

Executive Summary

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Introduction

The City of Springfield works to create and sustain a healthy, vibrant City that stimulates balanced growth through economic development, housing options, neighborhood stabilization, community development and support for Springfield residents. The City of Springfield is a federal entitlement community, which means that it receives an annual allotment of federal funds to carry out community development activities under several HUD programs. Annual funding amounts are determined by a formula and are dependent on annual federal budget allocations.

Every five years, the City, through its Development Services Division, undertakes a planning process in which it assesses its community needs, seeks input from citizens, and devises a strategy to accomplish priority projects. The outcome of the planning process is the setting of priorities and a spending plan for HUD funds the City expects to receive, as well as a description of how the HUD funds will be integrated with other funding sources to accomplish the identified goals.

During each year of the Consolidated Plan, the City publishes an Annual Action Plan, which indicates the annual budget for HUD funds and the programs to be carried out during the year. This document is the City of Springfield's Annual Action Plan for the second year of the Five Year Consolidated Plan, 2015-2019.

Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Springfield's objectives are:

Economic Development: The City will expand job training, job development, and job readiness programs to effectively develop a competitive workforce. It will promote an environment that encourages entrepreneurship and small business growth, strengthens existing businesses, and expands economic opportunities. The City will support organizations that contribute to the revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts. In addition, Springfield will promote sustainability and smart growth development through improvements in transportation choices of all modes, brownfields remediation, and historic preservation.

Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing: The City will improve the quality of the City's housing stock and undertake coordinated development projects in order to revitalize its most distressed neighborhoods. The City will preserve and expand housing options for residents to access safe, sanitary, and affordable homes.

Community Development: The City will work to improve the physical environment through enhancement of streets, parks, streetscapes, open space, and remediation of blight. It will strive to create and maintain appropriate community facilities, to provide support and increased opportunities for residents of Springfield with particular focus on City's youth, and to design and implement projects which will increase the City's resilience to natural disasters.

Homeless and Special Needs Populations: The City will continue to undertake coordinated strategies to end homelessness. It will support special needs populations with housing options, supportive services and facilities as appropriate.

To accomplish these goals, the Development Services Division directly administers a variety of programs to serve the City's economic development, neighborhood stabilization, community development and housing needs and also provides grant funding to various agencies and non-profit organizations to carry out programs which advance these goals.

Summary

In FY 2016-2017, the City of Springfield will receive approximately \$3,492,334 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$1,093,947 in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. The City will also receive \$319,947 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and \$453,520 in funds for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The Annual Action Plan describes how these funds will be used. A full listing of the projects to be funded in this fiscal year is provided within this Action Plan 2016-2017, AP-35