

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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

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

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

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The City of Springfield's objectives are:

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

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

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

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

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

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

As part of the planning for the 5-year plan, Springfield's Development Services Division reviewed the goals and actual outcomes from the last consolidated plan. The Division eliminated the Neighborhood Targeted Improvement Program, which provided grants to neighborhood resident organizations to fund neighborhood improvements, after determining that the program was not well-used. The Division worked to free up funds from this and other programs in order to be able to provide additional funding for economic development activities, which was widely identified as a large unmet need. The internal evaluation supplemented the feedback received from the survey and public meetings held during the Consolidated Plan planning process to provide guidance as to goals that have the most impact and are achievable over a five-year period.

In the last several years there has been an increased focus on the steps the City is taking to affirmatively further fair housing. As a result of data analysis on segregation from 2010 census data, regional sustainability planning, and City review of racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, the City has more clearly targeted distressed areas for investment intended to provide improved neighborhood conditions and economic opportunity for residents of these areas. At the same time, the City has

retained the format of its first-time homebuyer downpayment assistance program, which allows income-eligible households to receive assistance to purchase a home in any City neighborhood. Analysis of past performance indicates that this program has specifically enabled people of color to move to higher-opportunity neighborhoods.

Following multiple natural disasters over the last five years, especially the 2011 tornado, plus education the City has been exposed to through its 2015 participation in the National Disaster Resilience Competition, the City is expanding its use of federal funds to enhance the City's resiliency to future climate change and natural disasters. While the City specifically sought funds for green interventions through NDRC, the City has identified that bringing opportunity to neighborhoods of deep poverty is critical to the City's future resiliency. This conclusion reinforces the City's determination to affirmatively further fair housing, and supports the City's decision to target the majority of HUD funds to the City's most economically challenged neighborhoods. In early 2016, the City received an award of \$17 million in CDBG-NDR Funds. Programming of those funds is described in the City's NDRC application and materials.

This plan does not detail the City's spending of \$21.9 million in CDBG-Disaster Recovery funds allocated in 2013 and which will be fully-expended by the end of 2018. The City conducted an extensive planning process for those funds in 2013, and plans for these funds are described in CDBG-DR Action Plan A and further Action Plans. The City did, however, take into consideration the plan for spending of those funds in its planning for spending other federal funds in 2015-2019. The different funding sources and plans are designed to complement each other.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City encourages and creates numerous opportunities for citizens to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The Annual Action Plan process consists of : public notice published in the Republican and LaVoz newspapers; posting of hearing dates, request for comments and draft plan on the City's website; two public hearings (held this year on January 20, 2016 at Rebecca Johnson and January 27, 2016 at Chestnut Accelerated School; receipt of public comments; and a public hearing on the published DRAFT Annual Action Plan (**held this year April 27, 2016 at Springfield City Hall**).

This Annual Action Plan DRAFT was available for public review and 30 day comment period from April 8, 2016 through May 7, 2016. Copies of the DRAFT Plan were available at the Office of Community Development, 1600 East Columbus Avenue, Office of Housing, 1600 East Columbus Avenue, Office of Planning and Economic Development, 70 Tapley Street and the Office of Neighborhood Services, 70 Tapley Street and the City's Community Development website. A summary of the plan in Spanish was

available at the same locations. The City accepted written comments on the draft plan throughout the public comment period.

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.

Minutes of public hearings, as well as copies of written comments received, are included in the document; AD-26-Administration, Attachments Citizen Participation.

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

All comments that were received were accepted and incorporated in the Annual Action Plan, 2016-2017. Comments are included in the document as AD-26- Administration.

7. Summary

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

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

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)

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

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Cathy Buono, Director of Administration & Finance, Office of Community Development, can be reached at cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com for any questions regarding the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan or any other HUD related documents.

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

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.

The City conducted initial public input hearings and a hearing on the initial draft of the plan, and sought written comment at the beginning of the planning process and again in response to its initial draft plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Springfield works to enhance coordination among agencies from multiple sectors in a number of efforts, some of which are place-based, and some of which are focused on issues or populations.

Place-based initiatives include:

- C3 Initiatives in the North End, South End, Mason Square, and lower Forest Park, which include weekly problem-solving meetings attended by residents, police, landlords, business owners, social service agencies and others to respond to neighborhood needs, as well as enhanced community-oriented policing.
- A Byrne Criminal Justice Initiative based in the South End

Other coordination initiatives that the City leads or participates in include:

- Green and Healthy Home Initiative
- The Mayor's Violence Task Force
Cherish Every Child - Reading Success by 4th Grade
LiveWell
Springfield
Springfield Food Policy Council
Springfield Public Health Council
Mason Square Health Task Force
Project HOPE -
coordination among Police, Emergency Room Departments, crisis services, and homeless service providers regarding chronically homeless unsheltered individuals

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

The City of Springfield Office of Housing is the Collaborative Applicant and Grant Administrator for the Springfield/Hampden County Continuum of Care (CoC), and it is also the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead for the CoC. City and CoC efforts are closely aligned and coordinated.

Chronic Homelessness Springfield has been guided since 2007 by a Ten-Year Plan to End Long-Term Homelessness, and many of the goals of the plan are carried out by the CoC. Both the City and the CoC are committed to ending chronic homelessness by the end of 2016, and the City has dedicated staff and coordinated with the Springfield Housing Authority in order to reach this goal. The CoC is a member of the national Zero 2016 campaign, which is providing technical assistance and support to the CoC and the City to reach the chronic homelessness goal.

Veteran Homelessness Springfield's Mayor has joined the Mayor's Challenge to **End Veteran Homelessness** and the Zero 2016 campaign is also providing technical assistance and support in reaching this goal. The City has convened veteran agencies and the CoC to collaborate toward improving the homelessness response system for veterans and assisting the City's homeless veterans into permanent housing.

Homeless Unaccompanied Youth The City and the CoC participated in statewide youth counts which took place during the 2014 and 2015 point-in-time counts in order to collect better data and a separate youth count in May 2016. The youth counts have included additional outreach measures to find homeless and doubled-up youth, as well as a survey to learn more about the youth's circumstances and needs. The City and the CoC applied for and were awarded state funds to support prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing for youth ages 18-24 in FY17.

Homeless Families with Children The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides diversion assistance and emergency shelter for families in a closed system. Springfield and the City participate in a Family Services Committee coordinated by the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness in order to coordinate local resources with the state system. The City provides Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for programs that serve homeless families that are not eligible for the state benefit. In the past fiscal year, providers have used CoC funding to create 18 permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless families.

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's response to homelessness and the Continuum of Care are both operated by the City's Office of Housing, which ensures that City and CoC closely coordinate strategies.

For the ESG program, the Office of Housing seeks information from CoC members regarding funding priorities and performance standards, and creates draft priorities and standards, which are reviewed again with the CoC. Individual ESG programs are selected for funding using a request for proposals (RFP) process, and CoC members are part of the review committee.

The CoC includes a Data and Performance Committee, which has set performance standards for ESG and CoC programs. The standards are reviewed annually and adjusted when warranted. Performance results are used as part of the annual process of deciding which programs will receive funding.

The City's Office of Housing is the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead. The CoC has an HMIS Governance Agreement which identifies the City as the lead, and determines roles and responsibilities. The CoC, working with the CoC HMIS Committee, created HMIS Policies and Procedures, which have been reviewed and voted on by the CoC Board of Directors.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HAP Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended public hearing at Rebecca Johnson School, January 20, 2016 and public hearing at Chestnut Accelerated, January 27, 2016.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended public Hearing at Chestnut Accelerated School, January 27, 2016.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Revitalize CDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended public hearing at Chestnut Accelerated on January 27, 2016.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITIES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended public hearing at Chestnut Accelerated on January 20,2016.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW NORTH CITIZENS COUNCIL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Grantee Department Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Public Service
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended public hearing at Chestnut Accelerated on January 20, 2016.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	MAPLE HIGH SIX CORNERS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business Leaders Civic Leaders Neighborhood Council Grantee Department Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Written comments were received-email. Made part of this document.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	RIVER VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Center for Human Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
9	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
10	Agency/Group/Organization	MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Mercy Hospital
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Springfield Partners for Community Action
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
13	Agency/Group/Organization	OPEN PANTRY COMMUNITY SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
14	Agency/Group/Organization	SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
15	Agency/Group/Organization	HUMAN RESOURCES UNLIMITED
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
17	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF CHICOPEE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Complete Consolidated Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
18	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Holyoke
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Complete Consolidated Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
19	Agency/Group/Organization	WESTFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Complete Consolidated Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
20	Agency/Group/Organization	WEST SPRINGFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Complete Consolidated Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Massachusetts Fair Housing Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended public hearing at Chestnut Accelerated on January 27, 2016.

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

All relevant agencies were consulted.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Opening Doors in Western MA	1. Ending Veteran and chronic homelessness in 2016 2. Creating a youth centric system to respond to youth under 25 experiencing housing instability.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress	1. Expansion of high quality early childhood education. 2. Completion of Union Station as a regional intermodal transportation hub. 3. Support for hydropower and co-generation projects. 4. Prioritize economic opportunity initiatives in the regions areas of concentrated poverty. 5. Support for Springfield Innovation Center, to support Entrepreneurship.
Our Next Future	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1. Creation of a City Climate Change Action Plan 2. Generate more clean energy (hydropower and co-generation) . Continued participation in Springfield Food Policy Council4. Use receivership and tax takings to address vacant, abandon and foreclosed properties 5. Secure housing rehabilitation funds 6. Participation in regional fair housing coalition.

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's Participation Plan 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 in the plan, the City encourages 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 and moderate income residents the public hearings are held in areas where funds are mostly to be spent and to public housing residents.

The City makes information available and accessible to all interested parties. At a minimum, the City provides information concerning proposed activities, including amount of assistance, range of activities to be undertaken and the amount that will benefit low/moderate income persons. All information is provided in English and Spanish.

The City relied on input received from the public in establishing its priorities and goals.

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 City of Springfield, MA residents	23 in attendance- Rebecca Johnson School, January 20, 2016.	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.	The City accepted all comments and considered them with all other input and analysis that contributed to the final version of the 2016-2017 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)
2	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>City of Springfield, MA residents</p>	<p>Chestnut Accelerated School, January 27, 2016, 10 in attendance</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The City accepted all comments and considered them with all other input and analysis that contributed to the final version of the 2016-2017 Action Plan</p>	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	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>City of Springfield, MA residents</p>	<p>---# in attendance-</p> <p>City Hall, Room 220,</p> <p>April 27, 2016</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The City accepted all comments and considered them with all other input and analysis that contributed to the final version of the 2016-2017 Action Plan</p>	

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4	Mailings	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanis</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>City of Springfield, MA residents</p>	<p>The OCD has an extensive mailing list. The list includes residents of the City of Springfield, neighborhood councils, City Councilors, businesses and public service agencies. Flyers are sent with dates of public hearings, the release of any RFP's and when the DRAFT Action Plan will be available for public comment/review.</p>	<p>The mailing did not require public comments. The OCD used the extensive mailing list to advertise public hearings, RFP release and the availability of the DRAFT Action Plan.</p>	<p>The City accepted all comments and considered them with all other input and analysis that contributed to the final version of the 2016-2017 Action Plan.</p>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Springfield did extensive outreach to establish the following four priority goals to guide its strategies during the program years 2015-2019: Economic Development, Neighborhood Improvement and Housing, Community Development, and Special Needs Population. The City will use its entitlement funds to further these priorities over the next five years.

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	3,492,334	150,000	550,000	4,192,334	10,756,663	Assumed a 2.8% yearly reduction based on average of last two years plus \$150,000 program income and \$100,000 prior year resources annually

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	1,093,947	2,000	100,000	1,195,947	2,771,372	Assumed a 3.9% yearly reduction based on average of last two years plus \$2,000 program income and \$25,000 prior year resources annually. Funding will be used for Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing

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: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	453,520	0	5,673	459,193	1,364,791	Assumed a 10.4% increase based on average of last two years.

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	319,947	0	3,423	323,370	1,360,081	Assumed a 0.4% increase based on average of last two years.

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 - US Dept of HUD - \$2,341,596 (funding for permanent supportive and transitional housing for persons experiencing homelessness)
- Health Care for the Homeless - \$1,194,000 (funding for health services for person experiencing homelessness)
- Byrne Grant - Dept of Justice - \$1,000,000 (funding for public safety initiative in the South End)
- Heartwap - State of MA - \$550,000 (funding for heating system repair and maintenance)

- Fema and City Bond Fund Projects \$34,319,991 (new Senior Center - \$12,000,000; new South End Community Center - \$10,800,000; ECOS - \$4,019,991; renovation of 50 East Street - \$7,500,000)
- City Bond Funds - Demolition - \$2,000,000 (funding for demolition of blighted properties)
- CDBG-DR - US Dept of HUD - \$21,896,000 (disaster recovery funds - to be used for projects in the tornado path)NDR - US Dept of HUD - \$17,056,880 (National Disaster Resilience Grant funds to be used for approved resilience projects)
- Mass Dot - \$271,000,000 (Main Street North End - \$6,000,000; I-91 Viaduct Reconstruction - \$265,000,000)
- Chapter 90 - \$3,640,415 (roads)
- Multiple sources for rehabilitation of St James Commons: \$8,243,782 - Federal LIHTC Equity - \$5,767,756; State LIHTC Equity - \$730,000; Federal Historic Equity - \$1,346,026; Capitalized Reserves \$400,000
- Multiple sources for rehabilitation of Maple Commons: \$35,010,052- Federal LIHTC Equity - \$9,122,043; State LIHTC Equity - \$10,020,547; Federal Historic Equity - \$4,905,562; State Historic Equity - \$1,978,000; AHFT - \$3,000,000 DHCD - \$550,000; Permanent Debt - \$5,383,873
- Multiple sources for rehabilitation of E. Henry Twiggs Estates: \$20,531,875- Federal LIHTC Equity - \$7,865,383; State LIHTC Equity - \$5,475,000; First Mortgage - \$2,750,000; AHFT - \$1,000,000; Capnip - \$1,000,000; CIPF - \$1,441,492; HSF - \$1,000,000
- Massachusetts PARC Grant - \$650,000.00 (Balliet Park Reconstruction)
- MassWorks - \$2,200,000 (Springfield Innovation Center)
- Private Funding - MGM Springfield - \$800,000,000
- Private Funding - BayState Health Phase 3 - \$33,000,000
- Private Funding - CNR Changchun Railway Vehicles - \$60,000,000
- Private Funding - Mercy Hospital - \$15,000,000Massachusetts EOHHS Crisis Intervention Services Grant-\$275,000

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 2001-2005. HOME has no required 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

The City of Springfield regularly becomes the owner of vacant lots and residential buildings through foreclosure for nonpayment of taxes. The City frequently uses residential vacant lots for development of new homes, and seeks new owners for ownership and management of multi-family buildings. In some instances, the City has simultaneously made buildings available with federal funds dedicated for rehabilitation, for the purpose of creating quality affordable homeownership units.

Discussion

As the City undertook planning for federal HUD funds, it took into consideration other funding sources that are available to the City to advance its goals. Springfield's Consolidated Plan uses all sources in a coordinated and leveraged way in order to achieve the best outcomes for the City.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center	Economic Development	CDBG: \$592,117	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 9 Business Jobs created/retained: 39 Jobs Businesses assisted: 25 Businesses Assisted Other: 6000 Other
2	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing	CDBG: \$1,080,116 HOME: \$857,885	Rental units rehabilitated: 35 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 23 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 100 Households Assisted Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center	Community Development	CDBG: \$2,337,985 HOME: \$36,531	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16000 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5240 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1000 Household Housing Unit Other: 414 Other
4	Homeless and Special Needs Population	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center	Homelessness and Special Needs Population	CDBG: \$182,116 HOPWA: \$459,193 HOME: \$301,531 ESG: \$323,370	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 114 Household Housing Unit Other: 9000 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	The City will expand job training, job development and job readiness programs to effectively develop a competitive work force. It will promote an environment that encourages entrepreneurship and small business growth, strengthens existing businesses and expands economic opportunities. The City will support organizations that contribute to the revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts. In addition, Springfield will promote sustainability and smart growth development through improvements in transportation choices of all modes, brownfields remediation and historic preservation. The Office of Economic Development will seek authority from the Department of Housing & Urban Development in 2016 to access \$1,500,000 of Section 108 loan funds. The City will use these funds as a financing resource to attract new private investment and for job creation.
2	Goal Name	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Goal Description	The City will improve the quality of the City's Housing stock and undertake coordinated development projects in order to revitalize its most distressed neighborhoods. The City will preserve and expand housing options for residents to access safe, sanitary and affordable homes.
3	Goal Name	Community Development
	Goal Description	The City will work to improve its physical environment through enhancement of streets, parks, streetscapes, open space and remediation of blight. It will strive to create and maintain appropriate community facilities, to provide support and increased opportunities for residents of Springfield with particular focus on City's youth and to design and implement projects which will increase the City's resilience to natural disasters.
4	Goal Name	Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Goal Description	The City will continue to undertake coordinated strategies to end homelessness. It will support special needs populations with housing options, supportive services and facilities as appropriate.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

Extremely low-income (below 30% AMI): 286

Low-income (31-50% AMI): 50

moderate-income (51-80% AMI): 89

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AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In 2016-2017, the City will receive approximately \$3,492,334.00 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$1,093,947.00 in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) fundings. The City will also receive \$319,947.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and \$453,520.00 in Housing Opportunities for person with AIDS (HOPWA).

The Annual Action Plan describes how these funds will be used. A listing of the projects to be funded in FY2017 is provided within this Action Plan, AP-35 Projects.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Planning & Administration
2	5A
3	WEB Dubois Academy
4	Indian Orchard Unit
5	Youth Swim & Safety
6	Teens in Transition
7	Disability Resources-CHD
8	Chorus of Springfield
9	Camp CASA
10	Business Park Employment Program
11	Worthington Street Shelter
12	Community Education Support (CES)
13	New Life Center for Recovery
14	Hungry Hill Senior Center
15	College & Career Readiness
16	Fair Housing Project
17	Senior Food Choice
18	Camp Star
19	Open Pool Program
20	Summer Enrichment
21	Pine Point Senior Center
22	YouthBuild Construction, Training & Placement-Revitalize CDC
23	Bridging the Gap
24	After School Program
25	Summer Activities
26	Literacy Awards
27	Turning Points & Mom Squad
28	Access Funds

#	Project Name
29	Academic and Career Mentoring
30	ScoutReach
31	Teen Pregnancy Peer Prevention
32	Safe Summer Streets
33	YouthBuild
34	Recovery Support Program
35	Homeless Prevention
36	Adult Basic Ed
37	Summer in the City
38	TRACKS
39	Hands in Labor
40	Existing Homeowner Rehab, Emergency Repair and Program Delivery
41	Heartwap Program
42	First Time Homebuyer and Program Delivery
43	Historic Restoration-Rehab Blight
44	Revitalize CDC-Home Retention & Revitalization
45	Clearance & Demo with Program Delivery
46	Neighborhood Capacity Building
47	Disposition Program Delivery
48	Cultural District Public Art Program
49	Code Enforcement
50	Public Infrastructure/Streets/Sidewalks/Design
51	Park Reconstruction
52	Business Support Program
53	Graffiti Program
54	HOME Planning & Administration
55	Rental Production
56	Project Based Homeownership-CHDO
57	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
58	HESG
59	HOPWA Administration-City of Springfield
60	HOPWA Administration- Sponser
61	HOPWA
62	Small Business Technical Assistance Program

Table 8 – 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 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 with support of a HUD Sustainable Communities grant. The City and the region collaborated to create Our Next Future: An Action Plan for Building a Smart, Sustainable, and Resilient Pioneer Valley in 2014

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Economic Development Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing Community Development Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Community Development Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	CDBG: \$728,466
	Description	Funding for the planning and execution of the CDBG program; including general management and oversight, fiscal and compliance. Funding Includes UMass \$8,500.00.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	N/A
2	Project Name	5A
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	5A will promote youth in athletics and academics in the City of Springfield. 5A will provide young, low income people the opportunity to participate in athletics-football, basketball as well as promoting soccer, wrestling, boxing and fitness. 5A Bulldogs will also provide academic support programs to the youth- youth participants learn teamwork, build esteem, discipline, respect, positive attitude and listening skills. The tutoring programs will be hosted by WNEU and Springfield College students.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 low income youths
	Location Description	City of Springfield
	Planned Activities	Football, soccer, wrestling, boxing, homework help

3	Project Name	WEB Dubois Academy
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	A Saturday Program for low income boys. WEB Academy will meet on Saturday's during the academic year; Monday-Friday during the summer for 6 weeks. The Academy is organized and supervised by BMGS and will enhance their personal growth. The youth will access the computer lab, gym and go field trips. During the school year the program is held at the Boys & Girls Club. The Summer Experience Camp will provide supervised, organized educational and recreational activities. The summer program will be held at Church in the Acres.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 youth
	Location Description	Program takes place at 481 Carew Street, Springfield Boys & Girls Club and Church in the Acres during the summer.
Planned Activities	educational field trips, college experiences, summer camp experience and tutoring.	
4	Project Name	Indian Orchard Unit
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000

	Description	Operating as a satellite unit at the Indian Orchard Elementary School, Boys & Girls Club will provide services to 125 low income youth, ages 6-18 years old with a variety of recreational and educational activities. The program will focus on increasing physical activity through a variety of exercise as well as engaging in safe and positive behaviors.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low income youths
	Location Description	Indian Orchard Elementary School
	Planned Activities	After school activities-homework help, recreational activities and summer programs
5	Project Name	Youth Swim & Safety
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500
	Description	The Boys & Girls Club will provide opportunities for youth ages 6-18 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 who are unable to pay.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 youth

	Location Description	481 Carew Street, Springfield Boys & Girls Club
	Planned Activities	Provide a safe, nurturing environment, practice safety, help guide children through new experiences in the water, create an aquatic confidence.
6	Project Name	Teens in Transition
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Boys & Girls Family Center will provide a program for teens who are transitioning out of the after school program to another program. The program is geared towards socialized programming and services toward continued movement towards high school graduation, improved behavior and social schools as healthy life style choices. The program runs year round.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 low income youth
	Location Description	100 Acorn Street, Boys & Girls Family Center
	Planned Activities	Homework help, nutrition, team building activities, service projects, parent engagement activities and other activities that have both educational and recreational components. The program runs from 6:30-8 pm daily-provides a safe environment for teens.
7	Project Name	Disability Resources-CHD
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development

	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Disability Resource program is to enhance the self confidence, interactive skills and physical abilities of our participants, helping people to expand their capabilities while they have a great deal of fun. The funds allow for an increased number of children and youths to enroll in CHD's Disability program. The program benefits people with disabilities (such as spinal bifida, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, brain injuries, strokes and visual impairments).
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 children/youth with disabilities from the Springfield Public Schools
	Location Description	Program is headquartered in Springfield- Activities take place at various locations.
	Planned Activities	Provide educational, recreational, athletic and social experiences for people with physical disabilities and visual impairments.
8	Project Name	Chorus of Springfield
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Children's Chorus of Springfield offers group vocal technique, music education and choral group performances during the academic year September-April. CCS will serve low income youth in grades 2-10 on Tuesday afternoons, 4:30-6:00 PM, with additional days for concerts, field trips and special events. The youth will receive musical and performance training, learn how to work together, gain self discipline and control and become responsible citizens of the world.

	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 low income youth-elementary and middle school children
	Location Description	361 Sumner Avenue, Trinity Church
	Planned Activities	Perform at 3 colleges during September-May, weekly rehearsals, teach basic music literacy to meet musical objectives.
9	Project Name	Camp CASA
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Children's Study Home will use CDBG funds to assist with a \$25.00 refundable deposit for low income children to attend a summer month long camp, in order to extend the program. The funds will be used to extend the camp hours and hire additional staff to help campers with "special needs". CSH will provide services to children ages 6-12 primarily from the Mason Square neighborhood. The program will provide an outlet for children to interact socially and let children be children.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 low income youths with special needs
	Location Description	Mason Square

	Planned Activities	Visit local museums, encourage literacy, by-weekly library visits for story time and sporting events. Provide an outlet for children to interact socially with their peers in a safe, healthy antibullying environment.
10	Project Name	Business Park Employment Program
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	DevelopSpringfield will partner with ROCA Springfield to form a job training partnership that will result in a long-term self-sustaining landscaping and maintenance transitional employment program at the Lower Maple Business Park. The program will serve disengaged and disenfranchised young men between the ages of 17-24 and will run from July-October, 2016. The goal of the program is to provide hands on, supervised and paid employment experience to ROCA's high-risk young men who are participating in transitional employment, teaching them critical landscaping and maintenance skills leading them to long term careers in those fields.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 young men
	Location Description	Lower Maple Business Park located in Metro Center, NRSA
	Planned Activities	Teach high risk young people the important, basic, hard and soft work skills necessary for attaining sustainable, long term employment, establishing a solid foundation for personal economic independence.
11	Project Name	Worthington Street Shelter
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center

	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	Friends of the Homeless 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 creates a housing plan with clients to assist them in achieving that goal.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 people experiencing homelessness
	Location Description	Metro Center/NRSA ; Worthington Street
	Planned Activities	operate a resource center, shelter, supportive housing and rapid housing services
12	Project Name	Community Education Support (CES)
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	CES will provide adult basic education services to low income adults 18 years or older who reside in Springfield. CESP offers English for speakers of other language services, basic skills (reading, writing and math) tutoring and beginner English conversation classes. The program begins in September with no classes in December. There is no fee for the students. 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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 low income persons
	Location Description	22 Sheldon Street, North End NRSA
	Planned Activities	GED/ESOL classes, reading, writing, math, math tutoring and beginner English classes. Program runs September-First week of June.
13	Project Name	New Life Center for Recovery
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	GNL Center for Recovery will provide services to clients; men and women; provide individual or group therapy; relapse prevention strategies, pastoral counseling, recovery coaching and peer mentoring to individuals who are recovering from substance abuse disorders or for those who are in recovery. GNLCC will offer short term housing and case management for at least 20 men and women in recovery. Clients will report and exhibit increased overall improvements in physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual health.

	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 men and women recovering from substance abuse
	Location Description	1323-1326 Worcester Street, Indian Orchard; 340 Oak Street, Indian Orchard
	Planned Activities	Outpatient services that provide stability and progress to those in recovery; group counseling, treatment planning, intervention and support, diagnosis, assessment
14	Project Name	Hungry Hill Senior Center
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,000
	Description	Hungry Hill Senior Center will provide direct services to seniors-recreational and social services are provided. The Center will offer health screenings, foot care services, fitness programs, crafts, flu clinics. Information will be given to seniors on fuel assistance, food stamps and brown bag lunches.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 elderly persons
	Location Description	776 Liberty Street
	Planned Activities	Health screenings, field trips and speakers- nutrition, Reflexology
15	Project Name	College & Career Readiness

	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	College & Career Readiness is designed to deliver group mentoring, financial literacy training and college/post-secondary vocational program exposure aligned with other career readiness efforts to 100 youth between the ages of 13-16 and 16-21 who will engage in a more comprehensive and deliberate academic enrichment, tutoring and 2-4 year college readiness system of programming.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low income youths
	Location Description	3 Rutland Street
	Planned Activities	Youth will be connected to academic assessments, tutoring, college tutoring, college tours, job skill development, employment readiness programs and related opportunities. Young people will improve their communication skills, experience and increased sense of self worth and improve their ability to think critically; problem solve and take responsibility for their own actions.
16	Project Name	Fair Housing Project
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000

	Description	MFHC provides fair housing education to low income persons in Springfield; they will hold FTHB workshops, provide fair housing 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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 low income persons
	Location Description	City of Springfield
	Planned Activities	FTHB workshops, fair housing legal advocacy, phone audits, landlord workshops and education.
17	Project Name	Senior Food Choice
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The emergency food pantry will provide nutritionally balanced food to elderly persons. The program operates continuously, free of charge. The Emergency Food pantry staff will be available for on-site SNAP assistance and advocacy to our senior guests. During senior food choice, seniors are allowed to shop for their food in a grocery store setting. Seniors can choose grains, dairy, fruits, vegetables. Through this program, food insecurity is reduced in the elderly population who are living at or below the poverty level.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	700 seniors who are living at or below the poverty level.
	Location Description	2460 Main Street
	Planned Activities	Grocery shopping for seniors, on site SNAP benefits application assistance and case management services
18	Project Name	Camp Star
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Camp Star will serve low income persons ages 3-21 with disabilities and special needs. Star will provide a summer camp experience for persons with or with out special needs. The camp provides transportation, lunch and field trips for campers. The camp aims to increase socially responsible behaviors and physical fitness which are measured at the beginning and the end of each session. The camp operates for a total of six weeks July 5th-August 12th.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 low income persons
	Location Description	Forest Park
	Planned Activities	Increase their social and emotional competencies through structured activities-including a varied curriculum focused on outdoor recreation, swimming, crafts, field trips, nature studies and a variety show.

19	Project Name	Open Pool Program
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,000
	Description	The Open Pool Program will fund an indoor pool, outdoor pool-Forest park during the summer for 7 weeks and Five Mile Pond for 9 weeks. 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 the pools/ponds five times or more.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000
	Location Description	Forest Park Pool, Gerena Pool and Five Mile Pond.
	Planned Activities	recreation, swimming, employment opportunities for youth during the summer.
20	Project Name	Summer Enrichment
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$89,235

	Description	The Recreation Division will offer a five week summer program for children ages 7-12 years old which includes academic enrichment. The program is designed to stem learning loss and all activities are aligned with and support MA Curriculum Frameworks and the Common Core Standards. Each site serves a total of 70 children and the daily hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 9-3:00 PM. The program will be held at Liberty, Lincoln, Kiley, Forest Park and Renaissance Schools.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low income youths
	Location Description	Liberty School, Kiley Middle School, Lincoln School, Forest Park and Renaissance School
	Planned Activities	Create a learning environment where participants thrive. The program provides thematic , project based learning opportunities for City youth.
21	Project Name	Pine Point Senior Center
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Pine Point Senior Center is 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 self esteem.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 low income seniors
	Location Description	375 Berkshire Avenue
	Planned Activities	Enhancing the quality of life for seniors-lunches served daily, speakers, socialization and or special events, footcare BP checks, flu clinics, installation of smoke detectors, fuel assistance.
22	Project Name	YouthBuild Construction, Training & Placement-Revitalize CDC
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500
	Description	The program serves low income persons who have not completed high school with no access to educational/occupational skills training. They will renovate homes. The second group benefiting from the program are households that will contract their homes to become a YouthBuild construction training work site. These homes are households of families with children, military veterans, elderly and persons with disabilities. The homeowners will be required to provide proof of low income status and will sign a contract with Revitalize CDC.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low income persons
	Location Description	City's low income neighborhoods

	Planned Activities	Recruit for new cohort; supervise construction training, find homes for construction training sites, work with potential employers, internships or employment attained
23	Project Name	Bridging the Gap
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Bridging the Gap is a youth diversion program for first time offenders. The program provides services to low income youths with 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/year. Each participant is required to complete a 12 week course. BTG works together with the District Attorney's Office.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 low income youth
	Location Description	170 Pearl Street, CDBG NRSA
	Planned Activities	Life skills, counseling, youth diversion program, health education, educational assessments and computer training.
24	Project Name	After School Program
	Target Area	Local Target Area

	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The After School Program is designed to host school aged children between 5-13 years of age. The program provides assistance in homework to all children. They will receive help and monitor academic awareness as well as assist in MCAS preparation. At the South End Community Center, positive reinforcement for each child is expressed through weekly awards and incentive points, which can be used for prizes and gift cards. The program takes place afterschool, Monday-Friday at the South End Middle School.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 low income youths
	Location Description	South End Middle School, 36 Margaret Street
	Planned Activities	MCAS help, literacy component, arts & crafts, life skills, sports and games, field trips, curriculum based learning Watershed- science and HEAT club curriculum-nutrition, homework help.
25	Project Name	Summer Activities
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,000

	Description	South End CC will offer a program to youths ages 5-12 during the summer months. 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 learning loss experienced during the summer months for children as well as their overall development. The program will run from June 27, 2016 to August 19, 2016. The program will evaluate literacy skills with a pre and post test administered by the Hasbro Summer Learning Initiative.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 low income youths
	Location Description	Central High School, 1840 Roosevelt Avenue
	Planned Activities	Literacy components, MCAS assistance, lifeskills, All Star Model Curriculum
26	Project Name	Literacy Awards
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000

	Description	Springfield College Men's Basketball Team players will provide literacy and life skills education to at least 400 elementary school youths in grades 1-3. The team will go to assigned schools and read to classrooms during the month of January. They will also speak with students giving them reasons to read and talk to 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 student achievements. The schools will be given dollars towards something purchased for their library. The schools that will be visited this year include Elias Brookings, Milton Bradley, Warner and Mary Dreydon School. The goal of the LAP is to promote literacy in grades 1-3 in Elementary Schools in the City of Springfield.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 youth grades 1-3
	Location Description	Mary Dreydon School, 190 Surey Road; Warner Street School, 493 Parker Street; Elias Brookings School, 433 Walnut Street; Milton Street, 22 Mulberry Street
	Planned Activities	Read to students- Rudy's CAP and explain the true meaning; inspiring children to read, do well in school and respect themselves and others using positive life skills.
27	Project Name	Turning Points & Mom Squad
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000

	Description	Square One will partnership with Hampden County Sheriffs Department, to serve incarcerated women on site in the pre release program with parenting and life skills workshops as well as mothers post incarceration- After Incarceration Support Systems Center (AISS) and the Square One Center in Springfield with support group sessions addressing parenting, child development, substance abuse, domestic violence, job search and employment placement assistance. Participants will be offered home visits as well.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low income woman
	Location Description	Square One Family Center, Main Street, Metro Center; AISS Center- Springfield; Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center (WMRWCC)- Chicopee; Home Visits- Springfield, MA
	Planned Activities	Parenting & lifeskills workshop, provide education on parenting & child development lifeskills; job search/employment placement assistance for post incarcerated woman;in home support services
28	Project Name	Access Funds
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Square One will use funds to enroll a minimum of 5 children ages infant- 8. Funds will be used to enroll the children that need financial aid. These children will be in early education programs that they need, after school enrichment programs and summer enrichment programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 children ages infant- age 8
	Location Description	Square One, 1095 Main Street
	Planned Activities	Provide early childcare to children of recently released incarcerated mother's or children of incarcerated mothers.
29	Project Name	Academic and Career Mentoring
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,000
	Description	Urban League will work with middle school youth to assist them in effectively transitioning into high school. The intent is to engage students in a group mentoring experience where they will also have an opportunity to build personal, character and social skills as well as improve academic progress that will help ensure future success as well as provide them with knowledge of various STEM disciplines and career opportunities. During the summer months, selected participants will attend a residential camp- Camp Atwater.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 youth
	Location Description	One Federal Street, CBDG Target Area

	Planned Activities	Academic and Career Mentoring combine enrichment with leadership, academic performance, communications and social skills development and will align with the SUL's focus on helping minority and low income students.
30	Project Name	ScoutReach
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,000
	Description	The BoyScouts of Western Mass ScoutReach program will benefit 40 low income youth from Springfield. This will include camperships to make summer camp affordable for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. The program will help with uniforms and registration. ScoutReach touches the lives of youth who seek and need opportunities for a fun, constructive leadership program.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low income youth from Springfield
	Location Description	Target area and NRSA
Planned Activities	Scholarships for summer camperships; including uniforms, books and other boyscout related items.	
31	Project Name	Teen Pregnancy Peer Prevention
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development

	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,615
	Description	Dunbar Y will use the science based curriculum Making Proud Choices (MPC). The MPC Coordinator will train 3 outreach workers in teen pregnancy prevention. The educators will receive training in facilitation, leadership, planning and curriculum development on youth advocacy. These youth will facilitate sessions and work with youth and educate them in the area of teen pregnancy. The program starts in October.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 low income youth
	Location Description	33 Oak Street, Dunbar Y
	Planned Activities	Community health outreach- MPC curriculum and teen pregnancy prevention- teens will develop posters, peer educators will participate in all pregnancy prevention activities at Dunbar.
32	Project Name	Safe Summer Streets
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500
	Description	Safe Summer Streets is a mid day camp program for low income disadvantaged teens. The program will run for 8 weeks starting June 27-August 19th, Monday-Friday, 12:00-6:00 PM. Three afternoons/week youth will go to to the YMCA's Camp Weber and participate in outdoor activities such as rope course, swimming, archery or field trips. The remaining of the afternoon will be a free activity of their choice- swimming, fitness, basketball.

	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 low income teens
	Location Description	Mason Square Outreach Center, 33 Oak Street and North End Outreach Center, 1772 Dwight Street
	Planned Activities	Structured activities- pre and post test in the Search Institutes 40 Developmental Assessts to assess the needs of the participant.
33	Project Name	YouthBuild
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	YWCA YouthBuild is a 12 month job 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 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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 low income persons
	Location Description	One Clough Street
	Planned Activities	Build 1 house for low income eligible persons; GED classes and construction and job readiness.
34	Project Name	Recovery Support Program
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low income persons
	Location Description	2594 Main Street and 34-38 Catherine Street
	Planned Activities	Recovery support services, non clinical, culturally competent recovery support services, build relationships with clients.
35	Project Name	Homeless Prevention
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center

	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	NNCC will provide essential housing supportive case management services; housing advocacy, support and follow up 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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low income homeless persons or persons at risk of becoming homeless.
	Location Description	NNCC, 2383 Main Street
	Planned Activities	Case management, follow up with participants, housing assistance, application assistance-welfare, food stamps, health insurance assistance, translation
36	Project Name	Adult Basic Ed
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000

	Description	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 the community and their neighborhood. 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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low income persons
	Location Description	NNCC, 2383 Main Street
	Planned Activities	GED preparation, increase students opportunities and encourage greater involvement in their neighborhood.
37	Project Name	Summer in the City
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Youth will participate in academic and skill building activities as well as community service, special events and field trips. Participants will be tracked during the academic year. Participants will learn how to work on projects that will enhance their perception and understanding of how things work intricately. The program will serve 50 youth during the summer months from July 11-August 19, 2016 and 25 youth during the academic year. The program will be held at Gerena School.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 youth
	Location Description	Gerena School, 200 Bernie Avenue
	Planned Activities	Youth will learn the importance of staying in school, academic importance, community involvement, education, community pride and college exploration.
38	Project Name	TRACKS
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	The TRACKS Program targets at risk youth ages 13-19 who are not engaged in other programs. The teen program is offered after school until 6:00 PM for 42 weeks during the academic year, Monday-Friday. The youth are given an opportunity to stay connected in positive out of school activities. The program will focus on decreasing the use of alcohol, tobacco, media advocacy, education and other environmental strategies to involve others in bettering our community. Participants will learn alternative decision making strategies by utilizing tools that promote and increase in positive peer interactions as measured by self reports, observations and pre and post surveys. Participants will have independent academic assessments, homework help and college and career exploration will be offered and tracked by level of participation as measured by attendance records and report cards.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 youth
	Location Description	Gerena School, North end
	Planned Activities	Cleaning up graffiti, park clean ups, drug free events, skill building activities
39	Project Name	Hands in Labor
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	NNCC will expand staffing capacity to meet the growing need for job development skills and job search assistance, as well as provide education around resources that are available for job placement. They will complete intakes and develop individualized plans; work with the participants who need employment training or job placement assistance, Hands in Labor will secure job placement. The program expects to establish linkages with area institutions of higher education to support students in accessing educational training and completing their college programs of study. The program will establish relationships with REB, Future Works and area businesses to develop a plan and providing workplace education programs. Manos a La Obra will provide employment and training assistance with support services and job placement.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low income persons
	Location Description	NNCC, 2383 Main Street

	Planned Activities	Education, support, guidance, planning and workplace education programs.
40	Project Name	Existing Homeowner Rehab, Emergency Repair and Program Delivery
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$415,000
	Description	The Office of Housing will offer a 0% deferred interest loan 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- \$350,000.00- rehab and \$65,000 program delivery.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 Housing Units
	Location Description	Springfield, MA income eligible households
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of 20 housing units
41	Project Name	Heartwap Program
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$170,000

	Description	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 be set aside to pay for direct costs that exceed the programmatic limits for system repairs and replacement.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 Households
	Location Description	Springfield, MA
	Planned Activities	Energy Efficient improvements
42	Project Name	First Time Homebuyer and Program Delivery
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$250,000
	Description	The FTTHB and financial assistance program funds eligible households purchase assistance (down payment and closing costs) at the time of the closing. Funding includes individual homebuyer assistance and program costs related to the FTTHB Program. The program is administered through the Office of Housing. \$250,000 FTTHB and \$100,000 program delivery
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 households
	Location Description	Income eligible households in Springfield, MA
	Planned Activities	FTHB activities, homeowner incentives and emergency repair
43	Project Name	Historic Restoration-Rehab Blight
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	The Office of Planning & Economic Development will work in conjunction with the Office of Housing in looking for funding to historic restoration of City owned properties. The properties will go out to RFP if chosen. The properties have to be within the City's local or national historic districts. Funding will be used for the elimination of blight on the facade of the property.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 household units
	Location Description	CDBG eligible properties in Springfield, MA-City's local or national registered historic districts
	Planned Activities	Renovation of 2 properties
44	Project Name	Revitalize CDC-Home Retention & Revitalization
	Target Area	Local Target Area

	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Contractors and volunteers will perform repairs that will increase homes energy efficiency, health and safety. Repairs may include a new roof, energy efficient windows, age in place modifications, mold remediation, repairing steps, addressing code enforcement issues. The focus of these homes will be to make them more energy efficient, safe and healthy- Green- N- Fit.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 household units
	Location Description	Households on Greene Street, Greene Place and/Monson Ave all located in target area
	Planned Activities	Repairs that will increase each homes energy efficiency, health and/safety.
45	Project Name	Clearance & Demo with Program Delivery
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$488,018
	Description	Clearance and Demo program will find the demolition of vacant/abandon properties within the CDBG target areas. Funding will include the program costs associated with clearance and demolition as well as environmental costs and demolition costs. The program is administered through the Office of Housing. Program Delivery-\$38,000.00 and bond payment-\$396,616.00.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 buildings
	Location Description	CDBG Target areas
	Planned Activities	Clearance and demo of blighted properties and debt payment of city demolition bond.
46	Project Name	Neighborhood Capacity Building
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,500
	Description	Funds will be allocated for staffing costs associated with building capacity within existing neighborhood organizations to undertake neighborhood revitalization projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	14 Neighborhood Organizations
	Location Description	CDBG eligible target areas
	Planned Activities	Build capacity neighborhoods
47	Project Name	Disposition Program Delivery
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing

	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,000
	Description	Funds to provide staff costs associated with the disposition of properties. The program is designed to effect redevelopment.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 eligible properties
	Location Description	CDBG eligible neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Dispose of properties
48	Project Name	Cultural District Public Art Program
	Target Area	North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Cultural Art Program would be a first time appropriation for a public art program for artwork to be commissioned in CDBG eligible areas in the Springfield Central Cultural District. The program will go out to RFP and a Committee will select the artists. The program would offer grants for public art in the district. The Office of Planning & Economic Development will partner with the Cultural District Board and manage the program. The Cultural District is located in Metro Center. The art work will go in public spaces- parks and plazas.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6000 low income persons will benefit from the art work Artists will be chosen through an RFP process
	Location Description	Metro Center
	Planned Activities	RFP process; selection of artists, installation of artwork
49	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The Code Enforcement program is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of the citizens of Springfield through events and projects related to litter prevention, recycling and beautification. Funds will also be used to conduct proactive street sweeps on Saturdays. They will be performed on a house-house/street-street basis. All are located within the CDBG target neighborhoods. Street Sweeps-\$40,000 and Keep Springfield Beautiful, \$10,000.00.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 households
	Location Description	CDBG target areas and NRSA Neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Saturday Sweeps, beautification-liter index within the City, volunteers will provide assistance for the KSB Clean up and other KSB events to remove liter and electronics.

50	Project Name	Public Infrastructure/Streets/Sidewalks/Design
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000
	Description	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 of reconstruction of sidewalks that will improve the infrastructure system within CDBG eligible neighborhoods. These infrastructure improvements also compliment other projects funded with HUD grants.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15,000 low income persons
	Location Description	CDBG target areas
	Planned Activities	Paving of streets and sidewalks, design of improvements of major corridor for vehicular and pedestrian circulation.
51	Project Name	Park Reconstruction
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$528,000

	Description	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: Forest Park, \$100,000; Mary Lynch, \$200,000; Barrows, \$100,000, DaVinci, \$90,000 and Indian Orchard, \$38,000.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 low income persons
	Location Description	Forest Park, Sumner Ave; Barrows Park, Walnut Street and Mary Lynch, N Branch Parkway, Howard Street
	Planned Activities	Upgrade Parks
52	Project Name	Business Support Program
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000

	Description	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 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. They 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 up to \$15,000 and Technology start up for up to \$5,000. These grants are for the purpose of enhancing market assessment, product technology feasibility or resting and other services (legal, accounting). The program will result in job creation/retention to low income individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Jobs and businesses assisted- 9 jobs created/retained
	Location Description	CDBG target areas and NRSA Neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Job creation, retention, storefront grant improvements, technical assistance programs, interior grant improvements
53	Project Name	Graffiti Program
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	Program costs associated with the removal of graffiti from privately owned buildings. The program will be administered through the Office of Housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 privately owned buildings
	Location Description	CDBG target and NRSA neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Removal of graffiti to privately owned buildings.
54	Project Name	HOME Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing Community Development Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	HOME: \$109,594
	Description	The Office of Housing will use these funds for the planning & execution of the HOME Program including general management and oversight of the program.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	N/A
55	Project Name	Rental Production
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$407,260
	Description	Funds for the program and/or preserve affordable rental housing. The program will be operated by the Office of Housing. Funds will be loaned to profit and non profit developers.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 household units
	Location Description	CDBG Target neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Affordable Rental Housing
56	Project Name	Project Based Homeownership-CHDO
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing

	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization and Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$164,093
	Description	Funds for developers to acquire and rehabilitate and/or construct housing for resale to income eligible households.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 Unit
	Location Description	CDBG eligible target areas
	Planned Activities	Funds for developers to acquire and rehabilitate housing and/or construct
57	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	HOME: \$265,000
	Description	Rental assistance will be provided to special needs households. On going rental assistance is provided to 50 households links housing subsidies together supportive services for chronically homeless individuals. One time security deposit assistance is being provided to assist them in moving from homelessness to stable housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 Households
	Location Description	City of Springfield
	Planned Activities	Rental assistance and security deposit assistance
58	Project Name	HESG
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	ESG: \$323,370
	Description	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. Funds will be provided to community non-profit organizations to assist individuals and families to prevent homelessness. The programs will fund financial assistance and social services.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	9000 persons
	Location Description	Springfield, MA
	Planned Activities	Planning & Execution of ESG Program

59	Project Name	HOPWA Administration-City of Springfield
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	HOPWA: \$13,606
	Description	The Office of Housing will utilize these funds for the planning and execution of the HOPWA Program, including general management and oversight.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	N/A
60	Project Name	HOPWA Administration- Sponser
	Target Area	Local Target Area
	Goals Supported	Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	HOPWA: \$31,746
	Description	Administrative costs for New North CC, Rivervalley, Cooley Dickinson and HIV AIDS Law Consortium under the HOPWA Grant.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Tri County areas: Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties
	Planned Activities	N/A
61	Project Name	HOPWA
	Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
	Goals Supported	Homeless and Special Needs Population
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness and Special Needs Population
	Funding	HOPWA: \$413,841
	Description	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 area: Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	114 Housing Units
	Location Description	Tri County area; Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
	Planned Activities	Rental assistance, short term subsidies and support services to households impacted by HIV/AIDS
62	Project Name	Small Business Technical Assistance Program

Target Area	Local Target Area North End/Metro Center
Goals Supported	Economic Development
Needs Addressed	Economic Development
Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
Description	The Small Business Technical Assistance Program will be administered by the Office of Planning and Economic Development. The program will provide technical assistance for new and existing businesses within the CDBG eligible areas in Springfield. The program will be structured to help business growth and create jobs.
Target Date	6/30/2017
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 Businesses
Location Description	CDBG Target Areas
Planned Activities	Assist 15 Businesses

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 85% 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 NRSA. 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 NRSA 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. The majority of CDBG-DR activities are taking place in the South End and Six Corners/Old Hill Neighborhoods.

In 2016, the City was awarded \$17 million in the National Disaster Resilience Competition. The use of these funds are all concentrated in the most low-income neighborhoods of the city, specifically, the South End, Old Hill/Six Corners, the North End, and Metro Center.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Local Target Area	70
North End/Metro Center	30

Table 10 - 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 will improve the quality of the City's housing stock and undertake coordinated development projects in order to revitalize its most distressed neighborhoods. The City will preserve and expand housing options for residents to access safe, sanitary, and affordable homes.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	170
Non-Homeless	154
Special-Needs	114
Total	438

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	284
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	53
Acquisition of Existing Units	100
Total	438

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

Discussion

The City's FY2016-2017 goals for providing affordable housing include the following activities:

Homeless: Prevention/Rapid rehousing - 120 households (ESG and State Funding); Permanent supportive housing - 50 households (HOME TBA)

Non-Homeless: New homeownership units - 1 (HOME); Rehab of existing units - 53 (HOME, CDBG, CDBG-DR, and CDBG-NDR); Downpayment assistance - 100 (HOME).

Special Needs - Prevention/Rapid Rehousing/HIV-AIDS - 114 (HOPWA)

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

1. The City and SHA are partnering in the Connect Home Initiative to bring affordable internet access to low-income public housing families.
2. The City and SHA continue to collaborate 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.
3. The City has supported SHA's application to HUD for permission to demolish the Marble Street Apartments, an obsolete 46-unit public housing complex in the South End neighborhood. Demolition of this complex was identified as a neighborhood strategy in the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Transformation Plan, and will enable the City to build a new South End Community Center, which will serve the neighborhood's very low income residents.

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

1. SHA is continuing to work on its section 8 homeownership program.
2. The City has collaborated with the section 8 homeownership program through the Buy Springfield Now Initiative.

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 and 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.

The CoC is participating in the national Zero 2016 campaign, which is focused on ending veteran homelessness and chronic homelessness by the end of 2016.

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 Project Hope (a police crisis team outreach effort), the regional PATH program and Health Care for the Homeless and use these programs to assess unsheltered people for permanent supportive housing and add those people to the CoC's registry/coordinated wait list. The goal is to screen all unsheltered individuals using the vulnerability index-service prioritization decision assistance tool (VISPDAT).
2. Participate in regular REACH meetings, where outreach, shelter, and PSH providers seek to match long-term homeless people to available housing opportunities. Use the Zero 2016 model to identify homeless veterans and chronically homeless by name and work steadily to house each one.
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 and daytime resource center services.
2. Provide technical support to transitional housing programs which have recently converted 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. Continue to use HOME and HOPWA funds for TBRA to provide permanent supportive housing to people who have experienced homelessness.

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

In 2016, Springfield is focusing considerable effort on achieving the goal of ending veteran homelessness. The City made significant progress in 2015, and the number of homeless veterans dropped by 41% between the 2015 and 2016 point-in-time counts. There were only 20 homeless veterans identified in the 2016 count. The majority of the remaining veterans are not eligible for VASH, which has made it difficult for them to access stable housing. Providers are focusing outreach efforts on these individuals, and otherwise making sure that all homeless and at-risk veterans are referred promptly for VASH and SSVF resources.

The City is also focusing on the chronically homeless population in 2016, in an effort to meet the federal goal of ending chronic homelessness by the end of 2016. The City is using a By-Name list and providers are working steadily to house everyone on the list.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	90
Tenant-based rental assistance	24
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	114

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

Introduction

Springfield policies of zoning, land use, and public financing, combined with the City's status as a weak housing market, has made it attractive for development of affordable housing. Zoning ordinances allow for the creation of multi-family structures in four different zoning areas; combined, these areas comprise more than a third of all residential zoned parcels in the city, and include parts of all of the City's 17 neighborhoods. The City uses its tax title program and federal funds to develop affordable homeownership opportunities. The City maximizes its federal and state funding to preserve and redevelop existing affordable housing. The City provides down-payment assistance and eligible forms of development subsidies to expand affordable homeownership.

The City's history of low barriers to development of affordable housing has resulted in a concentration of low-income housing in the City. According to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Housing and Community Development, Springfield ranks 5th in the state, with 17.4% of its housing stock dedicated to affordable housing. In addition, the 2014 *Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Plan*, completed as part of a HUD-funded Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Initiative, indicates that 60% of all Section 8 mobile housing voucher households in the Springfield metropolitan area use their voucher assistance within the City of Springfield. The City estimates that 55% of all renter households in Springfield are in public or subsidized housing or receive Section 8 voucher assistance.

The lack of barriers to affordable housing in Springfield (combined with the existence of barriers in communities outside the City) has contributed to racial segregation in the region. Springfield updated its *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI)* in 2013, and this analysis noted how the concentration of affordable housing in Springfield, and the lack of affordable housing outside Springfield, are major contributors to the status of the Springfield Metropolitan Area as the most segregated metro in the nation for Hispanic-White segregation, and the 22nd most segregated for Black-White segregation. Springfield is a minority-majority City with overall low incomes, adjacent to higher-income suburban communities which are predominantly white. The 2014 *Knowledge Corridor Fair Housing and Equity Assessment*, completed as part of a HUD-funded Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Initiative, identifies several factors related to housing policy which have contributed to segregation: concentration of public and subsidized rental housing in urban areas, exclusionary zoning, and the history of redlining and use of restrictive covenants.

The large stock of affordable housing is a contributing factor to a lack of tax base in the City, which makes it more difficult for the City to provide high-quality public services to community residents. Increasing taxes, or providing a less than ideal level of services, drives people with resources out of the City, which further contributes to City decline.

Springfield has eleven census tracts which meet the definition of racially/ethnically concentrated areas

of poverty--areas in which the poverty rate exceeds 40% and the non-white population exceeds 50%. Research indicates that these neighborhood characteristics have detrimental impact on resident health, education, and employment outcomes.

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 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.

Springfield is taking the following steps to ameliorate the impacts of the segregation that has resulted from the City's concentration of affordable housing: **People-Based Strategies:** 1. The City funds the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, which provides assistance to people who have experienced housing discrimination and educates the public about fair housing laws. 2. Springfield provides its down payment assistance throughout the City; data indicates that the program enables minority households to access higher opportunity neighborhoods within the City. 3. The City funds homeownership development, which data indicates assists households made up of people of color to become first-time homebuyers and build family assets. 4. The City provides homebuyer education classes in Spanish. **Placed-Based Strategies:** 1. The City's Buy Springfield Now program encourages investment in all Springfield neighborhoods, and the City actively encourages development of market-rate housing in distressed neighborhoods. 2. The City focuses redevelopment funds toward neighborhoods that are racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, seeks additional competitive funds to support those neighborhoods (for example, Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, Byrne Criminal Justice Initiative, Promise Zone designation), and pursues programming that brings opportunity to these neighborhoods, including focused jobs programs. 3. The City generally does not support applications seeking to add affordable rental housing to its stock, because the addition of more affordable housing within the City while there is limited or no development of affordable housing outside the City, these uneven development patterns serve to further enforce the region's high level of segregation. The City makes exceptions to this policy to fund replacement of housing that has been destroyed (such as units destroyed in the 2011 tornado), or where development is an integral part of an overall neighborhood revitalization strategy. The City does support rehabilitation of existing rental stock, much of which is located in areas meeting the criteria for racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty and is distressed and in need of upgrading. **Linkage Strategies:** 1. SHA has initiated a mobility program for Section 8 housing choice voucher holders to encourage moves to high opportunity areas. 2. Both the City and the SHA have active Section 3 employment programs, which link low income residents to employment opportunities created by HUD

funding.

Discussion

Springfield's 2013 update to its *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing* increased the City's focus on the racial inequities that have resulted from decades of policies that encouraged or enforced segregation, and the persistent segregation in the Springfield Metropolitan Area. The impact of the segregation is that people of color have limited opportunities, and are more likely to be limited to neighborhoods that are resource-poor. The City's focus is on the impacts that it can address: 1) improving the lives of low-income persons of color (people-based strategies); 2) improving the neighborhoods where low-income people of color are concentrated (place-based strategies); 3) improving the links between low-income people of color and jobs and other opportunities (linkage strategies); and 4) leading the regional conversation about the issue and identifying how other communities can contribute to ameliorating it (strategies to increase understanding). Springfield will continue to pursue policies directed toward these ends and will look to identify additional strategies.

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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

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.

The City's Development Services Division 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, the Division seeks to position the City to receive additional housing resources.

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. Collaboration with Springfield's Green and Healthy Homes Initiative to evaluate lead paint hazards in homes.

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. Use of National Disaster Resilience funds for lead abatement.

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.

In 2016, the City will apply for federal lead hazard reduction funds.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level 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 provides funding for Adult Basic Education, GED and English Language classes. In FY 16-17, the City will support the following adult education programs; NNCC, The Gray House and the YWCA serving 190 people.

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 16-17, the City will support education, employment and job training opportunities for at-risk persons in the following programs: YWCA, NNCC and DevelopSpringfield. DevelopSpringfield will partner with ROCA's Transitional Employment Program. This program will establish a longterm partnership between Develop Springfield and ROCA at the Lower Maple Business Park. The goal of the job training program is to provide hands on, supervised and paid employment and teaching them critical landscaping and maintenance skills leading to long term employment. The program will serve 10 disengaged and disenfranchised young men between the ages of 17-24. YMCA works to increase education and literacy. YMCA provides an onsite 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.

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.

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 planning process in 2011-2012, following the 2011 tornado. The resulting *ReBuild Springfield* Plan provides overall guidance to the City as it considers new initiatives.

In 2015, the City participated in the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC), which resulted in learning and collaboration by multiple City departments and community partners about preparing for the impacts of future disasters, and making Springfield a more resilient City. The NDRC team expects this experience will have lasting impact on the City's approach to infrastructure and other projects, particularly because the City was awarded \$17 million of NDR funds to implement some of its resilience strategies.

As the lead entity for the Springfield/Chicopee/Holyoke/Westfield/Hampden County Continuum of Care, the City administers all CoC grants. It has been working to meet the requirements of a Unified Funding Agency (UFA) in the CoC funding competition, and will apply again for UFA status in 2016.

In 2016, the City is participating with multiple community agencies in the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative. This collaboration is expected to improve capacity to respond to environmental causes of health, including asthma triggers and lead paint.

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 FY16-17 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 and the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative. The City is collaborating with the Springfield Housing Authority on the Connect Homes Initiative, an effort to improve the internet access for public housing residents.

Discussion

Springfield and its collaborating partner agencies strive to create collective impact for City residents through a number of multi-disciplinary initiatives. The City's experience with these initiatives is that they enable the City to achieve greater results than singular programs achieve on their own. With insufficient resources for the City to address its housing, community development, and economic development needs, the City must be creative, flexible, and collaborative in order to have the most impact.

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.

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 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. | 80.89% |

**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 Resale/Recapture provisions for homebuyer activities 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 intend to use HOME funds for refinancing.

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

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The City's written standards for providing ESG Assistance are as follows:

- Must meet definition of homeless as defined in 24 CFR § 576.2, including imminently at risk of homelessness.
- 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.
- 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 established a tiered coordinated assessment system for homeless and at risk individuals, which is used by CoC- and ESG-funded providers throughout the CoC to provide

standardized assessment and referral, as well as a ranking of people eligible for permanent supportive housing (PSH) which prioritizes those who have the highest service need and longest lengths of stay in homelessness.

The tiered assessment tools used as part of the coordinated system are:

- Prevention Assessment Tool, used to prioritize households seeking prevention financial assistance
- Diversion Questionnaire, used to determine whether a household may be able to avoid shelter use by accessing another safe housing option
- Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VISPDAT) and Family VISPDAT, used to prioritize among people eligible for permanent supportive housing (PSH)
- The tools provide guidance to appropriate standard referrals. Information from the VISPDAT is entered into the online secure Homelink tool, which is used by the case conferencing REACH meetings to fill vacancies in PSH based on length of homelessness and level of service needs. Vacancies in CoC PSH units are filled through referral from Homelink/REACH.

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 FY16-17 allocation is \$319,947; the City will retain \$23,996 of that amount for administrative costs. The balance of \$295,951 plus carry over of \$3,422 has been allocated using a Request for Proposals (RFP) process led by the Springfield Office of Housing. The RFP was 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 consisted of City Staff and members of the CoC.

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.

ESG performance standards vary by type of program as follows:

Prevention - Utilization: 100%, Exit Data Captured:90% , Remain in housing or move to other permanent housing: 95%,Missing data elements: no more than 3%

Emergency Shelter - Average length of stay: decrease by 5%, Exit data captured: 30%, Exits to PH: 20%, Missing data elements: no more than 5%.

Rapid Rehousing - Utilization: 100%, Literally homeless at entry: 100%, Exit data captured: 90%, Received non-cash benefits: at least 90%, missing data elements: no more than 5%.

Discussion

Springfield's ESG program is well-coordinated with and integrated into the Springfield/Chicopee/Westfield/Hampden County Continuum of Care. The programs work together, as well as with many other community programs, to provide a coordinated system which provides prevention, outreach/engagement, emergency shelter, and housing options for people experiencing homelessness. Springfield and the CoC are focusing current efforts on ending veterans homelessness by the end of 2016 and ending chronic homelessness by the end of 2016.

Attachments

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Citizen Participation Comments

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Hearing 1: January 20, 2016, Rebecca Johnson, 55 Catherine Street

Attendees:

Cathy Buono, City of Springfield, Office of Community Development

Lori Santaniello, City of Springfield, Office of Community Development

Ed Whitely, City of Springfield, Office of Neighborhood Services

Ms. Buono opened up the meeting by explaining the process. The meeting is a way to gather public input/citizen comments for the upcoming Entitlement Funds and Action Plan process. It is required by HUD to hold public meetings to obtain comments and input during the Action Plan process to see how citizens want these funds allocated.

The City receives Entitlement funds. These funds have not been announced as of yet. It is anticipated that the City of Springfield will receive anywhere between \$3.2 and \$3.5 million in Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds. The Community Development Block Grant funds are based on a formula. The total budget will be about \$6 million dollars starting July 1, 2016.

Examples of funding are public services activities which funding is capped at 15%. Some the eligible public service activities are serving youth, elderly, homeless, disabled, substance abuse, etc. Ms. Buono explained that these programs should already be in place and running in order to apply for funding. The RFP for public service activities will be released on February 1, 2016.

All written comments are due by February 5, 2016 on the Action Plan process and 2016-2017 funding ideas. All comments on the RFP will be accepted through February 16, 2016. All comments should be sent to cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com.

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Ms. Buono discussed projects that are funded with CDBG funds are parks, streets/sidewalks and other departments within the City of Springfield. Examples of prior year programs that were funded with CDBG funds were the Emergency Repair Rehab for low income eligible persons. This program was for income eligible persons to do emergency repair work to their home. Another program was the Historic Program which is funded to do work outside for those who are not low income but do not have the funds to do extensive repairs to the outside.

Some of the comments from the participants received were about the lighting in certain neighborhoods; streets are dark, and therefore drugs are being sold in these areas. Ms. Buono mentioned that lighting will be addressed with DPW. Another suggestion was

that Kennedy Pool has not been fixed or put to use for several years. They would like to see this pool repaired; also the housing on Myrtle Street, Indian Orchard, needs rehab.

Ms. Buono informed the citizens that ultimately the funding decisions will be the Mayor's.

The next public hearing will take place at Chestnut Accelerated School, January 27, 2016.

Hearing 2: January 27, 2016, Chestnut Accelerated School, 355 Plainfield Street

Attendees:

Cathy Buono, City of Springfield, Office of Community Development

Lori Santaniello, City of Springfield, Office of Community Development

Melanie Acobe, City of Springfield

Ms. Buono introduced the staff that was present and informed the citizens that there is a Spanish speaking person present if anyone needs translation.

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Ms. Buono discussed other projects that are funded with CDBG funds are parks, streets/sidewalks and other departments within the City of Springfield. Prior year programs such as an Emergency Repair Rehab Program. This program is offered to low income eligible persons to do emergency repair work. Another program that was

administered through the Office of Housing was the Historic Program. This program is offered to homeowners who do not need to be income edible. It is for people who do not have the funds to do work outside to do extensive repairs to the outside.

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January 18, 2016

Cathy Buono
Community Development Block Grant Department
Springfield City Hall
36 Court Street
Springfield MA 01103

Dear Ms. Buono:

I am writing on behalf of the Maple-High/Six Corners Neighborhood Council regarding the CDBG Historic Preservation Program which helps with exterior repairs to tax-foreclosed historic properties. We are so thankful that this program exists and has been put to use in our neighborhood.

We have heard from neighbors who are very happy with the results of this small program at 278 Pine Street and are thrilled to see the transformation taking place at 52, 120, and 175 Mill Street. Each of these properties had been eyesores for many years. We look forward to seeing the coming improvements at 174 and 176 Maple Street.

This program is vital to our neighborhood which has many historic homes that are, unfortunately, tax-foreclosed historic properties. We hope that it will continue with an additional \$150,000 in the coming year.

We would also request that the program be slightly expanded to include vacant, deteriorated historic properties in receivership. It would add another layer of assistance to help our neighborhood and our great city. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Best Wishes,

Melvin A Edwards

Melvin Edwards, President
MHSCNC



70 Tapley St.
Springfield, MA 01104

January 22, 2016

To: Cathy Buono, Community Development Block Grant Department

Dear Ms. Buono:

The Springfield Historical Commission has voted to ask for funding in FY '16-'17 of the small CDBG program which provides exterior rehabilitation assistance to vacant and deteriorated historic properties. This program has helped save houses in McKnight, Lower Maple, and Maple Hill Local Historic Districts. If these funds had not been available, these historic buildings would have been demolished, resulting in a loss to the character of the historic district and a decline in the city tax revenue since lots in historic districts are rarely built upon. These funds have protected historic buildings and the municipal tax base.

The Commission hopes that the program can be funded in the coming fiscal year with \$150,000. The Commission also asks that the program be broadened to allow assistance to be given to vacant and deteriorated historic properties in receivership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ralph Slate

Chair
Springfield Historical Commission



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February 29, 2016

Cathy Buono
Community Development Block Grant Department
36 Court Street
Springfield MA 01103

Dear Ms. Buono:

The Board of Directors of the Springfield Preservation Trust voted to urge funding the CDBG historic preservation program. Over the years, this small program has helped rehabilitate vacant, blighted houses in various historic districts. Were it not for this program, these buildings would have been lost, diminishing the character of the area and lessening the tax base.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donald Courtemanche,
President of the Board
Springfield Preservation Trust, Inc.

Sibilia, Lori

From: Buono, Cathy
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 3:57 PM
To: Sibilia, Lori
Subject: FW: HAPHousing Comments for Community Development 2016-2017 Planning Process

From: Gina Govoni [mailto:ggovoni@haphousing.org]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Buono, Cathy
Cc: Peter Gagliardi; Lynne Wallace
Subject: HAPHousing Comments for Community Development 2016-2017 Planning Process

Cathy,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on the Community Development programming offered by the City of Springfield. I have overseen the Homeownership and Financial Education line of business for HAPHousing since the spring of 2015 and I look forward to an ongoing partnership with the City.

The demand for first time homebuyer services is growing, as is seen by enrollment in HAPHousing's First-Time Homebuyers Workshop:

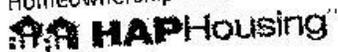
- In 2015, 410 individuals graduated from our First Time Homebuyers Workshop, a 42% increase over 2014 (287).
- The number of HAPHousing Workshop graduates who are able to purchase homes remains strong in Springfield: 20 of our graduates purchased homes within the City in 2014 and 19 purchased in 2015. We have improved our process of obtaining purchase information, and because of this, we anticipate that we will be able to demonstrate an increase in home purchases in 2016.
- In 2015, the average purchase price of our Springfield buyers is \$129,833. The average household income is \$39,100.

Down payment and closing cost assistance is the leading incentive that low- and moderate-income households list as a reason for buying in the City of Springfield. The ability of the City to continue offering down payment and closing cost assistance is vital to Springfield. Please let me know if there is any way that we can assist in our shared mission.

Regards,

Gina

Gina Govoni
Senior Vice President
Homeownership and Financial Education



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February 09, 2016

TO: Cathy Buono, Finance Director
Department of Community Development
1600 East Columbus Avenue
Springfield, MA 01103

RE: Community Development Block Grant/Historic Preservation Program Funding

Dear Cathy:

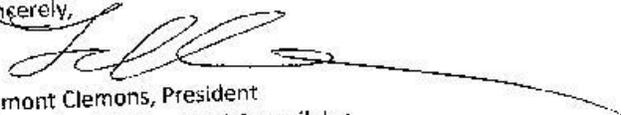
The McKnight Neighborhood Council urges the City to fund the CDBG Historic Preservation Program in FY 16-17.

We have seen eyesores renovated rather than razed because of assistance from this program. The changes at 52 Westminster Street and 90 Buckingham Street have been dramatic.

Our neighborhood might also benefit if the program had the flexibility of assisting severely deteriorated, vacant properties in receivership in addition to tax foreclosed properties.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Lamont Clemons, President
McKnight Neighborhood Council, Inc

Gerry O'Brien - Orchard Resident -
written comments submitted
at hearing —

To: Kathy Bono, Community Development Office
From: Gerry O'Brien, I.O. resident at 115 Essex St. Indian Orchard, Ma 01151 and former P.E. teacher
Re: Ideas for Distributing Community Dev. Block Grants

1. Kennedy MS Pool - broken, not in use since August 2004. Neither students nor residents have had any aquatics for 11 years.

This is tragic and exacerbated by the following facts:

MA Dept. of Recreation closed Lake Lorraine St. Park in 2008- no swimming since.

K of C beach closed in 2013, no swimming at Lake Lorraine since

City of Spfld. (Mayor Ryan) purchased Loon Pond land in 2007 for use as a city park and beach. This facility has yet to open in 8 years.

With these facts, I.O. children take to swimming in the Chicopee River, resulting in a 2013 drowning of a 10 Year old girl. Councilor Orlando Ramos is working with Sen. Welch to try to secure funding for the Kennedy Pool but more funding is needed. Please use the Community Block Grant to get this pool operating for swim Lessons are survival skills not just fun and games. Please open the City Loon Pond Beach also.

2. Planters for Main St. I.O.

Placement of 3 foot diameter round planters on Main St. I.O. would enhance the area nicely during the spring And summer. Downtown Spfld., the "X", and other city areas benefit from these and it looks wonderful when Blooming with flowers. Perhaps 6, 8, or 10 of these would enhance Main St. I.O. as others do around Spfld.

3. Foot or Bicycle Police Patrols

It would seem beneficial to have a police patrol on foot or bicycle along Main St. in I.O. or along the business District. This would improve the relations with our children and youth with our police force and their image.

Sibilia, Lori

From: Buono, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 8:14 AM
To: Sibilia, Lori
Subject: FW: CDBG Monies

From: gob3@verizon.net [gob3@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2016 7:26 PM
To: Buono, Cathy
Subject: CDBG Monies

H. Cathy,

We met a few weeks back at the Rebecca Johnson auditorium concerning CDBG proposals. I brought up some I.O. concerns ie, Kennedy pool, planters for Main St. etc. I dropped the idea for police foot patrols after you informed us the money couldn't be used for that. I think Myrtle St School housing could use some funding. It is on the National Historic register and has arched windows unlike any in Spfld. which are deteriorating and needs replacing. Does the owner or IOCC fill out the application for that? Also, the Main St. planters would enhance the area. Is that also an item the IOCC needs to approve or apply for?

The deadline is still March 1, 2016 ?

Have a nice day and thank you.

Gerry O'Brien

"90% of the friction of daily life is caused by the wrong tone of voice."- Someone

Sibilia, Lori

From: Buono, Cathy
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 3:57 PM
To: Sibilia, Lori
Subject: FW: Public Comment - Finance and Administration - Accessibility Funding

Thank you for your comments, we will consider the requested budget proposal during our Action Plan process. I have spoken to the Director of the Springfield Library about your concerns and she informed me that you are meeting with a member of her staff this week per your request.

Thank you
Cathy Buono

From: Buono, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 8:49 AM
To: Sibilia, Lori
Subject: FW: Public Comment - Finance and Administration - Accessibility Funding

From: Becky Ellen Phaneuf [<mailto:beckyphaneuf77@verizon.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Buono, Cathy
Cc: Fogarty, Lee; JCanosa@SpringfieldLibrary.org
Subject: Public Comment - Finance and Administration - Accessibility Funding

24 February 2016

Dear Cathy Buono, Finance and Administration:

I am writing to report an accessibility issue that needs to be addressed by the Administration, and possibly Economic Development.

Please support funding for the daily operations and budget proposal for the Springfield City Libraries.

Also, please take notice that the ramp in the back of the main library (accessible entrance) needs to be evaluated under current federal regulations so that repairs or rehabilitation may take place in the immediate future. (Section 504/ADA review).

Library accessibility assessments may include recommendations to support digital collections, internet, outreach, parking, bus stops, curb cuts, and enclosed waiting areas. So, please accept my public comment in support of funding to improve these type of accessibility issues at our libraries and community at large.

As always, it is a pleasure to offer my public comments to assist your administration in its' strategic planning and action plan assessments.

Thank you and have a nice evening.

Sincerely,

Becky Phaneuf

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