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Yolanda Fields

9/16/2020

COMMUNITY RESOURCES (642)

Submitted By

Submitted Date

Division / Department

Action Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the attached 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and approval of authority for the Mayor to execute the 2020 CDBG Agreement upon receipt. Staff also recommends approval of a budget adjustment recognizing additional 2020 CDBG funding.

Budget Impact:

Multiple, See Attached BA

2180 - CDBG

Account Number	Fund
NA	NA
Project Number	Project Title
Budgeted Item? <u>Yes</u>	Current Budget \$ -
	Funds Obligated \$ -
	Current Balance \$ -
Does item have a cost? <u>No</u>	Item Cost
Budget Adjustment Attached? <u>Yes</u>	Budget Adjustment \$ 205,169.00
	Remaining Budget \$ 205,169.00

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Purchase Order Number: _____

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

Change Order Number: _____

Approval Date: _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Comments:



MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Yolanda Fields, Community Resources Director
DATE: September 16, 2020
SUBJECT: 2020 CDBG Action Plan and Budget Reconciliation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and approval of authority for the Mayor to execute the 2020 CDBG Agreement upon receipt. Staff also recommends approval of a budget adjustment recognizing additional 2020 CDBG funding.

BACKGROUND:

Fayetteville has been a CDBG Entitlement City for more than 40 years. CDBG grant amounts vary each year based upon the funding levels authorized by Congress through the annual federal budget process. Funding for the City of Fayetteville, and other entitlement cities, is awarded based on a formula allocation process that considers such factors as population, percentage of low to moderate income persons, and number of housing units. Each year, the Community Resources Division submits an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlining the proposed uses of CDBG funding. When HUD approves the Action Plan, a CDBG Agreement for that year is received. This agreement must be executed by the City, returned to the HUD Field Office in Little Rock, and then sent to HUD in Washington D.C. for the release of funds.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fayetteville award for 2020 is \$741,644. The grant funding detail submitted to HUD is as follows:

Administration	\$ 110,995
Housing Program	\$ 473,079
CASA of NWA	\$ 10,000
Welcome Health	\$ 18,000
Salvation Army NWA	\$ 2,603
Fayetteville Animal Services	\$ 6,105
OneCommunity	\$ 13,200
Yvonne Richardson Community Center	\$ 6,092
Rent & Utility Assistance (COVID-19)	\$ 40,000
Redevelopment Program	\$ 61,570

HUD regulations require a 30-day public comment period, which was held between August 10, 2020 and September 8, 2020. Per HUD regulations public notification was provided. An ad was placed in two local papers. The ad ran in the NWA Democrat Gazette on August 9th and 16th and in the August 13th issue of La Prensa Libre. The notice was also placed on the Community Resources webpage and meeting

information was provided on the City calendar and posted of the City website's Meetings of the Week list. Staff was available to take comments throughout the public comment period via phone, email, and at the scheduled public meeting.

Approval of the Mayor's authority to execute the 2020 CDBG Agreement upon receipt will expedite the release of funds. This will allow for a timelier start to the internal and external CDBG programs that assist low to moderate income residents of the City of Fayetteville.

Approval of the budget adjustment will reconcile the CDBG 2020 rebudget total and the 2020 CDBG funding increase.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

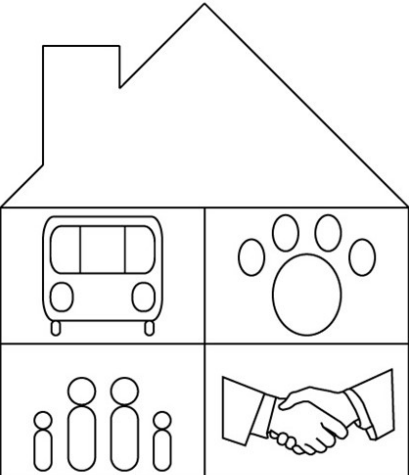
2020 CDBG Grant Revenue - \$205,169

Attachments:

2020 Action Plan

Budget Adjustment

City of Fayetteville



CDBG

Year 5 Action Plan (2020)

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is one of the requirements for the City of Fayetteville to receive funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for entitlement cities.

This AAP was developed from the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) needs assessment for low- and moderate-income residents. While the needs identified in the Con Plan exceed the funding available to address all of them; the City of Fayetteville addresses the identified needs as fully as possible. The 2020 AAP will detail how the City of Fayetteville plans to address the identified needs during the current grant year.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The 2016-2020 Con Plan documents the needs assessment, market analysis, consultation with community stake holders, and past performance that were all utilized to develop the priority needs for the City of Fayetteville. The priority needs are housing, redevelopment, public services, and public facilities. Housing will focus on maintaining the affordable housing stock through rehabilitation and repair of LMI owner-occupied homes. Redevelopment provides code compliance assistance for LMI homeowners who are financially and/or physically unable to correct code violations. Public services and public facilities are funded through a competitive grant process with the Grant Prioritization Committee determining which projects are included in the annual action plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Each year, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, reporting on the activities that were funded with CDBG, the amount spent and the beneficiaries

assisted. The City submits the required reports annually and HUD has accepted the reports each year. In addition to meeting HUD requirements the CAPER provides the City with an opportunity to review past performance and utilize the information as a component of determining future needs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Fayetteville CDBG activities are designed and carried out based on local needs. Through public meetings, consultation with area public and non-profit service agencies, informal discussion with citizens, studies, city staff, and special purpose committees; input from community stakeholders is sought and integrated into designating action priorities. In addition, a Community Development Outreach Quarterly publication serves to inform the community of current and future program projects and services. We realize that even in our connected age not everyone has access to the internet; therefore, the Outreach Quarterly is distributed in printed format to over 40 locations in our community. The Outreach Quarterly also provides the community with program contact information so interested citizens can provide feedback/input. We implement and participate in community events to both provide information about the programs we offer and to receive input from citizens about our programs and community needs.

A summary of the Action Plan and Budget was published, in conjunction with announcing the public comment period and a public hearing, in the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette on August 9, 2020 and August 16, 2020. It was also published in the August 13, 2020 issue of the weekly publication La Prensa Libre (Spanish). Finally, the information was posted to the City's website at <http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov> throughout the public comment period. The public comment period ran from August 10, 2020 to September 8, 2020. A public hearing was held on August 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. A draft of the 2020 Action Plan was made available to the public on the City website and by request from the Community Resources Office throughout the public comment period.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The sign-in sheet from the public hearing is attached to the Action Plan. There were no public comments received.

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

There were no comments or views that were not accepted.

7. Summary

The City of Fayetteville has completed the 2020 Action Plan according to HUD requirements. The funding decisions have been guided by the needs assessment, market analysis, census data, consultation and partnership with service providers, public input, and past performance data as detailed in the 2016-2020 Con Plan and the 2019 CAPER.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	FAYETTEVILLE	Community Resources Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Fayetteville is the Lead Agency for the City of Fayetteville CDBG Entitlement funds. The City of Fayetteville's Community Resources Division is the administrator of the CDBG funds for the City of Fayetteville.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Fayetteville strives to connect with all entities in our community; especially those that work with the LMI population. Community Resources recognizes that it takes input from the entire community to identify the needs and determine areas where services can be enhanced. While the City currently uses a variety of methods to reach out to the community we also continue to develop and try new methods of increasing participation from individuals, organizations and businesses.

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

The City of Fayetteville Community Resources Division enhances coordination between the varied providers and agencies in our area through a variety of methods.

Community Resources organizes community events throughout the year to both provide information about our programs and receive feedback from the community. One example is the annual CDBG in the Park event which brings together community members, local agencies and the City's CDBG programs. We encourage local service providers to participate in these events, as they are free of charge to them and thus an effective way to reach out to the community. Community Resources also participates in community events put on by other organizations. Community events serve multiple purposes including; enhancing coordination, getting information out to the community, and providing the community opportunities to provide feedback.

Outreach presentations are another method of enhancing coordination and Community Resources does presentations for a variety of organizations/groups and is always networking and seeking new locations to expand to. We do presentations for organization staff and clientele both, depending upon the needs of the organization. These presentations ensure that local organizations and/or the organization's clients know the resources that are offered through CDBG and provide an opportunity for organizations/individuals to share what their needs are.

The current COVID-19 situation has impacted the ability to do community events and outreach presentations. In order to continue to reach out to the community about our programs and share information about and with other organizations we are developing a video series Our Community in Action. Videos are being developed utilizing appropriate health and safety guidelines that will be shared online. The videos will be an opportunity to share information with the community and provide contact information so that feedback can be received.

The subrecipient grant process brings many of the local service providers to the table through the grant workshop and subsequent subrecipient grant application process. Discussion at the grant workshop and the actual grant applications provide information on what the current needs of various providers in the community are.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Fayetteville is a member of the Northwest Arkansas (NWA) Continuum of Care. The Community Resources Director is a current CoC board member and active participant in the NWA CoC's efforts to revitalize the organization. We attend meetings and participate with the other members to address the needs of the homeless and potential homeless in our community. We also participate in the local Coordinated Entry process through participation in weekly coordinated entry meetings and utilization of the local By-Name-List.

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

The City of Fayetteville provides input to the NWA Continuum of Care at the meetings. We also consult with the CoC and member agencies whenever requested. The Community Resources Director, as a current board and subcommittee member, is actively participating with the NWA CoC.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Arts Live Theatre
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Arts Live Theatre (ALT) through their participation in the CDBG Public Facility Lease Program, the Subrecipient Grant process and involvement in community activities/events.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Arkansas, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with BBBS of NWA through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Donald W Reynolds Boys & Girls Club of Fayetteville
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Boys & Girls Club through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CASA of Northwest Arkansas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with CASA of Northwest Arkansas through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Credit Counseling of Arkansas, Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Housing & Credit Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with CCOA through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Clinic NWA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Community Clinic NWA through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Fayetteville Fire Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Subrecipient Grant Program
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fayetteville Fire Department participates in our Grant Prioritization Committee utilizing their knowledge of community needs to help determine which applicants for CDBG Public Services and Public Facility funding should be included in the Action Plan.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	Fayetteville Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with the Fayetteville Housing Authority through the consulting/sharing of their plan; as well as, their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and involvement in community activities/events.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Fayetteville Planning Division
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Subrecipient Grant Program
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Fayetteville Planning Division participates in our Grant Prioritization Committee utilizing their knowledge of community needs to help determine which applicants for CDBG Public Services and Public Facility funding should be included in the Action Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Fayetteville Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Subrecipient Grant Program
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fayetteville Police Department participates in our Grant Prioritization Committee utilizing their knowledge of community needs to help determine which applicants for CDBG Public Services and Public Facility funding should be included in the Action Plan.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Fayetteville Senior Activity and Wellness Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with the Senior Activity & Wellness Center through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Fayetteville Veterans Affairs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with the VA through participation in the NWA Continuum of Care and through involvement in community activities/events.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of Washington County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Habitat for Humanity through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Havenwood Transitional Housing Facility
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Havenwood through participation in the NWA Continuum of Care and through involvement in community activities/events.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Life Styles
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Life Styles through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	LifeSource International
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with LifeSource through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	NWA Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The NWA Continuum of Care is consulted through participation as an active member of the group, interactions with other member agencies and through involvement in community activities/events. The Community Resources Director is a current board and subcommittee member.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Ozark Guidance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Ozark Guidance through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Peace at Home Family Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Peace at Home through participation in the NWA Continuum of Care, their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.

21	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with The Salvation Army through participation in the Continuum of Care, their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Seven Hills Homeless Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with 7hills Homeless Center through participation in the NWA Continuum of Care, their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Sources
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Sources through their eligibility to participate in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.

24	Agency/Group/Organization	Washington County Health Unit - Fayetteville
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with the Washington County Health Unit as needed and through involvement in community activities/events.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Welcome Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with WelcomeHealth through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Youth Bridge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Youth Bridge through participation in the NWA Continuum of Care, their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Yvonne Richardson Community Center - YRCC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with YRCC through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	One Community
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with OneCommunity through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Central United Methodist Church
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Central United Methodist Church through their participation in the Subrecipient Grant process and through involvement in community activities/events.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Hark at Excellerate Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We consult with Hark through partnership, involvement with housing and homelessness, and through involvement in community activities/events.

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

There are no agency types, we are aware of, in our community that are not consulted.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	NWA Continuum of Care	The City of Fayetteville Community Resources Division takes the needs identified by the NWA CoC into account as part of the development of the Strategic Plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Fayetteville Housing Authority Plan	Fayetteville Housing Authority	The City of Fayetteville receives a copy of the FHA plan annually to review ensure consistency with the City's Consolidated Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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Community Resources reviews our citizen participation process regularly and seeks opportunities to expand community access and increase citizen participation.

Organizations in the community seeking funding assistance receive technical support throughout the Subrecipient Grant Process. This begins in August with a mandatory grant workshop for all entities seeking funding for the upcoming year. The grant workshop provides all organizations that want to submit an application with a walk through of the grant application and an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. The workshop also provides information on the availability of technical assistance throughout the application process and who to contact for

assistance. Those applicants included in the Action Plan receive technical support throughout the grant year to answer any questions and provide support/assistance throughout the entire time they are receiving CDBG funds.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish (La Prensa Libre)</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>The newspaper ads are placed in two papers; the NWA Democrat Gazette and La Prensa Libre (Spanish). We don't currently have a method of tracking how many people respond to the ads however, we are confident that by utilizing the two major print media sources in our community that we are reaching a wide section of the city</p>	<p>Any public comments received are summarized on Section AP-05 Executive Summary item #5 Summary of public comments.</p>	<p>There were not comments that were not accepted.</p>	

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2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	We utilize the City of Fayetteville website and the Community Resources Division Facebook page (Ranger's Pantry Pet Food Bank) to announce public comment periods and public hearing dates. We also utilize the City of Fayetteville website to post copies of the current Action Plan and CAPER making them accessible to the community for review and comment.	Any public comments received are summarized in Section AP-05 Executive Summary item #5 Summary of public comments.	There were not comments that were not accepted.	https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/648/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on August 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing was attended by program staff. We have tried a variety of means to increase participation and continue to explore new ways to generate interest. We have lots of response/attendance at our community events and are working to get better response to our public hearings.	Any public comments received are summarized in Section AP-05 Executive Summary item #5 Summary of public comments.	There were not comments that were not accepted.	

4	Outreach Quarterly	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The Community Resources Outreach Quarterly includes information on any upcoming activities related to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, CAPER, public comment periods, etc. We don't currently have a method of tracking how many people respond due to the Outreach Quarterly. We know that some of the over 40 locations in the community where we distribute paper copies of the newsletter, reach segments of the population that may not have easy	Any public comments received are summarized in Section AP-05 Executive Summary item #5 Summary of public comments.	There were not comments that were not accepted.	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			access to the internet.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Fayetteville understands that there are fluctuations in the annual allocation of CDBG funds and in the amount of program income taken in annually. We prepare our initial (estimated) annual budget with the knowledge that there will be adjustments made when notification of the actual allocation is received and as the actual amount of program income is determined.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	741,644	10,000	837,544	1,589,188	1,589,188	Actual funding for 2020 (Year 5) is shown on the Annual Allocation line, along with an estimate of Program Income for 2020 (Year 5). Prior Year Resources is the amount in IDIS at the beginning of 2020 (Year 5). The Year 5 (2020) estimate is based on the 2020 (Year 5) actual allocation amount.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The CDBG program does not have a match requirement. There are times when subrecipients are able to utilize their CDBG award to leverage additional funding into their programs.

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

Fayetteville has four properties that were purchased with CDBG funds and are utilized in our CDBG Public Facility Lease Program. When one of the four buildings becomes available they are offered through a competitive application process to local non-profits that benefit exclusively or primarily LMI residents of Fayetteville. Applicants must show that their utilization of the property fits within HUD Guidelines and will benefit the LMI population. Upon being awarded a CDBG Public Facility Lease the non-profit signs an agreement leasing the property for \$1/year with the understanding that they are responsible for utilities, insurance and routine maintenance/upkeep on the property.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration and Planning	2016	2020	Administration and Planning		Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$110,995	
2	Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing		Housing	CDBG: \$473,079	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
3	Redevelopment	2016	2020	Affordable Housing		Redevelopment	CDBG: \$61,570	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 4 Household Housing Unit
4	Public Services	2016	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$96,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1802 Persons Assisted
5	Public Facilities	2016	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$0	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration and Planning
	Goal Description	Administration and Planning funds are used for a portion of the salary and benefits of the Community Resources Director, administrative staff, office supplies, travel and training costs, some Fair Housing activities and other costs associated with administration of community development activities. CDBG funds allocated - \$110,995. Location: Development Services Building, 125 West Mountain Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.
2	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	<p>This allocation provides housing rehabilitation and repairs to low and moderate income persons in owner-occupied housing. The rehabilitation services are offered up to \$30,000 on a single property.</p> <p>The program provides labor, materials, project management, Lead Based Paint (LBP) Hazard Control, and other associated costs to bring a home into compliance with State and City Housing Codes. Emphasis is placed on repairs that improve energy efficiency, alleviate deferred maintenance conditions, provide safety devices and/or replace principal fixtures and components. CDBG funds allocated - \$473,079 which includes salary and program delivery costs for management and oversight of all housing programs. Six households to be served with rehabilitation/repair of the owner-occupied homes.</p> <p>Location: Citywide, when there is a waiting list, applicants are prioritized according to established criteria to give highest priority to those most in need of services. Priority criteria include: very low income, elderly, disabled, single-parent household, lead-based paint hazards in home and homes located in the Target Area.</p>
3	Goal Name	Redevelopment
	Goal Description	Program activities conducted throughout Fayetteville, with emphasis in the Target Area, include code compliance, clearance and demolition, and when funds are available land acquisition for attainable housing. Four households to be served. CDBG funds allocated - \$61,570. Location: Throughout the City of Fayetteville with emphasis in the identified Target Area in southeast Fayetteville.

4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Providing public services to LMI residents; internally through the City of Fayetteville Rent & Utility Assistance (COVID-19) Program and externally through the Subrecipient Grant Program for non-profits providing services to Fayetteville residents. There will be one internal program and six (6) external subrecipients funded in 2020 (Year 5). The internal program is the City of Fayetteville Rent & Utility Assistance (COVID-19) Program - \$40,000. The subrecipients in 2020 (Year 5) are: CASA of NWA - \$10,000, Welcome Health - \$18,000, Salvation Army of NWA - \$2,603, Fayetteville Animal Services - \$6,105, OneCommunity - \$13,200, and Yvonne Richardson Community Center - \$6,092. Public services allocations total \$96,000 and were made taking the funding cap into consideration.
5	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Public facility projects assist with construction, renovation and development of facilities utilized by local non-profit organizations to provide services to LMI Fayetteville residents. 2020 (Year 5) plans do not have any public facility projects at this time.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Fayetteville's Priority Needs and the Subrecipient Grant Process determined the projects to be included in the Annual Plan for GY2020 (Year 5). The projects listed below are the City of Fayetteville and subrecipient projects that will be undertaken.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration and Planning 2020
2	Housing Program 2020
3	Redevelopment Program 2020
4	CASA of NWA PS 2020
5	WelcomeHealth PS 2020
6	Salvation Army NWA PS 2020
7	Fayetteville Animal Services PS 2020
8	OneCommunity PS 2020
9	YRCC PS 2020
10	Rent & Utility Assistance (COVID-19) Program 2020

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration and Planning 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,995
	Description	Administration and Planning funds are used for a portion of the salary and benefits of the Community Resources Director, administrative staff, office supplies, travel and training costs, some Fair Housing activities and other costs associated with administration of community development activities.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funding for administration and planning costs of the grant are allowed for CDBG. CDBG rules do not require that beneficiaries be reported for administration and planning activities; therefore there is not a goal outcome indicator selected.
	Location Description	Administration and planning activities occur at the Community Resources offices located at 125 W Mountain Street, Fayetteville AR 72701.
	Planned Activities	Administration and planning activities necessary to provide program oversight, implementation, and planning.
2	Project Name	Housing Program 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$473,079
	Description	The Housing Program does rehabilitation and repair to bring low- and moderate- income owner occupied residences in Fayetteville up to city code, increase energy efficiency and address lead-based paint issues.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate that 6 housing repair/rehabilitation projects will be completed. Based on previous years it was estimated in the Con Plan (2016-2020) that housing rehabilitation and/or repair would be provided to 19 LMI households each year. In Year One (2016) of the Con Plan it was found that the current construction market in Fayetteville had created an environment where the bids received on projects were significantly higher than the estimates for the work. This trend continued into 2017. This caused the number of projects completed in 2016 and 2017 to fall short of the original estimate. The construction market in Fayetteville had started to improve and in 2018 and 2019 we saw the number of projects increase. In 2020, COVID-19 hit which we anticipate affecting the number of projects we will be able to complete thus the lower estimate.
	Location Description	Citywide, when there is a waiting list applicants are prioritized according to established criteria to give highest priority to those most in need of services. Priority criteria include: very low income, elderly, disabled, single-parent household, lead-based paint hazards in home and homes located in the Target Area.
	Planned Activities	The Housing Program will provide housing rehabilitation and repair to qualified applicants. The program provides labor, materials, project management, Lead Based Paint (LBP) Hazard Control, and other associated costs to bring a home into compliance with State and City Housing Codes. Emphasis is placed on repairs that improve energy efficiency, alleviate deferred maintenance conditions, provide safety devices and/or replace principal fixtures and components.
3	Project Name	Redevelopment Program 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Redevelopment
	Needs Addressed	Redevelopment
	Funding	CDBG: \$61,570
	Description	Code compliance assistance provided to low- and moderate- income owner-occupied properties in the City of Fayetteville.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	In early 2020, COVID-19 hit which we anticipate affecting the number of projects we will be able to complete we estimate providing redevelopment to 4 LMI households.

	Location Description	Citywide with emphasis in the identified Target Area in southeast Fayetteville.
	Planned Activities	The Redevelopment Program will provide code compliance assistance to qualified applicants. The program provides labor, project management, and other associated costs to bring a property into compliance with City codes.
4	Project Name	CASA of NWA PS 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	CASA volunteers will provide advocacy to abused and neglected children in Fayetteville.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CASA of NWA projects serving 25 abused and neglected children from Fayetteville.
	Location Description	Community wide. CASA advocates visit the child(ren) in their foster homes, go to court and other locations related to the child's well-being.
Planned Activities	In the course of a year, each child will be visited in their foster home at least once per month. In addition, each child will receive 5-10 hours of advocacy every month to ensure the child is safe, happy and receiving the appropriate medical, psychological and educational services.	
5	Project Name	WelcomeHealth PS 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	WelcomeHealth will provide access to no-cost medical and dental care to uninsured low-income families who reside in the City of Fayetteville Target Area.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	WelcomeHealth projects serving 67 LMI individuals.
	Location Description	Services will be provided at WelcomeHealth located at 1100 N Woolsey Avenue in Fayetteville.
	Planned Activities	Access to no-cost medical and dental care to uninsured low-income families. Medical services will include primary care, disease prevention, patient education, mental health counseling and some specialty care. Dental care will include oral exams, x-rays, fillings, extractions, dental hygiene cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, stainless steel crowns, denture services, nutrition education, and oral health education.
6	Project Name	Salvation Army NWA PS 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,603
	Description	The Salvation Army will provide housing-focused emergency shelter that will provide access to services and housing to the community's most vulnerable citizens.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Salvation Army NWA projects serving 1,500 homeless persons.
	Location Description	Services will be provided at the Salvation Army located at 219 W 15th Street in Fayetteville.
	Planned Activities	Housing-focused shelter will allow individuals who are housing insecure a safe environment to work towards self-sufficiency while working toward obtaining safe permanent housing. The intake specialist will guide the process and refer clients to case management as needed.
7	Project Name	Fayetteville Animal Services PS 2020
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,105
	Description	Fayetteville Animal Services (FAS) will offer multiple free vaccination and microchip clinics to homeless and LMI residents of Fayetteville.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	FAS projects providing free vaccinations and microchipping to the pets of 120 homeless and LMI residents of Fayetteville.
	Location Description	Clinics are planned at local homeless service providers as well as public housing and low income housing locations.
	Planned Activities	Free vaccination and microchipping clinics will be held to keep pets of homeless and LMI individuals healthy and with their owners.
8	Project Name	OneCommunity PS 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,200
	Description	One Community will implement a family literacy program that promotes reading through fun, interactive reading experiences and encourages parents to be involved in their children's reading and education.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	OneCommunity projects serving 30 LMI households.
	Location Description	The program will be held at Willow Heights a local public housing site located at 10 S Willow in Fayetteville.

	Planned Activities	One Community will implement a family literacy program that promotes reading through fun, interactive reading experiences and encourages parents to be involved in their children’s reading and education. The program involves a weekly curriculum. The sessions focus on literacy themes and strategies to teach parents how to read to their children at home. The program incorporates music, dance and singing to encourage participation. There are also take-home activities to encourage parents and children to interact.
9	Project Name	YRCC PS 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,092
	Description	Yvonne Richardson Community Center (YRCC) will provide camp scholarships to LMI campers participating in the Summer Fun4Kids and Summer Fun4Teens programs.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	YRCC projects providing camp scholarships to 40 LMI youth.
	Location Description	The camps will be held at YRCC located at 240 East Rock Street in Fayetteville
Planned Activities	The scholarships will allow LMI campers to participate in summer programs designed to provide a safe space, positive mentors, food and programming that promotes social interactions, recreational engagement, and educational opportunities.	
10	Project Name	Rent & Utility Assistance (COVID-19) Program 2020
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	The City of Fayetteville will provide temporary rent and utility assistance to households impacted by COVID-19 who are not able to receive assistance from other sources.

	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City of Fayetteville Rent & Utility (COVID-19) Assistance Program projects being able to assist 20 households impacted by COVID-19.
	Location Description	The program will be administered from the Community Resources offices at 125 W Mountain Street in Fayetteville. The households assisted will be community wide.
	Planned Activities	The Rent & Utility (COVID-19) Assistance Program will provide temporary (not more than 3 months) rent and utility assistance to households that have been impacted by COVID-19, such as COVID-19 related employment loss. These will be households that are not part of any existing housing assistance program and are not able to be helped by other programs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Funding for all projects is citywide as the LMI population of Fayetteville can be found throughout the city. The Redevelopment Program is available citywide with a focus on the self-identified Target Area.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Fayetteville feels that it is important to reach as much of the LMI population as possible through the projects receiving CDBG funds. Allocations to projects that are available to all LMI residents meet this goal.

Discussion

There have been projects in the past that have targeted specific areas of the community and could be in the future. The current needs of the community are best met by the projects included in the Action Plan and they are available to LMI residents throughout the City.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

As detailed in the Con Plan maintaining the affordable housing stock is a priority for the City of Fayetteville. This is accomplished through housing rehabilitation and repair to LMI owner-occupied homes. Emphasis is placed on bringing homes into compliance with State and City Codes, improving energy efficiency, alleviating deferred maintenance conditions, providing safety devices, and when needed addressing lead based paint issues.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	6
Special-Needs	0
Total	6

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	6

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

Discussion

The one year goal for households to be supported was determined by looking at previous years' project numbers as well as taking into account the affect COVID-19 has had to make an estimate of the number of households that will receive support through rehabilitation/repair.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Fayetteville Housing Authority is the public housing provider in Fayetteville. The Fayetteville Housing Authority has three programs: Public Housing, Section 8 and HUD/VASH. We work closely with the Fayetteville Housing Authority.

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

The City of Fayetteville Annual Action Plan does not have actions specific to public housing. The actions planned by the Fayetteville Housing Authority are delineated in the Public Housing sections of the Con Plan.

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

The City of Fayetteville CDBG is not directly involved with these activities; however, through consultation with the Fayetteville Housing Authority and access to their 5-year plan we are aware of activities designed to increase resident involvement. Hillcrest Tower (elderly and disabled) has an active Resident Council that meets regularly. CDBG staff does periodic presentations to this council to provide information about programs we provide and to give residents an opportunity to share information/thoughts/needs with us.

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

The Fayetteville Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The Fayetteville Housing Authority is an important component of meeting the housing needs of Fayetteville. The City of Fayetteville will continue to support and work with the Fayetteville Housing Authority.

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

Introduction

The City of Fayetteville recognizes the need for homeless and other special needs activities in our community. Participation in the NWA Continuum of Care, consultation/partnership with local service providers, and hosting/participation in community events keep us apprised of the needs in our community. The Subrecipient Grant Program and the provision of staff for the Hearth Program are the primary ways the City addresses homeless and other special needs activities.

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

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

The City's involvement in the NWA Continuum of Care and ongoing consultation/partnership with local service providers is our primary method of reaching out to homeless persons and assessing their needs. Hosting and participating in community events is another method utilized to reach out. For example, our annual CDBG in the Park event is widely attended by homeless persons who in addition to receiving lunch have an opportunity to learn more about our programs and programs offered by other organizations/agencies in our community.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Subrecipient Grant Program which provides funds for public services and public facilities has been the primary method that the City has to address emergency and transitional housing needs in our community. The subrecipients included in the 2020 action plan includes one that specifically addresses emergency shelter and transitional housing needs, Salvation Army NWA.

We also address transitional housing through the provision of CDBG funded staff to provide oversight and case management for the Transitional Housing portion of the City of Fayetteville Hearth Program.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Subrecipient Grant Program which provides funds for public services and public facilities is one method that the City has to help homeless persons. The City of Fayetteville will, during the period of

this action plan, help homeless persons make the transition to permanent supportive housing through the provision of CDBG funded staff to provide oversight and case management for the City of Fayetteville Hearth Program. In addition, the City partners with local service providers and participates in the NWA Continuum of Care to address the issues homeless persons face.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Subrecipient Grant Program which provides funds for public services and public facilities is the method that the City has to help low-income individuals and families receive assistance from other agencies. This action plan includes funding for programs that will address LMI youth needs in our community. The youth centered programs will be offered by CASA of NWA (advocacy for abused and neglected children), OneCommunity (family literacy programming) and Yvonne Richardson Community Center (mentoring and educational programming). Low-income individuals will receive assistance from Welcome Health (medical and dental care). Homeless and low-income individuals will receive benefit from Fayetteville Animal Services (free vaccination and microchip clinics). In addition, the City partners with local service providers and participates in the NWA Continuum of Care to address the issues those at risk of homelessness face.

Discussion

The City of Fayetteville through the processes described throughout the Con Plan strives to identify and provide support for those in our community who need it most. Funding levels do not allow all of the organizations/agencies that address homeless and special needs activities to receive support in a given year but we utilize the assessment tools available to us to determine the best projects to implement annually.

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

Introduction:

In February of 2016 an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) was completed by J-Quad Planning Group, LLC for the City of Fayetteville. A public policy review was a component of the AI. The AI determined that the City of Fayetteville's land development codes and zoning regulations address affordable housing and offer the provision of making allowances through the code to allow the construction of a variety of types of housing including single family and multifamily housing. Regulations allow unrelated persons to reside in a single family structure and have adequate provisions for group homes and special needs populations.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The AI did not identify any public policy barriers to affordable housing.

Discussion:

Community Resources is cognizant of the importance of being aware of and responding to any proposed public policy changes that could create a barrier to affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The areas listed below are explored in greater detail in other sections of the Con Plan, this section broadly describes the actions planned to address the various areas.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Fayetteville will continue to consult with local organizations/agencies, seek public input, and participate in the NWA Continuum of Care to stay aware of the needs of the community, identify obstacles to meeting underserved needs and provide assistance in addressing them.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Maintaining the affordable housing stock is a priority for the City of Fayetteville. This is accomplished through housing rehabilitation and repair to LMI owner-occupied homes. Emphasis is placed on bringing homes into compliance with State and City Codes, improving energy efficiency, alleviating deferred maintenance conditions, providing safety devices, and when needed addressing lead based paint issues.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All housing rehabilitation and repair projects the City does adhere to lead based paint regulations. Lead-based paint testing is done as required, determined by the age of the home and type/cost of work being performed. When lead-based paint is found lead-based paint hazards are remediated as appropriate according to the LBP regulations. In all rehabilitation projects, lead safe work practices are used at all times when lead is present.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Fayetteville partners with local agencies and participates in the NWA Continuum of Care in local efforts to develop goals, programs and policies for reducing the number of poverty-level families.

The City of Fayetteville anticipates allocating CDBG funds to activities that will assist poverty level families in Fayetteville. Specific activities will be identified in each year's Action Plan. Examples of activities we have funded that assist poverty level families include the City's transportation program for LMI individuals and public service activities that support mentoring, literacy, after school, and summer

programs for LMI children.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Community Resources Division (CR) of the City of Fayetteville oversees the CDBG programming for our community. CR administers the internal housing, redevelopment and transportation programs that are funded through CDBG. CR also administers and monitors the CDBG funds allocated to public services and public facilities in our community. We ensure that internal and external programs follow HUD guidelines and benefit the LMI population.

The City has not identified any gaps in the institutional delivery system.

The City of Fayetteville will continue to consult with local organizations/agencies, seek public input, and participate in the NWA Continuum of Care to stay aware of the needs of the community and provide assistance in addressing them. The Subrecipient Grant Program will remain the primary way that we will provide assistance to organizations/agencies in the community that benefit LMI Fayetteville residents.

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

The City of Fayetteville will continue to consult with local organizations/agencies, seek public input, and participate in the NWA Continuum of Care to stay aware of the needs of the community and provide assistance in addressing them.

Discussion:

The City recognizes the importance of combining the information available from others in our community with the information we have internally to develop actions that will benefit Fayetteville.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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