

# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

Every five years, the City of Springfield undertakes a planning process in which it assesses its community needs seeks public input and devises a strategy to accomplish priority projects, which is set out in the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. The Plan is carried out under the leadership of the Office of Planning and Economic Development. Through OPED, the city works to create and sustain a healthy, vibrant City that stimulates balanced growth through economic development, housing options, neighborhood revitalization and support for Springfield residents.

The City undertook this strategic consolidated planning process in 2009-2010, and established 12 top-level goals to guide its use of community development funds during years 2010 through 2014.

During each year of the Consolidated Plan, the City publishes an Annual Plan, which indicates the programs to be carried out during the year. This document is the City of Springfield's Annual Plan for the fifth year of the 5 year Consolidated Plan.

In 2011, the City of Springfield was hit by an EFS 3 tornado, which caused extensive damage in a corridor that cuts across the middle of the City. The City's continuing need to respond to this damage has caused some adjustments in funding priorities, which will be reflected throughout this annual plan. The City will prioritize tornado-impacted neighborhoods, particularly the impacted neighborhoods located within the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs). City redevelopment activities in FY 2014-2015 will also be impacted by the allocation of CDBG-DR funds. The City has prepared the Disaster Recovery partial Action Plan A for disaster recovery allocations. The DR Action Plan specifically describes use of the DR funds.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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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 City Springfield, through its Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED), works to create and sustain a healthy, vibrant City that stimulates balanced growth through economic development, housing options, neighborhood revitalization, and support for Springfield residents. In its strategic approach to achieving this goal, OPED is guided by the following major principles:

- **Neighborhood Improvement.** Pursue opportunities for preservation, development and improvements that create healthy, stable neighborhoods.
- **Strategic Investment.** Pursue opportunities for planning, leveraging, utilizing and expanding resources at all levels.
- **Asset Building.** Pursue opportunities for wealth creation at all levels.
- **Household Stability.** Pursue opportunities to support Springfield residents to reach their full potential.

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

Annual Goals and Objectives will be found in AD-26 as attachment.

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

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

**Past Performance.** Accomplishments for FY 2013-2014 include:

#### ***South End Revitalization Initiative***

The City will complete the street, sidewalk and streetscaping of Dwight Street Extension this fiscal year.

First Resource Development has completed phase 1 of its 3-phase rehabilitation of Concord Heights/Outing Park Apartments. Phase I included creation of an on-site management office/community room, installation of hundreds of security cameras, and site improvements throughout the complex.

With Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant funds, the City and the Springfield Housing Authority have undertaken a broad and inclusive planning process to create replacement housing for Marble Street

Apartments, plan for future neighborhood improvements, including siting and creating programming goals for the South End Community Center, and analyzing and creating plans to address human capital needs in the neighborhood.

The City received \$1,000,000 Justice Byrne grant award from the Department of Justice and will begin implementation during this year.

### ***Neighborhood Stabilization Initiatives***

The impact of the foreclosure crisis and housing market decline is seen in abandoned and vacant properties throughout the City. The City was awarded Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds in the amount of \$3.5 million in 2009, and an additional \$1.2 million in 2011.

The City undertook a careful planning process for neighborhood stabilization, and combined the NSP work with a number of City-funded initiatives. The City's neighborhood stabilization efforts include:

- Targeted demolition of blighted properties;
- Infill development of single and two-family homes for homeownership;
- Code enforcement quality-of-life sweeps;
- Receivership of abandoned properties;
- "Clean and lien" of vacant lots;
- Use of tax title properties for homeownership opportunities;
- Emergency home repair program; and
- Foreclosure prevention.

The City has also used NSP funds for the removal of blight in the target neighborhoods. The NSP-funded work in these neighborhoods is being augmented by HOME CHDO funds, which have been used to build five new homeownership units in Old Hill.

### ***State Street Corridor***

The State Street Alliance, a collaboration of over 50 private and public entities dedicated to the redevelopment of this corridor, has continued to examine market opportunities for retail, office and housing; identify site-specific development opportunities; and create a market-driven program that identifies catalytic projects.

## **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Understanding the importance of citizen input, it is the City of Springfield's goal to encourage citizen participation in the development of its five year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, particularly

from those citizens most affected by Community Development Programs. This Citizen Participation Plan establishes the policies and procedures that the City of Springfield will follow to ensure that participation is as inclusive as possible.

The City of Springfield intends that its Community Development Program has the support of the largest possible number of people in the community. Emphasis is placed on opportunities for participation by low/moderate income persons and the organizations and agencies that serve low/moderate income persons through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The City will implement this Plan that is designed to encourage citizens to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Performance Reports, CAPER. As described within this section, the City will encourage the input of low moderate income residents by (1) outreach to the public through mailings, (2) conducting a series of public hearings at various stages of the planning process, (3) creating a system to accept and respond to written comments from the citizens.

To ensure participation among low/moderate income residents the public hearings will be held in areas where funds are mostly to be spent and to public housing residents.

The City is committed to making information available and accessible to all interested parties. At a minimum, the City will provide information concerning proposed activities, including amount of assistance, range of activities to be undertaken and the amount that will benefit low/moderate income persons.

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

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

The DRAFT Action Plan was available for public review and 30 day comment period from April 10th through May 9th, 2014. Copies of the DRAFT Plan were available at the Office of Community Development, 1600 East Columbus Avenue; Office of Housing, 1600 East Columbus Avenue; Department; of Health & Human Services, 95 State Street; Office of Planning & Economic Development, 70 Tapley Street and the Office of Neighborhood Services, 70 Tapley Street and the City's Community Development website.

A legal notice about this review period including the availability of the plan, and the date of the public hearing for the DRAFT Plan, was published in the Republican on March 28, 2014. In order to publicize the public hearing, the City mailed a flyer in English and Spanish to the individuals and organizations listed on the Office of Community Development's mailing list, printed an advertisement in the

Neighborhoods Plus section of the Republican on April 16, 2014 and in the Spanish paper, LaVoz, on April 18, 2014. The City posted the notifications on the City's Community Development website.

During the development of the Fifth Year Action Plan, the City used three main mechanisms to solicit citizen input. The City: 1) Conducted two public hearings to obtain input to be used in the plan; 2) Convened a citizen input hearing to receive comments from residents regarding the DRAFT Action Plan; and 3) Solicited written comments.

The public hearings were held in neighborhoods where the majority of funding will be spent. All of these solicitations are posted on the City's Community Development website.

**Hearing 1: January 14, 2014, Rebecca Johnson Auditorium, 55 Catherine St.**

**Attendees:**

Cathy Buono, Office of Community Development; Lori Santaniello, Office of Community Development and Melanie Acobe, Office of Housing.

**Hearing 2: February 11, 2014, City Hall. Room 220, 36 Court Street**

**Attendees:**

Cathy Buono, Office of Community Development; Lori Santaniello, Office of Community Development; Melanie Acobe, Office of Housing

A public hearing was held to obtain comments on the Draft Annual Action Plan on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 5:00PM, 36 Court Street, Room 220.

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

The input received will be reviewed and responded to as part of the final Action Plan.

**7. Summary**

In FY 2014-2015, the City of Springfield will receive approximately \$3,656,997.00 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$1,134,415.00 in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. The City will also receive \$305,439.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and \$454,567.00 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 2014-2015, AP-35 Projects.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	SPRINGFIELD	Office of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator	SPRINGFIELD	Office of Housing
HOME Administrator	SPRINGFIELD	Office of Housing
ESG Administrator	SPRINGFIELD	Office of Housing

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

OPED is the lead agency responsible for administering the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan, and this Annual Action Plan. This Division is made up of the following departments: Community Development, Planning and Economic Development (OPED), Housing, Building, and Neighborhood Services. The Division administers funds provided to other City Departments to carry out the plan, which include Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Elder Affairs, and Health and Human Services. The Division also administers grant funding to various agencies and nonprofit organizations.

To create the Consolidated Plan, the City undertook an extensive outreach process and needs analysis. OPED and other City departments that implement community and economic development programs worked together to solicit input for the City of Springfield’s strategy. Outreach included consultations with residents, private industry and non-profit organizations, including Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs). The consultation process included public hearings, meetings of key City boards and Commissions, community meetings sponsored by neighborhood-based organizations, and regularly held meetings of community-based organizations and human service providers. More specifically, in developing the plan the City consulted:

*Housing Services, Homeless Services Providers*

River Valley Counseling (HIV); New North Citizens Council (Anti-poverty); Law Consortium (HIV, Low-Income); YWCA (Victims of Domestic Violence); Mental Health Association (Mental health/Dual Diagnosis); Friends of The Homeless (Homeless); Mercy Hospital (Homeless); Springfield Partner's for Community Action (Anti-poverty); Open Pantry Community Services (Homeless); Massachusetts Justice Project (Low-Income); Square One (Low-Income); and Human Resources Unlimited (Mental Health).

*Private Sector*

Chamber of Commerce; Springfield College; and the Regional Employment Board.

*HOPWA Consultation*

City of Northampton; River Valley Counseling; HIV/AIDS Law Consortium; Mercy Hospital; New North Citizen's Council; Tapestry Health Systems; Cooley Dickinson Hospital

*Social Services*

New North Citizens Council; Holyoke-Chicopee-Springfield Head Start, Inc.; The City of Springfield's Department of Adult Education; The Citywide Violence Prevention Task Force; The Mayor's Commission on Youth; The Mayor's Office of Elder Affairs; Greater Springfield Senior Services; Hungry Hill Senior Center; Pine Point Senior Center; Mason Square Senior Center; Catholic Charities; and Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services.

*Health Services*

Mercy Medical Center; Baystate Medical Center; Partners for a Healthy Community; American Heart Society, Springfield Chapter; American Cancer Society, Springfield Chapter; Northern Education Services; New North Citizens Council; The Springfield Health Coalition; The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (which sends Springfield data extrapolated from its state wide health indices system); The Massachusetts Office of Emergency Preparedness; and The Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

## **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

In the preparation of the Con Plan, 2015-2019, the City will undergo an extensive outreach process and needs analysis. An outside consultant will be hired through an RFP process to assist in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, 2015-2019.

Cathy Buono, Director of Administration & Finance, Office of Community Development, can be reached at [cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com) for any questions regarding the Consolidated Plan, 2015-2019 or any other HUD related documents.

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Springfield consults with many agencies in the City and region to understand local needs as it creates its Consolidated Plan. The City has been particularly active in creating a coordinated response to homelessness, and has a close working relationship with the Continuum of Care.

#### **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 seeks to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies through multi-disciplinary/multi-agency task forces and teams that focus on particular issues or neighborhoods.

A particular focus for FY14-15 is coordination in the South End neighborhood, where planning for and increased coordination activity is supported by both a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant and Byrne Criminal Justice Initiative grant. This effort includes four public/subsidized landlords and multiple mainstream service providers.

The City also funds coordination efforts as part of its homelessness prevention initiatives. The Tenancy Preservation Project provides case management to connect persons at risk of losing their housing with behavioral health services and supports.

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

The Springfield Office of Housing is the administrator for the Springfield-Chicopee-Holyoke-Westfield-Hampden County Continuum of Care and coordinates closely with the CoC in efforts to reduce homelessness. Springfield has a ten-year plan to end homelessness, "Homes Within Reach", and this plan provides guidance to both the CoC and to the City regarding efforts to end homelessness.

The City has focused efforts on the reduction of chronic homelessness through creation of permanent supportive housing. In addition to CoC resources, Springfield has also dedicated HOME funds, public housing resources, and general revenue toward permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families. Both the CoC and the City coordinate closely with the VA-HUD VASH program and the SSVF program to ensure that veterans are promptly referred to appropriate housing resources. The City coordinates with providers funded by the state to address family homelessness. In response to concerns that the CoC has limited understanding of youth homelessness, the City and CoC

participates in the state of Massachusetts state-wide homeless youth count. The CoC funds transitional housing units for homeless youth.

Springfield uses its ESG funds to support prevention and rapid rehousing.

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

The City meets with the CoC each year to seek input on allocation of ESG funds. The CoC Performance and Outcomes Committee develops performance standards for ESG programs and evaluates ESG program outcomes.

The City of Springfield is the CoC's HMIS Lead. The City and the CoC work together to develop HMIS policies and procedures which must be approved by both the City and the CoC. The CoC has an HMIS Policies and Procedures manual, and the City has developed Privacy, Security, and Data Quality Plans which have been approved by the CoC.

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	RIVER VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NEW NORTH CITIZENS COUNCIL
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Employment Youth Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Center for Human Development
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YWCA OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION INC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mercy Hospital
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Health Agency Major Employer
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SPRINGFIELD PARTNERS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	OPEN PANTRY COMMUNITY SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Springfield Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HUMAN RESOURCES UNLIMITED
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF CHICOPEE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Complete Consolidated Plan
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOLYOKE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Complete Consolidated Plan
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WESTFIELD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Complete Consolidated Plan

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WEST SPRINGFIELD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Complete Consolidated Plan
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Complete Consolidated Plan
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Massachusetts Fair Housing Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	5A
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	YOUTH SERVICES Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	BLACK MEN OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Youth Services Neighborhood Organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION OF HAMPDEN COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims Case Management Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PARENTS & FRIENDS OF STAR
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	THE GRAY HOUSE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education ESOL Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	GREATER NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Victims of Substance Abuse Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HUNGRY HILL SENIOR CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Elderly Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MARTIN LUTHER KING FAMILY SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Youth Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITIZENS FOR A CLEAN SPRINGFIELD, DBA KEEP SPRINGFIELD BEAUTIFUL
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Clean Up-City wide Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Code Enforcement

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, PARK DEPARTMENT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education Youth Services Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PINE POINT SENIOR CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
28	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	REBUILDING TOGETHER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Rehab
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

29	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	RUSSIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
30	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SALVATION ARMY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Youth Services
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
31	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	South End Community Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Youth Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
32	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SPRINGFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Youth Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
33	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Boys & Girls Club Family Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Youth Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
34	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Youth Services Private Sector Banking / Financing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
35	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	URBAN LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education youth services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	public service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
36	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SQUARE ONE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	public service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
37	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SPRINGFIELD VIETNAMESE AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	public service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
38	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YWCA OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	public service
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

**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	City of Springfield Office of Housing	Create permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons. Prioritize and fund rapid rehousing and prevention activities.
Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness	City of Springfield Office of Housing	Create permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons. Prioritize and fund rapid rehousing and prevention activities.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

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## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

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

The City will implement this Plan that is designed to encourage citizens to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan and Performance Reports, CAPER. As described within this section, the City will encourage the input of low moderate income residents by (1) outreach to the public through mailings, (2) conducting a series of public hearings at various stages of the planning process, (3) creating a system to accept and respond to written comments from the citizens.

To ensure participation among low/moderate income residents the public hearings will be held in areas where funds are mostly to be spent and to public housing residents.

The City is committed to making information available and accessible to all interested parties. At a minimum, the City will provide information concerning proposed activities, including amount of assistance, range of activities to be undertaken and the amount that will benefit low/moderate income persons.

**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	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing low income City of Springfield residents	The City of Springfield held 2 public hearings to obtain citizen input for the upcoming 2014-2015 preparation of the Annual Action Plan. Four/4 were in attendance at the meeting. The public hearings were held on January 14, 2014, at Rebecca Johnson School, 55 Catherine Street. The second public hearing was held on February 11, 2014, City Hall, 36 Court Street with 3 in attendance at this hearing.			

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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic  Persons with disabilities  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing  City of Springfield, MA residents		The legal notice did not require public comments. The Office of Community Development used the Republican and the Spanish newspaper, LaVoz to advertise for public hearings, RFP release and the availability of the DRAFT Action Plan.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Mailing	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic  Persons with disabilities  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing  City of Springfield, MA residents	The OCD has an extensive mailing list. The list includes residents of the City of Springfield, neighborhood councils, City Counselors, businesses and public service agencies. Flyers are sent and reminders for any of the public hearings being held release of RFP's, DRAFT availability of 2014-2015 Action Plan.			

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)
4	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>All City of Springfield, MA residents</p>	<p>A public hearing was held to obtain citizens comments on the DRAFT Annual Action Plan, 2014-2015. The public hearing was held at City Hall, 36 Court Street, Monday, April 28, 2014.</p>			

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

#### Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,656,997	175,000	400,000	4,231,997	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,134,415	10,000	525,000	1,669,415	0	
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	454,567	0	10,000	464,567	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	305,439	0	0	305,439	0	

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**

Sources of leveraged funds include:

Continuum of Care - \$2,133,420

Health Care for the Homeless - \$1,194,000

Byrne Grant - Department of Justice - \$1,000,000

Heartwap - \$550,000

FEMA - \$30,700,000 - South End Community Center \$8,000,000, ECOS Center 2,700,000, Blunt Park Senior Center 12,000,000, and Police

Department Expansion \$8,000,000

Mass School Building Authority - \$43,147,142 - Brookings School \$27,900,000 and Mary Dryden School \$15,247,142

CDBG-DR - \$21,896,000

Mass Dot- \$272,700,000 - Main Street North End \$3,900,000, I-91 Reconstruction \$265,000,000, Boston Road Improvements \$1,300,000, and Sumner Harkness Reconstruction \$2,500,000

Chapter 90- \$3,600,000

City Bond Funds - \$6,830,000 - Boston Road Improvements \$6,000,000, Pine Point Library 750,000, and Liberty Neighborhood Center \$80,000

State Funds - \$2,250,000 - Pine Point Park \$250,000, Mary Troy Park \$300,000, Camp Star/Camp Angelina \$1,200,000, and Camp Wilder \$500,000

Union Station Project - Off Street Parking Grant \$7,700,000, MassDOT/FTA \$23,600,000, MassDOT \$7,807,191, FTA \$9,256,983 City Bond Funds \$2,200,222

Private Investment - Mercy Hospital Expansion \$20,000,000, Cottage Street Solar Farm \$13,600,000, Springfield Plaza Renovations \$4,000,000, and Hampden Inn \$5,000,000

Outing Park II - Developer Equity Cash \$1,054,413, Tax Credit Equity \$17,812,832, HOME(DHCD) \$550,000, AHT(DHCD) \$1,800,000, and MHP permanent loan funds \$1,975,000

Match for ESG is provided by the subrecipient agencies, which must state in the application for funds the proposed sources of match, and then must verify the match after grant award. ESG administrative funds are matched by the City of Springfield using CDBG funds.

The HOME Program requires jurisdictions to provide 25% match for funds spent on affordable housing. The City of Springfield's match has been reduced by 100% due to the jurisdiction's fiscal distress pursuant to CPD Notice 2001-05. HOME has no match.

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

Land owned by the City of Springfield will be used for production of affordable homeownership. This land includes vacant lots on the north side of Central Street and other vacant city-owned lots in the Six Corners and Old Hill neighborhoods.

**Discussion**

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## Annual Goals and Objectives

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

#### Goals Summary Information

#### No Goals Found

Table 6 – Goals Summary<TYPE=[text] REPORT\_GUID=[9B4786E64DDAC839A8E119B13CB7DB46]>

#### Goal Descriptions

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

Extremely low-income: 357

Low-income: 20

Moderate-income: 130

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

In 2014-2015, the City of Springfield will receive approximately \$3,656,997.00 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$1,134,415.00 in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding. The City will also receive \$305,439.00 In Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and \$454,567.00 in Housing Opportunities for persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

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

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Planning & Administration
2	Rehabilitation
3	Existing Homeowner Rehab-Emergency Repairs Program
4	HEARTWAP Program
5	First Time Homebuyer Program
6	Historic Restoration-Rehab Blight
7	ReBuilding Together-Home Retention & Revitalization
8	Clearance & Demolition Program
9	Code Enforcement
10	Curb Appeal Program
11	Neighborhood Capacity Building
12	Graffiti Program
13	HOME Planning and Administration
14	Project Based Homeownership- NON-CHDO
15	Rental Production
16	Project Based Homeownership- CHDO
17	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
18	HOPWA Administration-City of Springfield
19	HOPWA Project Sponsor Administration
20	HOPWA
21	5A
22	WEB Dubois Academy
23	ScoutReach Financial Aid
24	Intensive In-Home Case Management
25	Teen Prevention Peer Educating
26	Camp Star/Camp Angelina
27	Community Education Support
28	New Life Center for Recovery

#	Project Name
29	Senior Center-Hungry Hill
30	Youth & Young Adult Development
31	Fair Housing
32	Annie's House
33	Open Pool Program
34	Summer Enrichment Program
35	Senior Center-Pine Point
36	Pathway to Employment
37	Bridging the Gap
38	Summer Activities
39	Indian Orchard Unit
40	Youth Swim & Safety
41	Teens in Transition
42	PRIDE Literacy Awards
43	Digital Connectors
44	Career Development
45	Access Funds
46	Family Empowerment (FEP)
47	HOME
48	YWCA YouthBuild
49	ESOL/GED
50	Academic Achievers & Summer in the City
51	Homeless Program
52	TRACKS Program
53	Recovery Program
54	Acquisition/Disposition Program
55	Public Infrastructure-Streets/Sidewalks/Design
56	Park Reconstruction
57	Business Support Program
58	Worthington Street Shelter
59	HESG

**Table 7 – Project Information**

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

The greatest obstacle to meeting the needs identified in the plan is the lack of resources needed to do so. The City strives to maximize the resources it has, through targeting and efficient programming, and it attempts to increase the resources available to address the needs. The City's attempts to increase resources will include:

- Application for competitive grant funding;
- Partnership with the private sector to achieve community goals;
- Assistance to nonprofit agencies and private partners to enable them to compete for government and private funds;
- Advocacy with state administration and local legislative delegation to increase state support for priority City projects and initiatives.

The City's response is also limited by restrictions placed on available funding sources. Most significantly, restrictions on the use of CDBG funds make it difficult for the City to use these funds more broadly for job creation and job training, which are critical needs in the City.

Other obstacles to meeting underserved needs include the difficulty in addressing community problems which are regionally based, and the need to have high quality data and analysis of the City's challenges and opportunities. Springfield works to address the first obstacle by collaborating with our jurisdictional neighbors whenever possible. The City has done this effectively in the area of homelessness, where it has been a leader in creating the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness, which advocates and implements a regional response to homelessness. The City is also collaborating regionally in the initiative to bring a north-south high-speed rail line through Springfield, and in supporting the region's 'brand' as the Education Corridor. The Springfield-Hartford region is a recipient of a Sustainable Communities grant, and the City is an active participant in work associated with this initiative.

## Projects

### AP-38 Projects Summary

#### Project Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Planning & Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$766,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funding for the planning and execution of the CDBG program; including general management and oversight, fiscal management and compliance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
	<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Target Area</b>		
<b>Goals Supported</b>		
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		
<b>Funding</b>		CDBG: \$30,000
<b>Description</b>		CDBG funds will be used for soft costs related to the rehabilitation of two affordable housing complexes within CDBG target areas. A total of \$4,800,000.00 will be spent rehabbing both properties. Soft costs will include architect and engineering costs.

	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	LMA-1473 low income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Kenwyn Park- 6 Kenwood Park; 8022 BG 3; Quadrangle Court- 114-116-118 Byers Street; 103 Pearl Street; 8012 BG 2 Forest Park Neighborhood and Metro Center
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	soft costs
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Existing Homeowner Rehab-Emergency Repairs Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$365,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Housing will offer 0% deferred interest loans to income eligible homeowner's to complete emergency repairs or modifications to accommodate mobility limitation to homeowners. Funding includes rehab loans and program costs associated with the housing rehabilitation program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15 Housing Units
	<b>Location Description</b>	Springfield, MA- income eligible households
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of 15 housing units
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HEARTWAP Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$175,000

	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Housing will provide staff to operate a state funded heating system repair and replacement program for income eligible households. Some funding will set aside to pay for direct costs that exceed the programmatic limits for system repairs and replacement.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	350 Housing Units
	<b>Location Description</b>	Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Energy efficient improvements
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	First Time Homebuyer Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	The first time homebuyers financial assistance program funds eligible households purchase assistance (down payment and closing costs) at the time of closing. Funding includes individual homebuyer assistance and program costs related to the First time homebuyer program. The program is administered through the Office of Housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	83
	<b>Location Description</b>	Income Eligible households in Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	FTHB activities; homeowner incentives and emergency repair
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Historic Restoration-Rehab Blight
	<b>Target Area</b>	

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) will work in conjunction with the Office of Housing in looking for funding to historic renovation of City owned properties. The properties will go out to RFP if chosen. The properties have to be within one of the City's local or national historic districts. Funding will be used for the elimination of blight on the facade of the property.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3 historic properties
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG eligible properties in Springfield, MA- City's local or national registered historic districts.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	renovation of historic properties-3
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ReBuilding Together-Home Retention & Revitalization
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	ReBuilding Together will preserve homes and revitalize neighborhoods to assure a safe environment and good quality of life to low income residents primarily who reside in the NRSA neighborhoods. Rebuilding Together will complete critical repairs, modifications and rehab to homes owned by low income residents. The program will benefit residents specifically in the Old Hill neighborhood; specifically, King Street; Eastern, Merrick and Nelson Avenues.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3 low income families will benefit from this program.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Rebuilding will focus on homes located in Old Hill Neighborhood; King Street; Eastern, Merrick and Nelson Avenues.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	critical repairs, modifications and rehabilitation to homes.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Clearance & Demolition Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$764,359
	<b>Description</b>	The clearance and demolition program will fund the demolition of vacant/abandon properties within the CDBG target areas. Funding will include program costs associated with clearance and demolition as well as environmental costs and demolition cost. The program is administered through the Office of Housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	16
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target areas in City of Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	clearance and demolition of blighted properties and debt payment of city demolition bond.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Code Enforcement Program is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of the citizens of the City of Springfield through events and projects related to litter prevention, recycling and beautification. Funds will also be used to conduct proactive street sweeps on Saturday's. They will be done on a house-house/street-street basis. All are located within the CDBG target neighborhoods.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The program will benefit approximately 10,000 low income persons located within the CDBG Target areas and the NRSA neighborhoods.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Eligible CDBG Target areas and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Saturday street sweeps, beautification-liter index within the City; volunteers will provide assistance for the KSB cleanup
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Curb Appeal Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Curb Appeal Program is a neighborhood stabilization and economic development initiative that will offer small grants up to \$5,000 to residential property owners in targeted zones within the Six Corners and Old Hill Neighborhoods of the City of Springfield that have been heavily impacted by the 2011 tornado as well as vacancy and blight. Improvements to the exterior appearance of residential properties funded through this program will be visible from the street and may include (but are not limited to) porch and stair repairs, painting, landscaping and yard cleanup, fence removal or replacement, walkway improvements, re-siding, and window replacements. For owner-occupied properties, no grant match will be required. For properties that are not owner-occupied, a 25% match will be required.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5 low income households will be assisted
	<b>Location Description</b>	Six Corners and Old Hill neighborhoods-NRSA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Make neighborhoods more appealing- appearance visible from the streets- porch and stair repairs, painting, fence replacement, walkway improvements, re-siding and window replacements.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Neighborhood Capacity Building

	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be allocated for staffing costs associated with building capacity within existing neighborhood organizations to undertake neighborhood revitalization projects.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Fourteen neighborhood Organizations will benefit from this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target areas in Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Build capacity in the neighborhoods
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Graffiti Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,000
	<b>Description</b>	Program costs associated with the removal of graffiti from privately-owned buildings. The program will be administered through the Office of Housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 privately-owned Buildings will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG eligible target areas in Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	removal of graffiti to privately owned buildings
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Planning and Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$114,440
	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Housing will use these funds for planning and execution of the HOME Program including general management and oversight of the problem.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Project Based Homeownership- NON-CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds for NON-CHDO developers to acquire and rehabilitate and/or construct housing for resale to income eligible households.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 Households will benefit from this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG eligible target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	developers to rehab and acquire and or construct housing for resale
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Rental Production
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE NRSA 2: SOUTH END

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$683,310
	<b>Description</b>	Funds for a program to expand and/or preserve affordable rental housing. The program will be operated by the Office of Housing. Funds will be loaned to both profit and non-profit developers.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	11 Housing Units
	<b>Location Description</b>	NRSA areas: South End and Brightwood/Memorial Square
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	affordable rental housing
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Project Based Homeownership- CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$171,665
	<b>Description</b>	Funds for developers to acquire and rehabilitate and/or construct housing for resale to income eligible households.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 Unit
	<b>Location Description</b>	Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	funds for developers to acquire and rehabilitate housing and or construct.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$300,000
	<b>Description</b>	Rental assistance will be provided to special needs households. Ongoing rental assistance is provided to as many as 50 household's links housing subsidies with supportive services for chronically homeless individuals. One time security deposit assistance is being provided to assist them in moving from homelessness into stable housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 households
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springfield
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rental assistance and security deposit assistance.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOPWA Administration-City of Springfield
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$13,637
	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Housing will utilize these funds for the planning and execution of the HOPWA Program, including general management and oversight.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOPWA Project Sponsor Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$31,819
	<b>Description</b>	Administrative costs for the agencies providing the support services and assistance under the HOPWA grant.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	Tri County areas; Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
<b>20</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOPWA
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$419,111
	<b>Description</b>	Funding to provide rental assistance, short term subsidies and support services to households impacted by HIV/AIDS. Programs will be operated by human service providers in the tri county areas; Hampshire and Franklin counties.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	95 Housing Units
	<b>Location Description</b>	Tri County areas; Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	rental assistance, short term subsidies and support services to households impacted by HIV/AIDS
<b>21</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	5A

	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE NRSA 2: SOUTH END NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,000
	<b>Description</b>	5A will provide recreational activities as well as academic tutoring. Services are provided to youth ages 8-14, low income residents of Springfield. Tutoring will take place twice/week. The principal purposes of 5A are to provide opportunities for youth to participate in football and cheerleading activities; teach them and train in football; promote sportsmanship, develop leadership, character, tolerance, discipline and athletic ability and develop and nurture youth physical fitness and mental alertness-provide enjoyable recreational activity.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	100 youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA Neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The youths will participate in recreation suburban football; other activities are cheerleading, basketball. The program also includes after school tutoring for homework help. If a youth participates in the recreation program they can take advantage of the homework help. The tutors are volunteers from Springfield College and WNEC.
<b>22</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	WEB Dubois Academy
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000

	<b>Description</b>	WEB Dubois is a Saturday program. The program meets on Saturday's during the academic year. The program also meets during the summer months during the week at Church in the Acres. WEB Academy will meet Saturdays during the academic year and Monday-Friday, 6 weeks during the summer. The Academy is organized and supervised by BMGS and will enhance their personal growth. The youth will access the computer lab and gym and one field trip is scheduled during the year. The Summer Experience camp will provide services to at least 30 youths, ages 6-15 years of age with supervised, organized educational and recreational activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	30 youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Field trips, college experiences, summer camp experience, activities of tutoring
<b>23</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ScoutReach Financial Aid
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE NRSA 2: SOUTH END NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$4,500
	<b>Description</b>	The ScoutReach Financial Aid Project will benefit 30 low income youth from Springfield, specifically in the South End, Six Corners and Brightwood Memorial Square. Financial Aid is given to low income families for camperships, memberships, books and uniforms.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	30 youths

	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target neighborhoods and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Scholarships for summer camperships; including uniforms, books, and other boyscout related items.
<b>24</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Intensive In-Home Case Management
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 2: SOUTH END
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Hampden County Sheriff's Department will collaborate with Square One provides intensive in-home case management services to mothers upon their discharge from WCC-Women's Correction Center. Square One will provide a social worker to 3 families to engage in bi-weekly in home case management services to exoffender mothers.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3 families
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA Neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	In home case management services
	<b>25</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Target Area</b>		
<b>Goals Supported</b>		
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		
<b>Funding</b>		CDBG: \$5,000
<b>Description</b>		Dunbar will use the science based curriculum Making Proud Choices. MPC Coordinator will train 3 outreach workers in teen pregnancy prevention. The educators will receive training in facilitation, leadership and planning and curriculum development on youth advocacy. These youth will facilitate sessions and work with 50-60 youth in the NRSA and educate them in the area of teen pregnancy. The program will begin in October 2014.
<b>Target Date</b>		6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target neighborhoods and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	community health outreach coordinator- MPC-curriculum and teen pregnancy prevention; teens will develop posters; peer educators will participate in all pregnancy prevention activities at Dunbar.
<b>26</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Camp Star/Camp Angelina
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE NRSA 2: SOUTH END NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$85,000
	<b>Description</b>	Serve- 100 low income persons ages 3-21 with disabilities/special needs. Star Inc. will provide an 8 week summer camp experience for low income persons with/without special needs in Forest Park. The camp provides transportation, lunch and field trips to campers. The camp aims to increase socially responsible behaviors and physical fitness which are measured at beginning and end of camp session. The camp operates from July 1-August 8, 2014.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	100 participants
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	to provide social therapeutic activities and recreation during the summer for children/young adults with and without special needs; including physical disabilities, emotional problems, ADHD and learning problems.
<b>27</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Education Support

	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Community Education Support Program will provide adult basic education services to 120 low to moderate income adults age 18 and over who reside in Springfield. CESP offers English for Speakers of Other Languages services, basic skills (reading, writing and math) tutoring and beginner English conversation classes. The program begins in September. There is no fee for students enrolled. Students gaining educational skills needed to survive and succeed. The benefits for literacy students include developing decoding skills, increasing sight word vocabulary and improving comprehension. In addition, many students increase their self-confidence and leadership skills.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	120 low income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	22 Sheldon Street, Brightwood Memorial Square
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	GED/ESOL classes; reading, writing, math tutoring and beginner English conversation classes. Program runs from September-first week June. No classes are held month of December.
<b>28</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	New Life Center for Recovery
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,000
	<b>Description</b>	GNL Recovery Center will provide services to clients for individual and group therapy, relapse prevention strategies, pastoral counseling, recovery coaching and peer mentoring to individuals who are recovery from substance abuse disorders or for those who are in recovery, short term housing and case management for 15 women in recovery. Clients will report and exhibit increased overall improvements in physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual health.

	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15 low income women in recovery
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Individual and group counseling to persons with substance abuse problems; offer safe, secure and drug free supportive housing to individuals in recovery; sober housing support; 14 bedroom sober living facility for women; counseling services.
<b>29</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Senior Center-Hungry Hill
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Hungry Hill Senior Center will provide recreational and social services to senior citizens residing in the Hungry Hill neighborhood. The Center will offer health screenings, foot care service, fitness programs, crafts, flu clinic. Information will be given to seniors on fuel assistance, food stamps and brown bag lunches. Activities including foot care and nutrition, field trips will be scheduled for seniors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 seniors
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	health screenings, foot care, field trips for seniors, speakers on nutrition, luncheons
<b>30</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Youth & Young Adult Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Violence Prevention Program will adopt and implement aggressive outreach model that will reduce violent crimes and homicide amongst youth. The outreaching model will identify you at risk, assess the level of risk and provide advocacy support to reduce risk. The program will operate a Safe Haven, Night Spot, refer fathers to MLK's Parent Support Program, community events and collaborate with 2-4 service organizations to provide community service, vocational training referrals, GED referrals and life skill development.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 youth and young adults
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhood and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	community events, GED referrals and life skill development, vocational training MLK Young Family Program; youths complete community service hours to avoid incarceration; youth leadership program; provide a safe environment for youth.
<b>31</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,000
	<b>Description</b>	MFHC provides fair housing education to low income persons in CDBG neighborhoods; FTHB workshops, fair housing legal advocacy, education/workshops to landlords. The Massachusetts Fair Housing Center (MFHC) will provide legal advocacy to residents of the City of Springfield comprehensive fair housing education to potential victims of discrimination and homelessness focusing on low-income, minority, recent immigrants, disabled persons and especially households with children. MFHC will conduct a minimum of 100 phone audit tests to test for housing discrimination based on linguistic profiling and take enforcement action as appropriate.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 low income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Fair housing activities; FTHB workshops, legal counsel for discrimination; phone audit tests
<b>32</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Annie's House
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Annie's House serves homeless women that are low income. Prior to entering the program, they will have to provide income verification. The women who come to Annie's House present an array of diverse problems; including substance abuse, domestic violence, incarceration, mental illness and other health related issues. These women live in poverty and have a limited education. The program will provide supportive services; promote personal growth and healing while focusing on education and employment training.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 low income women
	<b>Location Description</b>	20 Wilbraham Ave, CDBG target neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	case management, support groups, meals, parenting classes, life skills, permanent housing search, motivational workshops, employment skills, financial management, leadership training, substance abuse counseling.
<b>33</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Open Pool Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$85,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Open Pool program will operate for 6 weeks beginning July through August, 2014 at Gerena, Forest Park Outdoor Pool and Five Mile Pond, with the exception of Five Mile pond being open for a total of 9 weeks through September, 2014. The Program is free and open to all City of Springfield residents. The recreational swim program offers the participants the opportunity to participate in healthy, physical fitness activities. The program also provides summer employment opportunities for youth. The goal is for 25% of the pool users who are 17 and under to increase their physical activity as evidenced by their use of their pools/ponds five times or more.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1000 low income youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	City pools located in CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA neighborhoods- Brightwood/Memorial Square, Five Mile Pond
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	recreation; swimming; employment opportunities for youth-summer jobs
<b>34</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Summer Enrichment Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$96,000
	<b>Description</b>	The City of Springfield Park Department will provide summer enrichment services to low income youths in the City. The program will be held at the following school locations: Kennedy Middle, Forest Park Middle School, Potinger, Chestnut Middle, Duggan, Lincoln, Kiley and ECHOS.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 low income youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	schools located in the City of Springfield-
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding will enable the Recreation Division to open and staff an enrichment program; offer an array of hands on educational enrichment and recreational activities designed to stem summer learning loss.
<b>35</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Senior Center-Pine Point
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Pine Point Senior Center acts as a clearinghouse for concerns, problems and constructive ideas relative to the residents and businesses of the Pine Point area. The Center will provide area seniors, a safe, comfortable place to congregate with the purpose of social networking, recreation, education, health screenings, exercise, activities aimed at improving mental and physical function as well as their esteem.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 seniors
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	enhancing the quality of life for seniors-lunches served daily, speakers, socialization and or special events; foot care, BP checks, flu shots, installation of smoke detectors
<b>36</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Pathway to Employment
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,000

	<b>Description</b>	Pathway to Employment program will benefit the immigrants and refugees, 51% are L/M income persons, they are challenged by cultural and linguistic isolation (no member of the household 14 years and older speaks English only and they do not speak English well. ESOL classes will be held as related to finding employment. The program will also assist with job preparation skills- resume writing, writing cover letters, interviewing, etc.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	20 low income Russian speaking persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	resume cover letter writing, computer classes-job search on internet, interview preparation
<b>37</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Bridging the Gap
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$16,000
	<b>Description</b>	Bridging the Gap works together with the District Attorney's office, youth diversion program for first time offenders. The program will provide services to 120 low mod income youths-first time offenders, w/a well-structured, comprehensive personal development, education and community service learning experience. Group sessions and workshops will take place as well as a community awareness curriculum which will be completed at appropriate intervals. The program runs 52 weeks; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Each participant is court ordered to complete a 12 week course.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	120 youths from low income households.
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	life skills, counseling, youth diversion program, health education, educational assessments, computer training
38	<b>Project Name</b>	Summer Activities
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 2: SOUTH END
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Eight week summer program for youth ages 5-12 years. Each program is developed around a theme that the program is modeled around. Hasbro Summer Initiative program provides the Summer Activities with curriculums to help with the learning loss experienced during the summer months for children as well as their overall development.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	80 low income youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA- primarily South End
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	literacy component, MCAS assistance, life skills, All Stars model
39	<b>Project Name</b>	Indian Orchard Unit
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,500
	<b>Description</b>	Operating as a satellite unit at the Indian Orchard Elementary School, Boys & Girls Club will provide services to 125 youth, ages 6-18 with a variety of recreational and educational activities. The program will focus during the summer on increasing physical activity through a variety of exercise as well as engaging in safe and positive behaviors-30 youth will be tracked; during the school year program will participate in 30 minutes of homework help daily- 20 youth will be tracked total of 50 youth.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 low income youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	Program will take place at the Indian Orchard Elementary School.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	after school activities-homework help; recreational activities and summer program
<b>40</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Youth Swim & Safety
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Boys & Girls Club will provide opportunities to youth ages 6-18 years of age, the opportunity to increase their level of knowledge regarding swim safety as well as provide a safe, nurturing environment in which the youth can discover a passion for the water. Scholarships may be available for some of those unable to pay.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 low income youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	481 Carew Street; CDBG target neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	provide a safe, nurturing environment, practice safety; help guide children through new experiences in the water, create an aquatic confidence- the following classes will be offered: introduction class, intermediate class, advance class
<b>41</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Teens in Transition
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000

	<b>Description</b>	Boys & Girls Club Family Center would provide Teens in Transition Program to serve youth between 12-14 years old who are transitioning out of the afterschool program to another program geared towards socialized programming and services toward continued movement towards high school graduation, improved behavior and social schools and healthy lifestyle choices. The program will be held four days/week and transportation is provided
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	homework help, evening program for teens that are transitioning out of afterschool programs.
<b>42</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	PRIDE Literacy Awards
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Springfield College Men's Basketball team players will provide literacy and life skills education to 400 students in grades 1-3 in city schools. The team will go to assigned schools and read to classrooms during the month of January. They will also speak with the students, giving them reasons to read and talk them about college. If the students read 5-10 books, they will receive small incentives for their reading. Participating students and teachers will be invited to a game on the college campus and an activity celebrating the students reading achievements. This year the schools will be Brightwood, DeBerry and Homer Street schools.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	400 low income youth in grades 1-3.
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The life skills theme focuses on the book "Rudy's Cap"; inspires the children to read, do well in school and respect themselves and others using positive life skills.
<b>43</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Digital Connectors
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Digital Connectors Program will provide support services and community service opportunities that build leadership qualities in youth and contribute to the improvement of academic and social skills in approximately 15 low income youth.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15 low income youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	community service activities, college exploration
<b>44</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Career Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,000

	<b>Description</b>	Job training program for low income high school students to gain job readiness and professional experience linked to their vocational training in the early education care field. These students will graduate from Putnam High School.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5
	<b>Location Description</b>	Putnam High School, State Street, Springfield, MA CDBG target neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	provide job experience and summer employment to high school students. The students will work at one of Square One's facilities.
<b>45</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Access Funds
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 2: SOUTH END NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Minimum of 3 children will be enrolled in the program. Funds will be used to enable Square One to enroll 5 Springfield children with these grant- infants through grade 8- early education programs, after school enrichment programs and summer enrichment programs. Access funds will be used to enroll the children that need the financial aid.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5 children from low income households will benefit; parents that have been recently released from prison
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	early childcare to children of recently released incarcerated mother's or children of incarcerated mother's.
<b>46</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Family Empowerment (FEP)

	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,500
	<b>Description</b>	July and August FEP will provide out of school activities, enrichment and literacy enhancement activities low income Vietnamese children in grades 1-8. From Sept-June, FEP will provide after school homework and tutoring help to improve basic math and literacy skills, MCAS prep and cultural enrichment. FEP will also provide support to parents of these children to empower them to advocate and provide support for their children.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	65 youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	academic, social, cultural enrichment; literacy skills enhancement and leadership development
<b>47</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,500
	<b>Description</b>	VACA will provide housing counseling services to assist low income refugee persons that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to find adequate housing solutions or to overcome barriers to maintain stable and adequate housing. Year round comprehensive housing counseling program that seeks to prevent homelessness among Vietnamese and other Southwest Asian low income refugees.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 low income refugee families
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG Target neighborhoods- Forest Park neighborhoods
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Family focused and empowerment case management services, low income refugees and immigrants taught to identify their homeless prevention goals, strengths and areas for improvement- direct assistance to help find adequate housing, bilingual assistance, emergency housing, helping elderly to apply or elder housing apartments.
<b>48</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	YWCA YouthBuild
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	The YWCA YouthBuild is 12-month training program that has been specifically designed to address four critical Springfield inner city problems-education, housing, jobs and leadership development; all of which directly impact high school drop outs between the ages of 17-24. The program provides both on-site construction work experience and GED academic and job skills training/placement. The program provides disenfranchised, primarily minority, young adults with education, employment and leadership skills, while expanding the supply of affordable housing by teaching these young adults to build and rehabilitate housing for low income and homeless persons. YouthBuild will build one unit of affordable housing for a low income family.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The program will benefit 30 low income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods and NRSA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	build one house for low income eligible persons; GED classes; construction and job readiness

<b>49</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	ESOL/GED
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	NNCC will provide English instruction to 40 adult learners. The program will support adult learners of low to moderate socioeconomic status in their efforts to gain greater proficiency in English. Improved efficiency in English will increase student's access to opportunities and encourage greater involvement in their neighborhood and community. The students enrolled in the program will be at least 18 years of age and have low English proficiency and will have spoken another language other than English as their primary or first language.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	40 low income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	NRSA Neighborhood-Brightwood/ Memorial Square
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	GED preparation, increase students opportunities and encourage greater involvement in their neighborhood.
<b>50</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Academic Achievers & Summer in the City
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Youth will participate in academic and skill building activities as well as community service, special events, field trips, participants will be tracked during the academic year. Participants will learn how to work in projects that enhance their perception and understanding of how things work intricately.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 low income youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	NRSA neighborhood- Brightwood/ Memorial Square
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Youth learn the importance of staying in school, academic importance, community involvement, education, and community pride and college exploration.
<b>51</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homeless Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	NNCC will provide essential housing supportive case management services; housing advocacy, support and follow up to homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless individuals. They will service a minimum of 200 low income individuals. NNCC will provide bicultural/bilingual housing resource services and immediate crisis intervention. NNCC will refer individuals to on-going case management that includes housing information, placement, advocacy and follow-up.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 homeless persons or persons at risk of being homeless
	<b>Location Description</b>	NRSA Neighborhood Brightwood/Memorial Square
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	case management, follow up with participants, housing assistance, application assistance-welfare, food stamps, health insurance; translation
<b>52</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	TRACKS Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Training, Responsibility, Academics, Community Services, Knowledge, Support. The program targets at risk youth who are not engaged in other positive youth development activities. Serves teens ages 13-19. The program will take place at Gerena School.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 low income youths
	<b>Location Description</b>	NRSA Neighborhood-Brightwood/Memorial Square- Gerena School
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	leadership development, conflict resolution, community service, college and career exploration, recreational opportunities
<b>53</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Recovery Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	NNCC will provide supportive services to individuals who are released from substance abuse programs and working towards maintaining their recovery. NNCC will provide prevention education trainings to individuals in recovery. Services are available during the evenings and weekends.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 low income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	NRSA Neighborhood, Brightwood/Memorial Square
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	recovery support services, non-clinical, culturally competent recovery support services; build relationships with clients.
<b>54</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Acquisition/Disposition Program

	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,638
	<b>Description</b>	Funds to provide staff costs associated with the acquisition and disposition of properties. Program is designed to effect redevelopment.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	75 eligible properties
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG eligible properties
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	acquire and dispose properties
55	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Infrastructure-Streets/Sidewalks/Design
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$425,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funding will be used for design to improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation, to prepare plan specifications and bidding docs for the paving of streets and the replacement or reconstruction of sidewalks that will improve the infrastructure system within CDBG eligible neighborhoods. These infrastructure improvements also compliment other projects funded with HUD grants.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15000
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target areas

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	paving of streets and sidewalks and design of improvements of major corridor - for vehicular and pedestrian circulation
56	<b>Project Name</b>	Park Reconstruction
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$400,000
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG funds will be allocated to provide upgrades and improvements to parks and pools in CDBG target areas. The Office of Community Development will work with the Park Department and the Capital Assets Department to complete various projects. The projects are as follows: Mary Troy Park, replace existing Forest Park Splash Pad structures and Camp Star/Camp Angelina Bath House- 66.7% low mod persons- 2300 persons; census tract- 8021 BG 4; 8004 BG 6
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2300
	<b>Location Description</b>	Forest Park, Liberty Heights Neighborhoods- Census tract 8021 BG 4 and 8004 BG 6
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	replace splash pad structures; upgrade parks and pool bath house.
57	<b>Project Name</b>	Business Support Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000

	<b>Description</b>	The Business Support Program is administered through the OPED. The program will provide financial assistance for new and existing businesses within CDBG eligible areas in Springfield. The program will offer storefront grants to small businesses, technical assistance to small businesses; storefront improvement grants for up to \$10,000 to eligible businesses including interior improvement grants. Best Retail Practices will be offered to prospective applicants and will be required to attend a workshop. Applicants must attend a workshop to use a portion of the grant funds for any interior improvements. The purpose of the workshop is to teach business owners how good retail stores should look and how exteriors and interiors have been neglected can be improved. Small business loans will be available of up to \$15,000 and Technology start up for up to \$5000. These grants are for the purpose of enhancing market assessment, product technology feasibility or resting and other services (legal, accounting, etc.). The program will result in job creation/retention to low income individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	6 jobs created/retained
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhoods; technical assistance
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	job creation/retention; storefront improvement grants, technical assistance programs; interior improvement grants
58	<b>Project Name</b>	Worthington Street Shelter
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$95,000
	<b>Description</b>	FOH operates a resource center for homeless individuals that incorporate shelter, meals, housing and services aimed towards moving people out of homelessness. Meals are served three times/day. FOH provides temporary emergency shelter and meals, and then creates a housing plan with clients to assist them in achieving that goal.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1000
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG target neighborhood
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	operate a resource center, shelter, supportive housing and rapid re-housing services.
59	<b>Project Name</b>	HESG
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Housing will utilize these funds for the planning & execution of the ESG Program; including the general management and oversight; funds will be provided to existing emergency shelter operators to cover operating costs; funds will be provided to community non-profit organizations to assist individuals and families to rapidly regain housing after becoming homeless. The programs will fund financial assistance and social services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	9145
	<b>Location Description</b>	Springfield, MA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	planning and execution of ESG program

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

The City of Springfield plans to expend its CDBG allocation predominately within census block group areas made up of 51% or more low/moderate income population. The City estimates that it will spend more than 70% of its CDBG funds within the City's CDBG target area.

Of 17 City neighborhoods, six are entirely CDBG eligible and ten are partially eligible. Within the Low-Mod CDBG-eligible areas, most of the neighborhoods contain concentrations of low-income households, and greater than average rates of minorities.

The City of Springfield intends to maintain its intense efforts to fundamentally change its urban neighborhoods that are located within the NRSAs. These communities are home to some of the City's poorest residents and have a wealth of ethnic diversity. The residents, businesses owners, and key stakeholders within the NRSA are dynamic, diverse, and eager for positive change and new investment.

The premise of a NRSA is that a concentrated investment of resources in a limited impact area can have a substantial impact for a targeted revitalization area. Springfield's strategy for these areas hinges on a coordinated marshaling of resources, including those of federal, state and local governments; the private sector; community organizations; and neighborhood residents.

Springfield's NRSA initiatives started in 2005 with initial planning, investment in capacity, and identification of partners and resources. As a result, revitalization has been taking place at a steady rate since NRSA designation, but many major initiatives were started in 2008 or 2009, and are still ongoing. In addition, success in the NRSAs has been handicapped by the down-turn in the housing market. These neighborhoods have been very hard-hit by foreclosures, and now have significant numbers of vacant and abandoned homes and blighted commercial structures. Continued investment in these neighborhoods has the potential to take advantage of redevelopment of these properties, would build on the work that that has been initiated, and would support the City's overall efforts to attract private investment.

In June 2011, two of the NRSAs (South End and Six Corners/Old Hill) were hit by an EFS-3 tornado, which caused extensive damage. In 2012 the City completed a broad community planning process to guide the rebuilding process. It is expected that rebuilding will bring new resources to these neighborhoods, and may have a revitalizing impact. The City of Springfield received \$21,896,000 CDBG-DR funds in March 2013. These funds are to be used for any unmet needs impacted by the multiple Presidentially Declared Disasters in 2011. A Partial Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Action Plan A is in place which commits \$13,906,000 of the City's CDBG-DR allocation.

## Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NRSA 1: BRIGHTWOOD/MEMORIAL SQUARE	12
NRSA 2: SOUTH END	9
NRSA 3: OLD HILL/SIX CORNERS	11

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

Springfield's investment of CDBG funds is based on whether the activity falls within a City funding priority, whether the service is an eligible activity, and whether the service or need meets a national objective. In addition, the activity must meet one of the following CDBG objectives: (1) provide a suitable living environment; (2) provide decent housing; and (3) provide economic opportunity.

Resources are allocated to maximize the benefits to residents within target areas. While public infrastructure, parks, open space, and public facility type projects are exclusively within targeted areas, other strategic investments are made for the benefit of low- and moderate-income residents throughout the City. In order to meet high priority needs of the community such as job creation and economic development, it may be necessary to invest outside low/moderate census tracts.

HOME Investment Partnership Funds (HOME) may be utilized to rehabilitate rental housing, directly assist homebuyers, provide tenant-based rental assistance, and produce and/or preserve affordable housing citywide.

Public investments of federal and other funds will be in direct response to priority needs that are detailed at length throughout the Consolidated Plan. The needs were identified through consultations with community stakeholders, input directly from residents, and assessment of relevant data and existing plans.

ESG and HOPWA funds are targeted to meet the identified needs of the eligible populations within the geographic area. For ESG, the service area is the City of Springfield. Investments are made in accordance with relative priority and statutory spending caps. HOPWA funds are allocated throughout the EMSA which includes the tri-county area. HOPWA funds are allocated primarily to alleviate the housing cost burden for eligible households.

## **Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

The City of Springfield has established three primary goals for the period 2010-2014:

1. Increase housing stability throughout the City, with a particular emphasis on neighborhoods in need of revitalization.
2. Improve the quality of the City's housing stock; and
3. Preserve and expand housing options in order to provide opportunity for residents to access safe, sanitary, and affordable homes.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	215
Non-Homeless	145
Special-Needs	147
Total	507

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	357
The Production of New Units	20
Rehab of Existing Units	30
Acquisition of Existing Units	100
Total	507

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

## Discussion

The City's FY2014-2015 goals for providing affordable housing include the following activities:

Homeless: Rapid rehousing - 200 households (ESG); Permanent supportive housing - 15 households (CoC)

Non-Homeless: New rental units - 5 (HOME); New homeownership units - 10 (HOME, NSP); Homeowner repair - 15 (HOME); Rental rehabilitation - 10 (HOME); Preservation/expiring use - 5 (HOME); Downpayment assistance - 100 (HOME).

Special Needs - Rental assistance/HIV-AIDS - 92 (HOPWA); Rental assistance/special needs - 50 (HOME TBRA)

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

### **Introduction**

The City has a close working relationship with the Springfield Housing Authority. The City is a co-recipient with SHA for a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant, which is being used to explore opportunities to transform the Marble Street Apartments, a 48-unit obsolete and poorly-designed complex in the City's South End. Together, the City and SHA envision this project as becoming a Neighborhoods of Opportunity project, which will support revitalization of the South End while improving housing and neighborhood conditions for the public housing residents. The Choice Neighborhoods Grant will be implemented this year.

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

1. SHA will continue the modernization work required to meet the Voluntary Compliance Agreement entered into in June 2010, to meet the requirements of converting 38 apartments into handicap accessible units. Between 6 and 10 units are expected to be completed in FY2014.
2. SHA is hiring a section 8 mobility counselor to assist section 8 households to move into higher opportunity neighborhoods and neighborhoods without an existing concentration of poverty.
3. The City and SHA are collaborating to replace public housing units lost due to the June 2011 tornado. The City expects to provide CDBG-DR funds to assist with housing replacement.
4. The City and SHA are exploring options for demolition and replacement of the Marble Street Apartments, an obsolete 46-unit public housing complex in the South End neighborhood.

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

1. SHA is expanding its section 8 homeownership program.

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

SHA is not designated as "troubled" and it is not a poorly functioning housing authority. It is currently under very strong management.

### **Discussion**

In partnership with SHA, the City conducts targeted outreach to public housing and Section 8 residents,

and offers customized credit and homebuyer classes to residents on-site at SHA properties. As the City provides development funds for affordable homeownership opportunities, it seeks to find qualified homebuyers among SHA residents.

This partnership provides the opportunity for public housing residents to move up into homeownership and obtain the asset of a home, while opening up public housing rental units for very-low income households on the waiting list.

The City and SHA will continue to explore development, homeownership and neighborhood stabilization opportunities, and the City will continue to work with the SHA to ensure fair housing practices continue to be included as part of SHA programs.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Springfield administers the Springfield/Chicopee/Holyoke/Westfield/Hampden County Continuum of Care, which undertakes strategic planning for providing homelessness services and working to reduce homelessness. The City also has a Ten-Year-Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, "Homes Within Reach", which guides the City and the CoC.

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

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

1. Collaborate with the regional PATH program and the Health Care for the Homeless program, both of which conduct street outreach.
2. Participate in regular REACH meetings, where outreach, shelter, and PSH providers seek to match long-term homeless people to available housing opportunities.
3. Monitor CoC providers to ensure compliance with commitments to target new and turnover permanent supportive housing units to chronically homeless persons and persons who are currently unsheltered.

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

1. Provide funding to existing emergency shelter facilities to assist them in meeting the community need for year-round shelter beds.
2. Provide gap funding to Annie's House transitional housing program.
3. Provide technical support to transitional housing programs which are planning to convert to permanent supportive housing.

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

1. Provide ESG funding for assessment and development of individualized housing plans.
2. Use ESG to fund prevention and rapid rehousing financial assistance and services.
3. Use CoC funds to provide nine new units of permanent supportive housing for people who are chronically homeless.

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

1. Continue to work with the Western Mass Network to End Homelessness to monitor compliance with state discharge plans and locally-created discharge protocols.

#### **Discussion**

**AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (I)(3)**

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	70
Tenant-based rental assistance	25
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	95

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

### **Introduction**

Widespread poverty and the City's aged housing stock create an enormous demand for safe, affordable housing. However, the City's high concentration of poverty, associated social and public safety problems, and lack of employment opportunities, along with the fact that households impacted by concentrated poverty are predominantly minority, suggest that significant creation of new affordable rental units in the City may have negative consequences in terms of providing existing City residents with economic opportunity and fair housing choices. The City's primary response to the need for safe affordable housing in the City is funding for preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing stock, and initiatives which support affordable homeownership opportunities. The City uses HOME funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance, a strategy that both supports housing affordability and addresses the concentration of poverty (tenants may use the vouchers to live in or out of the City). The City encourages its partner agencies and municipalities to assist in simultaneously addressing affordability and concentrated poverty through use of mobile housing resources such as Section 8 vouchers, and through creation of affordable housing throughout the Springfield metropolitan area.

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

The City does not have in place these types of policy barriers to affordable housing, and has affordable housing units in every neighborhood of the City. However, Springfield has in the past year collaborated with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to create a regional housing plan, and the plan identified these types of barriers in many of the areas surrounding Springfield. The City continues to serve on the regional planning committee as it attempts to identify ways to remove or ameliorate these barriers throughout the region.

### **Discussion**

The City's Office of Planning and Economic Development actively promotes the development of collaborations and partnerships with both non-profit and for-profit builders, developers, and other interested parties for the purpose of increasing the capacity for the development of housing opportunities of all types in Springfield. Through collaboration and increased capacity, OPED seeks to position the City to receive additional housing resources.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

The City continues to prioritize neighborhood stabilization and responding to foreclosures. Springfield is focused on emergency home repairs, addressing blighted homes (rehabilitation/redevelopment, disposition of tax title properties, demolition, code enforcement) and encouraging buyers to purchase in Springfield (homebuyer education, down payment assistance). When existing homes are abandoned, the City boards and secures the home to keep property and the neighborhoods safe. Springfield also administers a "clean and lien" program where the City clears abandoned properties and places a lien to secure the cost.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The greatest obstacle to meeting the needs identified in the plan is the lack of resources needed to do so. The City strives to maximize the resources it has, through targeting and efficient programming, and it attempts to increase the resources available to address the needs. The City's attempts to increase resources will include:

- Application for competitive grant funding;
- Partnership with the private sector to achieve community goals;
- Assistance to nonprofit agencies and private partners to enable them to compete for government and private funds; Advocacy with state administration and local legislative delegation to increase state support for priority City projects and initiatives. The City's response is also limited by restrictions placed on available funding sources. Most significantly, restrictions on the use of CDBG funds make it difficult for the City to use these funds more broadly for job creation and job training, which are critical needs in the City. Other obstacles to meeting underserved needs include the difficulty in addressing community problems which are regionally based, and the need to have high quality data and analysis of the City's challenges and opportunities. Springfield works to address the first obstacle by collaborating with our jurisdictional neighbors whenever possible. The City has done this effectively in the area of homelessness, where it has been a leader in creating the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness, which advocates and implements a regional response to homelessness.

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

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

Specific actions the City will take to evaluate lead-paint hazards during the Annual Plan period will include:

- City Code Enforcement inspections to evaluate potential hazards in units where children under six reside and to enforce remediation in compliance with Massachusetts lead laws.
- Aggressive enforcement, including—as necessary—legal prosecution of property

owners who fail to comply with orders to remediate hazards.

- Mandatory pre-rehabilitation lead testing including soil samples for all HOME-funded project-based homeownership and multi-family production programs.

Specific actions to reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards will include:

- Mandatory remediation within rehabilitation specifications for all project-based and multi-family projects.
- Referral of property owners to state-funded lead abatement programs.

In compliance with Title X, the City has integrated lead hazard controls into all housing policies and programs. Federal requirements for evaluating and remediating lead hazards are fully incorporated into the City's protocol for housing rehabilitation

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

Springfield is faced with an alarmingly high percentage of families living on or below the poverty level, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Almost 27% of Springfield households live in poverty (\$22,350 for a family of four in 2010). Over a third (33.9%) of children under 18 live in poverty, giving the City one of the highest child poverty rates in the state. The rate is higher for Latino families, with 58% of children under 18, and 74% of children under five, living in poverty. Of all household types, single-parent households headed by women are the poorest, with 62% with children under age five living in households with poverty-level incomes.

There is a strong correlation between literacy rates (early childhood education, K-12, and adult education) and the incidence of poverty. Many poor families are headed by parents who have not finished high school, and cannot compete for better-paying jobs. In Springfield, 26.6% of adults age 25 and over have not completed high school or earned a GED; only 15.4% have earned a bachelor's degree. Without further education, many low-income parents are unlikely to earn incomes that will support their families.

The City's anti-poverty efforts focus on three broad categories: increasing education and literacy; increasing employment and training opportunities; and increasing household assets.

Many low-income adults lack the education and English language proficiency needed to support their efforts to attain self-sufficiency. In order to assist individuals in overcoming these barriers, the City will support Adult Basic Education, GED and English Language classes. In FY 14-15, the City will support the following adult education programs; NNCC, The Gray House and the YWCA serving 190 people.

Through the City's anti-poverty effort, the YMCA works to increase education and literacy. YMCA provides an on-site construction, GED academic and job skills training placement program increasing employment and training opportunities. The YouthBuild Program benefits minority young people between the ages of 17-24 living in the Springfield community searching for a path to economic self-sufficiency. YouthBuild provides education, employment and leadership skills while expanding the supply of affordable housing by teaching these young adults to build and rehabilitate housing for low income and homeless persons.

Within the City, there is a mis-match between the jobs available and the skill levels of local residents; the problem is even more pronounced with regard to youth. In FY 14-15, the City will support education, employment and job training opportunities for at-risk persons in the following programs: YWCA and Square One.

The City will, in its projects and through contractual relationships with subgrantees, ensure compliance with the provision of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968, which helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency by assuring that job training, employment, and contracting opportunities will be made

available for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods. The City has a Section 3 coordination grant which supports a staff person who focuses on increasing Section 3 opportunities and compliance.

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

Through a cabinet of departments that includes Office of Community Development, Office of Housing, Office of Neighborhood Services, and the Office of Economic Development and Planning, the City continues to enhance the coordination of the delivery of services and in the development of low- and moderate-income areas regardless of project funding sources. The major institutional focus is to increase coordination and communication among all involved parties from the initial concept through project completion.

Springfield undertook a City-wide strategic planning process in 2010, in order to empower all City departments to move forward in a more painful and coordinated way to advance the City's overall goals.

The City's receipt of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant has enabled it to increase capacity to move forward on initiatives in the South End. The majority of the \$300,000 grant will fund a consulting firm that will carry out steps necessary for creation of a Neighborhood Transformation Plan.

Springfield will implement its consolidated plan strategy through private industry; non-profit organizations, including CBDOs and CHDOs; the Springfield Redevelopment Authority; the Springfield Housing Authority; Develop Springfield; and City departments. The utilization of a broad base of organizations will assist the City in addressing its community development, housing, homeless and special needs objectives. However, while the number and abilities of the organizations and departments involved are an institutional strength, the City will constantly work to coordinate the projects and programs. Such coordination is integral to the success of the Plan.

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

The City seeks to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies through multi-disciplinary/multi-agency task forces and teams that focus on particular issues or neighborhoods. Some of these teams that will be active during FY 14-15 are: The Springfield Food Policy Council, the Springfield Adolescent Sexual Health Advisory Committee; the Implementation Committee

for the City's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness; the Buy Springfield Now committee; the Closing the Achievement Gap Initiative; the State Street Alliance; the Old Hill Collaborative; and the South End Revitalization Coalition.

## **Discussion**

The City has a close working relationship with the Springfield Housing Authority. The City is a co-recipient with SHA for a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant, which is being used to explore opportunities to transform the Marble Street Apartments, a 48-unit obsolete and poorly-designed complex in the City's South End. Together, the City and SHA envision this project as becoming a Neighborhoods of Opportunity project, which will support revitalization of the South End while improving housing and neighborhood conditions for the public housing residents.

The City and SHA have partnered to create up to 90 units of supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and 10 units of supportive housing for families that experience repeat homelessness. The "Housing First" program uses SHA project-based Section 8 vouchers in existing units owned by private landlords. Applicants for the program, who must have been homeless for one year or more or at least four times in the last three years, are screened by a multi-disciplinary team. The team links the applicants to service providers who agree to provide intensive supportive services, targeted toward helping the tenant to maintain housing. The City funds the supportive services for the tenants.

The Springfield Housing Authority has a Section 8 homeownership program, and the City works with SHA to expand use of the program. In partnership with SHA, the City conducts targeted outreach to public housing and Section 8 residents, and offers customized credit and homebuyer classes to residents on-site at SHA properties. As the City provides development funds for affordable homeownership opportunities, it seeks to find qualified homebuyers among SHA residents. This partnership provides the opportunity for public housing residents to move up into homeownership and obtain the asset of a home, while opening up public housing rental units for very-low income households on the waiting list.

The City and SHA will continue to explore development, homeownership and neighborhood stabilization opportunities, and the City will continue to work with the SHA to ensure fair housing practices continue to be included as part of SHA programs.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	82.00%

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

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

The City of Springfield will not use forms of investment for the HOME Program during this fiscal year other than those described in 92.205(b).

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

The City of Springfield's HOME Program Recapture provisions are as follows:

*HOME Purchase Assistance.* In the event that the buyer continues to occupy and does not sell or refinance the property during their period of affordability, the buyer's obligation to repay under the loan shall be null and void. If the buyer continues to own the property during the period of affordability but fails to maintain it as a principal place of residence, the entire loan shall be due and payable.

*Project Based Homeownership (PBHO) Projects.* The City allocates funds in the form of deferred payment loans for the rehabilitation of existing houses or new construction of single-family houses to be marketed and sold to first-time homebuyers. These homebuyers must be income-eligible under HOME program guidelines and, depending upon the amount of funding that was allocated for a project, must maintain the home as their primary residence for between 5 and 15 years. To enforce this provision, the City requires all deeds conveying HOME assisted houses contain a deed rider that outlines the specific 'recapture' provisions of the HOME program and puts the buyer on notice of their responsibilities upon purchasing the HOME-assisted property.

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

During the affordability period (absent any other violations of the Deed Rider) the homeowner may sell to any third party with the following recapture provision:

- Homebuyer shall repay the Assistance Amount (defined below) reduced by one-(fifth, tenth or fifteenth--however long the duration of the deed rider is) for each full year that has elapsed from the date of this Deed Rider until the date of such sale; OR

The Assistance Amount shall be defined as the Direct Subsidy to the homebuyer. This includes financial assistance that reduces purchase price for homebuyer below market or otherwise subsidizes the homebuyer (i.e. down payment loan, closing cost assistance, etc.)

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

The City does not plan to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
  - Must be currently homeless or at risk of homelessness as defined in 24 CFR § 576.2. The regulation states that *at risk of homelessness* means: (1) An individual or family who:(i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;(ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “homeless” definition in this section; and (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth

facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan; (2) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.

1786(b)(15)); or (3) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

- Case files must include a completed eligibility form and certification (which meets HUD specifications) that the household meets the eligibility criteria.
  - Household must have a connection to Springfield, which may include: 1. currently homeless in Springfield; 2. Employed in Springfield; or 3. Using rapid rehousing funds to move into an apartment in Springfield.
  - For households meeting the definition of "at risk of homelessness", case files must include all documentation required by 24 CFR § 576.500.
  - For each individual and family determined ineligible to receive ESG assistance, the record must include documentation of the reason for that determination.
  - Records must be kept for each program participant that document: the services and assistance provided to that program participant; compliance with requirements under 24 CFR §§ 576.101-106, 576.401 (a) and (b), and 576.401 (d) and (e); and, where applicable, compliance with the termination of assistance requirement in § 576.402.
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC has not established a centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City's FY14-15 allocation is \$305,439; the City will retain \$22,907 of that amount for administrative costs. The balance of \$282,532 will be allocated using a Request for Proposals (RFP) process led by the Springfield Office of Housing. The RFP will be advertised in the local newspaper, posted on the City's website and the blog of the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness, and sent by email to the members of the Continuum of Care. The selection committee will consist of City staff and members of the CoC, including at least one person who has been formerly homeless.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Springfield is unable to directly meet the requirement that it have a homeless or formerly homeless individual on its policy-making Board or Directors, because the City's policy is made by elected officials. The City meets its requirement to include homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making policies and decisions regarding any ESG-funded facilities, services, or other assistance through extensive participation in and consultation with the Springfield Continuum of Care, an entity that includes formerly homeless individuals as members. The City also requires each subrecipient to meet the ESG homeless participation requirements.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City and CoC create performance standards for each project that is funded. The standards include: the number of households to receive assistance; the number of households to exit to permanent housing; and the number of households to maintain permanent housing for a minimum of 3 months.

## **Discussion**

**FY2014-15 ACTIONS TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING**

<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Metric/Deliverable</i>
<b>People-based Strategies</b>		
Fair Housing Education and Enforcement	Provide funding to the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center for investigation and enforcement	Education for 200 people; Enforcement actions for 25 people;  A minimum of 100 phone test audits for linguistic profiling and enforcement where there is evidence of discrimination
	Provide Fair Housing educational materials on the City’s website, the Buy Springfield Now website, and at the Office of Housing and the Mayor’s Office of Consumer Affairs, in English and Spanish	Put Fair Housing content on City and Buy Springfield Now websites;  Distribute 500 “Have You Found Closed Doors When Looking for Housing?” pamphlets through City offices
	Conduct Fair Housing training for housing search workers	1 training  20+ participants
Homeownership Assistance	Provide homebuyer education, in English and Spanish	Train 150 persons, including 30 who are Spanish-speaking
	Provide \$2500 toward downpayment assistance (Historically, over 65% of households receiving assistance are made up of Latinos and African Americans)	Provide 80 households with downpayment assistance

	SHA will expand its Section 8 homeownership program	Assist 5 Section 8 participants to purchase homes
Access to Housing for Persons with Disabilities	Review and revise (if necessary) guidelines for investment of HOME funds, to ensure that these guidelines prioritize accessibility and visitability	Revised HOME guidance

<b>Place-based Strategies</b>		
Create homeownership opportunities in the Six Corners and Old Hill neighborhoods	Fund homeownership development in these neighborhoods	10 homes
Assist homeowner rehabilitation in the Old Hill and Six Corners neighborhoods	Use CDBG-DR funds for homeowner rehabilitation in these neighborhoods	10 homes
Eliminate blight in the Six Corners, Old Hill, and South End neighborhoods	Demolish blighted structures and clear lots	10 structures
Improve public safety in the South End neighborhood	Implement DOJ Byrne grant	Hire project coordinator and fund community organizer and locate both in the South End;  Initiate regular community meetings with police regarding public safety; Fund increased police presence
Rehabilitate distressed housing units in the South End Neighborhood	Provide funds for renovation of Outing Park Apartments	11 units

<b>Linkage Strategies</b>		
Section 8 mobility counseling	SHA to provide Section 8 mobility counseling	1 FTE Section 8 mobility counselor
Access to employment for low-income residents in HUD-funded activities	Employ a Section 3 coordinator in the Office of Housing	1 FTE Section 3 coordinator
Explore flexible use of section 8 program to improve resident outcomes	Initiate conversation with SHA about Moving to Work designation	2 meetings with SHA leadership
<b>Strategies to Increase Understanding</b>		
Provide leadership regarding a regional conversation regarding fair housing and segregation	Participate in the Regional Housing Plan Committee and the regional task force on fair housing	Ongoing participation in meetings and activities by Springfield's Director of Housing