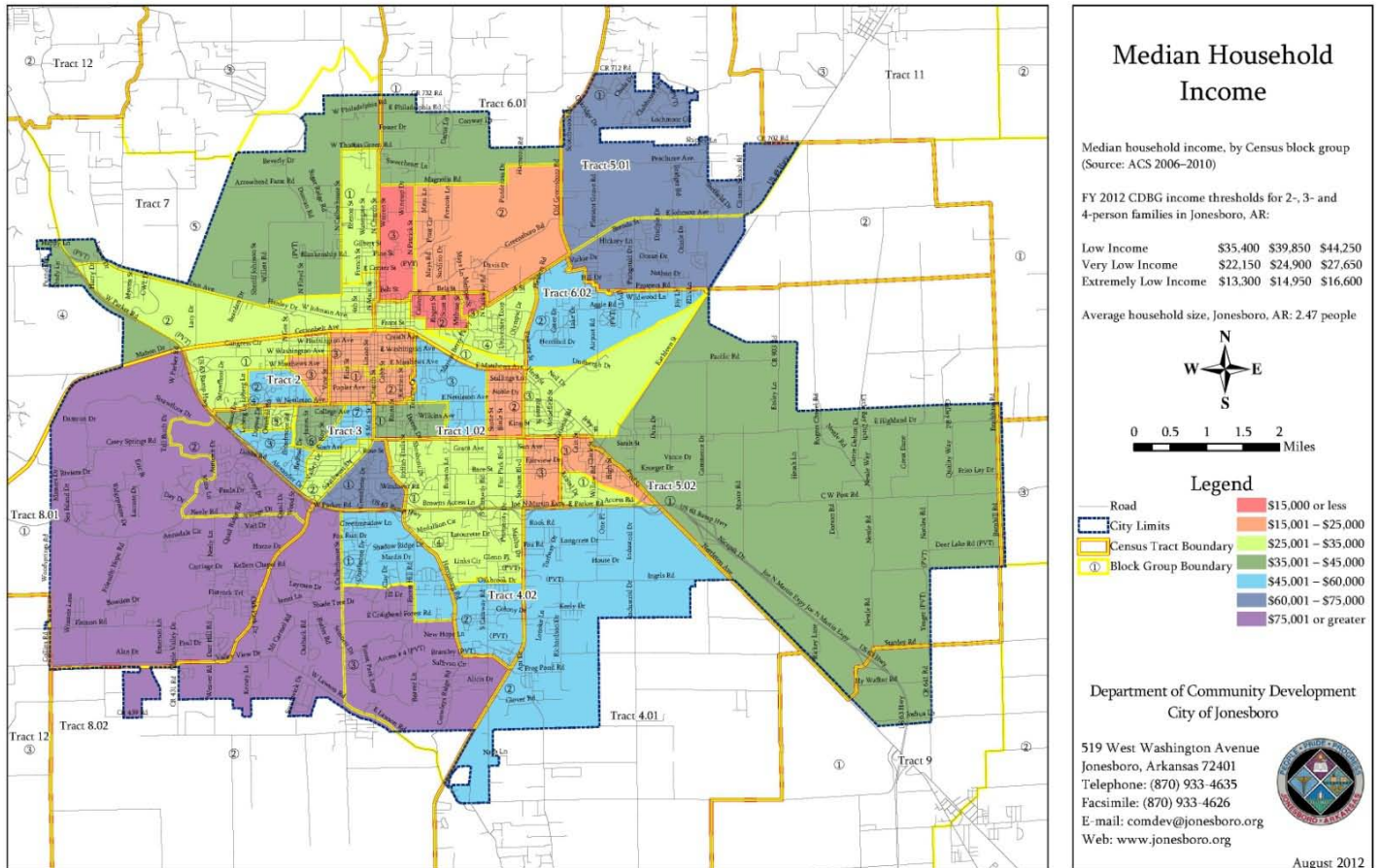
Location/Target Area: Administrative Activity

Objective Number:	Project ID:
HUD Matrix Code:	CDBG Citation : 570.206 (a)
Type of Recipient: Local Government	CDBG National Objective:
Start Date: 7.01.14	Completion Date: 6.30.15
Performance Indicator:	Annual Units:
Local ID:	Units Upon Completion:

Funding Sources:	
CDBG	\$114,000.00
ESG	
HOME	
HOPWA	
Total Formula	
Prior Year Funds	
Assisted Housing	
PHA	
Other Funding	
Total	\$114,000.00

Maps

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Comments must be received no later than close of business, April 10, 2016. If you have any questions, please call 870-336-7210.