

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2022 - 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
(October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan contains a description of resources to be allocated for programmatic activities to address affordable housing and community development needs for low/moderate income families within the jurisdiction for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. As indicated throughout the plan, the limited resources of local non-profits and the private and public sector greatly impact the ability to address the unmet needs in the jurisdiction.

As a member of the Escambia Pensacola Consortium, the City works cooperatively with Escambia County to assist residents in attaining decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. The Plan identifies key community partners that contribute their expertise and assistance to the local jurisdiction to address the needs identified herein.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The major plan activities address the following needs: affordable housing opportunities for income eligible homeowners; needs to provide assistance for underserved populations; and opportunities and programs to support self-sufficiency. As evidenced throughout the plan, the need for affordable housing for extremely low, very low, and low/moderate income residents is a pressing issue for the jurisdiction. Housing needs are discussed in depth in Sections AP-20, AP-35, and AP-38.

Community development needs to support reinvestment in the City's redevelopment areas are discussed in Sections AP-20, AP-35, and AP-50. Concentrations of poverty are identified on the western jurisdictional boundary between the City and Escambia County. Coordinated efforts will be pursued to provide enhancements to these areas through housing rehabilitation, and public service activities with the goal of assisting these residents with attaining self-sufficiency.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Goals were assessed based upon an in depth review of the community's needs as presented in this plan. Specific activity selection was based upon an evaluation of the activity in meeting the needs of the community to address affordable housing and community development shortfalls. Support for the housing rehabilitation program was based upon a review and evaluation of the decades of experience the City has in managing and implementing this program with over 1,000 homeowners having successfully completed participation. Public service activities supported in the plan continue to provide much needed assistance to underserved populations within the city including elderly and/or special needs and low/moderate income residents.

The activities presented in the plan will be reviewed annually to determine the viability and success in addressing the needs of low/moderate income residents within the jurisdiction. These activities will be revised to address the changing needs of the community, within funding limitations.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizen participation was achieved through various methods. Local participation has been greatly expanded with the use of local government websites where access to all types of planning documents, budgets, compliance reports, and program implementation summaries are readily available for public. Public participation was requested through multiple public advertisements and press releases as well direct contact of housing agencies and neighborhood groups for participation in the public meetings. Upon receipt of the jurisdiction's allocation notice in mid-May, the proposed plan summary was advertised for a 30 day comment period. Through the process, citizen comments were incorporated where appropriate. No comments were rejected.

A public meeting was held on March 14, 2022 and a public hearing was held on June 21, 2022 where input from community organizations, nonprofits, and citizens was solicited for preparation of the City's Annual Action Plan. Additionally, City staff attended the public hearing held by Escambia County on April 14, 2022 relative to Consortium related funding.

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.

Public comments were accepted during the public meeting and public hearing. During the public meetings, service providers discussed the unmet needs in the community and the need for continued financial support. Proposed activities for the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan were presented at a public hearing. During the public hearing, general group discussion occurred regarding the proposed activities. Attendees expressed support for the proposed activities. A summary of public comments received during the public participation periods is available in Section PR-15.

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

Comments received through the public participation process were considered in the preparation of the Plan. No comments were rejected.

7. Summary

Outreach efforts and citizen input details are provided in the "Citizen Participation Comments" attachment.

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

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

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
CDBG Administrator	PENSACOLA	Housing Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Pensacola Housing Department serves as the administrator for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation.

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

1. Introduction

Formal outreach and consultation for the Annual Plan began in March 2022 and was achieved through a variety of strategies, including public meetings, outreach to other City Departments, as well as one-on-one meetings. Efforts were made to contact appropriate parties for input. Local service providers, nonprofits, and citizens attended the public meetings. Several public meetings were held in relation to the development of the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan.

A public meeting was held March 14, 2022 and a public hearing was held June 21, 2022, where input from community organizations, nonprofits, and citizens was solicited for preparation of the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan. Citizen participation was achieved through various methods. The plan was advertised for 30 days in its final draft version for public review and comment. Through the process, citizen comments were incorporated where appropriate. No comments were rejected.

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 endeavored to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private government service agencies. The Housing Department has developed long-standing relationships with the other local public housing agency, Area Housing Commission, as well as other departments within the city and governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community organizations, and community interest groups. Continuum of Care (COC) membership includes public and assisted housing providers, mental health providers, private and public health providers, and other service agencies. The housing and infrastructure needs of the City outstrip the local government resources, which necessitates a cooperative process to leverage limited funds to maximize the benefits for the entire area. The City coordinates outreach efforts to housing providers and service agencies with the Consortium lead, Escambia County, to address needs within the jurisdiction.

A comprehensive list of agencies, organizations, and groups consulted during the preparation of the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan is presented in section PR-10, Table 2.

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.

Opening Doors Northwest Florida, Inc. (Opening Doors), the Continuum of Care lead, was consulted throughout the planning process. The City Housing office has a current partnership and contract with Opening Doors to receive referrals for its Emergency Housing Voucher allocation as received through

the American Rescue Plan Act targeted to households that are homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee violence, or have high risk of housing instability. Program check-in has occurred weekly in administration of this program since execution of contract in late 2021.

In 2021 as the need for assistance grew through-out the pandemic, the Continuum of Care initiated the Homeless Reduction Task Force of Northwest Florida with specific goals of reducing homelessness in a two-county area. The City Housing Director and Assistant Housing Director co-chair the Housing Subcommittee on the Task Force, which meets on a monthly basis and is actively exploring gaps in homeless housing and housing programs. The City also committed \$3 million of its Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) specifically for homeless agency support. City staff worked closely with the Continuum of Care and other homeless service providers through the fall of 2021 and early 2022 to address relocation of households encamped on public property into alternate housing.

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

Neither the City nor the County are a direct recipient of ESG funds. The City Housing Director has served as a board member for Opening Doors Northwest Florida, Inc., the lead agency for the Continuum of Care, for the past 10 years where the allocation of ESG funds received from the State are discussed and reviewed. The Opening Doors Board provides input on performance standards and evaluates outcomes of program expenditures and contributes to the development of policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS.

The City has required homeless agencies that receive SLFRF funding to participate in HMIS in order to assist in tracking and evaluation of these projects.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	FL-511 Opening Doors of NW FL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis 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?	Direct outreach was made to the Executive Director regarding the Annual Plan process. The Housing Director has served on this agency's Board and routinely discusses the unmet needs of the homeless in the area with the Executive Director.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Area Housing Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Agency representative present at the March public meeting. The City Housing Director routinely consults with the Executive Director of the Area Housing Commission regarding housing needs in the community.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	COUNCIL ON AGING OF WEST FLORIDA, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	A representative from this agency attended the March public meeting. The City has a long standing partnership with this not for profit which provides food, case management, and other services to underserved populations in the jurisdiction.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	A representative from this agency attended the March public meeting. The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet needs of residents.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	ESCAMBIA COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City attended the public hearing held by the County on April 14 regarding the County's Annual Planning process, which includes HOME Consortium funds. The City and County jointly participate in the State SHIP program and worked together to update their 3 year Local Housing Assistance Plan this year related to affordable housing strategies and needs.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Escambia County Housing Finance Authority</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Regional organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet affordable housing needs of residents, particularly in relation to multi-family development and financing as well as homeownership strategies. Staff from this organization participates on the Homeless Task Force Housing Subcommittee.</p>

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Legal Services of North Florida
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Representatives from this agency attended the March and June public meetings. The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet needs of residents.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Lutheran Services Florida Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	A representative from this agency attended the March public meeting. The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet needs of residents.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Pensacola Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis 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?	Representatives from this agency attended the March and June public meetings. The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet needs of residents. Staff from Habitat serves on the joint City/County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	AMR AT PENSACOLA, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this housing provider to address the unmet needs of residents.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	CIRCLE, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this housing provider to address the unmet needs of residents. A representative of this agency attended the June public hearing.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Enterprise Investments, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this housing provider to address the unmet needs of residents.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Action Program Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this provider to address the unmet needs of residents. City staff participated in the "(Un)Affordable Housing Workshop" roundtable hosted by Agency on December 10, 2021.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of West Florida
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet needs of residents. United Way staff participate in the Homeless Task Force. Monthly data provided from United Way from 211 calls is useful in tracking citizen requests/needs.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Lakeview Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address the unmet needs of residents. Lakeview Staff serve on the area Homeless Task Force
16	Agency/Group/Organization	JUST Pensacola
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Civic Leaders Faith Based Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy 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?	Housing Director, Assistant Housing Director, and City Council members have participated in interviews/research sessions concerning affordable housing with this not for profit faith based advocacy group since early 2022. City staff and elected officials participated in Nehemiah action on May 2, 2022 where City leaders were asked to work toward addressing the deficit of affordable rental units and continue working collaboratively.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Escambia Human Relations Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	The City participates in ongoing coordination with this agency to address fair housing and equal employment opportunity needs of area residents. City Council appoints members to serve on this commission with members also appointed by Escambia County.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City Housing Department administers the HUD-VASH program in cooperation with the Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System. The Housing Department Director and staff routinely coordinate with the VA to address the needs of homeless veterans in the community.

19	Agency/Group/Organization	Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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?	City participates in ongoing coordination with this provider to address unmet needs of residents. Staff from this agency participated in the City's Affordable Housing Task Force providing recommendations to City Council and the Mayor. A representative from this agency attended the June public hearing.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Baptist Health Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Business and Civic Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As Baptist Health Care has moved forward with the relocation of its main campus from Moreno Street near downtown to a site off I-110, Hospital staff have met regularly with City staff regarding the future use of the old campus and its impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Redevelopment plans proposed by the hospital in May 2022 include the City's purchase of park space as well as restoration of street grid infrastructure, inclusion of Baptist supported health care for the area, as well as creation of affordable housing units by private developers.

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

Outreach was made to all neighborhood groups in the City of Pensacola via email, which includes neighborhoods in CDBG eligible low/mod areas. Several neighborhood representatives attended the March 14, 2022 meeting, but some neighborhood groups did not provide a formal response. The City

made outreach efforts to housing providers and service agencies to receive feedback regarding needs within the jurisdiction. Members of these organizations were invited to all public meetings and hearings.

Public meetings/hearings were advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal*, but additional outreach was made through the use of direct emails to service providers, publication on the City's website and meeting calendars, as well as City press releases and social media in efforts to provide the broadest opportunities for consultation.

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	Opening Doors Northwest Florida, Inc.	The Plan strives to match HUD and CoC strategic planning efforts as it relates to collaboration and implementation of strategies to address housing for area homeless.
Eastside Neighborhood Plan	City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board and staff	Priority issues identified and addressed in this local plan as well as the Strategic Plan, including Housing, Public Services, Public Improvements and Infrastructure, and Public Facilities.
Westside Community Redevelopment Plan	City CRA Board and staff	Priority issues identified and addressed in this local plan as well as the Strategic Plan, including Housing, Public Services, Public Improvements and Infrastructure, and Public Facilities.
Urban Core Community Redevelopment Plan	City CRA Board and staff	Priority issues identified and addressed in this local plan as well as the Strategic Plan, including Housing, Public Services, Public Improvements and Infrastructure, and Public Facilities.
Urban Infill and Redevelopment Area Plan	City CRA Board and staff	Priority issues identified and addressed in this local plan as well as the Strategic Plan, including Housing, Public Services, Public Improvements and Infrastructure, and Public Facilities.
SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan	Escambia County	Provision of safe, decent, and affordable homeownership and rental housing opportunities.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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 was achieved through various methods. Several public hearings were held in relation to the development of the 2022/23 Annual Action Plan. The plan was advertised for 32 days in its final draft version for public review. Through the process, citizens comments were incorporated where received and appropriate. No comments were rejected.

To launch the public participation process and gather public input, a public hearing was held March 14, 2022 where input from various community organizations, non-profits, and citizens were solicited for preparation of the Annual Action Plan. A public hearing was held on June 21, 2022 where the 2022/23 Annual Action Plan was presented and public comment was also solicited at that time.

Local participation has been greatly expanded with the use of local government websites where access to various planning documents, budgets, compliance reports, and program implementation summaries are all readily available for public review.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	March 7, 2022 publication in Pensacola News Journal noticing public planning process and advising of first public hearing.	No comments received.	None.	

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	Email	Non-targeted/broad community	March 7, 2022 email dispersed to subscribers of City of Pensacola general press releases	No comments received	None	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	March 7, 2022 City of Pensacola Press Release regarding Annual Plan public planning process and advising of first public hearing	No comments received	None	
4	Email	Minorities Non-targeted/broad community Neighborhood Leaders	March 8, 2022 Email to CNAPP advising of Annual Plan public planning process and advising of first public meeting	No comments received	None	

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)
5	Email	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	March 9, 2022 Email to local housing and community development partners advising of Annual Plan public planning process and advising of first public meeting	No comments received	None	
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	March 9, 2022 web posting on City of Pensacola Housing website advising of Annual Plan public planning process and advising of first public meeting	No comments received	None	

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)
7	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>March 14, 2022 Public Hearing with was attended by members of homeless agencies, affordable housing developers, public housing authority agency, local neighborhood representatives, and other non-profits that serve low income households</p>	<p>Minutes attached. Comments included questions regarding prior use of funds; status of repair program wait list; eligibility criteria and terms for repair programs; whether CDBG funds could be used for infrastructure projects; tax credit programs; and questions about the City's participation in the HOME consortium and use of funds.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted</p>	

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)
8	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	May 29, 2022 publication in Pensacola News Journal noticing public hearing scheduled for June 21, 2022 and providing summary of proposed CDBG activities and budgets	No comments received	N/A	
9	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	June 6, 2022 City of Pensacola Housing Website posting of 2nd public hearing notice and draft Annual Action Plan	No comments received	None	
10	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	June 14, 2022 City of Pensacola Press Release regarding Annual Plan public planning process and advising of first public hearing	No comments received	None	

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)
11	Email	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	June 20, 2022 Email to local housing and community development partners advising of draft Annual Plan availability and advising of second public meeting and public comment period	No comments received	None	

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)
12	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	June 21, 2022 public hearing to present proposed 2022/23 activities and budgets.	Minutes attached. Comments included observation about overall need for additional funding in community; questions regarding projected number of homebuyer units to be produced; partnerships with not for profits for administration of rehab programs; need for more targeted support/preferences for persons with disabilities in various programs	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources will be utilized to accomplish long range local affordable housing and community development activities for the period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. For the planning period, funding will be used to support housing, community development, and public service activities within the City to include the following: Housing Rehabilitation for owner-occupied single-family structures; Homebuyer Assistance; Public Service activities including nutritional meal programs and Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention education classes; and grant administration and program management. CDBG program income as noted below is estimated at this time.

Long term funding allocations under HOME and SHIP will continue to be coordinated with Escambia County, the Consortium lead, to assure the maximum benefit within the community as a result of the limited resources made available to support eligible activities from all public, private and non-profit resources.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	764,826	85,000	122,061	971,887	1,544,664	Funds will be used to support community development and housing objectives

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

While no match is required under the CDBG program, when appropriate, CDBG funds will be used as leverage in conjunction with City general fund allocations, local option sales tax funds, and other grant resources to complete community development activities, address housing needs, and provide services to meet the needs of City residents.

State funds received as an allocation from Florida Housing Finance Corporation's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program are used by the Consortium as match for the HOME Investment Partnership Program allocation as administered by Escambia County.

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

Through an Interlocal Agreement in support of an urban infill program administered by the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, the jurisdiction has conveyed city owned vacant residential parcels for redevelopment and ultimately sale to an income eligible buyer. The Housing Department and the City Community Redevelopment Agency are currently partnering together on City owned properties for development of affordable housing units under the Attainable Housing Program. Outreach has been made to Escambia County regarding use of County owned properties within the City limits for affordable housing development.

The City continues to explore opportunities for public-private partnerships and partnerships with area affordable housing providers to address the needs for community development and affordable housing in the jurisdiction.

Discussion

The City, as a member of the Consortium, supports the Consortium's major plan priorities to include the following: rehabilitation of homeowner occupied substandard housing for families with incomes between 0-80% of the local median; promote new construction, homebuyer assistance, and acquisition/rehabilitation activities to support affordable homeownership for families with incomes primarily between 50-80% of median; expand below market rate and subsidized rental assistance for families with incomes between 0-50% of median through acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of units; enhance the availability of rental assistance for very low income families; support development of housing for underserved populations in the community; support reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods; and undertake a variety of targeted public infrastructure, public service, and community development activities primarily for the benefit of lower income residents.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Income eligible Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$446,698	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
2	Housing Rehabilitation Temporary Relocation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Income eligible Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$7,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit
3	Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Income eligible Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$150,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 7 Households Assisted
4	Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Westside Redevelopment Plan Eastside Redevelopment Plan Urban Core Redevelopment Area	Public Facilities and Improvements Economic Development	CDBG: \$100,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500

					Community Redevelopment Plan 2010 Income eligible Citywide			Persons Assisted
5	Nutritional Meal Programs	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Income eligible Citywide	Public Service	CDBG: \$70,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 740 Persons Assisted
6	Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Classes	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Income eligible Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$44,724	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted
7	Grant Administration and Management	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Income eligible Citywide	Affordable Housing Public Service Public Facilities and Improvements Economic Development	CDBG: \$152,965	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	<p>Development of sustainable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment for families at 80% or less of area median income to include rehabilitation of owner-occupied structures providing structural modifications and the removal of architectural barriers to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities; provide for the evaluation and control of lead based paint hazards for houses constructed prior to 1978; provide for private sewer lateral upgrades; and provide for administrative costs of these programs and other related housing rehabilitation/repair activities.</p> <p>Funding includes \$239,637 (2022 allocation); \$85,000 (estimated program income); and \$122,061 (2017 Rehab Activity Allocation balance).</p>
2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation Temporary Relocation
	Goal Description	Provide funds for temporary relocation for families whose dwellings are being rehabilitated through the jurisdiction's residential rehabilitation program.
3	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Funds will provide for down payment/closing cost/principal mortgage reduction assistance through deferred payment loans, low interest loans, or a combination thereof, to enable low/moderate income homebuyers to purchase an affordable home.
4	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	Funds to support neighborhood improvement projects within CDBG eligible neighborhoods or in direct support of affordable housing development. Projects may include activities that address the removal of slum and blighted conditions associated with vacant or abandoned properties; street rehabilitation/reconstruction including the installation of accessible curb cuts and related improvements; sidewalk construction; sanitary sewer and/or stormwater drainage improvements; park improvements; community centers; and street lighting.
5	Goal Name	Nutritional Meal Programs
	Goal Description	Direct service to provide meals to low- and moderate-income elderly and/or special needs residents.

6	Goal Name	Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Classes
	Goal Description	Provide pre-purchase and foreclosure prevention education classes to prepare residents for homeownership and provide guidance to avoid foreclosure and retain ownership of their homes.
7	Goal Name	Grant Administration and Management
	Goal Description	Provide grant oversight to ensure compliance with the program guidelines. Activities encompass developing and submitting plans and program budgets, project management and compliance tracking, financial management of grant funds, compiling data to comply with annual reporting and grant monitoring requirements.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources will be utilized to accomplish long range local affordable housing and community development activities for the period October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. The funding will be used to support community development and public service activities within the City to include the following: Housing Rehabilitation for owner-occupied single-family structures; Temporary Relocation to support housing rehabilitation programs; Public Service activities including funding to support nutritional service programs and legal services; Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Education Program; and grant administration and program management.

Long term funding allocations will continue to be coordinated with Escambia County, the Consortium lead, to assure the maximum benefit within the community because of the limited resources made available to support eligible activities from all public, private, and non-profit resources.

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Housing Rehabilitation Temporary Relocation
3	Homebuyer Assistance Program
4	Neighborhood Improvement Projects
5	Nutritional Meal Program
6	Homebuyer & Foreclosure Prevention Education Classes
7	Grant Administration & Management

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The majority of assistance available under this plan will be targeted toward low-income households across the jurisdiction. The need for housing rehabilitation is identified as a strategy in the various City community redevelopment plans. While there has been a resurgence of housing construction in the urban core of the City, there continues to be a need for housing rehabilitation as evidenced by ongoing requests for repair assistance. Due to the age of the existing housing stock within the downtown area and in the adjoining neighborhoods, households with multiple housing problems are scattered throughout these areas. While there may not be a concentration of units in any one area of the City, units requiring some form of repair or rehabilitation can be identified in most neighborhoods throughout the City. Construction costs have continued to escalate since the pandemic and have made routine improvements out of reach for low and moderate income households. Public Services are planned to assist income eligible residents with homeownership and foreclosure prevention education, legal issues, and nutritional meal services for elderly and special needs residents throughout the jurisdiction. The pandemic has increased the need for these services for at risk populations. In light of

the pandemic and continued needs of underserved populations in the jurisdiction, the need out paces the available funding.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$446,698
	Description	Funding for the CDBG owner occupied residential rehabilitation program and related activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2029
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 8 households with incomes at or below 80% of area median income located throughout the jurisdiction.
	Location Description	Jurisdiction wide
Planned Activities	Funds to rehabilitate owner-occupied houses; to provide for structural modifications or the removal of architectural barriers to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities; to provide for the federally mandated evaluation and control of lead-based paint hazards for projects with a house constructed prior to 1978; and to provide for administrative costs of these programs and other housing related rehabilitation/repair activities. Assistance provided through deferred payment grants/deferred payment loans/low interest loans, or a combination thereof.	
2	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Temporary Relocation
	Target Area	Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Temporary Relocation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500
	Description	Provides temporary relocation for families whose dwellings are being rehabilitated through the jurisdiction's rehabilitation programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2029

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3 households with income at or below 80% of area median income located throughout the jurisdiction.
	Location Description	Jurisdiction wide.
	Planned Activities	Funds support temporary relocation for families whose dwelling units are being rehabilitated through the City’s CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and HOME Reconstruction Program.
3	Project Name	Homebuyer Assistance Program
	Target Area	Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Funds will provide for down payment/closing cost/principal mortgage reduction assistance through deferred payment loans, low interest loans, or a combination thereof, to enable low/moderate income homebuyers to purchase an affordable home.
	Target Date	9/30/2029
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 7 homebuyers at or below 80% area median income
	Location Description	Jurisdiction wide.
	Planned Activities	Funds will provide for down payment/closing cost/principal mortgage reduction (gap financing) assistance through deferred payment loans, low interest loans, or a combination thereof, to enable low/moderate income homebuyers to purchase an affordable home within the City of Pensacola limits. In accordance with CDBG regulations, CDBG may only provide up to 50% of the down payment.
	Project Name	Neighborhood Improvement Projects

4	Target Area	Westside Redevelopment Plan Eastside Redevelopment Plan Urban Core Redevelopment Area Community Redevelopment Plan 2010 Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Funds to support neighborhood improvement projects within CDBG eligible neighborhoods or in direct support of affordable housing development.
	Target Date	9/30/2029
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 low/mod persons
	Location Description	Neighborhoods within CDBG eligible low/mod census tracts. Projects located in CRAs or projects in direct support of affordable housing may be given priority.
Planned Activities	Projects may include activities that address the removal of slum and blighted conditions associated with vacant or abandoned properties; street rehabilitation/reconstruction including the installation of accessible curb cuts and related improvements; sidewalk construction; sanitary sewer and/or stormwater drainage improvements; park improvements; community centers; and street lighting.	
5	Project Name	Nutritional Meal Program
	Target Area	Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Nutritional Meal Programs
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	Direct services to provide meals to low- and moderate-income elderly and/or special needs residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activity will benefit 740 elderly or disabled low/moderate income residents in the community.
	Location Description	Jurisdiction wide
	Planned Activities	Funds will provide nutritional services to elderly and/or disabled residents in the jurisdiction through the Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Site programs.
6	Project Name	Homebuyer & Foreclosure Prevention Education Classes
	Target Area	Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention Classes
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$44,724
	Description	Provide pre-purchase and foreclosure prevention education classes to prepare residents for homeownership and provide guidance to avoid foreclosure and retain ownership of their homes.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 low/moderate income persons assisted
	Location Description	Jurisdiction wide
	Planned Activities	Pre-purchase homeownership education, guidance, and support classes. Assist City residents with a goal of owning their own home and provide foreclosure prevention education and assistance to assist residents avoid foreclosure and retain homeownership.
7	Project Name	Grant Administration & Management
	Target Area	Income eligible Citywide
	Goals Supported	Grant Administration and Management

Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Public Service Public Facilities and Improvements Economic Development
Funding	CDBG: \$152,965
Description	Provide funding to ensure proper fiscal and programmatic management of the various activities undertaken with grant funds. Includes personnel services and operational expenses.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A. Funding provided for staff support for CDBG grant administration. Approximately 22,260 residents in the City limits meet the criteria of low/mod income.
Location Description	Jurisdiction wide.
Planned Activities	Funds to administer the program to include personnel services and operating expenses.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Assistance under this Annual Plan will be directed toward income eligible households jurisdiction wide regardless of geography.

Concentrations of minority families and areas of poverty are found along the western boundary of the jurisdiction. Many of these census tracts have poverty rates exceeding 20%.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Westside Redevelopment Plan	
Eastside Redevelopment Plan	
Urban Core Redevelopment Area	
Community Redevelopment Plan 2010	
Income eligible Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The majority of assistance available under this plan will be targeted toward low-income households across the jurisdiction. The need for housing rehabilitation is identified as a strategy in the various community redevelopment plans. Most of the community redevelopment areas have been determined to be affected by slum/blight. While there has been a resurgence of housing construction in the urban core of the City, there continues to be a need for housing rehabilitation. Due to the age of the existing housing stock within the downtown area and in the adjoining neighborhoods, households with multiple housing problems are scattered throughout these areas. While there may not be a concentration of units in any one area of the City, units requiring some form of repair or rehabilitation can be identified in most neighborhoods throughout the City. Housing rehabilitation supports the goal of community redevelopment jurisdiction wide. Public Services are planned to assist income eligible residents with homeownership and foreclosure prevention education and nutritional services for elderly and special needs residents provided by Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc. throughout the jurisdiction. Homebuyer assistance will be available City-wide, where home purchase costs average higher than the unincorporated Escambia County.

Discussion

While a specific geographic area is not prioritized within this plan, the City has identified several neighborhoods in need of revitalization to include the Urban Core, Eastside, and Westside neighborhoods. To support, enhance, and leverage ongoing revitalization efforts in those areas, the

City's Annual Action Plan allocates resources to these designated areas. Additionally, resources will be used to support public service activities for income eligible residents of the City.

As a member of the Escambia Consortium and to leverage funding community wide, it is anticipated that activities may be completed in cooperation with Escambia County. It should be noted that needs in the identified areas far outpace the available and projected funding resources.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

During 2020, the city convened an Affordable Housing Task Force consisting of 13 subject matter experts. In September 2020, City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Task Force Report which presented six recommendations and action steps to be implemented to address the need for affordable housing in the community. The task force identified the following three pillars: equity, accessibility, and affordability, as the foundation for the task force's goals. The city is in the process of implementing the recommendations and action steps.

As joint recipients of State of Florida State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funding, the City and County jointly appoint members to a housing advisory committee, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). One task of the committee is to review public policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, plans, and other activities for barriers to affordable housing on an annual basis. The City has implemented several strategies over the years, such as expedited permitting for affordable housing, ongoing review of the impact of public policy on affordable housing, allowance of accessory dwelling units in residential districts, and inventory of public lands available for affordable housing.

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

During 2021, the committee reviewed each jurisdiction's public policy and presented a report to both jurisdictions of recommended revisions. The report was last presented to both jurisdictions in December 2021. Recommendations from the 2021 AHAC Review suggested that the City consider tiered permitting costs based on project affordability; that the County provide surplus properties it owns within the City limits to the City for affordable housing development; that the City explore implementation of linkage fees/developer impact fees; updating of city lien release policy; and exploration of affordable housing waivers relative to construction within the Community Redevelopment Area Urban Design Overlay District. In early 2022, the CRA made some revisions to its Urban Design Overlay District Standards such as reducing glazing requirements which translates to reduced construction costs as well as an abbreviated modification/appeal review process. A CRA TIF rebate incentive was made available in 2022 for projects that set aside a minimum of 10% of its units for affordable housing; rebate amounts are based on the amount of units set aside for affordable housing. There are no planned actions currently to address any additional public policy barriers.

As part of its annual review, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will review public policy

barriers and make recommendations to the City Council by December 2022.

Discussion

City Council adopted the most recent Affordable Housing Incentive Plan Review Report December 2021. The AHAC will be reviewing public policies during 2022.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City proposes to undertake activities identified in this plan to address the needs of low/moderate income residents within the jurisdiction. This will be accomplished through continued cooperation with the Consortium lead agency to leverage the limited resources necessary to provide affordable housing, support suitable living environments, and provide economic opportunities throughout the jurisdiction.

To support reinvestment in the City and its many varied neighborhoods including the urban core and adjoining neighborhoods and other income qualifying areas, revitalization of distressed neighborhoods will be a priority through a host of projects that have been proposed within the associated redevelopment plans for these neighborhoods and will be supported through this plan where eligible.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle in meeting underserved needs is the lack of sufficient private and public funding. The City will continue to partner with other local jurisdictions, its own internal departments, and various local agencies to address the jurisdiction's needs and leverage resources. The City is continuing to research additional funding to provide for underserved needs.

The City is utilizing one-third of its allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for housing programs and services, with \$3 million allocated to homeless projects and \$2 million allocated to general housing programs. The funding is intended to support housing stability for homeless and income eligible populations. One challenge with this federal funding has been the lack of capacity of agencies to provide increased services and/or meet required compliance reporting. City staff have provided technical assistance to agencies as well as partner with more experienced agencies to provide mentoring and training to smaller, less experienced organizations.

Meal programs (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining sites) as provided by the Council on Aging of West Florida with CDBG funds will continue to provide nutritional food for elderly and disabled residents who may otherwise lack resources to obtain food, including transportation barriers to obtain those meals.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As described in the Consolidated Plan, the level of housing need and associated housing problems is inverse to family income. Rising housing costs in the area are making affordable housing difficult to obtain both for renters and homebuyers. For renters, the shortage of available affordable units is a clear obstacle. In December 2021, with Pensacola rentals showing a 96.7% occupancy rate, RentCafe ranked the Pensacola rental market as extremely competitive, ranking at number 11 nationwide. For homebuyers, the median home price in the area has risen over \$100,000 since 2019. Buyers on a fixed income require larger subsidies in order to fill the gap between the sales price of the home and an

affordable mortgage payment.

HOMEBUYERS: The City has implemented a homebuyer program utilizing ARPA in addition to existing grant resources to support homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families in the community which will address the larger financing gap needed by affordable buyers. The intent of leveraging the limited available funds is to meet the needs of the community, especially given the rapidly increasing construction and home purchase costs. The Housing Department has been working with the City CRA to create an Attainable Infill Housing Program, which is anticipated to assist income eligible homebuyers using City owned parcels over the next year. Homebuyer assistance will also be offered under CDBG in order to provide sorely needed gap financing for buyers to be able to afford a modest home within the City limits.

OWNER OCCUPANTS: Housing rehabilitation will continue to be of primary importance to sustain homeownership, preserve existing affordable housing inventory, and assure families are living in suitable conditions. ARPA funding will be utilized in addition to regular HUD funding to address the City's rehabilitation waiting list. CDBG-CV funding will continue to be provided by the City to assist COVID impacted homeowners with mortgage and utility assistance arrears to keep families in their homes.

RENTALS: As a Public Housing Authority administering the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, the City Housing office modified its HCV Administrative Plan in February 2022 to permit leases in special housing types such as shared housing, single room occupancy units, group homes, and congregate housing to provide for additional housing options for voucher holders given the short supply of available rental units in the area. We will continue to monitor the leasing activity of these special housing types.

The City will continue to support the preservation and development of affordable housing, particularly rental units, with Escambia County, the Consortium lead, and other area partners such as the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All HUD funded housing rehabilitation and acquisition projects where the home was constructed before 1978 follow HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule guidance. Lead-based paint (LBP) hazards, if present, are addressed through the rehabilitation process through repair or interim controls or abatement depending on the amount of funding assistance targeted for the unit. The EPA Fact Sheet and EPA publication, *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*, are provided to occupants to educate about LBP hazards.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders are encouraged to look for units in good repair which

diminishes the potential for exposure to lead based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The plan supports public service programs which provide residents with tools to help themselves improve their financial stability and should assist in reducing poverty level families. Credit and financial literacy classes and homeowner education for prospective homebuyers are programs that are currently in place. The educational classes coupled with Homebuyer subsidies will offer families an opportunity to begin building financial security and offer residents a “step up” out of poverty as well as build wealth and skills so that residents can remove themselves from the debt cycle that plagues many low-income families. Workshops are planned to provide targeted community outreach and education to buyers that traditionally may not have access to homebuying opportunities in relation to its Attainable Infill Housing program.

Legal Services Support under CDBG-CV will provide landlord-tenant counseling, foreclosure representation, and other legal aid that will remove barriers so families may obtain/maintain ownership of their properties, prevent evictions and potential homelessness, and access their property as an asset to obtain home improvements loans.

The City received 35 vouchers under the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program, which is being administered with Opening Doors Northwest Florida. Opening Doors provides case management for the applicant and the program provides assistance with acquiring essential household items, supportive services, and deposits as needed. Both agencies will continue to provide support for homeless applicants under the program as lease up continues. The City ARPA SLFRF for homelessness is providing supportive services as well as providing housing support.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The organizations identified in the plan reflect a strong community commitment to addressing the unmet needs of low/moderate income families and the underserved population in the area. Both the volunteer and paid staff provide a valuable resource for the community. The limited financial resources available do not come close to meeting the multitude of housing and community development needs identified in the plan. City staff will continue to serve on the Homeless Reduction Task Force to help advance agency coordination and cooperation for homeless services. The City will continue to coordinate efforts through area partners, the Consortium, and the Continuum of Care (COC) to identify opportunities to leverage funding from both the public and private sectors to expand the capacity of available resources and service delivery models.

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

service agencies

The City will continue to engage in community discussions which are leading to the development of outcome based goals promoting long term solutions. Activities in this plan are successful due to collaboration with public and private housing and social service agencies. The local agencies tasked with providing social services continue to be underfunded and struggle to meet the growing demand for services and assistance. The City will continue to coordinate efforts through the Consortium and the CoC to identify opportunities to leverage funding from both the public and private sectors to expand the capacity of available resources and service delivery models. The City as a PHA and Opening Doors have committed to participation in a HUD sponsored Advancing Equity Community of Practice to review data/processes in place that establish housing inequality and produce an action plan at the end of the period to improve those systems for the betterment of clients.

The City, as a member of the Consortium, supports the continued delivery of training and technical assistance for local not for profits and other interested agencies to assist with developing capacity. City staff are actively engaged in the year old Homeless Reduction Task Force of Northwest Florida, which has representation from various public and private housing and social service agencies and seeks to improve coordination among these various entities specific to homeless service providers.

Discussion

The intent is to leverage the limited available funds to meet the needs of the community. Planned activities are based on the funding available to meet priorities as identified in the Consolidated Plan. Needs assessments are ongoing based on new funding opportunities and changing community priorities. The city plans to continue working through the established Consolidated Plan priorities through the new planning period. Continued coordination and any newly identified opportunities to address needs will be incorporated within future annual plans, when eligible and affordable.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

This section provides specific requirements of the HUD CDBG funding provided under this plan.

The City of Pensacola participates with Escambia County in a Consortium under the HOME program. Allocation of HOME funds to Consortium members is based on the HOME consortia report as provided by HUD and is evidenced by an Interlocal Agreement. HOME Program specific requirements are outlined in Escambia County's Annual Action Plan.

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	85,000
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:	85,000

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.	70.00%

Discussion

The City generates approximately \$85,000 annually in program income from the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation activity. These funds are receipted into IDIS and allocated to support additional housing rehabilitation or other CDBG eligible projects. Currently the jurisdiction does not make use of Section 108 loan funding, urban renewal settlement funding, funds returned to the line of credit, and/or income from float funded activities. The jurisdiction plans to continue using program income to enhance current funding levels under the Housing Rehabilitation activity to address unmet needs of low/moderate income families for affordable housing by sustaining and upgrading the existing housing stock within the community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Pensacola, Florida, announces initiation of the public participation process that will facilitate the preparation of the 2022/23 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development for the period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. This process serves as a collaborative tool for the community by identifying or updating existing conditions with respect to housing and community development needs, goals and objectives.

The City's 2022/23 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development will identify the community's housing and community development priorities, and target strategies to address priorities established in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan which will be implemented during the next Federal Fiscal Year. The 2022/23 Annual Plan, when complete, will denote the city's action plan for the utilization of resources provided through the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant, or other HUD programs designed to address housing and community development needs.

A PUBLIC HEARING is being sponsored by the City of Pensacola to afford citizens the opportunity to provide input and recommendations regarding assisted housing, housing and community development related needs/priorities, supportive housing needs, and non housing community development needs within the city. The public hearing concerning the development of the Annual Plan will be held at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, March 14, 2022, Pensacola City Hall, Hagler Mason Conference Room on the 2nd Floor, at 222 W. Main Street, Pensacola, Florida. The meeting is being recorded and can be viewed at the following link: cityofpensacola.com/video

In addition to direct input provided during the public hearing, written comments or input regarding local housing and community development needs or priorities will be accepted through March 25, 2022, and may be submitted to: City of Pensacola Housing Department, P.O. Box 12910, Pensacola, FL 32521-0031, or via email to mwhitaker@cityofpensacola.com. For further information, contact Marcie Whitaker at 850-858-0323.

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From: Meredith Reeves
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Kelly Hagen (kellyohagen@gmail.com)
Cc: Marcie Whitaker; Lawrence Powell
Subject: Public Hearing on City of Pensacola HUD Annual Plan March 14

Good morning, Ms. Hagen,
First of all, congrats on your recent election as President of CNAPP.

Secondly, I wanted to provide you with the following information regarding the City's upcoming meeting next Monday, March 14 that will begin our annual planning process for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be received by the City from HUD. This initial meeting will be a general meeting to discuss the funding, types of eligible projects, and to solicit community feedback on housing and community development needs.

We would appreciate your sharing this information with your association as you see fit. Please don't hesitate to contact Marcie or myself if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Meredith

Meredith Reeves

Assistant Housing Director, Housing Department

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Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 9:47 AM

To: Meredith Reeves <MReeves@cityofpensacola.com>

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Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 7:58 AM
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Cc: Marcie Whitaker; Christine Crespo
Subject: Public Hearing on City of Pensacola HUD Annual Plan March 14

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

As an Entitlement Grantee, the city is eligible to receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the CDBG Entitlement Program. The CDBG program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OBJECTIVES

The act establishes as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity, principally for persons of low and moderate income. This objective is achieved by funding activities that meet one of the three national objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income families
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blighted conditions
- Meet an urgent need

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing is being sponsored by the City of Pensacola to afford citizens the opportunity to provide input and recommendations regarding assisted housing, housing and community development related needs/priorities, supportive housing needs, and non-housing community development needs within the city under the CDBG Program. The public hearing concerning the development of the Annual Plan will be held

at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, March 14, 2022, Pensacola City Hall, Hagler Mason Conference Room on the 2nd Floor, at 222 W. Main Street, Pensacola, Florida. The meeting is being recorded and can be viewed at the following link: cityofpensacola.com/video

AGENDA

HANDOUTS

CDBG DOCUMENTS AND PLANS

The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the Community Planning Development (CPD) formula block grant programs. As a member of the Escambia Pensacola Consortium the City conducts this planning process in conjunction with Escambia County.

The Consolidated Plan, which has a duration of 5 years, describes the consortium's community development priorities and multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions, and available resources.

- [City of Pensacola 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [Escambia - Pensacola Consortium 2015-2019 Con Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan Documents \(PDF\)](#)

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

- [City of Pensacola, 2017 Annual Action Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Pensacola, 2018 Annual Action Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Pensacola, 2019 Annual Action Plan \(PDF\)](#)

Grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

- [City of Pensacola 2015 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report \(CAPER\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Pensacola 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report \(CAPER\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Pensacola 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report \(CAPER\) \(PDF\)](#)

As part of the Consolidated Plan five-year planning process the consortium prepares an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to reflect the current fair housing situation in the community.

- [Escambia Consortium Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice \(PDF\)](#)

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PUBLIC HEARING

**March 14 – 4:30 PM
City of Pensacola
Hagler Mason Conference Room 2nd Floor City Hall
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL**

**Annual Action Plans
(For Plan Period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Overview of Annual Action Plan Process
- III. Discussion of handouts
- IV. Review of Public Participation Schedule and Plan(s) Process
- V. Public and Comments and Questions

**CITY OF PENSACOLA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Escambia County and The City of Pensacola are eligible to receive funding under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Compliance with Primary Objectives

The Act establishes as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity, principally for persons of low and moderate income. For grant recipients under the Entitlement Program, this overall objective is achieved through a program where the projected use of funds has been developed so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which will carry out one of the broad national objectives of benefit to low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; the projected use of funds may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

A majority of the funds must be spent on activities directly benefiting low and moderate income residents (70% or greater). Last year the City spent 100% on activities that benefit low and moderate income persons.

Benefit to Low/Moderate Income Persons

For an activity to benefit low/moderate income residents, it must be a direct benefit or area benefit. An example of a direct benefit would be to rehabilitate a low income homeowner's dwelling unit whose household income is below 80% of the mean income for the City of Pensacola.

An example of an area benefit would be to pave a street in a low income neighborhood.

The first case directly benefits a low/moderate income person and the latter case benefits an area of low/moderate income residents.

The City uses Census statistics provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in establishing eligibility income guidelines and uses block group data indicating the areas where greater than 51% of the population is low and moderate income. (However, mere location of an activity in a low or moderate income area, while generally a primary consideration, does not conclusively demonstrate that the activity benefits low/moderate income persons.) The City, by examining the net benefit to low/moderate income residents, ensures that activities designed to meet this standard do so.

Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight

For an activity to qualify in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, it must meet a definition of a slum, blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating area under State or local law and where there is a substantial number of deteriorating or dilapidated buildings, including other needed physical improvements throughout the area. The activity must address one of the conditions which qualified the area as a slum or blighted area.

The State designated areas within the City: The Urban Core, East Side TIF District, and Westside Garden District Redevelopment Area.

Meet an Urgent Need

For an activity designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency, it must alleviate existing condition which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, which are of recent origin, that the City is unable to finance on its own and other sources are not available.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME)

Program Overview

Summary:

HOME provides formula grants to States and localities, that communities use often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, to fund a wide range of activities. These activities include those that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rental or homeownership, or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.

Purpose:

HOME is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Recent years have seen funding to this program cut in half. The program was designed to reinforce several important values and principles of community development:

- * HOME's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.
- * HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing.
- * HOME's technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners.
- * HOME's requirement that participating jurisdictions (PJs) match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing.

Type of Assistance:

HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions. HUD establishes Home Investment Trust Funds for each grantee, providing a line of credit that the jurisdiction may draw upon as needed. The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposits.

Eligible Grantees:

States are automatically eligible for HOME funds and receive either their formula allocation or \$3 million, whichever is greater. Local jurisdictions eligible for at least \$500,000 under the formula (\$335,000 in years when Congress appropriates less than \$1.5 billion for HOME) also can receive an allocation. Communities that do not qualify for an individual allocation under the formula can join with one or more neighboring localities in a legally binding consortium whose members' combined allocation would meet the threshold for direct funding. Other localities may participate in HOME by applying for program funds made available by their State. Congress sets aside a pool of funding, equivalent to the greater of \$750,000 or 0.2 percent of appropriated funds, which HUD distributes among insular areas.

Eligible Beneficiaries:

The eligibility of households for HOME assistance varies with the nature of the funded activity. For rental housing and rental assistance, at least ninety percent (90%) of benefiting families must have incomes that are no more than sixty percent (60%) of the HUD-adjusted median family income for the area. In rental projects with five or more assisted units, at least 20% of the units must be occupied by families with incomes that do not exceed 50% of the HUD-adjusted median. The incomes of households receiving HUD assistance must not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the area median. HOME income limits are published each year by HUD.

Eligible Activities:

Participating jurisdictions may choose among a broad range of eligible activities, using HOME funds to provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership; or for "other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing," including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development, and payment of relocation expenses. PJs may use HOME funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance contracts of up to 2 years if such activity is consistent with their Consolidated Plan and justified under local market conditions. This assistance may be renewed. Up to ten percent (10%) of the PJ's annual allocation may be used for program planning and administration.

HOME-assisted rental housing must comply with certain rent limitations. HOME rent limits are published each year by HUD. The program also establishes maximum per unit subsidy limits and maximum purchase-price limits.

Some special conditions apply to the use of HOME funds. PJs must match every dollar of HOME funds used (except for administrative costs) with 25 cents from nonfederal sources, which may include donated materials or labor, the value of donated property, proceeds from bond financing, and other resources. The match requirement may be reduced if the PJ is distressed or has suffered a Presidential declared disaster. In addition, PJs must reserve at least fifteen percent (15%) of their allocations to fund housing to be owned, developed, or sponsored by experienced, community-driven nonprofit groups designated as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). PJs must ensure that HOME-funded housing units remain affordable in the long term (20 years for new construction of rental housing; 5-15 years for construction of homeownership housing and housing rehabilitation, depending on the amount of HOME subsidy). PJs have two years to commit funds (including reserving funds for CHDOs) and five years to spend funds.

Application:

Program funds are allocated to units of general local government on the basis of a formula that considers the relative inadequacy of each jurisdiction's housing supply, its incidence of poverty, its fiscal distress, and other factors. Shortly after HOME funds become available each year, HUD informs eligible jurisdictions of the amounts earmarked for them. Participating jurisdictions must have a current and approved Consolidated Plan, which will include an action plan that describes how the jurisdiction will use its HOME funds. A newly eligible jurisdiction also must formally notify HUD of its intent to participate in the program.

**CITY OF PENSACOLA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
ANNUAL FUNDING LEVELS
DATE: 3/2021**

HUD PROGRAM YEAR	TOTAL ALLOCATION	PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION
1992	\$947,000	City of Pensacola
1993	\$1,027,000	City of Pensacola
1994	\$1,125,000	City of Pensacola
1995	\$1,127,000	City of Pensacola
1996	\$1,080,000	City of Pensacola
1997	\$1,085,000	City of Pensacola
1998	\$1,078,000	City of Pensacola
1999	\$1,084,000	City of Pensacola
2000	\$1,112,000	City of Pensacola
2001	\$1,179,000	City of Pensacola
2002	\$1,221,000	City of Pensacola
2003	\$1,122,000	City of Pensacola
2004	\$1,133,000	City of Pensacola
2005	\$1,077,534	City of Pensacola
2006	\$973,745	City of Pensacola
2007	\$984,064	City of Pensacola
2008	\$959,179	City of Pensacola
2009	\$961,221	City of Pensacola
2010	\$1,051,861	City of Pensacola
2011	\$883,109	City of Pensacola
2012	\$688,838	City of Pensacola
2013	\$728,047	City of Pensacola
2014	\$704,589	City of Pensacola
2015	\$688,838	City of Pensacola
2016	\$676,602	City of Pensacola
2017	\$667,881	City of Pensacola
2018	\$711,416	City of Pensacola
2019	\$750,799	City of Pensacola
2020	\$768,513	City of Pensacola
2021	\$772,277	City of Pensacola

**CITY OF PENSACOLA
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT
ANNUAL FUNDING LEVELS
DATE: 3/2021**

HUD PROGRAM YEAR	TOTAL ALLOCATION	PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION
2009	\$367,918	City of Pensacola
2010	\$358,445	City of Pensacola
2011	\$316,852	City of Pensacola
2012	\$229,611	City of Pensacola
2013	\$216,113	City of Pensacola
2014	\$219,354	City of Pensacola
2015	\$133,697	City of Pensacola
2016	\$139,436	City of Pensacola
2017	\$126,627	City of Pensacola
2018	\$166,719	City of Pensacola
2019	\$152,140	City of Pensacola
2020	\$138,455	City of Pensacola
2021	\$145,493	City of Pensacola

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET – CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Project: Public Hearing on City of Pensacola HUD Annual Plan

Meeting Date: March 14, 2022

Name (please print)	Organization Representing
MEREDITH REEVES	City Housing
Heather Skett	Catholic Charities
Christine Kelly	Legal Services of North Florida
Christine Crespo	City Housing
Marilynn Williams	Banyard CSS
Connie Bookman	Partners for Change
Tony McCray	Gulf Coast Regional Tony McCray & Associates
Josh Newby	Council on Aging
James L. Gulley	Westside CRA
Jamie LaPointe	Lutheran Services FL
Jewel Cannole Wynne	Self -
Crystal Staff	Pensacola Habitat
Shirley Henderson	Henderson
SAM YOUNG	PENSACOLA HABITAT

**Minutes of Public Hearing
City of Pensacola
Escambia Consortium FY2022-2023 Annual Plan
Minutes of Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held March 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., at the City of Pensacola, Hagler Mason Room, 222 W Main Street, Pensacola, FL 32502

Staff members present: Marcie Whitaker, Housing Director, PHD; Meredith Reeves, Assistant Housing Director, PHD; and Christine Crespo, Affordable Housing Program Manager, PHD.

Citizens present: Heather Skirt, Catholic Charities; Christine Kelly, Legal Services of North Florida; Marilyn Wiggins, Tanyard Association; Connie Bookman, Pathway for Change; Tony McCray, Gulf Coast Regional; Josh Newby, Council on Aging; James Gulley, Westside CRA; Jamie LaPointe, Lutheran Services FL; Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Citizen; Crystal Scott, Pensacola Habitat; Shirley Henderson, Area Housing; and Sam Young, Pensacola Habitat.

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Marcie Whitaker introduces herself and Meredith Reeves. Marcie Whitaker explained the purpose of the public hearing and described the CDBG program and the criteria to receive funding.
2. **OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL PLAN:** Marcie Whitaker and Meredith Reeves explained the Annual Action Plan contains detailed projections concerning programmatic activities for the next fiscal year. Marcie Whitaker stated that funding has been reduced throughout the years and that the City currently receives approximately \$750k-\$780k yearly. She also described the CDBG's National Objectives: Low-Mod income families, prevention of slum and blight, and to address special needs in qualified census tracts.
3. **DISCUSS PROPOSED PROJECTS AND FUNDING:** Marcie Whitaker and Meredith Reeves presented an overview of the proposed activities and funding levels as presented in the public notice printed on March 7, 2022, Pensacola News Journal.
4. **REVIEW OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE AND PLAN(S) PROCESS:** Marcie Whitaker reviewed the Public Participation and Annual Plan Schedule for the remainder of the plan process, noting that comments would be accepted until March 25, 2022.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Marcie Whitaker stated that Federal allocations have not been disbursed. Meredith Reeves stated that the City is in a consortium with Escambia County and that HOME funds are managed at the County level. The City receives about \$150k HOME dollars a year.

Sam Young asked for an overview of how funds were used last year. Marcie Whitaker responded that funds were used for the Residential Repair program to preserve affordable housing, Public Services (Council on Aging nutritional program, Homebuyer Foreclosure Classes, and Neighborhood Improvement to address infrastructure needs (street lighting, sidewalks, parks, etc.).

Jewel Cannada-Wynn asked what is the status of the waitlist and do you see increases in the homebuyer program within the city? Marcie Whitaker explained that the Rehab Program has about a 1 ½ year waitlist. Regarding the second question Marcie Whitaker stated that they have not seen more homebuyers because of the increase in market cost. Jewel Cannada-Wynn also

asked what is the average amount of rehab program? Marcie Whitaker responded that the Limited Repair Program allows up to \$20k and the Full Rehab allows up to \$60k. Meredith Reeves explained how the HOME rehab program works and the difference between the two.

James Gulley asked what are the restrictions on the home? Marcie Whitaker replied that families must be at 80% Average Median Income (AMI) or less. That the Limited Rehab is a grant forgiven in 5 years and the Full Rehab is a grant plus loan at 0% interest and a mortgage and note are placed on the home for 15 years. Most of our homes are elderly applicants and tend to stay in their home for longer periods. James Gulley comments about CRA program is mostly focused on the exterior and may need interior work. Marcie Whitaker recommends that people sign up for our rehab program to help assist with their needs, specifically those who are aging and staying in place.

Connie Bookman asked how do people know about the program. Marcie Whitaker responded that it is mostly by referral, 211 and that back in the day, they used to do door to door.

Sam Young asked who does the work for the rehab program. Marcie Whitaker explained that the City enters into an agreement with the homeowner, and the homeowner enters into an AGREEMENT with the contractor, then we pay the builder. We require three quotes, do the scope of work, monitor the progress, and walk them through the process.

Jewel Cannada-Wynn asked if this program ever paid for paving streets. Marcie Whitaker responded that she would have to look back and verify if pavements were done.

Jewel Cannada-Wynn asked if this funding could be used for sidewalks or parks? Marcie Whitaker responded yes, within an approved area.

James Gulley asked if CDBG allowed for streetlights? Marcie Whitaker responded yes.

Sam Young asked with a new interest in affordable housing, if there was a significant appetite to address new affordable housing? Marcie Whitaker responded that CDBG funds cannot be used for new housing but can be used for infrastructure improvement funds (example sewer).

James Gulley asked if the State housing fund was totally independent from these funds? Marcie Whitaker responded that we have a joint agreement with the County, and we administer them jointly.

James Gulley asked if we would be able to get another Tax Credit like Vista 17? Marcie Whitaker responded that it is very difficult to obtain; we don't have funding through this program. That last year had 92 applications and they awarded 7 for competing areas.

Meredith Reeves added to Mr. Gulley's question by stating that we are looking at ways to bring Tax Credit into the City. Also, that different RFA's with the State have different criteria: 9% average buy in is about 450k local government can select one and the 4% with bond financing is only about \$37,500.

James Gulley asked if the CRA could fund it? Marcie Whitaker responded that the City could identify funding sources.

Jewel Cannada-Wynn asked if a family of 4 with 65K yearly income would qualify for rehab? Meredith Reeves responded that the current AMI limit for 4 is \$55,300.

Jewel Cannada-Wynn asked if CDBG funds were only for the City? Marcie Whitaker responded correct funds are only for the City. The County can work within the City, but the City cannot work in the County.

Marcie Whitaker stated that CDBG-CV funds are currently used for assistance, Council on Aging for nutritional meals, and Legal Services of North Florida, Acquisition of Rehab for Homeless.

Jewel Cannada-Wynn asked if you would be able to create a new program or do you have to wait until you get a new map? Marcie Whitaker responded no, we will use the current map until HUD updates those maps and keep a broad definition of projects and not make it site specific.

Marilyn Wiggins asked what type of program do you have for demolition and rebuilding of a home? Marcie Whitaker responded that we have the HOME program, but first we would need to do assessment of the home and it must be within the City limits.

With no further comments Marcie Whitaker made final closing statement that the City would be accepting comments until March 25th, and that notices will be sent out again for the next public meeting. Any public comments should be sent to Marcie's email mwhitaker@cityofpensacola.com.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m.

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PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES**

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\$150,000
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HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OBJECTIVES

The act establishes as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity, principally for persons of low and moderate income. This objective is achieved by funding activities that meet one of the three national objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income families
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blighted conditions
- Meet an urgent need

PUBLIC NOTICE

A second public hearing is being sponsored by the City of Pensacola to afford citizens the opportunity to provide input and recommendations regarding the draft CDBG Annual Action Plan detailing the proposed budget and activities to be undertaken by the city under the CDBG Program for the period October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. The public hearing concerning the draft Annual Plan will be held at 4:30 P.M. on

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[DRAFT 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan](#)

CDBG DOCUMENTS AND PLANS

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The Consolidated Plan, which has a duration of 5 years, describes the consortium's community development priorities and multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions, and available resources.

- [City of Pensacola CDBG Five Year \(2020-2024\) Consolidated Plan and FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan](#)

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the needs, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

- [City of Pensacola FY 2021-2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan](#)

Grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

- [City of Pensacola 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report \(CAPER\) \(PDF\)](#)

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- [Escambia Consortium Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice \(PDF\)](#)

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Good afternoon, Housing & Community Development Partners,
Reminder regarding tomorrow's meeting at 4:30 where we will discuss our proposed HUD Annual Action Plan for the City Community Development Block Grant program for next Fiscal Year before presenting to City Council and HUD.

Thank you,
Meredith

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Assistant Housing Director, Housing Department

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PUBLIC HEARING

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Hagler Mason Conference Room 2nd Floor City Hall
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL**

**Annual Action Plans
(For Plan Period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Overview of Annual Action Plan
- III. Discussion of Proposed Projects and Funding
- IV. Review of Public Participation Schedule and Plan(s) Process
- V. Public and Comments and Questions

**Minutes of Public Hearing
City of Pensacola
Escambia Consortium FY2022-2023 Annual Plan
Minutes of Public Hearing**

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Staff members present: Marcie Whitaker, Housing Director, PHD; Meredith Reeves, Assistant Housing Director, PHD; and Christine Crespo, Affordable Housing Program Manager, PHD.

Citizens present: Robert Strickland, Circle Inc.; Carolyn Grawi, CILNWF; Sam Young, Habitat and Carrie Cromey, LSNF.

1. Welcome and Introduction: Marcie Whitaker introduces herself and Meredith Reeves. Marcie Whitaker explained the purpose of the public hearing and described the CDBG program and the criteria to receive funding.

2. OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL PLAN: Marcie Whitaker and Meredith Reeves explained the Annual Action Plan contains detailed projections concerning programmatic activities for the next fiscal year. Marcie Whitaker stated that funding for this fiscal year was \$746,826. She also described the CDBG's National Objectives:

- Low-Mod income families
- Prevention of slum and blight
- Addressing special needs in qualified census tracts

The proposed Annual Plan is going to City Council on July 21st, 2022, for approval and submitted to HUD by the August 15th deadline.

3. DISCUSS PROPOSED PROJECTS AND FUNDING: Whitaker and Meredith Reeves presented an overview of the proposed activities and funding levels as presented in the public notice printed on May 29, 2022, Pensacola News Journal.

Housing Rehab project allocated \$239,637 to include relocation and lead based testing.

This year, the homebuyer assistance program is new, earmarking funds for \$150k, serving low and moderate households.

Neighborhood Improvement Projects is \$100k for capital improvement projects: stormwater, parks, drainage, etc.

Public Service Activities for Council on Aging, Homebuyer, and Foreclosure Prevention programs cover admin costs.

4. REVIEW OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE AND PLAN(S) PROCESS: Marcie Whitaker reviewed the Public Participation and Annual Plan Schedule for the remainder of the plan process, noting that comments would be accepted until June 30th, 2022.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Sam Young asked how the housing rehab and loan program will be administered?

Marcie Whitaker responded through City staff. Staff does the scope of work, and the homeowner bids it out to contractors.

Sam Young commented that FPL provided Habitat a matching grant to rehabilitate their homes and would love to have a conversation with Housing regarding the program and how it may be stacked. Marcie Whitaker responded that it could be looked into as we are in the process of creating a new program to allow stack funding.

Sam Young asked who does the Homebuyer Education Program? Marcie Whitaker responded that it is just a homebuyer basic program that Housing currently offers; it is not the actual HUD certified counseling program.

Carolyn Grawi commented that the dollar amount Pensacola received was a small amount considering the number of people who live in our area as we are one of the poorest counties in the State, and we need more dollars.

Carolyn Grawi asked if there was a way to help constituents who apply to multiple programs not have to resubmit the same documentation every time? Marcie Whitaker responded that it all has to do with timing, and if they are going to do layering of funds that it could be used in those circumstances; but if they think they will only use one of the programs and later need additional funding, it may require additional information.

Carolyn Grawi stated that she would like to see a program to have a supported process for those who need accessibility to be able to move up on lists. We would like to make ourselves available to help those who need assistance. Meredith Reeves commented that the City has 50 vouchers specifically for the elderly and disabled. All 50 vouchers are currently filled, and when openings come up, they are continuously pulled.

Carrie Cromey from Legal Services of North Florida introduced herself and stated that they have a new staff attorney coming on board who is an expert in title clearing. Given the disasters we have encountered, we have had a great result with title clearing. She also stated that she looks forward to continuing working with the City Housing Department.

Robert Strickland from Circle Inc. introduced himself and asked about the funding that HUD was recently allocated and if it has trickled down to the local level? Meredith Reeves responded that we do not know if those will be going to us, but more than likely, they will be going to State, and they will determine how it will be distributed and spent out.

Robert Strickland also asked how we can increase funding? Marcie Whitaker responded that the City used to receive closer to one million dollars, but when they started to cut funding at the federal level, the numbers continued to go down.

Meredith Reeves also commented that we have applied to other funding sources and are constantly looking for additional funding. However, we did receive 35 homeless vouchers in the last year, and we are always looking for different opportunities.

Marcie Whitaker commented that the mayor went to the council to request ARPA funding to be allocated to Housing and Homeless, and they approved five million dollars.

Meredith Reeves stated that the funding you are seeing today is only for HUD CDBG and that we receive other funding.

Meredith Reeves stated that written comments will still be accepted until June 30, 2022.

Marcie Whitaker closed out the meeting at 5:04pm.