Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Anniston is an entitlement community and grantee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Funding available under this program is targeted within city limits to address community development needs with regard to affordable housing and supportive services for low to moderate income (LMI) families and communities. The City of Anniston also serves as the grantee for the Anniston/Calhoun County HOME Consortium, which is a participating jurisdiction under HUD's HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Funding under HOME is targeted to six (6) jurisdictions - Anniston, Calhoun County (excluding Oxford and Ohatchee), Hobson City, Jacksonville, Weaver and Piedmont - to address affordable housing needs.

The information contained within this document comprises the City of Anniston's 2015 Action Plan for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Anniston/Calhoun County HOME Consortium Program for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. This one-year proposed use of funds summarizes the allocation of the City's total CDBG and HOME entitlement grants as awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It identifies all planned projects and activities, correlates planned efforts with the strategic goals and identified needs of the City's approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2013-2017), and assigns measurable objectives and planned outcomes for each planned project and activity.

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.

Five (5) goals are established within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. They are:

1) Provide decent and affordable housing and supportive services for low-moderate income families

2) Provide decent and affordable housing and supportive services for populations with special needs

3) Provide decent and affordable housing and supportive services for homeless populations

4) Improve public facilities and/or infrastructure

5) Eliminate slums and blight

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City's annual performance under both the CDBG and HOME Programs is documented in its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which is filed within 90 days of the end of each program year. Highlights of performance outcomes for the most recently completed program year (2013) are summarized below.

Funds Expended: $258,130 CDBG

$445,444 HOME

Total Expenditures: **$703,574**

15% of CDBG funds expended for public services

73.74% of CDBG funds benefitted very low to moderate income persons

Total Units Assisted - 13

Total Persons Assisted - 21,951

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City as the grantee for both CDBG and HOME, conducted a consolidated citizen participation process which combined public hearings yet acknowledged the programs as separate and distinct.

All required citizen participation activities were carried out in compliance with its approved Citizen Participation Plan (CP), and all activities were conducted in compliance with timeframes set under Federal program regulations.

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.

Three (3) public hearings were convened to solicit input and feeback from residents of the communties covered under CDBG and HOME. All comments were accepted and are summarized in the prepared minutes (see attached).

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

All comments received were given appropriate consideration and were weighed in conjunction with housing and community data, needs assessment data, input and feedback from service providers, and specific funding requests. No comments were rejected.

7. Summary

For Program Year 2015 (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016), the following amounts have been awarded by HUD. A detailed summary of specific projects and allocations is included in the Strategic Plan section of this document.

CDBG	$517,802	98.1%
CDBG program income	$ 10,000	1.9%
HOME Program	$292,043	96.2%
HOME program income	$ 13,000	3.8%
Total Funding	**$832,845**	**100%**

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
Lead Agency	ANNISTON	
CDBG Administrator	ANNISTON	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	ANNISTON	Community Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Anniston is the grantee and lead agency responsible for the management and implementation of the CDBG and HOME Programs. As the grantee, the City is the sole entity responsible for allocating and managing program funds, awarding funds to sub-recipients, monitoring program activities and ensuring project completion and compliance with program guidelines. Overall efforts are guided by the development of a Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which identifies and prioritizes community needs and outlines strategic goals and objectives. Year-to-year efforts are directed by the Annual Action Plan; a one-year use of funds identifying specific projects and activities to be undertaken, as well as goals and objectives to be achieved. The program's success in meeting these benchmarks is documented in the Consolidated Annual Planning and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CDBG and HOME Programs are administered by the City 's Community Development Department and the Community Development Coordinator is the primary staff person responsible for day-to-day program administration.

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

1. Introduction

The City consulted with all agencies as required under 24 CFR 91.100, 91.200(b) and 91.215(b)

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(l))

The City used multiple strategies to enhance coordination between agencies, including the allocation of general fund monies, federal CDBG and HOME grant funds, and state awarded funds to support the provision of services within the covered jurisdictions, as well as ongoing communication and consultation with housing and non-housing service providers, public housing authorities, other local jurisdictions, and public agencies. The City has maintained a strong and productive relationship with Habitat for Humanity and with its CHDO (Northeast Alabama Community Development Corporation) in producing affordable housing units under the HOME Program. In 2013 the City also partnered with and provided HOME funds to The Right Place which produced an affordable housing duplex. During 2014, The Right Place for Housing and Support applied for and received HOME funds for the purpose of producing 4 affordable housing units. In 2014, the City partnered with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama to manage the award of general fund dollars to public service agencies which resulted in leveraging additional support for non-profits engaged in community work. This has been a successful partnering which has allowed several service providers to be currently funded under the City's operating budget with general fund monies, as well as federal funds under the CDBG program. The City's intent is to continue to fund agencies engaged in public service programs within the program limits. In order to ensure transparency, increase efficiency, and avoid the possibility of allocating two different sources of funding for the same purpose or expenses, the City will continue to provide the Community Foundation with award information; including a summary of CDBG expenses.

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 actively participates in the regional homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) which is the Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama (HCNEA). The service area covered by HCNEA consists of Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb and Etowah counties, including the cities of Anniston and Gadsden. The City's Community Development Coordinator was the HCNEA Co-Chair during 2013 and the sitting Chair during 2014. Efforts to address the needs of the homeless by the City include active participation in monthly CoC meetings, Project Homeless Connect events held bi-annually for the homeless, annual Point in Time (PIT) count, coordination of housing and other needs with local hospital social workers and discharge nurses for homeless persons, coordination with East Alabama Regional Planning Commission social

services, allocation of general fund dollars for homeless provider assistance, and the allocation of CDBG funding under the 15% public services cap to organizations that meet the housing and supportive services needs of the homeless population.

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 did not apply for ESG funds nor receive ESG funds during 2014. 2nd Chance, Inc., The Right Place for Housing and Support, and Family Services Center requested and received a letter of support from the CoC and the City of Anniston for their application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for ESG funds during 2014.

Although the City does not participate in HMIS, it provided CDBG funds for continued HMIS maintenance support for those service providers using HMIS through the CoC. The City and CoC also work in cooperation with Jacksonville State University to develop performance standards, conduct Point in Time (PIT) homeless surveys/counts, and evaluate outcomes.

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**	Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	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
	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 Anniston actively participates in the regional CoC. A letter soliciting feedback was mailed.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Boys & Girls Club of Calhoun County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	PRESCHOOL FRIENDS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.

4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	2nd CHANCE, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	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?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Anniston Soup Bowl
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	St. Michael's Community Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy 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?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	The Right Place
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Community Enabler Developer, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	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?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CHILDREN SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	As an existing provider of public services under the CDBG Program, a letter was sent notifying its staff of scheduled public hearings and the request for proposals for public services.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Anniston Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As a collaborative partner, the City solicited input regarding the needs and plans of the public housing authority in an attempt to coordinate efforts and leverage HUD funding

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

All relevant agencies were 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	Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama	Strategy to reduce/eliminate homelessness
Analysis of Impediments	East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission	Indentification of fair housing education as an unmet need
Five-Year Consolidated Plan	City of Anniston	Identification of unmet needs and goals for target areas

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

Citizen participation activities were undertaken in compliance with the City's approved Citizen Participation Plan (CP), including advanced notice of public hearings, and the convening of three public hearings. Public hearings, times, and locations were set for public convenience. Process information was posted on the City's public website. All information was shared with local jurisdictions, services providers and the public housing authority for posting on their websites and/or in their facilities. Notices of the availability of all documents in hard copy form were also posted for residents without internet access or preferred to view a hard copy. All input and feedback were weighed, in combination with community data, feedback from service providers, and other input to establish the goals and priorities listed in this action plan. The following information is applicable to both CDBG and HOME as a result of both programs citizen participation.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	In accordance with HUD regulations and the City of Anniston's Citizen Participation Plan, an advertisement notifying the public of the first public hearing for the 2015 Action Plan was published in the Anniston Star on May 17, 2015. A second ad was published June 28, 2015 notifying the public of the 30-day comment period, a second public hearing was held on July 15, 2015 and a final public hearing before the City Council was held on August 3, 2015. The ads provided notice of the public hearings including date, time and location, the purpose of the hearings	See attached minutes for a summary of comments received during all public hearings.	Not applicable.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Three public hearings were conducted. The first public hearing was held on June 3, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Old Council Chambers located in Anniston City Hall. A total of 16 attendees participated in the hearing. The second hearing was held on July 15, 2015 at the same time and location. _____ persons were in attendance. The final public hearing was held by the Anniston City Council on August 3, 2015.	See attached minutes for a summary of comments received during all public hearings.	Not applicable	

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	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notices for all public hearings were posted on the City of Anniston's public website.	See attached minutes for summary of comments received during the public hearings.	Not applicable	www.annistonal.gov

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Funds available for 2015 include $527,802 in CDBG funds and $305,043 in HOME funds. Both amounts include anticipated program income.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	517,802	10,000	0	527,802	1,583,406	CDBG funds represent the total amount awarded to the City of Anniston by HUD for 2015 plus $10,000 in anticipated program income

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	292,043	13,000	0	305,043	915,129	HOME funds represent the total amount awarded to the City of Anniston/Calhoun County Consortium by HUD for 2015 plus $13,000 in anticipated program income.

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

CDBG does not require matching funds; however, CDBG funds are a major source of leverage for other community funding to address community needs.

HOME requires a 10% match which will be met on a cash or in-kind basis by the jurisdiction in which a HOME-funded project is implemented.

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

N/A

Discussion

All funds will be allocated and expended in alignment with the strategic goals of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan along with priority needs and funding allocations under the 2015 Annual Action Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless	2015	2017	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Anniston/Citywide	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless	CDBG: $75,000	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 2 Beds
2	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons	2015	2017	Affordable Housing Domestic Violence Victims	Anniston/Citywide Consortium Wide	Public Support Services Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons	CDBG: $145,000 HOME: $280,839	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
3	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs	2015	2017	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Anniston/Citywide	Public Support Services	CDBG: $63,336 HOME: $0	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted
4	Eliminate Slums and Blight	2015	2017	Non-Housing Community Development slum/blight	Anniston/Citywide	Eliminate Slums and Blight	CDBG: $73,906 HOME: $0	Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Historic Preservation	2015	2017	Non-Housing Community Development		Historic Preservation	CDBG: $45,000 HOME: $0	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 1 Business

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless
	Goal Description	Acquisition and rehabilitation of property by St. Michael's Clinic for use as transitional/supportive services housing for homeless and/or special needs persons
2	**Goal Name**	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Goal Description	Acquisition/rehabilitation of properties by non-profit agencies for use as affordable housing for low-moderate income persons Homeowner Housing
3	**Goal Name**	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs
	Goal Description	Public service activities for low-moderate income persons
4	**Goal Name**	Eliminate Slums and Blight
	Goal Description	Demolition of slum and blight properties
5	**Goal Name**	Historic Preservation
	Goal Description	Acquisition and rehabilitation of a contributing structure in a low-moderate income historic district

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

All beneficiaries will fall within the LMI categories

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects and activities are planned for 2015 (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016) using both CDBG and HOME funds.

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Boys & Girls Club
3	Anniston Soup Bowl
4	Community Enabler Developer
5	The Right Place
6	PreSchool Friends
7	2nd Chance
8	St. Michael's Clinic
9	Children's Services
10	West Anniston Foundation
11	Historic Preservation W 15th Street
12	Clearance Slum/Blight
13	Super Missions
14	Acquisition and Rehab
15	CHDO Set-Aside
16	Aquisition
17	Rehabilitation and Construction

Table 8 – Project Information

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

These projects were allocated funding based on citizen input, data contained wtihin our approved Consolidated Plan, and leveraging opportunities. The maximum allowable amount for both public services and program administration were allocated. The balance of funds were allocated to activities which will improve and/or sustain quality of life. Limited financial resources is the primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	**Project Name**	Program Administration
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide Consortium Wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs Eliminate Slums and Blight Historic Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons Eliminate Slums and Blight Historic Preservation Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: $105,560 HOME: $31,204
	Description	Program administration
	Target Date	9/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	citywide/consortium wide
	Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG and HOME funds, management assistance
2	**Project Name**	Boys & Girls Club
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $6,832
	Description	Public service agency to provide outside the classroom educational activities to include computer skills for youth from LMI households
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	140 youth from LMI households
	Location Description	3 locations within the City limits of Anniston
	Planned Activities	Provide outside the classroom educational activities and computer skills to underserved youth from LMI households.
3	**Project Name**	Anniston Soup Bowl
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $8,334

	Description	Public Services General
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4000 LMI persons will benefit
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Meals for LMI and homeless persons
4	**Project Name**	Community Enabler Developer
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $6,834
	Description	Public Services General
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000 LMI and/or homeless individuals will benefit
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Food assistance for LMI and homeless persons; school supplies for youth from LMI households
5	**Project Name**	The Right Place
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide

	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $7,334
	Description	Public Services General
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	17 LMI households
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	provide housing-based case management for LMI and/or homeless/special needs persons
6	**Project Name**	PreSchool Friends
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $3,734
	Description	Public Services General
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 children from LMI households
	Location Description	citywide

	Planned Activities	Educational activities for pre-K children from LMI households and parenting classes for their parents
7	**Project Name**	2nd Chance
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $6,834
	Description	Public Services
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	36 LMI individuals
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Domestic violence and services for adults and children
8	**Project Name**	St. Michael's Clinic
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $17,100
	Description	Public/Support Services

	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 LMI and/or homeless persons
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Provide basic healthcare for LMI and homeless persons
9	**Project Name**	Children's Services
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $4,334
	Description	Public/Support Services
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 LMI children/youth will benefit
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Counseling for children in State custody/The Parris Home
10	**Project Name**	West Anniston Foundation
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: $2,000
	Description	Public Services General

	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 LMI persons
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Nutrition and exercise classes for LMI persons
11	**Project Name**	Historic Preservation W 15th Street
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Historic Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Historic Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: $45,000
	Description	Historic Preservation
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	West 15th Street historic business district
	Planned Activities	Acquisition and rehabilitation of a contributing historic structure by a non-profit organization
12	**Project Name**	Clearance Slum/Blight
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Slums and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Eliminate Slums and Blight
	Funding	CDBG: $73,906

	Description	Clearance/Remediation (slum/blight)
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	estimated that 5 buildings will be demolished. Estimated number of families benefitting is unknown
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Demolition of blighted/abandoned properties
13	**Project Name**	Super Missions
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $20,000
	Description	Minor Home Repair
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 LMI families
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Minor home repair for LMI families
14	**Project Name**	Acquisition and Rehab
	Target Area	Anniston/Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons Affordable Housing/Support Services-Special Needs

	Needs Addressed	Public Support Services Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons Affordable Housing/Support Services-Homeless
	Funding	HOME: $220,000
	Description	affordable housing
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Acquisition and rehab of property for LMI/homeless/special needs persons
15	**Project Name**	CHDO Set-Aside
	Target Area	Consortium Wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Acquisition
	Funding	HOME: $46,806
	Description	Affordable housing rehabilitation and development
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2
	Location Description	consortium wide
	Planned Activities	rehab of existing housing

16	**Project Name**	Aquisition
	Target Area	Consortium Wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Acquisition
	Funding	HOME: $40,000
	Description	Aquisition
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1
	Location Description	consortium-wide
	Planned Activities	acquisition of available land/properties for affordable housing development
17	**Project Name**	Rehabilitation and Construction
	Target Area	Consortium Wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Support Services-LMI persons
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing/Support Svcs-LMI Persons Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: $194,033
	Description	Rehabilitation and Construction
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 LMI families

	Location Description	consortium wide
	Planned Activities	rehabilitation and new construction of affordable housing

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

The majority of CDBG funds will be used citywide; with the exception of historic preservation activities which are allocated funding based on the location in a historic, LMI area. HOME funds will be used on a Consortium-wide basis.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Anniston/Citywide	49

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

To benefit the greatest number of eligible persons, the majority of CDBG and HOME funds will be invested on a jurisdiction wide basis. Historic preservation funds are allocated based on their location in a historic, LMI area.

Discussion

N/A

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Planned activities during 2015 include rehabilitation and development of affordable housing under the HOME program and housing rehabilitation using CDBG funds.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	3
Special-Needs	0
Total	3

Table 11 - 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	2
Rehab of Existing Units	2
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	6

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Anniston has four (4) public housing areas within the HOME Consortium area. Areas identified are: Anniston, Jacksonville, Piedmont, and Hobson City.

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

The City of Anniston and the HOME Consortium plan to work with the Public Housing Authorities in our service area by providing information on homes that become available through rehabilitation activities and home construction. We will continue communication with the Anniston Public Housing Authority regarding how we may provide assistance as they move forward with their strategic plan.

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

Distribution of information to residents regarding fair housing and homeownership opportunities for affordable housing constructed or rehabilitated with CDBG or HOME funds.

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

N/A

Discussion

N/A

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

Introduction

The City actively participates in the regional CoC serving northeast Alabama, provides funding support to address service needs, and coordinates care with local service providers.

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

In 2015, $70,000 of CDBG funds is allocated for acquisition and rehabilitation of affodable housing units. Another $150,000 in CDBG funds has been allocated for transitional housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue to use the service organizations located throughout the metropolitan area. This involves coodination with the Homeless Coalition of Northeast Alabama, as well as providers such as 2nd Chance, The Right Place, Community Enabler Developer, and St. Michael's Clinic. This coordination represents effective participation in the regional CoC which reaches out to the homeless, assesses their needs, assists low-income families avoid homelessness, addresses the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of the homeless, and helps both homeless and chronically homeless make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. Including shortening the timeframe that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing them from becoming homeless again.

The City will continue to actively participate in HCNEA, the regional CoC, to ensure coordination and availability of resources for homeless persons in Anniston when such a need arises. The need for transitional and permanent housing is a critical need in the area.

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

$70,000 in CDBG funds have been allocated for acquisition and rehabilitation of property for affordable

housing. Another $150,000 in CDBG funds is allocated for transitional housing. Both are critical needs in the area. Providing more affordable housing and transitional housing will facilitate better access.

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.

Efforts to prevent homelessness will be addressed through the City's continued participation in the regional CoC as described above, and through continued support of affordable housing availability such as housing rehabilitation and transitional housing; along with continued support of the public service providers that serve these persons.

Discussion

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

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

Introduction

In 2013, an Analysis of Impediments, including a discussion of barriers to affordable housing, was prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission. A complete copy of the document is posted and available for reading on the City of Anniston website at www.annistonal.gov.

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

In the 2013 AI, public policies with regard to land use, tax policies, zoning, building codes, fees, growth limits were not noted as barriers to affordable housing. Tax policies were deemed neutral, zoning ordinances permit a variety of housing types, neighborhood configurations and lot sizes. The majority of land is zoned for residential use, and limited residential development is allowed in non-residential zones. Planned efforts with regard to affordable housing include the construction of new affordable housing under HOME, rehabilitation of affordable housing under CDBG and HOME, and continued education/outreach regarding fair housing issues.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

All planned activities are in line with the prioritized needs identified within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Actions planed to meet underserved needs include the continued provision of funding for public service activities that focus on LMI families, youth, and the homeless; along with continued active participation in the CoC.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Development and/or rehabilitation of affordable multi-family and single-family housing are priorities under both the CDBG and HOME programs. Under the CDBG program, funding is allocated for acquisition and rehabilitation for both affordable rental and transitional housing. Construction and rehabilitation of affordable multi-family or single-family housing units are funded activities under the HOME program within any of the six jurisdictions participating as HOME Consortium members.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City has a contractor to provide lead testing, risk assessment and remediation/abatement services. Their services will be used as needed. Lead safe work practices will be adhered to as applicable.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City plans to provide financial support to organizations which have a mission of assisting households in poverty, and providing them with the skills and opportunities that will allow them to become independent and self-sufficient. Funds have been allocated for public services which include Pre-K, after-school and summer educational opportunities for children and youth in LMI families to provide a solid foundation for high educational achievement which correlates with reduced poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City serves as the grantee and administrative agent for both the CDBG and HOME programs. The programs are housed within the Community Development Department and the day-to-day management is provided by the Community Development Coordinator who reports directly to the City Manager. City personnel provide support for administration of the program to include the Finance Department, Engineering Division, Public Works Department, Code Enforcement Division, and the Planning Department. The City's transition in early 2014 from a contract-staff managed program to full-time

internal personnel has helped build administrative capacity. 20% of CDBG funds and 10% of HOME funds are used to manage both programs.

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

The City will include the allocation of general fund, federal, and state funds to support the provision of services within the covered jurisdictions; as well as ongoing communication and consultation with housing and non-housing service providers, public housing authorities, other local jurisdictions, and public agencies. In the HOME program, the City will continue its partnership with Habitat for Humanity and with its CHDO, Northeast Alabama Community Development Corporation, in producing affordable housing units.

General fund monies to public service agencies is outsourced and managed by the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama; resulting in leveraging additional support for non-profits engaged in community work. Several public service providers are currently funded under the City's operating budget with general fund dollars; as well as through the CDBG program with federal dollars.

The City plans to continue providing funds to agencies engaged in public services within the program constraints. In order to ensure transparency, increase efficiency, and avoid the possibility of allocating two different sources of funding for the same purpose or expenses, the City will provide the Community Foundation with award information to include a summary of expenses covered under the CDBG program.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Planned activities covered under the one-year 2015 Annual Action Plan will cover the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.	75.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

   The 2015 HOME allocation in the amount of $312,043 (entitlement grant plus program income) is proposed to be used as follows:

   Administration & Planning/Program Delivery - $31,204

   CHDO Set-Aside - $46,806

   Acquisition of Property - $40,000

   Rehabiliation and Construction of Affordable Housing - $194,033

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

   The method of repayment will be recapture for all HOME activities. Homebuyers are income-eligible families and are required to live in the HOME assisted property as their principal residence for the duration of the applicable affordability period. The period of affordability is based upon the direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the unit. The period of affordability for a homebuyer is typically 20 years. All HOME program income used to provide direct assistance to the homebuyer is included when determining the period of affordability.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

   The period of affordability is based upon the direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the unit.

   If the homebuyer sells, transfers, exchanges, assigns, refinances or leases the HOME assisted property, the City will recapture the HOME funds. The recapture requirements are reflected in the written agreement, mortgage, and mortgage note. The recapture requirement is limited to the amount of net proceeds available from the sale of the HOME assisted property. In no instance will the amount of recapture exceed the amount of direct subsidy received by the homebuyer.

   Either a covenant attached to the land or a deed restriction will be placed on each property at the

time of purchase with HOME funds which will establish HUD-defined compliance period based on the amount of assistance and type of activity.

The City of Anniston through its Community Development Department may forgive the direct HOME subsidy at the pro-rata basis of 1/5th, 1/10th, or 1/15th per year to correlate with the affordability period.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

   There are no plans to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family housing.

Discussion

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

CDBG Public Hearing Minutes
June 3, 2015 at 4:01 p.m.
City of Anniston, City Hall

Attendees were informed the purpose of the hearing was for public comments and requests which allows the City to meet citizen participation requirements in the development of the City's one-year Action Plan. Additional citizen participation opportunities were noted and dates provided to attendees.

A summary of past performance was provided; along with a summary of eligible activities. Information on how the City plans to spend 2015 CDBG funds was distributed and reviewed with attendees. The citizen comment process was explained. Written comments are due by June 16 and written public service funding applications are due by June 17 at 4:00p.m. in the Community Development Department office. Funding applications were made available.

The City anticipates receiving approximately $517,802 in CDBG funds for program year 2015.

The floor was opened for citizen comments. Those desiring to make a statement were requested to identify themselves by name and, if applicable, the agency they represent.

Rita Flegel with The Right Place stated that she would like to see funds go toward affordable housing.

Susan Shipman with 2nd Chance agreed with Rita; stated that HUD funding is difficult to obtain.

Johnny Byrd with The Boys and Girls Club asked what evidence is used to determine how money is spent and how they can be used. Explanation was provided. Funds have been used for rehab, park improvements and housing, street reconstruction, etc.

Johnny Byrd asked who makes the decision as to where funds are spent. Renee' Baker stated that City of Anniston staff and the City Manager evaluate and put forth a recommendation for inclusion in the Community Development Block Grant. The recommendation goes to the City Council, who must approve the budget. It then goes to HUD for review and approval.

Ms. Baker explained there is a 20% cap for administration and planning/program delivery and a 15% cap for public services as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Nanette Mudian with St. Michael's Clinic asked if the funds are "set" for the Anniston area only. Ms. Baker explained that as long as the non-profit is physically located within the City of Anniston, they may serve persons outside the City limits that present to them for assistance.

With no further comments and discussion, the hearing adjourned.

HOME Public Hearing Minutes
June 3, 2015 at 4:15 p.m.
City of Anniston, City Hall

Attendees were informed the purpose of the hearing was for public comments and requests which allows the City to meet citizen participation requirements in the development of the one-year Action Plan. Additional citizen participation opportunities were noted and dates/times provided to attendees.

A summary of HOME past performance was provided for review; along with a summary of eligible activities under the HOME program.

It was explained that these are separate funds from the CDBG program that the City receives from HUD. The City is part of the Anniston/Calhoun County HOME Consortium which is made up of the City of Anniston, Hobson City, Calhoun County and the Cities of Jacksonville, Weaver, and Piedmont. The City of Anniston is the grantee and as the lead agency is responsible for program administration and delivery.

The City anticipates receiving approximately $292,043 in HOME funds for the 2015 program year.

The floor was opened for comments.

Rita Flegel with The Right Place stated that the funds can be used for rental assistance such as tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and would like to see the City fund this in the future.

Susan Shipman with 2nd Chance asked about the application process for HOME funds.

Explanation provided that this was a separate process from CDBG and a detailed written proposal for use of funds should be sent to the Community Development Department.

With no further comments and discussion, the hearing adjourned.