

**CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
PROGRAM**

**CALHOUN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM  
HOME PROGRAM**

**PY 2014 ACTION PLAN**

**Annual Action Plan  
2014**

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# Executive Summary

## 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 HOME Consortium, which is a participating jurisdiction under HUD's Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Funding under HOME is targeted to six jurisdictions – Anniston, Calhoun County (excluding Ohatchee and Oxford), Hobson City, Jacksonville, Piedmont and Weaver – to address affordable housing needs.

The information contained within this document comprises the City of Anniston's 2014 Action Plan for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Calhoun County HOME Program for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. 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 also 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

Five goals have been established within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. They are:

- Goal 1:** Provide decent and affordable housing and supportive services for LMI families
- Goal 2:** Provide decent and affordable housing and supportive services for populations with special needs
- Goal 3:** Provide decent and affordable housing and supportive services for homeless populations
- Goal 4:** Improve public facilities and/or infrastructure
- Goal 5:** Eliminate slums and blight

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

The City's annual performance under 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 (2012) are summarized below. A full copy of the CAPER can be viewed at [www.anniston.al.gov](http://www.anniston.al.gov).

#### **Funds Expended**

CDBG Funds Spent - \$226,395.20

HOME Funds Spent - \$834,679.90

**Total Expenditures - \$1,061,075.10**

9.62% of CDBG funds were expended for public services

78.72% of CDBG funds benefitted very low to moderate income persons

Total Units Assisted - 67 units

Total Persons Assisted – 6,632

### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

As the grantee for both CDBG and HOME, the City conducted a consolidated citizen participation process, which combined public hearings and agency consultation meetings, yet acknowledged the programs as separate and distinct. All required citizen participation activities were carried out in compliance with its approved Citizen Participation (CP) Plan, and all activities were conducted in compliance with timeframes set under federal program regulations.

### **5. Summary of public comments**

Three public hearings were convened to solicit public input and feedback from residents of the communities covered under HOME and CDBG. An Agency Consulting Meeting was also convened to obtain input from service providers. All comments were accepted and are summarized in the minutes prepared for each meeting (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 2014 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015), 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	\$528,169	98.1%
CDBG Program Income	\$ 10,000	1.9%
HOME Program	\$333,179	96.2%
HOME Program Income	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>03.8%</u>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$884,348</b>	<b>100%</b>

## The Process

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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		
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	ANNISTON	
HOPWA-C Administrator	ANNISTON	

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

The City of Anniston is the grantee and lead agency responsible for the management and implementation of the CDBG and HOME Programs. As 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 an 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 a Consolidated Annual Planning and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CDBG and HOME programs are administered within the City's Community Development Department and Community Development Coordinator is the primary staff person responsible for day-to-day program administration and oversight.

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

### **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(I))**

The City has used multiple strategies to enhance coordination between agencies, including the allocation of General Fund dollars, Federal grant dollars (CDBG and HOME), and state awarded dollars (ESG) to support the provision of services within the covered jurisdictions, as well 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 has maintained a strong and productive relationship with Habitat for Humanity and with its CHDO, Northeast Alabama CDC, in producing affordable housing units under CDBG (and under HOME in the coming year), steps have been taken to improve the working relationship between the City and another non-profit the Calhoun County CDC, with whom we expect to partner. In 2013, the City began partnering with the Community Foundation of East Alabama to manage the awarding of General Fund dollars to public service agencies. It is anticipated that this will result in leveraging additional support for non-profits engaged in community work. Several service providers are currently funded under the City's Operating Budget using General Funds, as well as the CDBG program using federal funds. The City intends to continue to fund agencies engaged in public services within 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 provide the Community Foundation with award information, including a summary of expenses covered under CDBG.

**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 Homeless Coalition of North East Alabama (HCNEA), the regional Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) for Calhoun County and its surrounding areas. Efforts to address the needs of the homeless include participation in CoC meetings, the allocation of General Fund dollars for homeless provider assistance, and the allocation of CDBG funding under the 15% public services cap to organizations meeting the housing and supportive services needs of homeless persons.

## **Outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

The City does not receive a direct federal allocation, but was awarded an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) grant in the amount of \$127,161 by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the period June 2012 through April of 2014. Services funded under the grant support CoC activities for the homeless including: Family Services Center (\$85,000) - Street outreach services, rapid re-housing services and assistance, and homeless prevention services and assistance Health Services Center (\$12,000) - Essential services (mental health & substance abuse) and shelter operations Community Enabler Developer (\$30,000) - Rent and utility assistance. As in the past, the City will also allocate a portion of its administration/planning and management funds under CDBG to HCNEA for the administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The City and CoC also work in cooperation with Jacksonville State University to develop performance standards, conduct point in time (PIT) homelessness counts and evaluate outcomes.

### **2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**What agencies did the City consult with (i.e. were any letters sent out?)**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOMELESS COALITION OF NORTHEAST ALABAMA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Anniston participates in the regional CoC. A letter soliciting feedback was also mailed.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Boys and Girls Clubs of East Central Alabama
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Boys and Girls Club participated and provided feedback during the agency consultation meeting and first public hearing.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PRE SCHOOL FRIENDS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Agency representatives participated in the first public hearing.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SALVATION ARMY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing and agency consultation meeting.

5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	2ND CHANCE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing and agency consultation meeting.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	INTERFAITH MINISTRIES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Anniston Soup Bowl
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing and agency consultation meeting.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ST. MICHAEL'S HEALTH CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing and agency consultation meeting.

9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Family Services Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The Right Place
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearings and agency consultation meeting.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jacksonville State Univ
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Higher Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided PIT data and c
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Foundation of Northeast AL
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Calhoun County Habitat for Humanity
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing and agency consultation meeting.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	United Way of East Central AL
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearing.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Anniston Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in public hearings and agency consultation meeting.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

Not Applicable

**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	HCNEA	Strategy to reduce/eliminate homelessness
Analysis of Impediments	East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission	Identification of fair housing education as an unmet need
Five-Year ConPlan 2008-2012	City of Anniston	Identification of unmet needs and goals for target area

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional):**

## **AP - 12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200©**

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

Citizen participation is a critical component of the CDBG and HOME programs with regard to determining community needs, goals, and priorities. All citizen participation activities were implemented in compliance with the City's approved Citizen Participation (CP) Plan, including advanced notice of public hearings and the convening of three public hearings. Efforts made to broaden citizen participation included setting public hearings at times and locations that were convenient to the public, posting all process information on the City of Anniston's publicly accessible website, and sharing all information with local jurisdictions, service providers and the housing authority for public posting in their facilities or on their websites. Notices of the availability of all documents in hard copy form were also posted for residents who do not have internet access or preferred to view a hard copy. Input and feedback obtained as a result of the listed CP activities were heavily weighed in combination with community data, feedback from service providers, and other input to establish the goals and priorities listed within this plan. The following information is applicable to both CDBG and HOME as a result of the consolidation of the two programs' citizen participation processes.

**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)
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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)
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 PY 2014 Action Plan was run in the Anniston Star on Sunday April 28, 2014. The ad provided notice of the public hearing, including date, time and location, the purpose of the hearing, notification of the 30 day comment period, and notification of the opportunity to apply for public service funding.			

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 Meetings	Non-targeted/broad community	Three public hearings were conducted. The first public hearing was held on Thursday May 28, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Anniston's Old Council Chambers Four attendees participated in the hearing. The second hearing occurred at the same time and location on July 23rd. Eleven individuals attended. The final public hearing was held by the Anniston City Council on August 11th. Seven individuals attended.	A summary of comments offered at each hearing is included in the attached Citizen Participation record.	Not applicable	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notices for all Public Hearings were placed on the City of Anniston's website, which is accessible by the general public.	Not applicable	Not applicable	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

**Expected Resources**

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

**Introduction**

Estimated funds available for PY 2013 total \$863,397 and include \$542,663 in CDBG funds and \$320,734 in HOME funds.

**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: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	528,169	10,000	0	538,169	CDBG funds represent the total amount awarded to the City of Anniston by HUD for PY 2014 plus \$10,000 in estimated program income
Other - HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing	333,179	13000	0	346,179	HOME funds represent the total amount awarded to the City of Anniston by HUD for PY 2014 plus \$13,000 in estimated program income
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**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**

There are no matching requirements for CDBG. However, CDBG funds are a major source of leverage for other community funding to address community needs. HOME has a 10% match requirement, which will be met on a cash or in-kind basis by the jurisdiction in which a HOME-funded project is implemented. In the City of Anniston, these funds will leverage housing rehabilitation activities funded under CDBG. CDBG funds will also leverage ESG funds awarded to the City of Anniston by ADECA for the provision of services to the homeless.

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

A portion of PY 2014 funds are allocated to improve public parks.

**Discussion**

All funds will be allocated and expended in alignment with the strategic goals of the five-year plan, priority needs and funding allocations under the Annual Action Plan.

## 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	Improve Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Anniston/Citywide	Public Facilities Improvement Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$210,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15000 Persons Assisted
2	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless	2013	2017	Homeless	Anniston/Citywide Consortium Wide	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public/Supportive Services	CDBG: \$43,602 HOME: \$50,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 399 Persons Assisted Housing for Homeless added: 2 Household Housing Unit
3	Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons	2013	2017	Affordable Housing	Anniston/Citywide Consortium Wide	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public/Supportive Services	CDBG: \$186,365 HOME: \$220,734	Homeowner Housing Added: 6 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs	2013	2017	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Anniston/Citywide Consortium Wide	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public/Supportive Services	CDBG: \$40,000 HOME: \$50,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 17 Household Housing Unit
5	Eliminate Slums & Blight	2013	2017		Anniston/Citywide	Eliminate Slums and Blight	CDBG: \$62,696	Buildings Demolished: 6 Buildings

Table 5 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Eliminate Slums & Blight
	Goal Description	

**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):**

It is estimated that approximately five owner occupied households will receive assistance under the Emergency Home Repair program for seniors and the disabled using unexpended prior year funds. No funding is allocated for housing using 2014 award.

Let's discuss this section

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The following projects and activities are planned for Year 1 (October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014)

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Program Administration
2	Boys & Girls Club of East AL
3	2nd Chance
4	St. Michael's Community Service Center
5	Pre School Friends
6	Children's Services, Inc.
7	Anniston Soup Bowl
8	The Right Place
9	Anniston Youth Employment Program
10	Salvation Army Women's Shelter
11	Slum & Blight Removal
12	Housing Rehab
13	Carver Park – Phase 2
14	Nettles Park
15	Street Improvements
16	HOME Program Administration
17	Affordable Housing Rehab and Construction
18	Acquisition
19	HMIS Management
20	CHDO Set-Aside

Table 7 – 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 within our approved Consolidated Plan and leveraging opportunities. They support the goals and objectives identified in the document. The maximum amount allowable for public services (15%) and program administration was allocated. The remaining amount was funneled directly into activities which improve and/or sustain quality of life. The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is limited financial resources.

## Projects

### AP-38 Project Summary

#### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide Consortium Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs Eliminate Slums & Blight
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public/Supportive Services Public Facilities Improvement Public Infrastructure Improvements Eliminate Slums and Blight Fair Housing Education/Outreach Acquisition
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$107,630 HOME: \$34,613
	<b>Description</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration of the Anniston CDBG Program and the Calhoun County HOME Consortium's HOME Program
	2	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Target Area</b>		Anniston/Citywide
<b>Goals Supported</b>		Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		Public/Supportive Services
<b>Funding</b>		CDBG: \$6,500
<b>Description</b>		Public Services
<b>Planned Activities</b>		Youth, Leadership, Education and Development (YLEAD) Program
3	<b>Project Name</b>	2nd Chance
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,500
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Domestic violence services for adults and children
4	<b>Project Name</b>	St. Michael's Community Service Center
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,500
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Basic health care for low income families
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Pre School Friends
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$3,500
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Pre-school educational and recreational activities
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Children's Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$4,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Counseling for children in state custody
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Anniston Soup Bowl
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Meals for LMI and homeless individuals
8	<b>Project Name</b>	The Right Place
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing and support services for low-income persons
9	<b>Project Name</b>	Youth Employment Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$23,225
	<b>Description</b>	Public Services
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Summer employment opportunities for youth
10	<b>Project Name</b>	Salvation Army Women's Shelter – Public Facility
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improve Public facilities/Public Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Roof replacement
11	<b>Project Name</b>	Carver Park Phase 2
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities Improvement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$48,500
	<b>Description</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Elevator replacement
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Slum & Blight Removal
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Eliminate Slums & Blight
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Eliminate Slums and Blight
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$110,000
	<b>Description</b>	Slum and Blight Removal
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Demolition of structures
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Nettles Park
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities Improvement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Housing Rehab
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Minor repairs and rehab of homes owned by LMI individuals
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehab
	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Housing Rehab
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Single and multi-family rehab, deferred loans, and emergency repair loans and grants
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Street Improvements

	<b>Target Area</b>	Anniston/Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities Improvement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$76,314
	<b>Description</b>	Street repaving
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Street repaving
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Affordable Housing Rehab and Construction
	<b>Target Area</b>	Consortium Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$219,637
	<b>Description</b>	Affordable housing rehab and construction
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Affordable housing rehab and construction
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Acquisition
	<b>Target Area</b>	Consortium Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Acquisition
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	Acquisition
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Acquisition of homes/properties for affordable housing rehab/construction
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO Set-Aside
	<b>Target Area</b>	Consortium Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Housing/Support Services - Homeless Affordable Housing/Support Services - LMI Persons Affordable Hsg/Support Services - Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing Development Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$48,110
	<b>Description</b>	Affordable housing rehab and development

<b>Planned Activities</b>	CHDO set-aside for affordable housing
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## **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**

CDBG funds will be directed on a citywide basis and HOME funds will be directed on a consortium wide basis. No funds will be directed based on concentrations of low-income or minority populations.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Anniston/Citywide	80
Consortium Wide	90

**Table 6 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Although areas exist throughout Anniston and the HOME communities where there are concentrations of minorities and low-income households, CDBG and HOME assistance will not be targeted to a specific geographic. CDBG funds will be targeted citywide, while HOME funds will be targeted to the six communities that comprise the HOME Consortium.

### **Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Planned efforts to impact the availability of affordable housing in PY 2014 include the rehab and development of affordable housing under HOME and housing rehab in Anniston under CDBG.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	2
Non-Homeless	15
Special-Needs	2
Total	19

Table 7 - 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	6
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	18

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type  
Discussion

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Four public housing authorities have been identified within the HOME Consortium area. They 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 will work with PHAs in their service area to make them aware of opportunities for homes that become available through rehabilitation activities and new home construction. Communication will also continue with the Anniston Housing Authority to explore how assistance may be provided to support its ongoing strategic planning efforts.

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

Efforts to encourage public housing residents will include the continued distribution of fair housing information as well as the distribution of information to residents regarding homeownership opportunities for affordable housing constructed or rehabilitated under CDBG or HOME.

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

Not applicable.

### **Discussion**

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

### **Introduction**

To address the issue of homelessness, the City actively participates in the regional CoC serving east 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**

Based on point-in-time data, the City is estimated to have a minimal number of homeless persons within the community. To assist in reducing and ending homelessness, the City has allocated \$5,000 toward HMIS to assess and meet the needs of homeless persons and connect them with needed services.

(Is the City not allocating funds for this in 2014)?

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The City's strategy for addressing homeless needs involves the use of service organizations located throughout the metropolitan area. This involves coordination with HCNEA, as well as other providers such as the Salvation Army. This coordination represents effective participation in the regional CoC which reaches out to the homeless and assesses their needs, helps low-income families avoid homelessness, addresses the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of the homeless, and helps the homeless and chronically homeless make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

#### **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 City will continue to participate in the regional CoC to ensure the coordination and availability of resources for homeless persons in Anniston when such a need arises. The need for permanent housing was identified as a critical need during the consolidated planning process. Funding was allocated for the development of two units which will come online in 2014 to meet the needs of special needs persons.

**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 homeless will be addressed through the City's continued participation in the CoC, as described above, and through continued support for affordable housing availability such as housing rehab assistance.

**Discussion**

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>
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:**

The 2013 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 on the City of Anniston's website at [www.anniston.al.gov](http://www.anniston.al.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**

According to the recently completed Analysis of Impediments, 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 development of new affordable housing under HOME, rehabilitation of affordable housing under CDBG and HOME, and education and 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**

Plans to meet underserved needs include the continued provision of funding for public service activities that focus on LMI families, youth and the homeless, and continued participation in the CoC.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Development and/or rehabilitation of affordable multi-family and single-family housing have been identified as priorities under both CDBG and HOME. Under CDBG, both single-family and multi-family rehabilitation have been identified as eligible activities within Anniston city limits. Funding will be used to support the City's existing housing programs – emergency home repair and deferred loan.

Under HOME, both construction and rehabilitation of affordable single-family or multi-family housing units are identified as eligible activities within any of the six jurisdictions participating as HOME Consortium members. The City also anticipates that it will process a request to certify a new CHDO serving Calhoun County. If approved, a second CHDO will begin operating in the program's geographic target area, in addition to the Northeast Community Development Center, the sole CHDO currently in operation.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

As an older community, lead-based paint hazards pose a serious threat in Anniston. This contention is supported by the fact that 75% of its housing stock was built before 1980. In May 2013, the City issued a request for professional services to competitively bid for a contractor to provide lead testing, risk assessment, and remediation/abatement services. Three proposals were submitted in response and a contractor was approved by City Council on June 26, 2013. This contractor will be used on an as needed basis to provide testing and assessment services for any housing rehabilitation projects involving structures built before 1978. This approach will serve to identify any risks involving lead-based paint to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to remediate hazards.

This City will maintain communication with the Calhoun County and Alabama Health Departments to stay abreast of any issues that emerge with regard to this issue. Lead safe work practices will also be adhered to as applicable. Due to the high expense of lead abatement activities and limited financial resources for such activities, projects that require extensive lead abatement work will not be eligible for assistance under CDBG or HOME.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City's primary effort to reduce the number of families in poverty will be to provide financial support to organizations which have a mission of assisting households in poverty and providing them with the skills and opportunities that can allow them to become self-sustaining. Funds 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 is correlated with reduced poverty. Funding is also allocated for a summer employment program for LMI youth residing in Anniston to provide them with the skills and training necessary for success in the workplace.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City serves as the grantee and administrative agent for both CDBG and HOME. The programs are housed within the Community Development Department and are primarily managed via contract-based program management consultants who report directly to the City Manager. City personnel also provide support for administration of the program including an administrative assistant, finance staff, and housing inspectors. The City is unique in that it is the only grantee in the state that does not use full-time personnel to administer its community development programs. The 20% CDBG administrative cap and the 10% HOME cap will be utilized to manage both programs.

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

The City will continue to use multiple strategies to enhance coordination between agencies. This will include the allocation of General Fund, Federal, and state dollars to support the provision of services within the covered jurisdictions, as well 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 maintains a strong and productive relationship with Habitat for Humanity and with its CHDO, Northeast Alabama CDC, in producing affordable housing units.

In the City's upcoming fiscal year (starting October 1st), the allocation of General Fund dollars to public service agencies will be outsourced to and managed by the Community Foundation of East Alabama. It is anticipated that this will result in leveraging additional support for non-profits engaged in community work. Several service providers are currently funded under the City's Operating Budget using General Funds, as well as the CDBG program using federal funds. The City intends to continue to fund agencies engaged in public services within 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 provide the Community Foundation with award information, including a summary of expenses covered under CDBG.

### **Discussion:**

## 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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%

**Discussion:**

Planned activities covered under the one-year 2014 Annual Action Plan will cover the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.