

City of Texarkana Consolidated Plan

Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2027



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Community Block Grant Program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community development Act of 1974, as amended. Community Block Grant Program grew out of the consolidation of eight categorical programs under which communities competed nationally for funds. For example, Urban Renewal, Neighborhood Development Program grants, Model Cities supplemental grants, Historic Preservation grants, Water and Sewer grants are some of the grants that was not flexible. The trend in many federal programs, including Community Block Grant Program has greater flexibility than the earlier programs. There is flexibility regarding new construction, in the area of economic development and the management requirements. The City of Texarkana Arkansas automatically receives an annual allocation of Community Block Grant funds. The grant amount is determined by the higher of two formulas:

- Data based on overcrowded housing, population, and poverty levels; or
- Data based on age of housing units, increased population growth and poverty levels.

Over the last nine years the CDBG program has been administered by one staff person, the Assistant Public Works Director for the Public Works Department. The City has chosen to continue administering the CDBG program through the Assistant Public Works Director within the Public Works Department so that more of the funds will be utilized in the LMI areas.

- Staff is familiar with the community, value all relationships established with citizens and are concerned about the quality of life of the citizens and families;
- Community Development Block Grant is not a competitive grant;
- Partnerships with federal, state, and local institutions, state and local agencies and community stakeholders
- Based on annual reviews by U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Texarkana's Community Development Block Grant Programs are carried out as proposed in the City's approved 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and are in compliance with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The City's performance is viewed as good, and the City is determined to have a continuing capacity to administer programs in accordance with applicable Federal requirements.
- Based on annual reviews by U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, of the Community Development Block Grant Programs the Public Works Department is paying more attention to details for program accountability.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

To promote decent affordable housing opportunities to low-moderate income individuals/families, support community development and leverage resources to make measurable differences.

Over the next five years the Public Works Department will strive to meet defined local needs of the low-moderate income individuals within the city limits of Texarkana, Arkansas.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Quality public facilities, recycled streets, minor home repairs for the elderly, public service activities for the elderly/youth and removal of dilapidated structures in LMA neighborhoods are the successful projects in the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. Over the last five years the allowable amount of funds has been spent on public facilities, minor housing rehab and housing demolition, thus creating a suitable living environment, and revitalizing the LMA neighborhoods. CDBG has helped build and support projects that would have otherwise been impossible to achieve.

There is still a lack of committed citizen participation in the public hearing and community arena. Two community meetings were held for input on the 2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan. The City wants to present an opportunity to bring a different group of community residents to the table to hear their views of what is needed in the LMI neighborhoods.

Overall, major goals will be met, and significant progress is continually being made in regard to the neighborhood sustainability, parks, streets and drainage. Demolition is an area of great concern to everyone in the city. There are many abandoned structures that need to be torn down, but absentee landowners and available funds are the main barriers in this area.

The City of Texarkana, Arkansas self-evaluation during this process of completing the previous year's activities is result oriented. All activities proposed in previous years met the relevant program rules. They were eligible, met a national objective and the overall expenditures benefited at least 51% of the low-moderate income persons in the City of Texarkana, Arkansas.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Throughout the development of the Consolidated Plan, citizen input is encouraged. The City of Texarkana provides its citizens many opportunities to provide input to the decision-making process. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the City Council meetings, neighborhood meetings, town hall meetings held by the City, and CDBG public hearing meetings to solicit public input. These community engagement practices are designed to meet the needs and requirements of various programs and planning processes. Even though citizens do not usually

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.115 (e), the Public Works staff developed a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) designed specifically for the Consolidated Plan. The CPP describes city policies relating to public hearings, public notices, and comment period. To broaden public participation in the development of the Plan, the public hearings were held at accessible locations located in our target area. Additionally, nonprofit organizations who serve low- and moderate-income persons were also notified of the public hearing dates. Printed notices of the public hearings were published in the newspaper, advertised on the city's website, and made public at various public facilities.

At the beginning of 2023, the Public Works Department developed a Five-Year Consolidated Plan Survey. The purpose of the survey was to get feedback from the community about current housing and community development needs and services, economic development needs and to use the results to guide strategies for developing the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan.

Our efforts to solicit input from the low- and moderate-income neighborhoods included holding our public hearings in those neighborhoods. Public hearings are accessible, sign language interpretation and non-English language were provided if requested.

5. Summary of public comments

The information gathered from the City of Texarkana; Arkansas Consolidated Citizen's Survey was solely based on information gathered from phone call for services and other community events where people voiced their concerns as there were no attendees at the public meetings. Data was analyzed based on the percentage of service requests and complaints from the LMI areas. The responses that are represented in the summary are those responses that were at or greater than 50%.

The following summary of results represents the opinion of the citizens of the Texarkana, Arkansas community and what they feel are their current primary concerns.

The following information is listed from highest percentile to lowest percentile with the lowest percentile being 50%.

1. Streets – asphalt overlay, street repair & lighting
2. Drainage Improvements – to prevent flooding
3. Housing Rehabilitation/New low to mod income construction
4. Clearance & Demolition – hazard of empty houses, slum and blight areas
5. Public Services for senior and youth programs such as job training, after school activities, feeding programs, exercise classes and etc.
6. Parks – playground areas, baseball, softball, soccer

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

There were no comments or views not accepted.

7. Summary

The above stated topics are the areas of concern for the citizens of the community. These concerns are listed in highest need/priority based upon the questions asked in the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Consolidated Citizen's Survey.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Lead Agency | TEXARKANA | |
| CDBG Administrator | TEXARKANA | PUBLIC WORKS/CITY OF TEXARKANA |
| HOPWA Administrator | | |
| HOME Administrator | | |
| HOPWA-C Administrator | | |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Public Works Department (PWD) is designated by the Texarkana Board of Directors as the single point of contact with HUD and lead agency for the administration of the CDBG grant program. As the single point of contact for HUD, PWD is responsible for developing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and the end-of-year Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

The City of Texarkana has developed the Consolidated Plan with the input of several key city departments, county agencies, local nonprofit agencies and service organizations, community groups, boards and commissions, and citizens of Texarkana. To gather input from the citizens of Texarkana, the city has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan that describes the citizens input process for the CDBG program.

Significant steps in the planning process included:

1. Updating the public participation plan to involve citizens of the City of Texarkana.
2. Establishment of needs assessment and priorities with other city departments.
3. Conducting a survey with citizens of the city and city officials to determine high priorities needs.

The Five-Year Housing Strategy outlined in this document is the result of a planning process conducted by the City’s Public Works Department that consisted of the following activities:

- A systematic analysis of demographic trends, community housing needs, and the supply/condition of the local housing stock;

- A realistic assessment of funds and staff capacity that will be available in the coming years to implement and administer housing-related programs, community development projects and activities, and economic development projects;
- Numerous meetings with community groups having an interest in the city's housing policy, community development and economic development both private and public organizations;
- Consulted with the Texarkana Arkansas Housing Authority and their plans for this community;
- Consulted with local Salvation Army, Randy Sam's Outreach Center, Harvest Texarkana and other organizations to obtain information about the supportive services they provide to special needs populations; and,

The City will continue to solicit input from community development organizations in the area and will on an annual basis in our Annual Action Plan make adjustments to the City's community development program to reflect the input received.

City Departments Involved in Development of Consolidated Plan

Division of Parks and Recreation

Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Economic Development

Department of Public Works

Division of Planning

Division of Code Enforcement

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

To implement the City's strategy, during this five-year period the City will utilize private industry, non-profit organizations, as well as City departments. Organizations will include those with experience serving low-income families, at-risk and other vulnerable populations.

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 will continue its efforts in providing volunteer-based initiatives aimed at improving housing conditions and neighborhood stability. Current activities will be continued, and the City will expand volunteer activities as funds become available.

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 Texarkana, Texas is the lead entity of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition. The Texarkana Homeless Coalition consists of a number of organizations and individuals working together to end homelessness in Texarkana and Bowie County. The mission of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition is to heighten awareness and develop a community-wide commitment to the needs and issues surrounding individuals and families who are near or experiencing homelessness.

The purpose and objectives of the Coalition is:

- (1) to gather information in order to identify and fill the gaps in services and community needs;
- (2) to protect and improve the lives and safety of the homeless and near homeless;
- (3) to actively engage homeless and other stakeholders in developing solutions to achieving self-sufficiency;
- (4) to communicate with funding entities, other organizations and the public at large to promote the general welfare of the homeless and to increase self-sufficiency; and
- (5) to ensure full development of a continuum of care with the shelter, housing and programs necessary to meet the needs of all homeless people and efficiently and effectively move them to self-sufficient life.

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

The Salvation Army is the lead agency for ESG funds and how they are allocated within the City. The City reviews and verifies their plan is in line with the five-year plan of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition and the City of Texarkana. The City provided funding to the Salvation Army during the pandemic to offset the effects of COVID.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Texarkana Homeless Coalition |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | J-QUAD Planning Group |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Service-Fair Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | THE SALVATION ARMY- TEXARKANA |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | PUBLIC WORKS |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - Local Grantee Department |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Lead-based Paint Strategy |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | SW AR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Health |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | A.L. Franks Engineers |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Infrastructure Planning |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Infrastructure Improvements - Streets and Drainage |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | HATA - Housing Authority of Texarkana, Arkansas |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing PHA Services - Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs |
| | How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |

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

All agencies were given the opportunity to provide consultation at the two public hearings that were advertised in the local paper and held at public accessible locations within the city. All organizations were also given the opportunity to pick up and fill out a survey for the five-year plan.

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 | Arkansas Department of Public Health | PWD provide pamphlets to homeowners when approaching any rehabilitation work to be done in their homes. |

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|----------------|--|--|
| Infrastructure | AR-TX REDI (Texarkana Regional Economic Development Inc. | The City targets infrastructure projects that will enhance and attract economic development. |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The City of Texarkana, Arkansas is in regular consultations with the State’s Department of Public Health/Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The PWD will provide pamphlets to homeowners when approaching any rehabilitation work to be done in their homes. As grantees of HUD’s Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control, the City interacts with the county’s staff on public health and targeted abatement activities and information.

The City will continue its focus on the evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards over the next five years. The City will also pursue lead-based paint evaluation and reduction through housing and demolition activities proposed for the 2023-2027 program years. In all housing related activities, the presence of lead-based paint will be determined, and actions will be taken to eliminate the paint when found.

The City also notified and consulted with adjacent units of local government. The City discussed with Housing and Community Development Departments in these other cities their comments on their LMI projects and activities, i.e., Texarkana, TX, Jacksonville, AR. The City also received and reviewed a copy of the Consolidated Plans and Action Plans for these cities.

Narrative (optional):

PR-15 Citizen Participation

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

The City advertised in the local newspaper and held two public hearings for input on the 2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Arkansas City Hall, 216 Walnut Street, Texarkana, Arkansas

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Texarkana Rec Center, 101 Legion Street, Texarkana, Arkansas

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 | No Attendees | | There were no comments received not accepted. | |
| 2 | Public Hearing | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Hispanic Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing | No Attendees | | There were no comments received not accepted. | |

| 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 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | Public Notice was placed in the paper to notify the citizens of public hearings for the five-year consolidated plan, 2023 action and citizen survey for input regarding both plans from the public. | Newspaper notice only. | There were no comments received not accepted. | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

Currently, the city does not have within its jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) the basis for assigning a priority (including the relative priority, where required) given to each category of priority needs (91.215(a)(2)). There are two local agencies that do address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. These agencies (Special Health Resources, Texarkana, Texas and Area Health Education Center a part of the University of Arkansas Medical Science UAMS) are supported by federal, state and private funding.

Resources will be allocated to maximize the benefits to residents within the targeted areas. Public infrastructure, parks, and public facilities, typically thought of as “the brick and mortar” projects will be exclusively within target neighborhoods. Other expenditures include grant administration cost, public service, housing rehabilitation (minor repairs), and housing clearance/demolition. Projects will be targeted towards low to moderate income residents throughout the city. For example, CDBG funds will be utilized to directly assist low-income households to achieve homeownership by improving street and drainage infrastructure to encourage developers to develop in these areas. Developer projects designed to improve housing stock will be predominately within the target areas. CDBG funds are targeted to meet the identified needs of the eligible populations within the geographic area. For CDBG, the service area is the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. Investments are made in accordance with relative priority and statutory spending caps. CDBG funds are allocated primarily to alleviate the housing cost burden for eligible households. The establishment of priority needs for all funding sources is undertaken with community stakeholders, constituents, and service providers after a complete analysis of relevant data.

Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs

While numerous obstacles inhibit the City’s work to meet underserved needs and subpopulations, the two primary obstacles are:

1. Uncoordinated resources from multiple funding sources across various agencies and providers.
2. Insufficient resources to engage and serve subpopulations, particularly those with special needs subpopulations. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas’s Consolidated Plan entitlement grants have not kept up with inflation and, in many cases, have been reduced.

The City will work to overcome these obstacles by advocating for legislative change, when appropriate.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

Texarkana's population increased between 2010 and 2020 and the City's population has increasing become more racially and ethnically diverse. There are areas of the city with concentrations of minority populations and concentrated poverty, as represented in our analysis of Racial and Ethnic Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/E CAP). Texarkana experienced an increase in the Black or African American population, increasing by 5.2 percent between 2010 and 2020. The White population decreased by 7.4 percent, and Hispanic population increased 60.2 percent between 2010 and 2020.

There are a significant number of families with limited financial resources who live in houses which have housing problems. Nearly one out of each five households are a very low-income household renting a dwelling unit. One out of each 5 households in the city are a very low-income household renting a dwelling unit that is expending in excess of 30 percent of their income on housing costs and, therefore considered cost burdened. About one out of every 9 households in the city is a very low-income household renting a dwelling unit that is expending in excess of 50 percent of their income on housing costs and, therefore considered severely cost burdened.

| Demographics | Base Year: 2000 | Most Recent Year: 2013 | % Change |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Population | 26,828 | 30,013 | 12% |
| Households | 11,887 | 11,910 | 0% |
| Median Income | \$31,343.00 | \$40,851.00 | 30% |

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2009-2013 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

| | 0-30% HAMFI | >30-50% HAMFI | >50-80% HAMFI | >80-100% HAMFI | >100% HAMFI |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Total Households | 1,635 | 1,575 | 2,010 | 1,055 | 5,640 |
| Small Family Households | 750 | 315 | 945 | 440 | 3,045 |
| Large Family Households | 135 | 100 | 200 | 145 | 125 |
| Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age | 205 | 390 | 270 | 145 | 1,165 |
| Household contains at least one person age 75 or older | 190 | 290 | 215 | 85 | 510 |
| Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger | 590 | 129 | 430 | 215 | 490 |

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2009-2013 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

| | Renter | | | | | Owner | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | >80-100% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | >80-100% AMI | Total |
| NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing) | 25 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems) | 110 | 35 | 10 | 35 | 190 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 45 | 80 |
| Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems) | 755 | 380 | 0 | 0 | 1,135 | 235 | 100 | 90 | 15 | 440 |
| Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems) | 145 | 285 | 305 | 40 | 775 | 60 | 145 | 200 | 60 | 465 |
| Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems) | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 |

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen

or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

| | Renter | | | | | Owner | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | >80-100% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | >80-100% AMI | Total |
| NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Having 1 or more of four housing problems | 910 | 415 | 55 | 35 | 1,415 | 235 | 140 | 90 | 60 | 525 |
| Having none of four housing problems | 240 | 440 | 880 | 455 | 2,015 | 85 | 580 | 985 | 505 | 2,155 |
| Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 |

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

| | Renter | | | | Owner | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total |
| NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | | | | | | | | |
| Small Related | 580 | 135 | 195 | 910 | 80 | 50 | 175 | 305 |
| Large Related | 125 | 30 | 0 | 155 | 0 | 4 | 55 | 59 |
| Elderly | 80 | 120 | 10 | 210 | 175 | 104 | 25 | 304 |
| Other | 245 | 395 | 100 | 740 | 45 | 90 | 39 | 174 |
| Total need by income | 1,030 | 680 | 305 | 2,015 | 300 | 248 | 294 | 842 |

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

| | Renter | | | | Owner | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total |
| NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | | | | | | | | |
| Small Related | 515 | 60 | 0 | 575 | 65 | 25 | 50 | 140 |
| Large Related | 110 | 15 | 0 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Elderly | 45 | 50 | 0 | 95 | 135 | 55 | 15 | 205 |
| Other | 195 | 265 | 0 | 460 | 35 | 25 | 4 | 64 |
| Total need by income | 865 | 390 | 0 | 1,255 | 235 | 105 | 89 | 429 |

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

| | Renter | | | | | Owner | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | >80-100% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | >80-100% AMI | Total |
| NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single family households | 135 | 35 | 45 | 35 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 25 |
| Multiple, unrelated family households | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 25 | 60 |
| Other, non-family households | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total need by income | 135 | 35 | 55 | 35 | 260 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 50 | 85 |

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

| | Renter | | | | Owner | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total | 0-30% AMI | >30-50% AMI | >50-80% AMI | Total |
| Households with Children Present | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

There are 3,449 1 person households in Texarkana out of that amount approximately 2,519 were in need of housing assistance.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Of all households participating in the Housing Authority of the City of Texarkana Rental Assistance program, 24% include at least one person with a disability. 36% of households with a head of household

61 years or less were headed by a person with a disability. 84% of households headed by someone 62 or older were headed by a person with a disability.

What are the most common housing problems?

The most common housing problems are Income, available affordable housing, condition of rental property and discrimination. Low-income households are statistically and historically more likely to be housed in less desirable housing stock and less desirable areas of Texarkana than higher income households. Income plays an essential part in securing and maintaining housing that is safe, decent, and affordable. Lack of income for housing often prevents those LMI households from moving to areas where local amenities raise the value of the housing.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

90% of all households needing assistance were headed by a female.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Discussion

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

African Americans and Hispanics in particular, face a number of demographic concerns that typically impact housing choice and affordability negatively. One of the most revealing indicators that minorities are far behind Whites in obtaining housing of their choice is in the category of homeownership. What is more concerning is the gap is widening. According to the 2020 National Community Reinvestment Coalition Home Mortgage Report, home loan originations to majority-minority neighborhoods declined to 18.5% in that year from 19.1% just two years prior. January 2022 data also shows that the homeownership gap between Black and white Americans is currently the widest it has been in 100 years. Equally troubling is the fact that many lenders are not tracking the race and ethnicity related to home loans.

The homeownership rate in Texarkana among Whites was 72.2 percent, 28.7 percentage points higher than African Americans at 43.5 percent and 20.8 percentage points higher than that of Hispanics, reporting a homeownership rate of 51.4 percent between 2018 and 2022. This significant gap in homeownership is due in part to issues with the private mortgage lending industry, which struggles to serve the needs of many households of color, according to the NCRC. The report also indicates both the private mortgage market and the laws that were intended to expand access to credit have been unable to help achieve equitable homeownership rates in Black communities. The fact that many people of color live in credit deserts is also compounding the issue with the homeownership gap, according to a HUD article published in March 2021. These areas offer little access to mainstream credit, which results in low or absent credit scores for residents—making it incredibly difficult to enter into the homeownership arena.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

| Housing Problems | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 1,110 | 130 | 190 |
| White | 380 | 35 | 170 |
| Black / African American | 685 | 95 | 20 |
| Asian | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 20 | 0 | 0 |

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
 Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

| Housing Problems | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 1,090 | 570 | 0 |
| White | 565 | 280 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 470 | 280 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 40 | 0 | 0 |

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
 Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

| Housing Problems | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 725 | 1,340 | 0 |
| White | 370 | 915 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 330 | 395 | 0 |
| Asian | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
 Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

| Housing Problems | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 220 | 785 | 0 |
| White | 155 | 495 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 65 | 280 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
 Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The southcentral census tracts of Texarkana are designated as high risk per the City's assessment of fair housing. The north central census tracts in the city fall into the moderate risk or low risk category, while other portions of the city fall into the very low risk category. These areas designated as high risk contain the oldest housing stock, most likely in poor condition, with lower housing values and rents, and are primarily occupied by minority household that have higher percentages of household headed by females with children than that of other census tracts or areas. There is a higher than average unemployment rate and lower than average level of educational attainment.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

| Severe Housing Problems* | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 970 | 275 | 190 |
| White | 355 | 65 | 170 |
| Black / African American | 575 | 210 | 20 |
| Asian | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 20 | 0 | 0 |

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS

Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

| Severe Housing Problems* | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 635 | 1,025 | 0 |
| White | 255 | 590 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 325 | 420 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 40 | 0 | 0 |

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

| Severe Housing Problems* | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 215 | 1,850 | 0 |
| White | 160 | 1,125 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 55 | 675 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

| Severe Housing Problems* | Has one or more of four housing problems | Has none of the four housing problems | Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 80 | 920 | 0 |
| White | 35 | 615 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 55 | 290 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2009-2013 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

Due to the housing disparities the African American population generally experience the highest levels of segregation. These areas of concentration are areas most likely to contain older housing stock both single family and multifamily and concentrations of public and assisted housing. There is a shortage of large rental units (three or more bedrooms) that are affordable and accessible. Large families might move into these units as newly built housing becomes more popular, but this housing is generally not well designed for families with children.

For the most part, new private, multi-family development in the City caters to higher income persons. This means that some neighborhoods see a lot of private investment while others do not. This focus of private housing investment in specific neighborhoods has the potential to perpetuate patterns of segregation in Texarkana.

Even more broadly, the location of affordable housing is a major influence citywide. Texarkana's most segregated neighborhoods and the neighborhoods adjacent contain some of the more affordable rental options in the City. However, these units tend to be older and experiencing some level of deferred maintenance and lack amenities.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

According to the 2020 ACS estimates, the median household income was reported as \$56,560 for White households, \$26,526 for African American households, and \$27,250 for Hispanic households, compared to \$41,873 for Texarkana households overall. Therefore, based on median income and household affordability based on paying no more than 30% of household income for housing means White households on average can afford to pay no more than \$1,425 monthly for housing compared to \$650 for African American and Hispanic Households, and \$1,425 for all households in Texarkana. Comparatively, the median rent for Texarkana in 2021 was \$656 for a one-bedroom unit, barely affordable for many minority, senior and family households.

Housing Cost Burden

| Housing Cost Burden | <=30% | 30-50% | >50% | No / negative income (not computed) |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Jurisdiction as a whole | 8,315 | 1,495 | 1,800 | 215 |
| White | 5,835 | 905 | 785 | 195 |
| Black / African American | 2,230 | 565 | 910 | 20 |
| Asian | 4 | 10 | 20 | 0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 30 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hispanic | 120 | 0 | 55 | 0 |

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2009-2013 CHAS

Discussion:

Household income levels among African Americans were disproportionately lower compared to Whites and citywide income levels. The median household income for Whites was \$56,560 compared to \$26,562 for African American households and \$27,250 for Hispanic households. The incidence of poverty among African Americans was 29.7 percent of the population in 2020, and Hispanics were reported to be 27.2 percent for that same period. Among White persons, the data reported that 14.8 percent lived in poverty. In comparison, the poverty rate for the city was 19 percent during the period.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

Higher percentages of African Americans and Hispanics lived in poverty, compared to Whites. The poverty rate among African Americans was 29.7 percent and 27.2 percent for Hispanics, compared to 14.8 percent for Whites in 2020. The MSA poverty rate was 23.5 percent. Three times the poverty rate is 70 percent, thus making any census tract with a poverty rate over 40 percent the threshold for the RCAP/ECAP criteria for Texarkana. Census tract 206 meets the RCAP/ECAP criteria in Texarkana.

Employment opportunities in the area and educational levels of employees in the workforce significantly impact a resident's housing choices based on affordability and location. Limited educational attainment and job skills have severe impacts on a wage earner's ability to qualify for jobs paying living wages that are comparable to the growing cost of suitable and affordable housing.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

There has been some shift in the distribution of occupations in 2010 and 2020. Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing had the most significant increase during the period, up 48 percent. Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services had an increase of eighteen percentage points. Educational services, and health care and social assistance had an increase of nine percentage points. Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services experienced an increase of 3 percent. While the occupation growth in the occupations mentioned above is trending upward, many are occupations that fail to pay wages that keep pace with the cost of housing in the marketplace. More wage earners are cost-burdened or restricted to less desirable or substandard housing choices in Texarkana.

A closer look at the make-up of employment indicates that higher levels of unemployment are disproportionately impacting African Americans and Hispanics. In 2020, 3.9 percent of White persons age sixteen and over reported being unemployed. African Americans persons in the same age group reported a 15.8 percent unemployment rate, and Hispanics reported a 28.4 percent rate. As a comparison, the citywide unemployment rate was 9.2 percent during the period.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

Yes, census tracts 202 (Sandflat Neighborhood), census tract 204 (downtown & Carmichael Neighborhood), census tract 207.1 & 207.2 (Iron Mountain Neighborhood) census tract 205 (Ingrham Neighborhood) and census tract 206 (College Hill Neighborhood)

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas has 394 units and scattered sites throughout the City and a Section 8 program. The Texarkana Arkansas Public Housing Authority (TAHA) continues to plan and implement modernization and improvements efforts. The housing authority’s mission is to provide the citizens of our community with quality, affordable housing free from drugs and violent crime and keep its physical locations well maintained. TAHA provides the residents with many opportunities to become self-sufficient. TAHA does not expect any units to be lost from the inventory during the plan period, and the TAHA has no projects identified as distressed.

Totals in Use

| | Program Type | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | Certificate | Mod-Rehab | Public Housing | Vouchers | | | Special Purpose Voucher | | |
| | | | | Total | Project - based | Tenant - based | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing | Family Unification Program | Disabled * |
| # of units vouchers in use | 0 | 0 | 360 | 286 | 0 | 285 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

| | Program Type | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Certificate | Mod-Rehab | Public Housing | Vouchers | | | Special Purpose Voucher | | |
| | | | | Total | Project -based | Tenant -based | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing | Family Unification Program | |
| Average Annual Income | 0 | 0 | 10,485 | 11,142 | 0 | 11,132 | 0 | 13,985 | |
| Average length of stay | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | |
| Average Household size | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| # Homeless at admission | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

| | Program Type | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Certificate | Mod-Rehab | Public Housing | Vouchers | | | Special Purpose Voucher | |
| | | | | Total | Project-based | Tenant-based | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing | Family Unification Program |
| # of Elderly Program Participants (>62) | 0 | 0 | 54 | 24 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| # of Disabled Families | 0 | 0 | 94 | 82 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 1 |
| # of Families requesting accessibility features | 0 | 0 | 360 | 286 | 0 | 285 | 0 | 1 |
| # of HIV/AIDS program participants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| # of DV victims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

| Race | Program Type | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | Certificate | Mod-Rehab | Public Housing | Vouchers | | | Special Purpose Voucher | | |
| | | | | Total | Project-based | Tenant-based | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing | Family Unification Program | Disabled * |
| White | 0 | 0 | 75 | 35 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Black/African American | 0 | 0 | 284 | 248 | 0 | 247 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

| Ethnicity | Certificate | Mod-Rehab | Public Housing | Program Type | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Vouchers | | | Special Purpose Voucher | | |
| | | | | Total | Project - based | Tenant - based | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing | Family Unification Program | Disabled * |
| Hispanic | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not Hispanic | 0 | 0 | 355 | 284 | 0 | 283 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

The City does not own or manage any public housing units, nor does it maintain public housing waiting lists.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

The City does not own or manage any public housing units, nor does it maintain public housing waiting lists.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

The City does not own or manage any public housing units, nor does it maintain public housing waiting lists.

Discussion

The City does not manage these agencies or the funds which they administer. The City will work with local public housing authorities to the extent necessary and as requested to assure their continued success.

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

The Texarkana Homeless Coalition conducts an annual Point-In-Time (PIT) survey, which is a physical count of people experiencing homelessness on a specified day in January. The Texas Homeless Network annually assists Texarkana's Continuum of Care through the Texarkana Homeless Coalition and other communities with their Point-in-Time homeless survey preparation and data analysis. This census of individuals and families experiencing homelessness is required by HUD for all CoC providers. The PIT survey results are limited because they are a snapshot of homelessness on one given day and only counted those who were sheltered and not all questions were complete. The actual homeless population in the City of Texarkana is much higher as evidenced by the data from HMIS and analyzed by the Texas Homeless Network.

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

| Race: | Sheltered: | Unsheltered (optional) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| White | 66 | 27 |
| Black or African American | 27 | 11 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 3 | 1 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 |
| Ethnicity: | Sheltered: | Unsheltered (optional) |
| Hispanic | 4 | 2 |
| Not Hispanic | 96 | 39 |

The City of Texarkana, Texas is the lead entity of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition. There is "community-based" continuum of care program with the following Coalition partners: City of Texarkana, Texas, Friendship Center, Salvation Army, Randy Sam's Outreach Center, East Texas Veteran Resource Center, Community Healthcare and Harvest Texarkana. The Texarkana Homeless Coalition serves the homeless through collaboration between agencies so that services will not be overlapped and so that leverage of funding can occur. Information and technical assistance is provided to entities involved in the development of programs that 1) address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families; 2) address prevention of low and moderate- income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30 percent of median) from becoming homeless; and 3) help homeless persons (including persons with special needs who require services to achieve and maintain independent living) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The Texarkana, Texas Homeless Network annually coordinates a Point-in-Time homeless survey for communities in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care during the last week in January. The known location" methodology is used with volunteers surveying everyone found at sites identified by the community on both sides of the city (Texas and Arkansas) where persons suffering from homelessness are known to congregate. The resulting survey sample is represented by people in home-less situations and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. The number of survey responses does not represent the total population suffering from homelessness, so estimates are provided in the report. This information is used by local communities in the development of short and long-term strategies to alleviate homelessness.

Data Source
Comments:

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

Of the respondents surveyed 26.7% reported their race as African American, 68.3% reported their race as White, 3% reported their race as American Indian/Alaska Native and 2% stated their ethnicity was Hispanic/Latino.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

The two most cited reasons for becoming and remaining homeless in Texarkana were unemployment and the inability to pay rent/mortgage. The unifying condition for virtually all of Texarkana homeless population is extreme poverty. Furthermore, many people who are homeless also experience some type of personal vulnerability that places them at risk, such as family violence, physical disability or chronic medical problems, mental illness, substance abuse, developmental disability or brain injury or criminal background. When asked why they were unemployed the two most frequently cited reasons were permanent physical disability and cannot find a job.

Discussion:

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

At the current time, the City does not provide services for special needs. The City relays on Arkansas Promise and other non-profit organizations to provide such services.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

Discussion:

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:

The main emphasis of the City’s community development efforts is to strengthen its neighborhoods. The City currently has 2 active neighborhood organizations located in the Iron Mountain Neighborhood Center and Sandflat Neighborhood Center. To improve upon and to continue this success, our City has a variety of programs and activities to provide decent and affordable housing and to empower and improve the quality of life of our residents. To remove blight, the City has focused its efforts on the identification of problem properties that are brought to the attention of owners for rehabilitation or demolition. In support of efforts to strengthen neighborhoods, there is a need to provide neighborhood beautification improvements such as streetscapes, sidewalk improvements, lighting and open space improvements, park and recreational facility improvements, improvements to neighborhood community centers, and improvements with storm-water runoff. Handicapped accessibility improvements and improvements to public services facilities, especially those providing educational services, health services, and childcare services are a priority. Improvements in support of economic development efforts and affordable housing development are also needed.

How were these needs determined?

Citizen service requests, public hearings, board meetings and department meetings.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Improvements:

The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a number of Public Centers and Parks that are owned by the City and others that are supported by CDBG that offer Public Services. There are neighborhood centers located in four LMI neighborhoods. Community Development Corporations and/or neighborhood organizations operate two of these facilities.

How were these needs determined?

Citizen service requests, public hearings, board meetings and department meetings.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:

There is a need to provide after school and youth enrichment programs, elderly programs are needed to ensure that the basic day-to-day living needs of the City’s senior population are met, job training, educational enhancement activities, and skill development were identified as needs on a variety of levels. Assistance with obtaining and maintaining employment was also identified.

How were these needs determined?

Citizen service requests, public hearings, board meetings and department meetings.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

With 29,314 people, 11,370 houses or apartments, and a median cost of homes of \$176,388, house prices in Texarkana are solidly below the national average. Single-family detached homes are the single most common housing type in Texarkana, accounting for 67.39% of the city's housing units. Other types of housing that are prevalent in Texarkana include large apartment complexes or high-rise apartments (19.15%), duplexes, homes converted to apartments or other small apartment buildings (8.52%), and a few mobile homes or trailers (3.80%).

The most prevalent building size and type in Texarkana are three- and four-bedroom dwellings, chiefly found in single-family detached homes. The city has a mixture of owners and renters, with 54.15% owning and 45.85% renting. There is a lot of housing in Texarkana built from 1970 to 1999 so parts of town may have that "Brady Bunch" look of homes popular in the '70s and early '80s, although some of these houses were built up through the early '90s as well. There is also a lot of housing in Texarkana built between 1940-1969 (30.35%). A lesser amount of the housing stock also hails from between 2000 and later (16.95%). There is also some housing in Texarkana built before 1939 (5.56%).

Vacant housing appears to be an issue in Texarkana. Fully 16.18% of the housing stock is classified as vacant. Left unchecked, vacant Texarkana homes and apartments can be a drag on the real estate market, holding Texarkana real estate prices below levels they could achieve if vacant housing were absorbed into the market and became occupied. Housing vacancy rates are a useful measure to consider, along with other things, if you are a home buyer or a real estate investor.

Real estate appreciation rates in Texarkana's have tracked to near the national average over the last ten years, with the annual appreciation rate averaging 4.80% during the period. NeighborhoodScout's data show that during the latest twelve months, Texarkana's appreciation rate, at 14.61%, has been at or slightly above the national average. In the latest quarter, Texarkana's appreciation rate has been 8.37%, which annualizes to a rate of 37.94%.

Importantly, NeighborhoodScout's exclusive research found that Texarkana's housing market shows one of the highest-appreciating-cities top real estate appreciation rates in the U.S.A. in the latest quarter, which may signal the city's near-future real estate investment strength. Relative to Arkansas, the data show that Texarkana's latest annual appreciation rate is lower than 80% of the other cities and towns in Arkansas. One very important thing to keep in mind is that these are average appreciation rates for the city. Individual neighborhoods within Texarkana differ in their investment potential, sometimes by a great deal. Fortunately, you can use NeighborhoodScout to pinpoint the exact neighborhoods in Texarkana - or in any city or town - that have the best track record of real estate appreciation, by the latest quarter, the last year, 2 years, 5 years, 10 years, or even since 2000.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

The City of Texarkana is poised to intensify efforts to fundamentally change its urban neighborhoods that are located within the low to moderate income areas. These communities are home to some of the City’s poorest residents and have a wealth of ethnic diversity.

All residential properties by number of units

| Property Type | Number | % |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1-unit detached structure | 9,380 | 68% |
| 1-unit, attached structure | 193 | 1% |
| 2-4 units | 1,138 | 8% |
| 5-19 units | 2,121 | 15% |
| 20 or more units | 422 | 3% |
| Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc. | 505 | 4% |
| Total | 13,759 | 100% |

Table 26 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

| | Owners | | Renters | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % |
| No bedroom | 0 | 0% | 51 | 1% |
| 1 bedroom | 96 | 1% | 915 | 20% |
| 2 bedrooms | 1,219 | 17% | 1,983 | 42% |
| 3 or more bedrooms | 5,910 | 82% | 1,736 | 37% |
| Total | 7,225 | 100% | 4,685 | 100% |

Table 27 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

At this time the City is not targeting a specific number of rental units; however, we are continuing to work with developers in creating rental properties within the City.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

There are no units expected to be lost from inventory that are not currently condemned or in the process of being condemned.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

The availability of housing meets the needs of the population; however, the conditions of some of the units in the LMI areas are the deciding factor of availability and therefore would not necessarily meet the needs of the population.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

Due to the aging housing stock, the abandoned and dilapidated structures within Texarkana; there is a need for single family residential as well as multi-family residential rental units within the city.

Discussion

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

In Texarkana, Arkansas, 57.0% of the population owns their homes, while approximately 43.0% rent. The average cost of a single-family home in Texarkana, Arkansas in 2022 is \$186,068 which is low in the United States and high in Arkansas. The average one-bedroom apartment cost is approximately \$700 per month.

| <u>Rental Size</u> | <u>Monthly Cost</u> | <u>Compared to Arkansas</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Bedroom | \$700 | high |
| 2 Bedroom | \$880 | high |
| 3 Bedroom | \$1,100 | high |
| 4 Bedroom | \$1,430 | high |

More households live in housing units that are not affordable or hardly livable (substandard). Over nineteen percent of Texarkana, Arkansas households are very low income, and the percentage increases to 29.7 percent for African American households and 27.2 percent for Hispanic households. Among White persons, the data reported that 14.8 percent lived in poverty. In census tracts 202, 204, 205, 206, 207.1 and 207.2 the median tract income is extremely low. Since there is an inverse relationship between extremely low income and homeownership, it is not surprising that fifty percent of them reside in rental housing. The lower the household income is the greater the need for decent and affordable housing. The conditions have improved by eighteen percent in the last few years.

Cost of Housing

| | Base Year: 2000 | Most Recent Year: 2013 | % Change |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Median Home Value | 61,900 | 103,200 | 67% |
| Median Contract Rent | 352 | 524 | 49% |

Table 28 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2009-2013 ACS (Most Recent Year)

| Rent Paid | Number | % |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Less than \$500 | 2,263 | 48.3% |
| \$500-999 | 2,350 | 50.2% |
| \$1,000-1,499 | 72 | 1.5% |
| \$1,500-1,999 | 0 | 0.0% |
| \$2,000 or more | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 4,685 | 100.0% |

Table 29 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Housing Affordability

| % Units affordable to Households earning | Renter | Owner |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| 30% HAMFI | 495 | No Data |
| 50% HAMFI | 1,145 | 915 |
| 80% HAMFI | 3,390 | 1,885 |
| 100% HAMFI | No Data | 2,650 |
| Total | 5,030 | 5,450 |

Table 30 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2009-2013 CHAS

Monthly Rent

| Monthly Rent (\$) | Efficiency (no bedroom) | 1 Bedroom | 2 Bedroom | 3 Bedroom | 4 Bedroom |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fair Market Rent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| High HOME Rent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Low HOME Rent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 31 – Monthly Rent

Data Source Comments:

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

Low-income households are statistically and historically more likely to be housed in less desirable housing stock and less desirable areas of Texarkana than higher income households. Income plays an essential part in securing and maintaining housing that is safe, decent, and affordable. Lack of income for housing often prevents those LMI households from moving to areas where local amenities raise the value of the housing.

The housing stock in Texarkana is not sufficient for households at all income levels, low-income households tend to live in substandard structures as they do not have the income that would afford them to live in an improved or modernized home. However, in the last decade affordable housing has improved as developers have start to construct multi-family complexes based on income. These complexes tend to raise the value of property within the neighborhoods they are developed in, to an extent.

Overall, the income distribution data show a higher proportion of low-income households within the African American and Hispanic communities. In general, limitations on fair housing choices are more commonly found to affect housing decisions among low-income persons.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

According to the 2020 ACS estimates, the median household income was reported as \$56,560 for White households, \$26,526 for African American households, and \$27,250 for Hispanic households, compared to \$41,873 for Texarkana households overall. Therefore, based on median income and household affordability based on paying no more than 30% of household income for housing means White households on average can afford to pay no more than \$1,425 monthly for housing compared to \$650 for African American and Hispanic Households, and \$1,425 for all households in Texarkana. Comparatively, the median rent for Texarkana in 2021 was \$656 for a one-bedroom unit, barely affordable for many minority, senior and family households.

Data contained in the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data compiled from American Communities Survey results from 2014 through 2018 indicates that the impact of housing costs on household incomes is very severe for low- and very low-income households in Texarkana. The table shows that 76 percent of all very low-income renters (those earning between 0 percent and 30 percent of the median family income) and 37 percent of very low-income homeowner households pay more than 50 percent of their income on housing expenses. Paying more than 30 percent on housing expenses is considered “Cost Burdened,” and paying more than 50 percent on housing expenses is considered “Severely Cost Burdened.” Looking at households earning between 31 percent and 50 percent of the median family income, 42 percent of low-income renters and 8 percent of low-income homeowners pay more than 50 percent on housing expenses.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

According to the 2020 ACS estimates 50 percent of renter households with household incomes less than \$20,000 paid more than 50 percent of their household income towards rent, 62 percent of the renter households that earned between \$20,000 to \$34,999, and 2 percent of the renter households that earned between \$35,000 to \$49,999, spent more than 30 percent of their household’s income towards rent during 2020.

Discussion

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

While the City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a relatively affordable housing market, the City struggles to meet the housing needs of its low and moderate income residents. Limited household income and an aged housing stock create an enormous demand for safe, affordable housing. There are two agencies that address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. These agencies (Special Health Resources, Texarkana, Texas and Area Health Education Center part of the University of Arkansas Medical Science UAMS) are supported by federal, state and private funding.

Definitions

The City's definition for substandard condition is a structure deemed unsafe and is declared illegal, dilapidated-unsafe for habitation. Unsafe structures are those which constitute a fire hazard, are not provided with adequate egress, or otherwise are dangerous to human life, and those which constitute a hazard to health or safety be reason of unsanitary conditions, inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment.

Condition of Units

| Condition of Units | Owner-Occupied | | Renter-Occupied | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % |
| With one selected Condition | 1,227 | 17% | 2,072 | 44% |
| With two selected Conditions | 6 | 0% | 175 | 4% |
| With three selected Conditions | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| With four selected Conditions | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| No selected Conditions | 5,992 | 83% | 2,438 | 52% |
| Total | 7,225 | 100% | 4,685 | 100% |

Table 32 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Year Unit Built

| Year Unit Built | Owner-Occupied | | Renter-Occupied | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % |
| 2000 or later | 1,157 | 16% | 939 | 20% |
| 1980-1999 | 1,854 | 26% | 1,591 | 34% |
| 1950-1979 | 3,061 | 42% | 1,626 | 35% |
| Before 1950 | 1,153 | 16% | 529 | 11% |
| Total | 7,225 | 100% | 4,685 | 100% |

Table 33 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2009-2013 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

| Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard | Owner-Occupied | | Renter-Occupied | |
|---|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | Number | % | Number | % |
| Total Number of Units Built Before 1980 | 4,214 | 58% | 2,155 | 46% |
| Housing Units build before 1980 with children present | 930 | 13% | 415 | 9% |

Table 34 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS (Total Units) 2009-2013 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

| | Suitable for Rehabilitation | Not Suitable for Rehabilitation | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Vacant Units | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned Vacant Units | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REO Properties | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned REO Properties | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 35 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

Currently there are approximately thirty homes on the list for home rehabilitation; ten homes are in need of major home repairs or reconstruction; 15 homes are in need of minor repairs and the remaining homes are in need of cosmetic repairs.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

Discussion

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

The housing authority’s mission is to provide the citizens of our community with quality, affordable housing free from drugs and violent crime and keep its physical locations well maintained. The Texarkana Arkansas Public Housing Authority provides the residents with many opportunities to become self-sufficient.

Totals Number of Units

| | Certificate | Mod-Rehab | Public Housing | Program Type | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Total | Project -based | Tenant -based | Vouchers | | |
| | | | | | | | Special Purpose Voucher | | |
| | | | | | | | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing | Family Unification Program | Disabled * |
| # of units vouchers available | | | 392 | 321 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| # of accessible units | | | | | | | | | |
| *includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition | | | | | | | | | |

Table 36 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

The Public Housing Authority of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas has 392 units scattered throughout the City and a Section 8 program. The Texarkana Arkansas Public Housing Authority continues to plan and implement modernization and improvement efforts. The Texarkana Arkansas Public Housing Authority has completed its five-year plan and the city has certified the plan.

Public Housing Condition

| Public Housing Development | Average Inspection Score |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | |

Table 37 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

Per the TAHA's five year plan there is no restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units. The regular maintenance needs keeps public housing in current code condition and prevents the structures from deteriorating and thereby eliminating the need for restoration and revitalization.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

The TAHA has been to converted to Rental Assisted Development (RAD) (permanent conversion of public housing to the Section 8 housing program) to preserve and improve public housing buildings. Unlike the public housing program, the Section 8 housing program allows for more funding flexibility, including the use of other funding sources like tax credits in addition to public funds, to maintain and improve existing public housing buildings.

Discussion:

Funding constraints, staffing constraints, limited availability of sites for assisted housing, extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community, evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidate Plan and other information available to the PHA and influence of the housing market on TAHA programs Influenced the TAHA’s selection of the strategies it will pursue.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

The City has no primary activity to assist homeless persons and families during the 2017 program year. The homeowner rehabilitation and limited home repair program served as a homeless prevention activity. This program helped families to stay in their homes.

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

| | Emergency Shelter Beds | | Transitional Housing Beds | Permanent Supportive Housing Beds | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Year Round Beds (Current & New) | Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds | Current & New | Current & New | Under Development |
| Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Households with Only Adults | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chronically Homeless Households | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Veterans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unaccompanied Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 38 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments:

The city of Texarkana, Texas is the lead entity of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition. There is community-based continuum of care program with the following Coalition partners: City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Salvation Army, Randy Sam's Homeless Shelter, Harvest Texarkana, Bowie County Community Services and Corrections Department, CASA of Northeast Texas, Inc., Christus St. Michael, Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc. of Texarkana, Housing Authority of Texarkana Texas, Literacy Council of Bowie and Miller Counties, Main Street Texarkana, Special Resources for Texas, Inc., St. Edwards Catholic Church and Outreach Center, Southwest Arkansas Counseling and Mental Health Center, The Texarkana Friendship Center, Texarkana Public Library, Texarkana, Texas Independent School District, Texarkana Texas and Arkansas Police Department, United Way of Greater Texarkana, Barbara Hall, Mary Farrell and The Darnell Brown Community Development Corporation. The Texarkana Homeless Coalition serves the homeless through collaboration between agencies so that services will not be overlapped and so that leverage of funding can occur. Information and technical assistance is provided to entities involved in the development of programs that 1) address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families; 2) address prevention of low and moderate- income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30 percent of median) from becoming homeless; and 3) help homeless persons (including persons with special needs who require services to achieve and maintain independent living) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The Texarkana Homeless Coalition 5-Year Plan focuses on three main priorities: promote public awareness and enhance coordination; provide effective case management to better assist our clients in exiting homelessness; and create transitional and supportive housing opportunities.

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

The Texarkana Children’s Advocacy Center provides a non-threatening environment for homeless children for the investigation of possible child abuse. The Literacy council provides educational opportunities to the homeless to improve the lives of adults, youth and families by teaching basic literacy and life skills for economic and social success. The Randy Sam’s Outreach Shelter serves to eradicate the cycle of homelessness. The RSOS services individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness such as men, women, the hungry, the low- income, veterans, and those who are unemployed and underemployed. The Texarkana Friendship Center is a non-profit care provider rendering life sustaining assistance to the indigent and job training and placement.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

One of the three priority goals of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition is to create transitional and supportive housing opportunities. The other key feature is the provision of support services by a skilled staff at or very near the housing site that are designed to be flexible and responsive to the need of the individual. By providing these two components, supportive housing addresses homelessness at its root causes. The goal of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition is for businesses, service agencies, government, schools, churches and all factions of our community to come together to address the needs of individuals and families who are homeless.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

While the City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a relatively affordable housing market, the City struggles to meet the housing needs of its low and moderate income residents. Limited household income and an aged housing stock create an enormous demand for safe, affordable housing. There are two agencies that address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. These agencies (Special Health Resources, Texarkana, Texas and Area Health Education Center part of the University of Arkansas Medical Science UAMS) are supported by federal, state and private funding.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

One of Arkansas Department of Health's services is their HOPWA program. The HOPWA Program serves low-income persons infected with HIV and their families whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the area median income for the area as determined by HUD. The Arkansas Department of Health keeps statistics on the number of HIV/AIDS cases reported in the State of Arkansas.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

The city has no primary program for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The city will address the housing and supportive services needs of persons who are not homeless but have other special needs through partnership with local organizations that offer these services.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

The City is constantly increasing demolition; rehabilitation/reconstruction by private investors is underway for affordable housing. The PWD plans to preserve and improve the existing housing stock; improve access to homeownership for low and moderate income families; develop flexible housing options; produce more decent affordable housing through new/construction renovation, rental subsidies and home ownership incentives; improve and strengthen community environment; support revitalization activities in targeted neighborhoods; and empower individuals, families and neighborhoods.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

Although Arkansas is a more affordable housing market than the Texarkana, Texas area, public policies such as land-use controls, zoning ordinances, and growth limits have greatly impacted the development of new housing. Many communities surrounding the city have adopted policies which require increased lot size for residential properties, have created protective open space and agricultural zones to limit residential development and have established lengthy review processes for new developments. These actions have directly impacted the cost of housing development, and effectively halted affordable housing development.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

Texarkana is the Northeast Texas and Southwest Arkansas center for business in the region. Texarkana continues to shine as a retail, transportation, medical, manufacturing, educational, and residential hub for the region. The pro-business community thrives with the ‘buzz’ of business while growing a cultural lifestyle attractive to businesses and workers of all ages. With a history of prosperous economic development, the area continues its transportation heritage of a convergence of railroads and now highways to move goods and citizens throughout the south and Midwest. It has a history of attracting residents, businesses and workers who tend to remain in the region. Why? Because it is a great place to be!!

Top priorities are:

1. Retention and expansion of business
2. Diversification of our economic base
3. Continuous building of a skilled and dedicated workforce
4. Fostering partnerships with business leaders throughout the area in a regional approach to economic development

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

| Business by Sector | Number of Workers | Number of Jobs | Share of Workers % | Share of Jobs % | Jobs less workers % |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction | 145 | 36 | 2 | 0 | -2 |
| Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations | 1,341 | 1,329 | 15 | 16 | 1 |
| Construction | 505 | 684 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| Education and Health Care Services | 1,777 | 974 | 20 | 12 | -8 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 435 | 358 | 5 | 4 | -1 |
| Information | 121 | 67 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 1,547 | 2,360 | 17 | 28 | 11 |
| Other Services | 287 | 273 | 3 | 3 | 0 |

| Business by Sector | Number of Workers | Number of Jobs | Share of Workers % | Share of Jobs % | Jobs less workers % |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Professional, Scientific, Management Services | 340 | 198 | 4 | 2 | -2 |
| Public Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 1,322 | 1,215 | 15 | 14 | -1 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 535 | 368 | 6 | 4 | -2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 561 | 564 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| Total | 8,916 | 8,426 | -- | -- | -- |

Table 39 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS (Workers), 2013 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

| | |
|--|--------|
| Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force | 14,216 |
| Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over | 12,911 |
| Unemployment Rate | 9.18 |
| Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24 | 32.46 |
| Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65 | 4.83 |

Table 40 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

| Occupations by Sector | Number of People |
|--|------------------|
| Management, business and financial | 2,061 |
| Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations | 525 |
| Service | 1,505 |
| Sales and office | 3,642 |
| Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair | 1,363 |
| Production, transportation and material moving | 1,131 |

Table 41 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Travel Time

| Travel Time | Number | Percentage |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| < 30 Minutes | 10,464 | 86% |
| 30-59 Minutes | 1,311 | 11% |
| 60 or More Minutes | 372 | 3% |
| Total | 12,147 | 100% |

Table 42 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

| Educational Attainment | In Labor Force | | Not in Labor Force |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | Civilian Employed | Unemployed | |
| Less than high school graduate | 749 | 200 | 1,148 |

| Educational Attainment | In Labor Force | | Not in Labor Force |
|---|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | Civilian Employed | Unemployed | |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 3,939 | 317 | 1,670 |
| Some college or Associate's degree | 4,128 | 186 | 1,255 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 2,102 | 75 | 342 |

Table 43 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

| | Age | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | 18–24 yrs | 25–34 yrs | 35–44 yrs | 45–65 yrs | 65+ yrs |
| Less than 9th grade | 58 | 225 | 109 | 365 | 381 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 457 | 521 | 299 | 578 | 424 |
| High school graduate, GED, or alternative | 1,010 | 1,690 | 1,439 | 2,797 | 1,417 |
| Some college, no degree | 963 | 1,224 | 1,210 | 2,254 | 939 |
| Associate's degree | 132 | 176 | 230 | 478 | 169 |
| Bachelor's degree | 99 | 434 | 357 | 995 | 332 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 0 | 233 | 129 | 371 | 243 |

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

| Educational Attainment | Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Less than high school graduate | 17,178 |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 26,210 |
| Some college or Associate's degree | 30,040 |
| Bachelor's degree | 41,250 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 51,622 |

Table 45 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2009-2013 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Among the most common occupations in Texarkana management, business, and financial occupations are 21% of the occupation in Texarkana. Manufacturing, 17%; Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations

16%; Transportation and Warehousing, 15%. The above data for Texarkana indicate that the above-mentioned industries in Texarkana are hiring the most workers.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

- Enhance the regional talent management system
- Strengthen the region’s business development capacity
- Expand critical infrastructure to support new investment and developments
- Enhance "quality of place" throughout the Texarkana region

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The Goal ‘Expand critical infrastructure to support new investment and developments’ was ranked highest. This appears to be partly based on the demonstrated beneficial impact of infrastructure developments that have occurred in recent years. The community and regional stakeholders who have been engaged in developing this implementation plan recognize the potential and challenges that exists within the region. The challenges faced by the Texarkana Region and the Red River Army Depot are common to a number of manufacturing and defense industry based regions throughout the United States. This region has some unique challenges, including being split by a State boundary line. To build a more competitive and resilient regional economy, will require finding innovative ways to overcome regional challenges.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

The populations’ low and stagnant average education level will hinder the metro area’s economic progress throughout the forecast. The share of residents with a bachelor’s degree or higher has slightly decreased over the past 10 years and tracks trends in less dynamic Arkansas rather than in Texas. This low level of schooling is an ill portent for the metro area on a number of fronts. First, a poorly educated population makes it hard to draw higher skilled in-migrants and high value added businesses. Second, as the complexity and specialization of jobs increases and the minimum skill threshold with it, it is likely that an ever growing share of Texarkana’s population will find its marginal productivity, and thus real wages, falling. This will restrain income growth and keep the metro area from catching up to the nation income per person.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Career services are not always enough to enable job seekers to obtain self-sufficient employment. In some instances, formal training is required. Arkansas Workforce Centers offer multiple training services such as, Occupational skills training, On-the-job training (OJT), Registered Apprenticeships, Incumbent worker training, Skill upgrading and retaining, Entrepreneurial training, and adult education and family literacy activities. Training services are funded through WIOA programs, Pell Grants, partner programs, and state and local grants. Local areas are responsible for establishing and implementing local policies for eligibility, Individual Training Account (ITA) limits, and the identification of in-demand sectors or occupations. Through multiple initiatives and projects, Arkansas has focused training and career development activities on sector strategies/partnerships and career pathway development.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Support Small Business – our mom-and-pop shops are our bread and butter, in order to keep our local economy thriving is by promoting “Shop Small”, a platform created by American Express, and Resilient Business training courses offered through FEMA.

Launch Manufacturing Awareness Campaigns – partner with our large manufacturers and launch an aggressive series of outreach campaigns showcasing the local manufacturing sector and highlighting the technology advancements and job potential it offers.

Arrange Soft Skills Training & Youth Mentoring – arrange training soft skills and improve youth mentoring programs for the current and future workforce. Our employers state they struggle with finding younger people that hold a higher standard of work ethics, such as reliable attendance, efficient productivity, and soft skills such as working well with others, team building, leadership, and accepting and giving productive criticism.

Create Housing Solutions & Planned Neighborhoods – Creating a solution for the insufficient housing market is imperative for our city. One of the ways we plan to address this is by creating an infrastructure capable of building planned neighborhoods. Planned neighborhoods have been successful in other parts of the country and we would like to research the successful programs, do a study, host a housing forum, and consider one of these programs for Texarkana neighborhoods are housing subdivisions that are lighted and paved, with sidewalks, and bike lanes, and other amenities (where possible) such as a walking trail, dog park, sports field, playground, multi-use center, or a gathering place for all ages. This action takes the burden off the city and county to install pedestrian pathways, and recreation parks and creates a housing system that is of higher property assessment feeding more tax dollars into the local schools.

Discussion

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

African American households are more affected by multiple housing problems than any race in the targeted concentrated poverty areas. Concentrated poverty refers to a spatial density of socio-economic deprivation. In the US it is commonly used in fields of policy and scholarship in reference to areas of extreme or high-poverty defined by the US census as areas with 40 percent of the tract population living below the federal poverty threshold. These areas of concentrated poverty place additional burdens on poor families that live within them, beyond what the families own individual circumstances would dictate. Studies have proven that areas of concentrated poverty can have wider effects on surrounding neighborhoods, not classified as high-poverty, limiting overall economic potential and social cohesion.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Census tracts 204, 205, 206 and 207.2 are the areas that have a high concentration of African Americans. Concentrated poverty refers to a spatial density of socio-economic deprivation. In the US it is commonly used in fields of policy and scholarship in reference to areas of extreme or high-poverty defined by the US census as areas with 40 percent of the tract population living below the federal poverty threshold. These areas of concentrated poverty place additional burdens on poor families that live within them, beyond what the families own individual circumstances would dictate. Studies have proven that areas of concentrated poverty can have wider effects on surrounding neighborhoods, not classified as high-poverty, limiting overall economic potential and social cohesion.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

There are higher crime rates, and the areas exhibit poorer physical and mental health outcomes. The schools located there tend to be poor-performing neighborhood schools with higher dropout rates. The job-seeking networks tend to be weaker, and they face higher levels of financial insecurity. The many barriers imposed by living in a poor neighborhood make it that much harder for residents to move up the economic ladder, and their chances of doing so only diminish the longer they live in such neighborhoods. The concept of concentrated poverty reflects the fact that while pockets of deep neighborhood poverty can affect the well-being of all residents, they are especially troubling for poor families who already face burdens associated with their low incomes, and who may have fewer housing and neighborhood choices available to them. These challenges disproportionately fall to people of color, and, while they have long been particularly pronounced in inner cities, as poverty has spread beyond the urban core, so too has concentrated disadvantage.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

The community assets in these areas are neighborhood centers, churches, and non-profit organizations that offer services such as GED training, educational opportunities, job training, housing rehab programs, back to school supplies, feeding programs, health and wellness programs, mental and drug counseling programs. Many organizations offer career clothing option to prepare for interviews and other public services that aid in providing a path to move above the poverty level.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

There are some low in jobs located in these areas paying minimum wage such as convenience stores, grocery stores, restaurants and dollar stores.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Public Works Department (PWD) uses the same structure to administer and implement programs described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans as it used to manage the development of the Plans. Key Staff includes Assistant Public Works Director, Finance Director and the City Manager. To implement the City's strategy, during this five year period the City will utilize private industry, non-profit organizations, as well as City departments.

Consolidated Plan Delivery System

The utilization of a broad base of organizations to implement this Consolidated Plan will enable the City to address its community development, housing, and special needs objectives. However, while the number and abilities of the organizations and departments involved are an institutional strength, the City constantly works to fill gaps and find economies of scale through the coordination of projects and programs being conducted in the City. Such coordination is integral to the success of the Plan. Potential partner organizations/firms include City of Texarkana Texas and other local entities.

Consolidated Plan Delivery System Continued

Note: The City acknowledges that some entities may be classified in more than one category. In developing this Consolidated Plan, the City conducted a gaps analysis of the Consolidated Plan Delivery system. Areas of particular strength include:

The City is implementing a city-wide performance-based budget. This budget puts the City in a good position to implement the requisite performance measurement system for the Consolidated Plan. The City's budget for FY23 will include goals, objectives, and key performance indicators, including indicators for the departments responsible for implementing this strategic plan.

Major Gaps Identified Include:

Increased capacity at Texarkana's community based organizations is needed in order to affect the kind of improvements and implement the programs articulated in the Plan. The City's affordable housing efforts to rebuild the affected neighborhood will be coordinated, efficient and thorough new development by private investors. This effort will be more concentrated during the early years of the plan period, so that by the end of the Plan period the upfront investment of resources to develop inter-departmental and inter-agency collaborative efforts will yield increased capacity at underperforming community-based organizations, and nonprofits; leverage additional funds for projects and programs; and result in improved living conditions and quality of life for low and moderate income persons in

Texarkana, AR. Also, to achieve community development goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan document.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 46 - Geographic Priority Areas

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| 1 | Area Name: | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD |
| | Area Type: | Local Target area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | |
| | HUD Approval Date: | |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | |
| | Revital Type: | Housing |
| | Other Revital Description: | |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | Census Tract 205 |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | This is a low to moderate income area and over 30 percent of the families are at or below the poverty level. There is limited commercial development in this area as the existing businesses surrounding it are in a dilapidated state. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | Public meeting discussions, focus groups, agency consultation and code enforcement activities helped to identify the target areas. |
| Identify the needs in this target area. | Improved streets and drainage, new housing construction, demolition of dilapidated structures, and housing rehabilitation. | |
| What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | Reconstructed streets, elimination of slum and blight, new housing development by private investors, accessibility, sustainability and economic development. | |

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| | Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | For many communities, this restriction is a disincentive to develop housing, especially multi-family housing. As the cost of municipal services and education are deemed greater than the tax revenue, communities are reluctant to reduce barriers. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a successful track record in overcoming traditional barriers to affordable housing in order to increase the availability of decent affordable housing for all individuals. Texarkana, Arkansas's policies of zoning, land use, and public financing greatly encourage affordable housing. |
| 2 | Area Name: | Iron Mountain |
| Area Type: | Local Target area | |
| Other Target Area Description: | | |
| HUD Approval Date: | | |
| % of Low/ Mod: | | |
| Revital Type: | Housing | |
| Other Revital Description: | | |
| Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | Census Tract 207.1 and 207.2 | |
| Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | This is a low to moderate income area and over 80 percent of the families are at or below the poverty level. There is little to no commercial development in this area as the existing commercial buildings surrounding it are in a dilapidated state. There have been several new businesses to open in this area over the years but often closed to little or no support in the community. The low income levels are a cause for the citizens to not support the businesses in this area. | |
| How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | Public meeting discussions, focus groups, agency consultation and code enforcement activities helped to identify the target areas. | |
| Identify the needs in this target area. | Improved streets and drainage, new housing construction, demolition of dilapidated structures, and housing rehabilitation. | |

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| | What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | Reconstructed streets, elimination of slum and blight, new housing development by private investors, accessibility, sustainability and economic development. |
| | Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | For many communities, this restriction is a disincentive to develop housing, especially multi-family housing. As the cost of municipal services and education are deemed greater than the tax revenue, communities are reluctant to reduce barriers. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a successful track record in overcoming traditional barriers to affordable housing in order to increase the availability of decent affordable housing for all individuals. Texarkana, Arkansas's policies of zoning, land use, and public financing greatly encourage affordable housing. |
| 3 | Area Name: | Ozan Ingraham |
| | Area Type: | Local Target area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | |
| | HUD Approval Date: | |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | |
| | Revital Type: | Housing |
| | Other Revital Description: | |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | Census Tract 206 |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | This is a low to moderate income area and over 70 percent of the families are at or below the poverty level. There is no commercial development in this area as the area is predominately residential. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | Public meeting discussions, focus groups, agency consultation and code enforcement activities helped to identify the target areas |
| Identify the needs in this target area. | Improved streets and drainage, new housing construction, demolition of dilapidated structures, and housing rehabilitation. | |

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| | What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | Reconstructed streets, elimination of slum and blight, new housing development by private investors, accessibility, sustainability and economic development. |
| | Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | For many communities, this restriction is a disincentive to develop housing, especially multi-family housing. As the cost of municipal services and education are deemed greater than the tax revenue, communities are reluctant to reduce barriers. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a successful track record in overcoming traditional barriers to affordable housing in order to increase the availability of decent affordable housing for all individuals. Texarkana, Arkansas's policies of zoning, land use, and public financing greatly encourage affordable housing. |
| 4 | Area Name: | Sandflat |
| | Area Type: | Local Target area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | |
| | HUD Approval Date: | |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | |
| | Revital Type: | Housing |
| | Other Revital Description: | |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | Census Tract 202 |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | This is a low to moderate income area and over 60 percent of the families are at or below the poverty level. There is little to no commercial development in this area as the area is predominately residential with the exception of businesses located on State Line Avenue. |
| | How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | Public meeting discussions, focus groups, agency consultation and code enforcement activities helped to identify the target areas. |
| Identify the needs in this target area. | Improved streets and drainage, new housing construction, demolition of dilapidated structures, and housing rehabilitation. | |

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| | What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | Reconstructed streets, elimination of slum and blight, new housing development by private investors, accessibility, sustainability and economic development. |
| | Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | For many communities, this restriction is a disincentive to develop housing, especially multi-family housing. As the cost of municipal services and education are deemed greater than the tax revenue, communities are reluctant to reduce barriers. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a successful track record in overcoming traditional barriers to affordable housing in order to increase the availability of decent affordable housing for all individuals. Texarkana, Arkansas's policies of zoning, land use, and public financing greatly encourage affordable housing. |
| 5 | Area Name: | TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS |
| | Area Type: | Local Target area |
| | Other Target Area Description: | |
| | HUD Approval Date: | |
| | % of Low/ Mod: | |
| | Revital Type: | Other |
| | Other Revital Description: | CENSUS TRACTS 202-207 |
| | Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area. | Census Tract 204, Carmichael area. |
| | Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area. | This is a low to moderate income area and over 67 percent of the families are at or below the poverty level. There is no commercial development in this area as the area is predominately residential with the exception of existing businesses located on East Street. |
| How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area? | Public meeting discussions, focus groups, agency consultation and code enforcement activities helped to identify the target areas. | |

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| Identify the needs in this target area. | Improved streets and drainage, new housing construction, demolition of dilapidated structures, and housing rehabilitation. |
| What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area? | Reconstructed streets, elimination of slum and blight, new housing development by private investors, accessibility, sustainability and economic development. |
| Are there barriers to improvement in this target area? | For many communities, this restriction is a disincentive to develop housing, especially multi-family housing. As the cost of municipal services and education are deemed greater than the tax revenue, communities are reluctant to reduce barriers. The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a successful track record in overcoming traditional barriers to affordable housing in order to increase the availability of decent affordable housing for all individuals. Texarkana, Arkansas's policies of zoning, land use, and public financing greatly encourage affordable housing. |

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

The City plans to target certain programs in areas with high racial minority and low-income concentrations to trigger reinvestment. Programs will be focused in Ozan Iron Mountain- Ingraham, Sandflat-Glendale, College Hill, and Carmichael Neighborhoods.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 47 – Priority Needs Summary

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| 1 | Priority Need Name | Public Infrastructure, Parks & Public Facilities |
| | Priority Level | High |
| | Population | Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development |
| | Geographic Areas Affected | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Associated Goals | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Description | Investment in transportation, public buildings, water treatment systems, and other forms of vital infrastructure is key to creating good jobs and promoting full economic recovery. The condition of roads, bridges, schools, water treatment plants, and other physical assets greatly influences the economy’s ability to function and grow. Every city needs infrastructure improvements that have potential to pay off economically in private-sector investment and job growth. |
| | Basis for Relative Priority | |
| 2 | Priority Need Name | Housing Demolition/Clearance |
| | Priority Level | High |
| | Population | Extremely Low Low Moderate |
| | Geographic Areas Affected | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |

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| | Associated Goals | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Description | This program aims to eliminate slum and blight in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods. Accessory buildings like sheds or garages, residences and commercial buildings which may be fire damaged or deteriorated to an unsafe condition, are eligible for demolition through this program. Property owners must qualify as low-to-moderate income to receive assistance. |
| | Basis for Relative Priority | |
| 3 | Priority Need Name | Grant Administration |
| | Priority Level | Low |
| | Population | Extremely Low Low Moderate |
| | Geographic Areas Affected | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Associated Goals | Engage Neighborhood Stakeholders Foster Neighborhood Economic development |
| | Description | Local administration of the CDBG program. |
| | Basis for Relative Priority | |
| 4 | Priority Need Name | Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Priority Level | Low |
| | Population | Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Elderly |

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|---|------------------------------------|---|
| | Geographic Areas Affected | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Associated Goals | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Description | The Single-Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program is designed to assist eligible residents with emergency and health and safety related rehabilitation projects on their homes. Eligible projects include sewer replacement, roof, window, water heater and furnace replacements and electrical upgrades. Eligibility is based on annual HUD income guidelines and property value limits for homes located within the city limits of the City of Texarkana. |
| | Basis for Relative Priority | |
| 5 | Priority Need Name | Public Service |
| | Priority Level | High |
| | Population | Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development |

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Geographic Areas Affected | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| Associated Goals | Capacity Building |
| Description | This program will cover a wide range of public service activities, including, but not limited to, employment services (job training), crime prevention and public safety, childcare, health services, substance abuse services, fair housing counseling, education programs, energy conservation, service for senior citizens and youth. Typically, the City partners with other organizations to provide these services. |
| Basis for Relative Priority | |

Narrative (Optional)

Resources will be allocated to maximize the benefits to residents within the targeted areas. Public infrastructure, parks, and public facilities, typically thought of as brick and mortar projects will be exclusively within target neighborhoods. Other expenditures include grant administration cost, public service, housing clearance/demolition, housing rehabilitation and will be targeted towards low to moderate income residents throughout the city. For example, CDBG funds will be utilized to directly assist low income households.

CDBG funds are targeted to meet the identified needs of the eligible populations within the geographic area. For CDBG, the service area is the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. Investments are made in accordance with relative priority and statutory spending caps. CDBG funds are allocated primarily to alleviate the housing cost burden for eligible households. The establishment of priority needs for all funding sources is undertaken with community stakeholders, constituents, and service providers after a complete analysis of relevant data.

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

| Affordable Housing Type | Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) | The use of tenant-based rental assistance is dependent on rental property owner’s willingness to rent their units to TBRA clients. Landlords are reluctant to rent to these clients due to the reputation they have that the clients do not take care of the property as well as other renters do. Other market conditions that could influence the use of TBRA have to do with rents being asked for rental property. If rents are too high, the rental assistance might not be enough to allow clients to lease the units, even if the landlord was willing. |
| TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs | Added to the description of TBRA market characteristics above, non-homeless special needs clients may also encounter housing units that do not meet their accessibility needs. Most housing in any community has not had accessibility improvements that allow persons with mobility issues ease of access. While landlords are obligated to make reasonable accommodations for such renters, many need more accommodations than typical landlords would consider reasonable. |
| New Unit Production | Added to the description of TBRA market characteristics above, non-homeless special needs clients may also encounter housing units that do not meet their accessibility needs. Most housing in any community has not had accessibility improvements that allow persons with mobility issues ease of access. While landlords are obligated to make reasonable accommodations for such renters, many need more accommodations than typical landlords would consider reasonable. |
| Rehabilitation | Rehabilitation activities can be influenced by the cost of materials and labor. In Texarkana, these costs are relatively low in comparison to other areas of the country. The efficiency of rehabilitation is dependent on the after rehabilitation value of the home. If the market value of the home does not support the extent of rehabilitation required, it is not worth the effort to repair the home. |
| Acquisition, including preservation | Acquisition, including preservation, can be influenced by the market value of the structure. With home purchases by private individuals, the historic low interest rates off-set increases in the market value of the housing stock. Monthly housing costs of higher priced homes at lower interest rates approximate the monthly housing costs of lower priced homes at higher interest rates. In the case of a local agency or non-profit organization buying housing stock for rehabilitation and resale or for preservation, the costs of purchasing a home outright at higher prices can reduce the number of homes that can be purchased or reduce the funds available for rehabilitation activities. |

Table 48 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Texarkana receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program. This grant program will bring over \$1 million into the City to support affordable housing, and community development programs and projects over five years. All anticipated funding will be allocated for public facilities; for example, installation, construction and rehabilitation of water/sewer, storm drainage, streets and sidewalk, and neighborhood centers. To expenses related to demolition of dilapidated structures within the LMI areas and minor housing rehabilitation. To provide funding for expenses related to career readiness, youth program activities, single mothers/elderly activities and substance abuse counseling. Funding will also be allocated for expenses related to administering the CDBG grant.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 293,483 | 10,000 | 255,524 | 559,007 | 1,173,932 | Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four. CDBG resources are provided to units of local government and non-profit organizations for CDBG-eligible activities. |

Table 49 - Anticipated Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds will be leveraged through the ability of service organizations to raise program funds through outside sources, other loan sources needed for housing development activities, the present value of forgiven property taxes for properties owned by non-profit housing providers.

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

Public ally owned land and property located within the jurisdiction that will be used to address the needs identified in the plan are streets, neighborhood centers and parks located within the LMI areas.

Discussion

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

| Responsible Entity | Responsible Entity Type | Role | Geographic Area Served |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| City of Texarkana | Government | Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services | Jurisdiction |

Table 50 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

To implement the City’s strategy, during this five year period the City will utilize private industry, non-profit organizations, as well as City departments. Key Staff includes: The Assistant Public Works Director, Public Works Director, Finance Director and the City Manager.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

| Homelessness Prevention Services | Available in the Community | Targeted to Homeless | Targeted to People with HIV |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Homelessness Prevention Services | | | |
| Counseling/Advocacy | | | |
| Legal Assistance | | | |
| Mortgage Assistance | | | |
| Rental Assistance | | | |
| Utilities Assistance | | | |
| Street Outreach Services | | | |
| Law Enforcement | | | |
| Mobile Clinics | | | |
| Other Street Outreach Services | | | |
| Supportive Services | | | |
| Alcohol & Drug Abuse | | | |
| Child Care | | | |

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|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Education | | | |
| Employment and Employment Training | | | |
| Healthcare | | | |
| HIV/AIDS | | | |
| Life Skills | | | |
| Mental Health Counseling | | | |
| Transportation | | | |
| Other | | | |
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Table 51 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The utilization of a broad base of organizations to implement this Consolidated Plan will enable the City to address its community development, housing, and special needs objectives.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | Capacity Building | 2023 | 2027 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Public Service | CDBG: \$125,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 80 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 484 Households Assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|--|------------|----------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 2 | Infrastructure Improvements | 2023 | 2027 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | | Public Infrastructure, Parks & Public Facilities Housing Demolition/Clearance Housing Rehabilitation | CDBG: \$1,314,456 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4911 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1273 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 35 Buildings |
| 3 | Engage Neighborhood Stakeholders | 2023 | 2027 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | | Grant Administration | CDBG: \$146,741.50 | Other: 5095 Other |
| 4 | Foster Neighborhood Economic development | 2023 | 2027 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Grant Administration | CDBG: \$146,741.50 | Jobs created/retained: 300 Jobs |

Table 52 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Capacity Building |
| | Goal Description | The City will continue to invest in the effectiveness and future sustainability of its local nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas and Pillars & Plants Inc. The City's continued investment in our local nonprofits will aid in strengthening their ability to fulfill its mission over time, thereby enhancing the nonprofit's ability to have a positive impact on lives and communities. |
| 2 | Goal Name | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Goal Description | The City will continue to focus the majority of its CDBG funding on public infrastructure needs such as roads, drainage, sidewalks, parks and neighborhood centers. Focusing on public infrastructure will enable trade, power businesses, connect worker to their jobs and create opportunities for the local community. |
| 3 | Goal Name | Engage Neighborhood Stakeholders |
| | Goal Description | The City will continue to engage our citizens, groups, organization and businesses that have interest or concern in the community by educating them on the CDBG program, actions, objectives and policies of the City. |

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| 4 | Goal Name | Foster Neighborhood Economic development |
| | Goal Description | <p>Texarkana, Arkansas offers the luxury of modern accommodations found in most cities while maintaining the advantages of small-town life. Texarkana is unique, not only because it shares a border with a city of the same name in a separated state, but also because of its tax benefits. Like many cities in Arkansas, Texarkana has low property tax rates, but that is not all; Texarkana, Arkansas is unique because of its exemption from the Arkansas State Income Tax making it the best of both worlds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compared to cities of the same size Texarkana, Arkansas is ranked in the top 5% in affordable property taxes across the nation • Arkansas pays 60% less in taxes on comparable property values in Texas • Unlike other cities in Arkansas, Texarkana is income tax exempt • Texarkana residents enjoy shorter commute times than 75% of other cities of the same size • Enjoy Texarkana’s climate with an average high of 76°F and average low of 55°F • Texarkana helps keep Arkansas the natural state with more than 10 public parks • Texarkana is the transportation hub of southwest Arkansas with interstates that allow easy access to larger cities like Dallas, Texas (190 miles) Little Rock, Arkansas (142 miles) and Shreveport, Louisiana (70 miles) • The Arkansas Convention Center • And Holiday Springs Water Park |

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 91.315(b)(2)

The estimated number of extremely low-income, and moderate income families to which the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing to is 5,095.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

The Housing authority is in compliance with required accessible units for physical impairments, hearing impaired and sight impaired.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

Attempts to create a Resident Advisory Board have been unsuccessful due to lack of interest and participation by residents. All other activities are met with the same lack of interest and participation. Free food or gifts gets the biggest response but when the “FREEBIES” are gone so are the participants.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Although Arkansas is a more affordable housing market than the Texarkana, Texas area, public policies such as land-use controls, zoning ordinances, and growth limits have greatly impacted the development of new housing. Many communities surrounding the city have adopted policies which require increased lot size for residential properties, have created protective open space and agricultural zones to limit residential development and have established lengthy review processes for new developments. These actions have directly impacted the cost of housing development, and effectively halted affordable housing development.

Impediment No. 1: De-concentration of Poverty, Race/Ethnicity, Public and Assisted Housing (R-ECAP) - Neighborhood Conditions Impediment

Impediments

- Decreasing Concentrated Poverty, Income, Race, Ethnicity, Public and Assisted Housing (R-ECAP) Areas – High Priority
- Limited Development Subsidies and increasing Cost of Development – High Priority
- Housing Affordability, Insufficient Income, Cost Burden – High Priority
- Limited Housing Resources to assist lower income, elderly, and disabled homeowners maintain homes and enhance neighborhood stability – High Priority
- Expand the supply of Affordable Housing, Housing Choices and Access to Financing – High Priority
- Limited Special Needs housing and services – High Priority
- Increase Homeownership among protected Class Members, Increase Rehabilitation of existing housing, and sustainability – High Priority
- Increase Outreach to Developers, Real Estate Professionals, Landlords, and Citizens on Fair Housing and Development Opportunities – High Priority
- Improve Transportation and Mobility for LMI Populations, Seniors, and Disabled Persons – High Priority

Impediment No. 2: Limited development subsidies, increasing cost of development, expanded housing types and locations - Neighborhood Condition, Banking and Finance, and Public Policy Impediment

Impediments

- Expanded resources for housing development
- Expanded resources for housing assistance – rental and ownership
- Nonprofit housing developer assistance and incentives
- Recapture of vacant lots and obsolete building
- Infrastructure improvements to support housing development
- Developer incentives to build the type of housing needed

To remediate this impediment the City will look at alternative solutions and best practices such as General Obligation Bonds to financed housing and infrastructure needs. The City will also look at New Market Tax Credits to generate subsidies for housing.

Impediment No. 3: Housing affordability and insufficient income, and cost burden - Neighborhood Condition, Banking and Finance, and Public Policy Impediment

Impediments

- Limited resources for housing assistance – rental and ownership
- Limited assistance and incentives for nonprofit housing developer
- Expanded funding for infrastructure improvements to support housing development and rehabilitation
- Need for expanded self-help, community and faith based and institution initiatives
- Housing assistance for cost burden persons for all populations, and disparate impact on protected class members
- Continue to expand job opportunities and industries paying living wages

Impediment No. 4: Limited Housing Resources to assist lower income, elderly, and disabled homeowners maintain homes and enhance neighborhood stability - Neighborhood Condition, Socio-Economic Conditions, Public Policy Impediments.

Impediments

- Senior housing needs
- Younger demographics housing needs
- Affordable housing needs
- Employer and faith-based housing development assistance
- Green building and energy efficiency
- Special needs housing, homelessness, homeless prevention, and transitional housing

Impediment No. 5: Expand Supply of Affordable Housing, Housing Choice, and Access to Financing Neighborhood Condition, Banking, Finance, Regulatory – High Priority

Impediments

- Lower number of loan applications for minorities and low origination rates for minority applicants.
- After rehabilitation or new construction infill appraisal does not support mortgage loan.
- Predatory lending practices.

Impediment No. 6: Special Needs Housing and Services, Socio-Economic, Banking, Finance, Regulatory, Policy – High Priority

Impediments

- “Visitable” housing standards
- Transportation and mobility
- Accessibility for persons with disabilities

Impediment No. 7: Increase homeownership, increase rehabilitation Neighborhood Condition, Banking, Finance, Regulatory – High Priority

Impediments

- Restoring basic attributes to LMI Areas
- Improving housing and neighborhood conditions
- Lack of Affordable and Infill Housing
- Housing demand, cost, affordability, and access to financing
- Lower number of loan applications for minorities and low origination rates

Impediment No. 8: Improved Transportation and Mobility for LMI and Senior Populations, Entrepreneurial Opportunities, and Commercial Corridor Revitalization Neighborhood Condition, Socio-Economic – High Priority

Impediments

- Limited Demand Responsive Transportation
- Transportation Affordability for seniors and LMI populations

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City continues to implement policies that encourage investment in residential housing within our urban neighborhoods. The redevelopment of these urban neighborhoods is consistent with the “Smart Growth” philosophy and is essential to Texarkana’s long-term health.

Impediment No. 1 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City of Texarkana will consider **Inclusionary Zoning – Incentivized Zoning** as a source of funding for affordable housing and to reduce concentrations in R-ECAP impacted areas to create balanced housing development and mixed-income communities by ensuring that some portion of new housing development is affordable. The City will also look into **Low Income Tax Credit Policies and Regulations (LIHTC)**. The City will lobby the Arkansas Legislature to amend LIHTC Funding Criteria to include a Location Criteria Policy that incentivizes developers’ applications that do not choose poverty and racial/ethnic concentrated census tracts to help reduce concentrated poverty, race and ethnicity.

Impediment No. 2 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City will look at alternative solutions and best practices such as General Obligation Bonds to financed housing and infrastructure needs. The City will also look at New Market Tax Credits to generate subsidies for housing.

Impediment No. 3 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City will consider collaborations with local school districts to increase courses that provide financial literacy education for high school juniors and seniors. The City will also encourage investors with recently realized capital gains to invest in local businesses, real estate, or development projects in exchange for a reduction in their tax obligations:

- A temporary tax deferral for any realized, but not recognized, capital gains reinvested through the program
- The potential for a 10% to 15% reduction in the amount of tax otherwise payable on the Original Gain
- If the investment in the Opportunity Zone is effective for ten years or more, a permanent exclusion of any capital gains derived from the eventual sale or exchange of the Opportunity Zone investment

Impediment No. 4 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City will look into alternative solutions such as modular housing, employer assisted housing, cottage housing, and tiny home housing.

Impediment No. 5 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City will look into alternative solutions such as lease purchase subdivisions-lease purchase housing finance and modular housing infill housing.

Impediment No. 6 Strategy

The city is currently transforming its transportation and mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities through trails, sidewalks an alternative transportation lanes such as bikes and scooters.

Impediment No. 7 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City will look into alternative solutions such as lease purchase subdivisions-lease purchase housing finance and modular housing infill housing.

Impediment No. 8 Strategy

The strategy to remediate this impediment is the City will look into alternative solutions such as transportation assistance programs.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The City has no primary activity to assist homeless persons and families during the 2023 program year. The homeowner rehabilitation and limited home repair program serves a homeless prevention activity. This program helps families to stay in their homes. At one time homeless activities were located in census tract 203 but have since relocated to the Texas side. The local Salvations Army assists homeless persons and families. The City does not provide funding for either program.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The city of Texarkana, Texas is the lead entity of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition. There is “community-based” continuum of care program with the following Coalition partners: Salvation Army, Randy Sam’s Homeless Shelter, and Harvest Texarkana.

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

The Texarkana Homeless Coalition serves the homeless through collaboration between agencies so that services will not be overlapped and so that leverage of funding can occur.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

Information and technical assistance is provided to entities involved in the development of programs that 1) address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families; 2) address prevention of low and moderate-income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30 percent of median) from becoming homeless; and 3) help homeless persons (including persons with special needs who require services to achieve and maintain independent living) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Strategy for Evaluation of Lead-based Paint Hazards

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

1. Utilization of the City's Code Enforcement inspectors to evaluate potential hazards and to enforce remediation in compliance with Arkansas' lead laws. Federal and local funds are used to conduct inspections, which all include lead hazard evaluation.
2. Evaluation by Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services staff inspectors of every property during the application/underwriting process for any assistance program.
3. Mandatory pre-rehabilitation lead testing including soil samples for all HOME-funded project-based homeownership and multi-family production programs.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

Actions listed above serves as safeguards to prevent lead poisoning and hazards.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Lead Based-paint Hazard Reduction Plan

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

1. Mandatory remediation within rehabilitation specifications for all project based and multi-family projects.
2. Administration of a state-funded lead abatement program for existing homeowners.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The City of Texarkana, Arkansas goals for reducing the number of households with incomes below the poverty level are to provide opportunities for education, employment, and encourage economic development particularly in low and moderate-income area of the City.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

By directing resources to serve CDBG eligible areas, which are also those areas hardest hit by poverty, the City will focus its work to reduce the number of low and moderate income persons and families living in poverty in two strategic areas: Literacy and Workforce Development/Economic Self Sufficiency.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

PWD will develop contractual agreements with subrecipients of the program funds that require compliance with programmatic statutes and regulations. PWD is responsible for ensuring that subrecipients comply with all regulations governing their administrative, financial and programmatic operations and confirm that the subrecipients are achieving their performance objectives within the contractual schedule and budget and performance measurement system. PWD utilizes a coordinated project monitoring process, including coordinated fiscal and program on-site monitoring visits. Main program files for CDBG funded programs and projects are maintained within PWD.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Texarkana receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program. This grant program will bring over \$1 million into the City to support affordable housing, and community development programs and projects over five years. All anticipated funding will be allocated for public facilities; for example, installation, construction and rehabilitation of water/sewer, storm drainage, streets and sidewalk, and neighborhood centers. To expenses related to demolition of dilapidated structures within the LMI areas and minor housing rehabilitation. To provide funding for expenses related to career readiness, youth program activities, single mothers/elderly activities and substance abuse counseling. Funding will also be allocated for expenses related to administering the CDBG grant. The City of Texarkana receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program. This grant program will bring over \$1 million into the City to support affordable housing, and

community development programs and projects over five years.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 293,483 | 10,000 | 255,524 | 559,007 | 1,173,932 | Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four. CDBG resources are provided to units of local government and non-profit organizations for CDBG-eligible activities. |

Table 53 - 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

Federal funds will be leveraged through the ability of service organizations to raise program funds through outside sources, other loan sources needed for housing development activities, the present value of forgiven property taxes for properties owned by non-profit housing providers.

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

Public ally owned land and property located within the jurisdiction that will be used to address the needs identified in the plan are streets, neighborhood centers and parks located within the LMI areas.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|-------------------|------------|----------|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Capacity Building | 2023 | 2027 | Non-Housing Community Development | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain | Public Service | CDBG: \$25,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|--|------------|----------|--|---|--|--------------------|---|
| 2 | Infrastructure Improvements | 2023 | 2027 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain | Public Infrastructure, Parks & Public Facilities Housing Demolition/Clearance Housing Rehabilitation | CDBG: \$478,007 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1200 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 7 Buildings |
| 3 | Engage Neighborhood Stakeholders | 2018 | 2022 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain | Grant Administration | CDBG: \$28,000 | Other: 1019 Other |
| 4 | Foster Neighborhood Economic development | 2018 | 2022 | Non-Housing Community Development | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Iron Mountain | Grant Administration | CDBG: \$28,000 | Jobs created/retained: 60 Jobs |

Table 54 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | Goal Name | Capacity Building |
| | Goal Description | |
| 2 | Goal Name | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Goal Description | |
| 3 | Goal Name | Engage Neighborhood Stakeholders |
| | Goal Description | |
| 4 | Goal Name | Foster Neighborhood Economic development |
| | Goal Description | |

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This One-Year Action Plan identifies specific activities which are to be conducted in support of many of the priorities and objectives outlined in the 2023-2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) for the City of Texarkana, Arkansas. It is anticipated that most of the objectives of the CDBG program will be met and or exceeded. The One-Year Action Plan is updated and presents the specific programs and projects to be implemented in FY 2023 along with their respective funding sources and allocations.

Projects

| # | Project Name |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Housing Rehab |
| 2 | Public Facilities |
| 3 | Clearing & Housing Demolition |
| 4 | Public Service |
| 5 | Grant Administration |

Table 55 – Project Information

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

The allocation of investments during the 2023 period conforms to the process outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. In the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City noted three types of obstacles to meeting underserved needs: (1) awareness of needs; (2) financial resources; and (3) capacity.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

| | | |
|----------|--|--|
| 1 | Project Name | Housing Rehab |
| | Target Area | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Goals Supported | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$93,383 |
| | Description | Community Development Block Grant funds will be utilized by the Public Works Department to address the physical deterioration of roofs for low-income citizens which exist in low-moderate areas. For FY2018 the funding is allocated to the repair of roofs, primarily in the College Hill, Sandflat, Carmichael and Iron Mountain neighborhoods. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 2 |
| | Location Description | Unknown at this time. |
| | Planned Activities | Roof repairs, exterior home painting |
| 2 | Project Name | Public Facilities |
| | Target Area | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Goals Supported | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Infrastructure, Parks & Public Facilities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$292,993 |

| | | |
|----------|--|---|
| | Description | The citizens of Texarkana have voiced a strong concern relating Public Facilities in regard to quality of life in their neighborhoods through deteriorating houses, poor drainage facilities, as well as roads which are nearly impassable. Community Development Block Grant funds will be utilized by the Public Works Department to address the physical deterioration of these streets, sidewalks, drainage issues, parks, and playgrounds in low-moderate areas. Because the 2018 allocation will only cover an extremely small amount of this need, the PWD will focus on the reconstruction of a few of the highest traveled roads and utilized parks with the greatest amount of deterioration. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 3 | Project Name | Clearing & Housing Demolition |
| | Target Area | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Goals Supported | Infrastructure Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Demolition/Clearance |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$100,000 |
| | Description | Community Development Block Grant funds will also be utilized by the Public Works Department to address the physical deterioration of homes and commercial buildings which exist in low-moderate areas. For FY2018 the funding is allocated to the demolition of abandoned/dangerous structures, primarily in the College Hill, Sandflat, and Carmichael and Iron Mountain neighborhoods. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 28 |

| | | |
|----------|--|--|
| | Location Description | Various locations to be determined |
| | Planned Activities | Demolition of dilapidated structures. |
| 4 | Project Name | Public Service |
| | Target Area | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |
| | Goals Supported | Capacity Building |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Service |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | The City of Texarkana, Arkansas has a number of Public Centers that are owned by the city and others that are supported by CDBG that offer Public Services. There are neighborhood centers located in four LMI neighborhoods. Community Development Corporations and/or neighborhood associations operate three of these facilities. There are several parks located in the CDBG census tracts that PWD will provide funds for improvements and plan activities during the year through other resources than the CDBG funds. Assistance is provided to other public facilities in the City that provide services to LMI residents and/or limited clientele eligible projects and/or activities that meet the National Objective. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 400 |
| | Location Description | Various locations and non-profits to be determined. |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 5 | Project Name | Grant Administration |
| | Target Area | COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS Sandflat Ozan Ingraham Iron Mountain |

| | |
|--|--|
| Goals Supported | Engage Neighborhood Stakeholders Foster Neighborhood Economic development |
| Needs Addressed | Grant Administration |
| Funding | CDBG: \$56,000 |
| Description | The Public Works Department is responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan. The day-to-day function, financial reports, progress reports, sub-recipient monitoring, grant writing and community planning activities are activities categorized as Program Administration and Planning. There are several employees that manage and maintain the Public Works Department; however, this fund will be administered by Assistant Public Works Director, Tracie Lee. The Federal Regulations limit the administrative budget to 20 percent of the City's annual allocation, and it is adhered to respectfully. |
| Target Date | 12/31/2023 |
| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| Location Description | |
| Planned Activities | |

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

For the 2023 period, the city will continue to focus its primary efforts in its CDBG target area neighborhoods, which are both low- and moderate income areas and areas of minority concentration. The geographic areas are census tract 202, 204, 205, 206, 207.1 & 207.2.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD | 0 |
| TEXARKANA AR LMI AREAS | 100 |
| Sandflat | 0 |
| Ozan Ingraham | 0 |
| Iron Mountain | 0 |

Table 56 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The geographic distribution of activities and funding to accomplish objectives is a citywide effort; however, the City plans to target certain programs in areas with high racial minority and low-income concentrations to trigger reinvestment and improvements. The City will utilize the U. S. Census Tract TM-P063 Median Household Income, Census 2020 Summary File 3 to determine the eligibility in the LMI areas.

Discussion

The Census 2020 will be utilized as the guide when determining the 51 percent low- and moderate-income residents as well as encouraging the citizens in the low and moderate income areas to participate in the development of the consolidated plan, any substantial amendments to the consolidated plan and the performance report. The city will take whatever appropriate actions to encourage the participation of all citizens including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City has no primary activity to assist homeless persons and families during the 2023 program year. The homeowner rehabilitation and limited home repair program serves a homeless prevention activity. This program helps families to stay in their homes. At one time homeless activities were located in census tract 203 but are now located on the Texas-side. The local Salvation Army assists homeless persons and families. The City does not provide funding to either agency.

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|--|---|
| Homeless | 0 |
| Non-Homeless | 0 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Table 57 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
|--|---|
| Rental Assistance | 0 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 2 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 2 |

Table 58 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

The Texarkana Arkansas Housing Authority's mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and a sustainable living environment free from discrimination. To demonstrate the seriousness of listening to the consumers of public housing, the Housing Authority voluntarily implemented a quarterly customer survey. In addition, the Housing Authority has appointed a resident to be a voting member of its Board of Commissioners. This allows the Housing Authority tenants to have a direct voice on the Board for any policies developed. The survey provides uncensored feedback from tenant and enables the Housing Authority to address the specific needs and concerns of the tenants.

The area most often impacting tenant's perception of a decent living environment is safety. Therefore, the Housing Authority continuously addresses the need to improve safety and security measures. Preventive actions taken include the installation of surveillance equipment and contracting with security companies for outside services. Texarkana Arkansas Housing Authority continues to partner with the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department wherein officers are assigned to work specifically within Housing Authority sites.

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

The City and the Executive Director of the Texarkana Arkansas Housing Authority will continue to work together to improve the lives of the families in public housing. This effort will encourage public housing residents to become more involved in saving, cleaning up credit issues, receive training in management and participate in homeownership.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Texarkana Arkansas does not have a program in place to address homeless needs and other special needs. The city works closely with the Housing Authority, Salvation Army and local churches that provide temporary/emergency shelter. There is one homeless shelter in the Texarkana area, located on the Texas side.

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

The City is not a current Affiliate Member of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition however the City supports the Vision and Mission of the THC. The Vision of the Texarkana Homeless Coalition is to work as an advocate with key local, state, and federal organizations and business leaders to ensure all residents of the Greater Texarkana Community have the opportunity to live in a decent, safe and sanitary home that allows for the physical, emotional and economic well-being.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Currently the City does not fund emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons. This is addressed by non-profit organizations in partnership with the homeless coalition.

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

This service currently being provided by the Texarkana Homeless Coalition.

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

This is addressed buy non-profit orgainzations in partnerhsip with the homeless coalition.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

During the 2023 program year, the City will promote partnerships in housing rehabilitation and new construction. The City will support efforts made to address Fair Housing issues.

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 will review any 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 and make the changes accordingly.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will coordinate with the State Fair Housing Agent to address the supportive housing needs of non-homeless persons with special needs by providing information about the availability of funding and technical assistance per request and/or reported. The Public Works Department will serve as a facilitator in referrals to other agencies that assist with meeting the needs of the underserved within the city limits and in the county.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City's strategy to Remove Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs is to work collaboratively with the Housing Authority to improve the condition of its public housing stock with an emphasis on eliminating severely distressed public housing as well as improving the streets and drainage facilities located in these areas. The City is constantly increasing demolition and rehabilitation/reconstruction is underway for affordable housing by private investors. The PWD plans to preserve and improve the existing housing stock; improve access to homeownership for low and moderate income families; develop flexible housing options; produce more decent affordable housing through new/construction renovation, rental subsidies and home ownership incentives; improve and strengthen community environment; support revitalization activities in targeted neighborhoods; and empower individuals, families and neighborhoods.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The city will pursue lead-based paint evaluation and reduction through housing and demolition activities proposed for the 2023-2027 program years. In all housing related activities the presence of lead-based paint will be determined and actions will be taken to eliminate the paint when found.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Through the Public Services portion of this grant, a primary goal is to provide senior/youth activities, provide job training, job retention, technical assistance for planning, program development and economic development opportunities without overlapping and duplicating other services in the LM income areas. The City's local community development organizations are not experienced in grant writing, leveraging resources and strategic planning. The overall objective is help the CDBG neighborhoods establish and strengthen legitimate community institutions by enhancing employment opportunities for its residents, improving housing conditions and improve the physical environment. The City and the local community development corporations will be developing programs that will create jobs, develop skills and attract small business development. The City is excited about the efforts being

made in stabilizing the community and promoting restoration.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Affordable housing represents the largest problem among housing units. More households live in housing units that are not affordable or hardly livable (substandard). Over thirty-four percent of Texarkana, Arkansas households are very low income, and the percentage increases to fifty seven percent for African-American households. In census tracts 202, 204, 205, 206, 207.1 and 207.2 the median tract income is extremely low. Since there is an inverse relationship between extremely low income and homeownership, it is not surprising that sixty eight percent of them reside in rental housing. The lower the household income, greater is the need for decent and affordable housing. The conditions have not changed dramatically in the past year. The proposed activities for 2023 will address a small amount of the many housing issues identified in this Action/Consolidated Plan. The City has decided to focus the majority of the funding on infrastructure improvements as well as clearing and demolition however mid- year there will be an evaluation performed to determine if there is funding available to reallocate available funds to the rehabilitation of substandard housing.

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

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

| | |
|---|--------|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 80.00% |

Attachments

Grantee Unique Appendices

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**City of Texarkana Development of
FY2018 CDBG Grant Program
FY2018-FY2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan
Public Hearing**

Location: Arkansas City Hall Board Room, 216 Walnut Street,
Texarkana Arkansas

Topic: 2018 Action Plan, Applications for Funding Requests and
Public Input

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Attendees of Public Hearing:

Tracie Lee, 216 Walnut Street, City of Texarkana Assistant Public Works
Director.

Jamal Trimble, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Christian, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Kayri Jones, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Stanley Smith-Brown, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Myles Riley, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Kalib Jones, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Breanna Briggs, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Brooke Myers, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center

Tequilla Briggs, 4904 Sunbury Drive, Texarkana, Arkansas

Kristina Schwartz, 3133 Bright Street, Texarkana, Arkansas

Barbara Pitts Riley, 209 East 14th Street, Sandflat Neighborhood Center,
bpitts9@aol.com

Purpose of Meeting:

Ms. Tracie Lee addressed the need for public participation and gave an
explanation of CDBG funding. Ms. Lee provided handouts on the CDBG
program and the development of the City's 2018-2022 Five Year
Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan Citizen's Survey.

Some points Ms. Lee covered on the program:

Ms. Lee began the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting. The
purpose of the meeting was to obtain public input into development of the
2018-2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan, 2018 Action Plan and the spending
of what is anticipated to be approximately \$238,573.00 dollars in CDBG

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Several youth participants of Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas requested items for the center such as hot wheel trucks, a basketball & basketball goal, playground equipment, tree swing, monkey bars, a new slide, swimming pool, table tennis and a tree house.

Ms. Lee explained she would try to provide some of the items they are requesting, however she would not be able to provide them all.

Mrs. Tequilla Briggs voiced the need for police patrol around the center due to certain activities that occur in the area. Ms. Briggs also inquired about funding for a STEM Program and youth program funding as well as stove replacement at Sandflat Neighborhood Center.

Mrs. Barbara Pitts-Riley voiced the need for improvements to the parking lot at Sandflat Center. Mrs. Pitts-Riley inquired about a voucher program for elderly transportation to the Sandflat Center at a discounted price paid for by CDBG.

There were no more questions or comments and Ms. Lee closed the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



CDBG Community Input Public Hearing: June 14, 2017, Meeting
 Arkansas City Hall Boardroom - 216 Walnut Street - 11:00 a.m.
 Sign-in sheet:

| NAME | ADDRESS | CONTACT INFORMATION |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jama Trimble | | |
| Christian | | |
| Kayla Jones | | |
| Stanley Smith-Brown | | |
| Myles Riley | | |
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| Breanna Briggs | | |
| Brooke Myers | | |
| Tequilla Briggs | 4904 Sunbury Dr, Texarkana, AR | |
| Kristina Schwartz | 3133 Bright St. | |
| Barbara Pitts Riley | 209 East 14th, Texarkana AR | 903.908.9754 bpitts9@aol.com |
| Juicio A. Lee | 216 Walnut St, Texarkana, AR | City |

**City of Texarkana Development of
FY2018 CDBG Grant Program
FY2018-FY2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan
Public Hearing**

Location: Iron Mountain-Ozan Ingraham Neighborhood Center,
1101 Couch Street, Texarkana Arkansas

Topic: 2018 Action Plan, Applications for Funding Requests and
Public Input

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendees of Public Hearing:

Tracie Lee, 216 Walnut Street, Texarkana, AR 71854
Margaret Lane, 800 Johnson Lane, Texarkana, AR 71854
Jeraldine J. Sanders, 1101 Couch Street, Texarkana, AR 71854

Purpose of Meeting:

Ms. Tracie Lee addressed the need for public participation and gave an explanation of CDBG funding. Ms. Lee provided handouts on the CDBG program and the development of the City's 2018-2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan and 2018 Action Plan Citizen's Survey.

Some points Ms. Lee covered on the program:

Ms. Lee began the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain public input into development of the 2018-2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan, 2018 Action Plan and the spending of what is anticipated to be approximately \$238,573.00 dollars in CDBG funds for the 2018 calendar year. Ms. Lee also explained the nature of the program. She explained that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the source of CDBG funds and explained how the break down proportionally of public service and infrastructure (housing, streets, and emergency assistance) that is required by HUD. Continuing Ms. Lee gave some points to keep in mind when making the application.

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Mrs. Jeraldine Sanders voiced a need for a community garden and potential funding from CDBG. Mrs. Sanders also voiced a need for furniture at the Iron Mountain Center such as tables, chairs and lobby area seating.

Mrs. Lane voiced a need for road improvements and concerns about a private road located on her property.

There were no more questions or comments and Ms. Lee closed the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**City of Texarkana Development of
FY2018 CDBG Grant Program
FY2018-FY2022 Five Year Consolidated Plan
Public Hearing**

Location: College Hill Neighborhood Center, 1002 Ferguson Street,
Texarkana Arkansas

Topic: 2018 Action Plan, Applications for Funding Requests and
Public Input

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendees of Public Hearing:

Tracie Lee, 216 Walnut Street, Texarkana, AR 71854

Purpose of Meeting:

There were no attendees and Ms. Lee ended the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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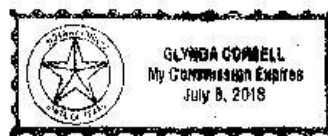
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Three (3) public hearings are scheduled at the following times and locations:
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Iron Mountain Neighborhood Center, 1101 Gough Street, Texarkana, Arkansas
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Arkansas City Hall, 216 Walnut Street, Texarkana, Arkansas
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Thank you, Tracey Lee, Assistant Director of Public Works

Name: Tracie Lee

Address: 4824 Sunbury Ave Texarkana, Ar

Phone: 923-738-6159

Place a check on the response that best represents your opinion concerning the need for this service or facility

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| Fair housing (enforcement) | | | | | IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING: | | | | |
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Name:

Address: 209 East 14th Street

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FORM

NAME Barbara Pitts Riley ADDRESS 209 E. 14th Texarkana

We would appreciate your comments and feedback to help us develop the Action Plan for 2018. Please fill in this form and return it to City Staff or to Public Works Department, Community Development Division. Thank you in advance for comments.

Demolition questions:

3 The main concern that I have in the Sandflat-Glendale Community is the hazard of empty houses because of criminal activities.

2 The main concern that I have in the Sandflat-Glendale Community is the hazard of empty houses because of rats and insects that spread out from them to other houses and buildings in the area.

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Housing questions:

1 The main concern that I have in the Sandflat-Glendale Community with housing is old homes that need repair and repairs are not affordable.

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Streets and drainage questions:

2 The main concern that I have in the Sandflat-Glendale Community with the streets is handicap accessibility

1 The main concern that I have in the Sandflat-Glendale Community with streets/drainage is potholes

___ The main concern that I have in the Sandflat-Glendale Community with streets/drainage is flooding

The most important thing needed in this community is:

5 Better drainage

3 Better housing

4 Better streets

1 Better community centers

2 Less vacant housing

Better (anything) _____

The two most important things that I would like to see CDBG funds used for are:

- 1. Youth Program
- 2.

CITY OF TEXARKANA CDBG COMMUNITY SURVEY

On behalf of the City, I am requesting your participation in this community survey. It is intended to gather information on needed community facilities and services. The information will be used to establish priorities for the use of federal funding. Although it is not necessary to sign this form, it would be helpful to know where you feel services are needed. If you would like information concerning this survey contact our Community Development staff at 870-779-4971.

Thank you, Tracie Lee, Assistant Director of Public Works

Name: Margaret Lane

Address: 800 Johnson Ln.

Phone: 903-293-1593

Place a check on the response that best represents your opinion concerning the need for this service or facility.

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| COMMUNITY NEEDS | Highly Needed | Needed | Not Needed | Not Sure | COMMUNITY CONCERNS | Highly Needed | Needed | Not Needed | Not Sure |
|--|---------------|--------|------------|----------|---|---------------|--------|------------|----------|
| Senior Centers (services for the elderly) | | ✓ | | | Clearance/Demolition (hazard of empty houses) | | ✓ | | |
| Youth Centers (recreation for young children) | | ✓ | | | Due to criminal activities | | ✓ | | |
| Neighborhood facility (job training, health, daycare) | | ✓ | | | Due to rats and insects | | ✓ | | |
| Parks (green areas) | | | | ✓ | Due to danger of children getting hurt | | ✓ | | |
| Playground areas (baseball, softball, soccer) | | | | ✓ | Emergency Shelters (homeless shelters) | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Parking facilities (additional business parking lots) | | | | ✓ | Food distribution sites | | ✓ | | |
| Fair housing services (discrimination complaints, tenant/landlord mediation) | | ✓ | | | Clothing distribution sites | | | ✓ | |
| Services for the Disabled (independent living, job training) | | ✓ | | | Police presence in neighborhood | | ✓ | | |
| WATER, SEWER, DRAINAGE, STREETS | | | | | Fire protection response | | ✓ | | |
| Drainage improvements (to prevent flooding) | | ✓ | | | HOUSING ASSISTANCE | | | | |
| New street construction | | ✓ | | | Transitional Housing (temporary housing) | | | | ✓ |
| New sidewalks construction in residential areas | | ✓ | | | Rental assistance (section 8) | | ✓ | | |
| Streets (asphalt overlay) | | ✓ | | | New Home Construction | | ✓ | | |
| Streets (handicap accessibility) | | ✓ | | | Down Payment Assistance | | ✓ | | |
| PUBLIC SERVICE NEEDS | | | | | Single family rehabilitation (repair homes) | | ✓ | | |
| Senior care services (services for the elderly) | | ✓ | | | Multi-Family rehabilitation (apartments) | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Handicapped Services (building access, parking) | | ✓ | | | Housing for the elderly | | ✓ | | |
| Youth Services (services for children) | | ✓ | | | OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE | | | | |
| Substance Abuse (alcohol & drug treatment) | | ✓ | | | Rate the quality of life in Texarkana | | ✓ | | |
| Employment skill training | | ✓ | | | Rate the quality of life in your neighborhood | | ✓ | | |
| Literacy Program (services for those unable to read) | | ✓ | | | Rate the city as a place to raise children | | ✓ | | |
| Fair housing (enforcement) | | | | | IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING | | | | |
| | | | | | Ease of pedestrian travel (walking to places) | | | | ✓ |
| | | | | | Ease of bicycle travel | | | | ✓ |
| | | | | | Ease of travel by car | | | | ✓ |
| | | | | | Drainage | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Housing | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Community centers | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Clean streets | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Street lighting | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Street repair | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Trash collection | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Recycling collection | | ✓ | | |
| | | | | | Vacant housing | | ✓ | | ✓ |

List any additional comments below:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FORM

NAME Margaret Lane ADDRESS 800 Johnson Ln. Tex. Ar. 71954

We would appreciate your comments and feedback to help us develop the Action Plan for 2018. Please fill in this form and return it to City Staff or to Public Works Department, Community Development Division. Thank you in advance for comments.

Demolition questions:

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area is the hazard of empty houses because of criminal activities.

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area is the hazard of empty houses because of rats and insects that spread out from them to other houses and buildings in the area.

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area is the hazard of empty houses because children could get hurt playing in or around them.

Housing questions:

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area with housing is old homes that need repair and repairs are not affordable.

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area with housing is that there is no new housing that is affordable.

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area with housing is that home ownership takes too much to take care of a yard.

Streets and drainage questions:

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area with the streets is handicap accessibility

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area with streets/drainage is potholes

The main concern that I have in the College Hill Neighborhood Area with streets/drainage is flooding

The most important thing needed in this community is:

Better drainage

Better housing

Better streets

Better community centers

Less vacant housing

Better (anything) _____

The two most important things that I would like to see CDBG funds used for are:

- 1.
- 2.

SUMMARY OF
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS CONSOLIDATED
PLAN CITIZEN'S SURVEY

The information gathered from the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Consolidated Citizen's Survey was analyzed based upon the percent of those that responded to the questions, and has been consolidated into the following summary. The responses that are represented in the summary are those responses that were at or greater than 34%.

The following summary of results represents the opinion of the Citizen's of the Texarkana, Arkansas community and what they feel are their current primary concerns.

The following information is listed from highest percentile to lowest percentile with the lowest percentile being 50%.

- 1) Drainage – Drainage improvements (to prevent flooding)
- 2) Community Centers – Senior Centers (services for the elderly), Youth Centers (recreation for young children), Neighborhood Facility (job training, health, daycare)
- 3) Public Services – Senior Care Services (services for the elderly), Handicapped Services (building access, parking), Youth Services (services for children), Substance Abuse (alcohol & drug treatment), Employment skill training, Literacy Program (services for those unable to read), Fair Housing (enforcement)
- 4) Clearance/Demolition - Demolition of Substandard buildings (hazard of empty houses)
- 5) Park Improvements – Parks (green areas), Playground areas (baseball, softball, soccer)
- 6) Street Improvements – Streets (asphalt overlay), New Street Construction, Streets (handicap accessibility)

The above stated topics are the areas of concern for the citizens of the community. These concerns are listed in highest need/priority based upon the questions asked in the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Consolidated Citizen's Survey.

APPENDIX

ATTACHMENTS

JOHN W. MEASEL CENTER GRANT
APPLICATION

2018
REQUEST FOR FUNDING



**PROPOSAL APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM**

**FISCAL YEAR 2018
JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Organization Name: John W. Measel Center
 Project Name: Community Center
 Project Address: 515 Jefferson Avenue, Texarkana, AR 71854
 Executive Director Name: Nedra H. Turney
 Address: 3019 East 9th Street
Texarkana, AR 71854
 Telephone #: 903-280-2654 Fax #: N/A
 Email Address: NedraT@cableone.net Website: N/A
 Employer (IRS) ID #: 35-2396521
 Contact Name: Angie Rogers Conaway Title: Office Manager
 Contact Telephone #: 870-330-3126 Fax: N/A
 Contact Email: Angela.Rogers@ar.nacdn.net Website (if applicable): N/A

PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

CD Funds Requested \$ Funding Leveraged from other Sources \$

Check the category, which describes the type of funding, requested:

- Housing Public Facility Infrastructure
 Economic Development Public Service Other

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Please provide a one-sentence statement about your project-not your organization.

The purpose of the John W. Measel Center will be to enhance the physical and mental well-being of Texarkana residents by promoting and providing cultural, recreational, athletic, health, and educational opportunities.

1. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY SECTION

A. This project is located in 203 **Census Tract(s)** (identify tract by number)(website – www.factfinder.census.gov)

B. This project meets at least ONE of the HUD national objectives listed below (please check all applicable; discussion and definitions available on page 18 of the RFP packet.

- 1. Benefits low/moderate income individuals/households.
- 2. Addresses the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
- 3. Meets a particularly urgent community development need

C. Check all statements that describe HOW this project or activity meets one of the National Objectives above:

- L/M Area Benefit:* the project meets the identified needs of L/M income persons residing in an area where at least 51% of those residents are L/M income persons. The benefits of this type of activity are available to all persons in the area regardless of income. Examples: street improvements, water/sewer lines, neighborhood facilities, façade improvements in neighborhood commercial districts.
- L/M Limited Clientele:* the project benefits a specific group of people (rather than all the residents in a particular area), at least 51% of whom are L/M income persons. The following groups are presumed to be L/M: abused children, elderly persons, battered spouses, homeless, handicapped, illiterate persons. Examples: construction of a senior center, public services for the homeless, meals on wheels for elderly, construction of job training facilities for the handicapped.
- L/M Housing:* the project adds or improves permanent residential structures that will be occupied by L/M income households upon completion. Housing can be either owner or renter occupied units in either one family or multi-family structures. Rental units for L/M income personas must be occupied at affordable rents. Examples: acquisition of property for permanent housing, rehabilitation of permanent housing, conversion of non-residential structures into permanent housing.
- L/m Jobs:* the project creates or retains permanent jobs, at least 51% of which are taken by L/M income personas or considered to be available to L/m INCOME PERSON. Examples: loans to pay for the expansion of a factory, assistance to a business which has publicly announced its intention to close w/resultant loss of jobs, a majority of which are held by L/M persons.
- Microenterprise Assistance:* the project assists in the establishment of a Microenterprise or assists person developing a Microenterprise. (A microenterprise is defined as having five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the business.) This activity must benefit low/moderate income persons, area or jobs as defined in previous sections.

Note: List is continued on the following page.

- Slum or Blighted Area:** the project is in a designated slum/blight area and the result of this project addresses one or more of the conditions that qualified the area.
- Spot Blight:** the project will prevent or eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay outside a slum area. Activities are limited to clearance, historic preservation, rehabilitation of buildings, but only to extent necessary to eliminate conditions detrimental to public health and safety. *Examples:* historic preservation of a public facility threatening public safety, demolition of a deteriorated, abandoned building.

D. Project Category [check one]:

- Acquisition of Real Property
- Disposition of Real Property
- Public Facilities and Improvements** (e.g., homeless shelter, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage improvements, fire protection facilities/equipment, community, senior and health centers, parking, streets curbs, gutters and sidewalks, parks and playgrounds.)
- Privately-Owned Utilities
- Public Service (i.e., a new service or an increase in the level of a service)
- Relocation Payments and Assistance to Displace Persons
- Removal of Architectural Barriers, Handicapped Accessibility
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Historic Preservation
- Commercial or Industrial Rehabilitation, including facade improvements and correction of code violations.
- Special Economic Development or assistance to micro-enterprises.

2. IMPACT ON CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITY NEEDS

The five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies both priority needs in the community and strategies to address these needs. The need for your proposed project will be determined by identifying how the project impacts upon the adopted Consolidated Plan Priority Needs.

Therefore, applications should provide a clear explanation of how the project impacts upon the adopted Consolidated Plan Priority Needs. Greater consideration will be given to projects that provide a clear description of the project with supporting data and methodology of how the project will meet the Consolidated Plan Priority Needs. Included in the RFP packet on pages 18-23 is a Summary of "Housing and Community Development Needs and Priorities".

Please identify the category and activity applicable to your proposal, using that table as your guide:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Example: | |
| Public Services | Activity: Youth Transportation |

- Homeless Activity _____
- Infrastructure Activity _____
- Public Services Activity Teaching Kitchen, "How to" & WIC classes, Literacy Council
- Youth Programs Activity P.R.I.D.E. Program--Personal Responsibility In Daily Efforts
- Economic Development Activity _____
- Housing Activity _____
- Public Facilities Activity Literacy Council/Computer Labs, Programs for Youth 5th grade+
- Senior Programs Activity Money Management, Teaching Nutrition, Quilting, Game Time
- Other CID Programs Activity _____

PROPOSED PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please briefly describe proposed accomplishment(s) if funding is awarded (Accomplishments must be described in terms of households served, people served, businesses created, housing units created, jobs created or public facilities undertaken. Example: This program will serve 485 LMI individuals, this program will create 25 jobs, etc.)

PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

This Community Center will serve people of all ages and races through various programs, classes, and activities to promote a safer, better educated, and productive Texarkana.

Please answer the following questions:

- A. What is the total estimated number of persons to be served by this project? 60,000
- B. What is the total estimated number of LMI persons to be served by this project? 54,000
- C. What is the anticipated percentage of LMI persons to be served by this project? 90

3. PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires recipients of federal funds to assess the productivity and impact of their programs. In response, The City of Texarkana, Arkansas PWD has implemented a Performance and Outcome Measurement System. The System will help to quantify the effectiveness of programs and establish clearly defined outcomes.

Per HUD's requirements, all proposals must demonstrate how they would perform using this system should they receive funding.

Please note the following definitions specific to this system as you prepare your application and the chart on page 8. YOU ONLY NEED TO SUBMIT THE CHART WITH YOUR PROPOSAL YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT THE INSTRUCTION PAGES.

GUIDANCE FOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM FORM

The Performance Evaluation System Form is designed to provide the City and applicants with a concise description of how the proposed project will meet City goals of the Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Strategy Areas and create desired change in citizens and the community. The information provided in this form will be used by reviewers to determine if your program should be funded.

Some general suggestions for completing this form:

- **It is very important that you do not "over-promise"** on what your project can realistically deliver. Do not project that you can start delivering services on week after your contract is finalized, if you need to hire and train staff. Be realistic about the time frame for implementation. Similarly, do not project serving 200 individuals if your staffing and budget simply will not enable you to do so. View this proposal as the beginning of a long-term relationship with a funding source. If you over-promise now, you will not be believed in the future. If your project is funded and you do not deliver on what you have projected in these tables, it is possible that your payments will be delayed or the funds will be reprogrammed.
- **Be as specific and concise as possible.**
- Should your project be funded, the Performance Evaluation System Form will be used as the data base for drafting your contract and as a framework for monitoring implementation of the project. Because your projections will be translated directly into the contract scope of work and into the reporting requirements that are part of the monitoring process, it is important that you are realistic about your estimates.

Definition of Terms:

Needs Statement is a statement as to an unmet need within the City that is identified in this RFP on pages 18-23 Community Development Needs from the Consolidated Plan.

Project Goal is a broad statement that describes what can reasonably be achieved by completing the project. Goals are generally directly related to the purpose of an organization, and express that purpose concisely. Examples are:

- Increase access to legal services to individuals without financial resources
- Improve the quality of life of aging or physically impaired adults
- Improve access to nutritious food for low-income individuals/families
- Maintain housing stability for individuals/families at risk of homelessness/eviction
- Increase the affordable housing stock
- Create new job opportunities that pay a living wage
- Improve the employability skills of low-income individuals
- Place unemployed and under-employed individuals in living wage positions
- Increase/improve the literacy skills of adults

Applicant goals should be directly related to the Consolidate Plan. These are the objectives the City has develop through its community input and assessment process, It is important that your goals relate directly to the goals identified by the City.

Proposed Activity provides one means by which the City can evaluate the degree to which a contract is being fulfilled. To be of any use, these measures must be quantifiable and provide a level of specificity. It is important for each applicant to list the major activity that must be accomplished in order to implement the project. Activities will vary significantly depending upon the nature of the project, but could include hiring and training staff, recruiting clients, initiating specific project activities, etc. For many projects, developing clear definitions of units of service is extremely challenging, for others it is very simple. The following provides some examples of clear measurable activities:

- Hot lunch daily
- Tutoring session of ½ hours for 4 students
- Counseling session of 1 ½ hours for 20 couples
- Provision of free paint to 20 low-income senior Texarkana Arkansas residents
- Day of shelter for one low-income Texarkana Arkansas resident
- Half hour of legal counseling for a low-income Texarkana Arkansas resident
- Units of affordable Housing (as defined by HUD)

For the purposes of preparing proposals, the City would like applicants to define as best they can the activities they propose to deliver and the number of those activities that will be provided. During the contract development phase, approved applicants will be assisted in refining the definitions and honing the projected number of activities delivered.

Expected Output is more specific descriptions of what your project is intended to accomplish. They should be specific, time-limited, and measurable. Expected outputs describe the activities you propose to provide, or other tasks that you propose to undertake. The following are examples:

- To develop 20 units of affordable housing by December 20, 2018
- To distribute 100 nutritious meals weekly to low-income Texarkana Arkansas residents
- To conduct 6 four-week parenting training sessions for 8 families in each session
- To refer 250 families per month to appropriate health services

Expected Outcome describes the hoped-for effect of activities or other process objectives. It should be realistic, and realizable within the time-frame of the grant. They are often evaluated on the basis of Client Satisfaction Surveys, which assess the degree to which clients or other (parents/teachers/probation

officers/customers) consider that the expected outcomes have been met. Sometimes more objective measures are used, e.g. pre and post tests. The following are examples of expected outcomes:

- By June 30, 2012 the test scores of 20 participating students will have increase 10%
- 80% of clients will rate services as "very effective" or "effective."
- New residents of renovated affordable housing will rate the housing as "very satisfactory" or "satisfactory" in a survey of all new residents
- Based after program completion, upon self-reporting, 40% of clients will remain clean and for six months
- 80% of clients receiving fee paint/loans/housing mediation/legal services will rate service as "highly satisfactory" 50% will indicate that the service enabled them to remain housed, start their business, and resolve their legal problem.

It is important for every expected outcome can be measured. In completing the Performance Evaluation System Form, provide at least one expected output that relates to the services you would deliver, and at least one expected outcome that relates to the impact that program is expected to have on the community or person(s) benefiting from the activity.

Performance Evaluation Form

| | |
|---|--|
| Project Name: John W. Measel Community Center | Sponsoring Agency: John W. Measel Foundation |
|---|--|

Needs Statement (relate to Consolidated Plan Needs):
Our intent is continue to decrease the juvenile crime rate through the PRIDE Program, educate their families so that they may become more productive in their workplace, and to teach area families about nutrition through our Teaching Kitchen.

Project Goal:
Decrease the juvenile crime rate and increase the employability of low-income individuals.

Proposed Activity:
Complete our gym to provide a space.TAPD can mentor school aged kids (5th-12th grades) on daily projects after school.

| Expected Outputs Number of persons served, jobs created, housing units rehabbed, etc. | Expected Outcomes Direct results of the program/project |
|---|---|
| <p>1. Reduce at-risk behaviors in youth by promoting healthy lifestyles, academic success, and emotional stability by being positive influences in their young lives.</p> <p>2. Enhance quality of life for adults by providing resources and programs that promote sustainability for the family unit.</p> <p>3. Provide a safe location for youth, their families, and senior citizens to participate in organized, positive and supportive activities.</p> | <p>1. Because early intervention has proven effective in developing productive citizens and reducing the risk of criminal behavior, we expect to maintain the decline of juvenile crime which has dropped 37% since the beginning of the PRIDE Program in 2012.</p> <p>2. By teaching adults life skills, we anticipate that the overall lifestyle of the family unit will be positive, healthy, financially stable, possibly homeowners, and employed, thus decreasing the unemployment rate in low-middle income families.</p> <p>3. Considering the current poverty and crime rate, anything that can reduce juvenile crime and school dropouts, as well as enhance the community, is considered constructive.</p> |

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: | | |
| _____ D-1-1 | _____ SL-1 | _____ EO-1 |
| _____ D-1-2 | _____ SL-2 | _____ EO-2 |
| _____ D-1-3 | _____ SL-3 | _____ EO-3 |

4. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

- A. Provide a detailed description of the proposed activity including how the activity will address the community need you have indicated. Identify whether the activity is new, ongoing, or expanded from previous years.

The activities of the PRIDE program involve physical activity, academic tutoring, mentoring, computer use, and self improvement. PRIDE, though not new, will be expanded to help more students. Currently, PRIDE reaches over 800 students. Tutoring will be available to students who struggle and require it in order to be successful in the classroom. This will build a stronger, better educated workforce for the future of Texarkana.

At the present time, there is no certified Teaching Kitchen anywhere in the surrounding areas. This will educate low income individuals on how to prepare nutritious, low cost meals. By doing so, we will help fight the obesity epidemic in America and develop a healthy environment.

- B. Identify who will benefit from the proposed activity (e.g. homeless, youth, seniors, disabled, at cetera). If designed to benefit persons of L/M income, describe the process you will use to identify these persons and ensure that the activity meets this objective. [An LMI certification form is included in the RFP Packet]

The activities of this Center will benefit a minimum of 800 youth through the PRIDE Program, as well as their families. The PRIDE Program is administered and run by the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department (TAPD). With the completion of the gym, PRIDE can continue to grow and therefore increase the number of school aged kids that are reached through additional opportunities and programs. The result has been a major reduction (37%) in juvenile crime. It is estimated that greater than 90% of these youth come from homes that are below poverty level. Yearly surveys will be conducted to determine gross household income.

The Teaching Kitchen will reach approximately 900 people annually through personal training on cooking and nutrition and televised cooking shows. This will be headed up by the University of Arkansas Miller County Extension Service. The Center will also host "Do It Yourself" home improvement and "How to Write A Resume" programs that will help low income people to improve their living conditions as well as their economic status. WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Classes will also be offered at the Center.

- C. Identify the accomplishments you intend to achieve with this activity. Provide an activity timeframe/schedule (include start, completion dates and other significant stages).

The objectives of the PRIDE Program are to instill confidence and pride in young people while reducing the risk of youth involvement in crime. This helps instill a sense of well being and safety in the community. Since the PRIDE Program is already in place, we need to complete our gym so that the Program can grow. We don't foresee an end date at this time, because every year brings a new group of 5th graders.

The Teaching Kitchen will start within 60 days of completion of renovation. It is anticipated that programs held here will be broadcast via television and internet within 15 months of completion and "shakedown" of the equipment.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

- A. Provide an overview of your organization including length of time in existence. Attach a list of current officers and board members with terms.

The John W. Measel Center is a 501c3 foundation that was organized under the Miller County Conservation District, which is a part of the State of Arkansas. The John W. Measel Center Foundation began in 2011; the Articles were completed by the Secretary of State that same year. Attached is a list of the Board Officers and Members with contact information. Terms are included.

- B. Describe your organization's experience in successfully concluding this type of activity. Identify any skills, current services, or special accomplishments that demonstrate your capacity for success.

The Foundation Board has previous experience in securing funds to renovate the exterior of the building and adding a handicapped accessible wheelchair ramp. Funds are currently being sought to renovate the interior of the building so that programs can begin. A set of blueprints has been prepared and divided into phases by architect and Owners Representative, Herb Crumpton. Mr. Crumpton has worked with city inspectors to ensure that building codes are strictly adhered to. Once funds are secured, completion should move quickly.

- C. Identify the person(s) responsible for program and financial management of the activity. Identify all other persons involved in this activity noting whether these positions are current or new, pending the award.

The Foundation Board will be responsible for financial management through its meetings, held bi-monthly. An external audit will be held annually as well as an IRS Report. The PRIDE Program will be under the direction of the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department (TAPD). The Teaching Kitchen will be under the direction of the University of Arkansas Miller County Extension Service with input from the Texarkana, Arkansas School District (TASD). Although not a part of this grant, the tutoring program will in all probability be under the direction of the Literacy Council. All programs will have citizen involvement.

- D. Identify any other agencies/partners in this activity and define the roles and responsibilities of these partners.

TAPD--Responsible for maintaining the PRIDE Program
LITERACY COUNCIL--Handle education & computer classes
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MILLER COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE--Oversee the Teaching Kitchen
MILLER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT--Building Owners
JOHN W. MEASEL CENTER BOARD--Handle all finances, Insurance, Reporting, etc.

- E. Demonstrate that the proposed activity is economically feasible and can be implemented in a timely cost effective manner within the proposed program year.

The PRIDE Program is economically feasible since they need the space in order to put on their programs. Because of the location of the Center, just blocks from several city schools, it provides easy access for after school and Saturday activities. There are a number of local subcontractors that not only want the contract, but assure that they can and will finish in a timely manner. This is in part due to a full set of blue prints and materials list already acquired.

- F. Oftentimes projects that receive an award of CDBG funding are actually awarded less than the amount originally requested. This requires the submission of a revised budget and a description of how it will carry out the proposed activity with reduced funding prior to the commitment of any funding. Please indicate here whether your proposed activity could be undertaken with a reduced commitment of funding and if so, please highlight how that would affect the scope of services you are proposing.

If we were not awarded the full amount requested, we would either seek other means or completely remove the Teaching Kitchen from the first phase of the renovation. Depending on the amount awarded, we would finish everything possible towards opening our gym.

6. Financial

The City encourages CDBG funds be utilized as gap funding. A gap is defined as the amount of funding necessary to run a program after all other funding sources have been identified, thus leveraging is very important in the application process.

ACTIVITY BUDGET

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may reference and attach an additional page if necessary.

- A. Complete the Budget Summary chart. More detailed budgets may be attached (and are strongly recommended) in support of the proposal.
- B. Identify sources of leveraged funding for this activity. Include the status of these funds (i.e. cash on hand, grants received, planned fund-raising, etc.). Attach copies of funding commitment letters or other evidence of funding support.
- C. Leverage – Consideration will be given to the amount of non-CDBG funds committed to the project.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| Category Breakdown | CDBG | Leveraged Funds | Source of Leveraged Funds | Total Funds |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Personnel* | N/A | | | |
| Contractual Service (Specify) | N/A | | | |
| Rent & Utilities | \$ 5,000 | \$ 1,000 | Gifts | \$ 6,000 |
| Communications | N/A | | | |
| Travel | N/A | | | |
| Other Specify: RENOVATIONS | | | | |
| ROOF REPAIR | 13,000 | | | |
| WIRING | 9,500 | | | |
| KITCHEN | 8,500 | | | |
| HVAC | 69,000 | | | |
| Total | \$105,000 | \$ 1,000 | | \$ 106,000 |

*NOTE: Please complete Budget Detail Chart on page 13 if personnel costs are included in your proposal.

BUDGET DETAIL

This section provides back-up for each line item shown in the Budget Summary Chart. Please make certain this detailed breakdown is consistent with the Program Budget. Round up to the nearest hundred.

Please note: A job description for each person must be provided.

A Note about the Staff/Salary Breakdown: Please show all proposed staff positions funded with CDBG funds that relate to the proposed activity. If multiple staff members have the same position/title, list separately (For example: Counselor 1, Counselor 2). Use an additional sheet if necessary. **You must submit job descriptions with your application for each position title identified below.**

| Position Title | Is this a current or proposed position? | Annual Salary | Annual Fringe Benefits | Total Annual Salary | X | % Time Spent on this CDBG Project/Program | = | Total Position Cost Requested From CDBG |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Example: Case Manager | Current | \$25,000 | \$5,000 | \$30,000 | X | 40% | = | \$12,000 |
| N/A | | | | | | | | |
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A. THRESHOLD CERTIFICATION

In order for your application to be accepted, in addition to the application itself, your organization must submit the following items to the Office of Public Works and Community Development **no later than 5:00 PM on September 25, 2017.**

- An original application with all questions completed (including performance evaluation and budgets) along with five copies that are 3-hole punched and clipped (not bound) of the completed application. (Only the original must include the requested support documents such as the articles of incorporation and the current list of your Board of Directors.)
- The following attachments/certifications:
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Current List of Board of Directors
 - Certified Organization Audit/Financial Statements of most recent year
 - A. Copy of OMB A-133 Audit (Required if \$300,000 in aggregate Federal funds expended), or
 - B. Financial statements audited by a CPA (only if not qualified for A-133), or
 - C. Profit and Loss Statement for most recently completed fiscal year and General Ledger printout (only first time applicants or those who do not meet above criteria may submit)
 - IRS 501 (c) (3) Designation Letter (Pending letters will not be accepted)
 - Current Fiscal Year Agency Budget, including all funding sources
 - Job Descriptions -- NOT APPLICABLE
- An Executed Statement of Applicant Form.
- An Executed Signature Authorization Form.
- Has the Signature Authorization Form been signed by an authorized officer of the Board (President or Secretary) as registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Corporations Division (<http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/corp/corpsearch/corpsearchinout.asp>)

I hereby confirm that this packet contains all materials required.

 Nedra H. Turney
Signature and Printed Name of Authorized Signer

B. Statement of Applicant

The undersigned acknowledges the following:

1. That, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, all factual information provided is true and correct and all estimates are reasonable.
2. That no revised proposals/applications may be made in connection with this application once the deadline for applications has passed.
3. That the City of Texarkana Arkansas may request or require changes in the information submitted and may substitute its own figures, which it deems reasonable for any or all figures provided. That the applicant will participate in required interview for project assessment and cooperatively assist in the review process.
4. That, if the project (s) is recommended and approved by the Mayor and City Council, the City reserves the right to reduce and/or cancel the allocation if federal entitlements are canceled, reduced, or rescinded.
5. The City of Texarkana Arkansas reserves the right not to fund any submittals received.
6. By submission of this application, the organization agrees to abide by the federal regulations applicable to this program.
7. That, if the project(s) is funded, the organization agrees to abide by the City's locally established policies and guidelines.
8. That past program and financial performance will be considered in reviewing this application.
9. That, services are to be provided at no cost to citizens during the grant period. All program income (i.e.: fees, repayments, foreclosures, etc.) must be remitted to the City.
10. That, if the project(s) is funded, the City or a designated agency may conduct an accounting system inspection to review internal controls, including procurement and uniform administrative procedures, prior to issuance of payments for projected expenditures.
11. That, if project(s) is funded, the City will perform an environmental review prior to the obligation of funds.
12. That, if a project is funded, a written agreement that includes a statement of work, records retention and reporting, program income procedures, local and federal requirements, circumstances that would trigger grant suspensions and terminations, and reversions of assets would be required between the organization and the City.
13. That a project's funding does not guarantee its continuation in subsequent action plans.
14. Provide written signatory authority from the organization's governing body indicating who can execute contracts and amendments on its behalf.

Statement of Applicant continued on following page.

15. Agrees to abide by the City of Texarkana Arkansas's Conflict of Interest policy. Items of concern would include staff members serving on the Board of Directors, staff member's families serving on the Board of Directors, and other matters that may give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

PENALTY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT

U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001, provides that a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed five years, or both, shall be the penalty for willful misrepresentation and the making of false, fictitious statements, knowing same to be false.

By signature below, the applicant acknowledges the above in its name on this 25th day of September 2017

JOHN W. MEASEL CENTER

Name of Organization

By:

Nedra H. Jurney
(Signature)

BOARD CHAIR

(Title)

BRIDGING THE GAPS OF ARKANSAS
GRANT APPLICATION

2018
REQUEST FOR FUNDING



PROPOSAL APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG),
ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

COPY

FISCAL YEAR 2018
JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

Organization Name: Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas
 Project Name: A Place For US!
 Project Address: 209 East 14th Street Texarkana, AR 71845
 Executive Director Name: Barbara Pitts
 Address: 4425 Jefferson Avenue, Ste. B
Texarkana, AR 71854
 Telephone #: 870-330-7909 Fax #: 870-330-7909
 Email Address: bpitts9@aol.com Website: btgacc.org
 Employer (IRS) ID #: 46-4129856
 Contact Name: Johnny Riley, Jr. Title: CEO
 Contact Telephone #: 903-908-5763 Fax: 870-330-7909
 Contact Email: info@btgarkansas Website (if applicable): www.btgarkansas.org

PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

CD Funds Requested \$ 5,000 Funding Leveraged from other Sources \$ 50,000

Check the category, which describes the type of funding, requested:

- Housing Public Facility Infrastructure
 Economic Development Public Service Other

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Please provide a one-sentence statement about your project-not your organization.
A one-stop shop for linking all ages and ethnic groups in establishing shared values that will affect
the total community and provide a new sense of positive productivity in awareness, healthy lifestyles, education,
wellness and new economic productivity.

1. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY SECTION

A. This project is located in 202 Census Tract(s) (identify tract by number)
(website – www.factfinder.census.gov)

B. This project meets at least ONE of the HUD national objectives listed below (please check all applicable; discussion and definitions available on page 18 of the RFP packet.)

- 1. Benefits low/moderate income individuals/households.
- 2. Addresses the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
- 3. Meets a particularly urgent community development need

C. Check all statements that describe HOW this project or activity meets one of the National Objectives above:

L/M Area Benefit: the project meets the identified needs of L/M income persons residing in an area where at least 51% of those residents are L/M income persons. The benefits of this type of activity are available to all persons in the area regardless of income. Examples: street improvements, water/sewer lines, neighborhood facilities, facade improvements in neighborhood commercial districts.

L/M Limited Clientele: the project benefits a specific group of people (rather than all the residents in a particular area), at least 51% of whom are L/M income persons. The following groups are presumed to be L/M: abused children, elderly persons, battered spouses, homeless, handicapped, illiterate persons. Examples: construction of a senior center, public services for the homeless, meals on wheels for elderly, construction of job training facilities for the handicapped.

L/M Housing: the project adds or improves permanent residential structures that will be occupied by L/M income households upon completion. Housing can be either owner or renter occupied units in either one family or multi-family structures. Rental units for L/M income persons must be occupied at affordable rents. Examples: acquisition of property for permanent housing, rehabilitation of permanent housing, conversion of non-residential structures into permanent housing.

L/m Jobs: the project creates or retains permanent jobs, at least 51% of which are taken by L/M income persons or considered to be available to L/m INCOME PERSON. Examples: loans to pay for the expansion of a factory, assistance to a business which has publicly announced its intention to close w/resultant loss of jobs, a majority of which are held by L/M persons.

Microenterprise Assistance: the project assists in the establishment of a Microenterprise or assists person developing a Microenterprise. (A microenterprise is defined as having five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the business.) This activity must benefit low/moderate income persons, area or jobs as defined in previous sections.

Note: List is continued on the following page.

- Slum or Blighted Area:* the project is in a designated slum/blight area and the result of this project addresses one or more of the conditions that qualified the area.
- Spot Blight:* the project will prevent or eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay outside a slum area. Activities are limited to clearance, historic preservation, rehabilitation of buildings, but only to extent necessary to eliminate conditions detrimental to public health and safety. *Examples:* historic preservation of a public facility threatening public safety, demolition of a deteriorated, abandoned building.

D. Project Category [check one]:

- Acquisition of Real Property
- Disposition of Real Property
- Public Facilities and Improvements (e.g., homeless shelter, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage improvements, fire protection facilities/equipment, community, senior and health centers, parking, streets curbs, gutters and sidewalks, parks and playgrounds.)
- Privately-Owned Utilities
- Public Service (i.e., a new service or an increase in the level of a service)
- Relocation Payments and Assistance to Displace Persons
- Removal of Architectural Barriers, Handicapped Accessibility
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Historic Preservation
- Commercial or Industrial Rehabilitation, including facade improvements and correction of code violations.
- Special Economic Development or assistance to micro-enterprises.

2. IMPACT ON CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITY NEEDS

The five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies both priority needs in the community and strategies to address these needs. The need for your proposed project will be determined by identifying how the project impacts upon the adopted Consolidated Plan Priority Needs.

Therefore, applications should provide a clear explanation of how the project impacts upon the adopted Consolidated Plan Priority Needs. Greater consideration will be given to projects that provide a clear description of the project with supporting data and methodology of how the project will meet the Consolidated Plan Priority Needs. Included in the RFP packet on pages 18-23 is a Summary of "Housing and Community Development Needs and Priorities".

Please identify the category and activity applicable to your proposal, using that table as your guide:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Example: | |
| Public Services | Activity: Youth Transportation |

- Homeless Activity _____
- Infrastructure Activity _____
- Public Services Activity Education Programs
- Youth Programs Activity Youth Leadership Dev.
- Economic Development Activity _____
- Housing Activity _____
- Public Facilities Activity _____
- Senior Programs Activity Services for Seniors
- Other CID Programs Activity _____

PROPOSED PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please briefly describe proposed accomplishment(s) if funding is awarded (Accomplishments must be described in terms of households served, people served, businesses created, housing units created, jobs created or public facilities undertaken. Example: This program will serve 485 LMI individuals, this program will create 25 jobs, etc.)

PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Define strengths and weakness of the community, link all ages together to achieve the desired outcomes for the whole Village.

Please answer the following questions:

- A. What is the total estimated number of persons to be served by this project?
- B. What is the total estimated number of LMI persons to be served by this project?
- C. What is the anticipated percentage of LMI persons to be served by this project?

Performance Evaluation Form

Project Name: A Place For US! **Sponsoring Agency:** Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas

Needs Statement (relate to Consolidated Plan Needs):
Youth, Senior and Limited Clientele Services

Project Goal:
 Improve educational and health outcomes while developing ongoing programs that empower Day activities for Adults, Seniors and Youth Afterschool/Out of School Activities with hot meals and snacks

Proposed Activity:

| Expected Outputs Number of persons served, jobs created, housing units rehabbed, etc. | Expected Outcomes Direct results of the program/project |
|--|--|
| 200 people to be served Youth, Seniors, Limited Clientele and any eligible individuals and any community development needs having a particular urgency that may cause a particular threat to the health and welfare of the community. 4-5 jobs created/job training Sandflat Glendale Shannon Neighborhood Center will be viewed as a safe nurturing "Place for US!" | Bring awareness to available resources to help meet unmet needs Introduce Healthy Lifestyle changes for Youth and Seniors Expand Senior program from 3 to 4 days Expand Youth Leadership Development Program and Summer Institute Increase and improve literacy and technology of Youth and Seniors Expand into the STEM curriculum for interested youth Improve access to fresh healthy foods grown by youth and seniors A more informed community |

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| _____ D-H-1 | _____ SL-1 | _____ EO-1 |
| _____ D-H-2 | _____ SL-2 | _____ EO-2 |
| _____ D-H-3 | _____ SL-3 | _____ EO-3 |

4. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

- A. Provide a detailed description of the proposed activity including how the activity will address the community need you have indicated. Identify whether the activity is new, ongoing, or expanded from previous years.

Proposed activities for Youth: Educational afterschool/out of school activities (2-3 days a week) and a 6-week Summer Institute on life skills, leadership and peer mentoring. After the summer institute the program will continue twice a month, healthy lifestyle classes, prevention of underage drinking and gardening.

Proposed activities for Senior/Limited Clients: Expand the current 3-day activities to 4-days with lunch, assist seniors with transportation to come to the center 3-4 days a week in partnership with T-Line and hire a Senior Coordinator/Activities Director to help facilitate activities.

Most of the activities will be ongoing and expanded from 2017.

- B. Identify who will benefit from the proposed activity (e.g. homeless, youth, seniors, disabled, at cetera). If designed to benefit persons of L/M Income, describe the process you will use to identify these persons and ensure that the activity meets this objective. (An LMI certification form is included in the RFP Packet)

Youth, Seniors, Limited Clientele and any eligible individuals according to guidelines.

The process to determine eligibility will through the needs assessment, an application process and the individual's median income according to HUD Income Limits FY 2016. To ensure all activities meet the National Objective, Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas will align in partnership to help address the City's Consolidated Plan of Action on its priority and needs.

- C. Identify the accomplishments you intend to achieve with this activity. Provide an activity timeframe/schedule (include start, completion dates and other significant stages).

*Register new interested individual in activities at the Sandflat Glendale Shannon Neighborhood Center to BTGA 2018 Project, "A Place for US!" January - December

*Introduce Healthy Lifestyle Changes for Youth and Seniors (Adults) Food, Nutrition, and Gardening (March-September) in partnership with Master Gardeners, Miller County Extension and Ross Cowling)

*Expand Senior program from 3 to 4 days March 2018

*Expand Youth Leadership Development Program and Summer Institute to meeting weekly after the 6-week Summer Institute June-August 2018

*Increase and improve literacy and technology training for Youth and Seniors January-December

*Expand into the STEM Curriculum for interested youth with Adult volunteers September-May 2019

*Improve access to fresh healthy foods grown by Youth and Seniors March-September 2018

*A more informed community

5. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

- A. Provide an overview of your organization including length of time in existence. Attach a list of current officers and board members with terms.

Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas was incorporated in the state of Arkansas in 2013. Its long term impact is to create opportunities for people to thrive in every aspect of their lives in the Texarkana region and globally. To achieve this, BTGA must expand onto a broad network over time, structured solid collaborations and build strong team to ensure stability and sustainability.

Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas is a faith-based community development organization that takes a global approach to helping children, youth, seniors and families in low-income communities rise above poverty. BTGA address the greatest barriers to lasting success through education and access to many community resources

- B. Describe your organization's experience in successfully concluding this type of activity. Identify any skills, current services, or special accomplishments that demonstrate your capacity for success.

Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas leadership team has over forty (40) years contractors experience in developing and managing local, state and national nonprofit organizations and community programs. Experienced in grant writing, fund raising, and financial management on the local, state, private and nation funding sources. Experience in managing and developing budgets, designing and implementing many successful community based programs for youth and adults in the Texarkana area from 1988-2009 and 2012- present, ranging from:

*Senior Programs in partnership with AARP, AmeriCorp and RSVP

*Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) composed Five Year Action Plans, Consolidated Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER)

*Successful YouthBuild Program which provided education, counseling and job skill to Texarkana youth 16-24

*Work with local community groups in fund raising and nonprofit compliance issues

- C. Identify the person(s) responsible for program and financial management of the activity; Identify all other persons involved in this activity noting whether these positions are current or new, pending the award.

Barbara Pitts will be responsible for implementation and financial management of the propose activities of "A Place for US"

These positions are current and part-time staff and volunteers implementing programs and activities.

Program Coordinator: Tequilla Brigs

Youth Coordinator: Kristina Schwarz

Education Advisor: Dr. Teretha Harper

CEO: Johnny Riley

D. Identify any other agencies/partners in this activity and define the roles and responsibilities of these partners.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Arkansas Department of Human Services | Funders to Youth and Adult programs |
| Area Agency on Aging | Networking/Connecting Resources |
| Miller County Meals on Wheels | Hot meals 3-days a week |
| Miller County Coop Extension Service | Healthy Lifestyles Facilitator |
| Miller County Master Gardeners | Fresh Food/Gardening |
| Local civic organizations | Volunteers |

E. Demonstrate that the proposed activity is economically feasible and can be implemented in a timely cost effective manner within the proposed program year.

The proposed activity is identical to the successful activities already being implemented by Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas. Youth and Senior activities are in progress currently at the Sandflat Glendale Shannon Neighborhood Center, a most one year now. These programs are supported by private donations and a small grant from the state Department of Human Service.

F. Oftentimes projects that receive an award of CDBG funding are actually awarded less than the amount originally requested. This requires the submission of a revised budget and a description of how it will carry out the proposed activity with reduced funding prior to the commitment of any funding. Please indicate here whether your proposed activity could be undertaken with a reduced commitment of funding and if so, please highlight how that would affect the scope of services you are proposing.

Bridging the Gaps of Arkansas will pursue the proposed project with any amount awarded. BTGA's goal with this project as with the individual served, is to overcome obstacles to become successful and productive. If revisions are required BTGA will comply.

6. Financial

The City encourages CDBG funds be utilized as gap funding. A gap is defined as the amount of funding necessary to run a program after all other funding sources have been identified, thus leveraging is very important in the application process.

ACTIVITY BUDGET

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may reference and attach an additional page if necessary.

- A. Complete the Budget Summary chart. More detailed budgets may be attached (and are strongly recommended) in support of the proposal.
- B. Identify sources of leveraged funding for this activity. Include the status of these funds (i.e. cash on hand, grants received, planned fund-raising, etc.). Attach copies of funding commitment letters or other evidence of funding support.
- C. Leverage – Consideration will be given to the amount of non-CDBG funds committed to the project.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| Category Breakdown | CDBG | Leveraged Funds | Source of Leveraged Funds | Total Funds |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Personnel* | 2,000 | 5,000 | BTGA | 7,000 |
| Contractual Service (Specify) | | | | |
| Rent & Utilities | 1,000 | 9,948 | BTGA | 10,948 |
| Communications | 1,000 | 2,100 | BTGA | 3,100 |
| Travel | 1,000 | 1,000 | BTGA | 1,000 |
| Other Specify: | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Totals | 5,000 | 18,048 | | 25,148 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
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*NOTE: Please complete Budget Detail Chart on page 13 if personnel costs are included in your proposal.

BUDGET DETAIL

This section provides back-up for each line item shown in the Budget Summary Chart. Please make certain this detailed breakdown is consistent with the Program Budget. Round up to the nearest hundred.

Please note: A job description for each person must be provided.

A Note about the Staff/Salary Breakdown: Please show all proposed staff positions funded with CDBG funds that relate to the proposed activity. If multiple staff members have the same position/title, list separately (For example: Counselor 1, Counselor 2). Use an additional sheet if necessary. **You must submit job descriptions with your application for each position title identified below.**


| Position Title | Is this a current or proposed position? | Annual Salary | Annual Fringe Benefits | Total Annual Salary | X | % Time Spent on this CDBG Project/Program | = | Total Position Cost Requested From CDBG |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|--|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Example: Case Manager | Current | \$25,000 | \$5,000 | \$30,000 | X | 40% | = | \$12,000 |
| Personnel | | \$1,000 | (1) Staff - Senior Coordinator @ \$10hr for 100 hours on Senior project | | | | | |
| Utilities | | \$1,000 | Contribution toward Utilities (electric/water/gas) @ \$83 a month for 12 month | | | | | |
| Communications | | \$1,000 | Contribution to Internet/Media Connections @ \$83 a month for 12 months | | | | | |
| Travel | | \$1,000 | Transportation vouchers with T-Line for Seniors/eligible clientele 200 vouchers @ \$5 each | | | | | |
| Youth Coordinator | | \$1,000 | (1) Staff - Youth Coordinator/Lead @ \$10 hr for 100 hours on Youth project | | | | | |

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 04/31/2012

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| *1. Type of Submission | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication | *2. Type of Application | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> New | *If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): 2018 Entitlement Annual Action Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation | * Other (Specify) 2018 Entitlement Annual Action Plan |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Revision | |
| *3. Date Received: | | 4. Application Identifier: 71-6011-633 |
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: B18-MC-05-0007 | | *5b. Federal Award Identifier: B18-MC-05-0007 |
| State Use Only: | | |
| 6. Date Received by State: | | 7. State Application Identifier: |
| 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION: | | |
| * a. Legal Name: CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS | | |
| * b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 71-6011-633 | | *c. Organizational DUNS: 002909265 |
| d. Address: | | |
| *Street1: 216 WALNUT STREET | | |
| Street 2: | | |
| *City: TEXARKANA | | |
| County: MILLER | | |
| *State: ARKANSAS | | |
| Province: | | |
| Country: UNITED STATES | | *Zip/Postal Code: 71854 |
| e. Organizational Unit: | | |
| Department Name: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT | | Division Name: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS |
| f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: | | |
| Prefix: MS. | | First Name: TRACIE |
| Middle Name: LYNN | | |
| *Last Name: LEE | | |
| Suffix: | | |
| Title: ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR | | |
| Organizational Affiliation: MUNICIPALITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT | | |
| *Telephone Number: 870-779-1354 | | Fax Number: 870-773-2395 |
| *Email: tracie.lee@ixkusa.org | | |

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| 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: | C. City or Township Government | |
| Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: | C. City or Township Government | |
| Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: | C. City or Township Government | |
| *Other (specify): | | |
| *10. Name of Federal Agency: | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HUD | |
| 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: | 14-218 ENTITLEMENT GRANT | |
| CFDA Title: | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT | |
| *12. Funding Opportunity Number: | B-18-MC-05-0007 | |
| *Title: | 43RD CDBG ENTITLEMENT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS | |
| 13. Competition Identification Number: | | |
| Title: | | |
| 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): | TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS LMI AREAS | |
| *15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: | GRANT ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC FACILITIES, PUBLIC SERVICE, CLEARANCE AND HOUSING DEMOLITION, HOUSING REHAB (Roof Repairs) | |
| Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. | | |

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| 6. Congressional Districts Of: ARKANSAS | | |
| *a. Applicant: 4TH | *h. Program/Project: 4TH | |
| Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. | | |
| 17. Proposed Project: CDBG | | |
| *a. Start Date: 01/01/2018 | *b. End Date: 12/31/2018 | |
| 18. Estimated Funding (\$): | | |
| *a. Federal | \$249,551.00 | |
| *b. Applicant | | |
| *c. State | | |
| *c. Local | \$121,084.00 | |
| *e. Other | | |
| *f. Program Income | | |
| *g. TOTAL | \$370,635.00 | |
| *19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on 5/11/2018 <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372 | | |
| *20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| 21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> **I AGREE | | |
| ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions. | | |
| Authorized Representative: | | |
| Prefix: DR. | *First Name: KENNY | |
| Middle Name: | | |
| *Last Name: HASKIN | | |
| Suffix: | | |
| *Title: CITY MANAGER | | |
| *Telephone Number: 870-779-4952 | Fax Number: 870-774-3170 | |
| *Email: kenny.haskin@txkusa.org | | |
| *Signature of Authorized Representative:  | Date Signed: 5/3/2018 | |

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***Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following field should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent on any Federal Debt. Maximum number of characters that can be entered is 4,000. Try and avoid extra spaces and carriage returns to maximize the availability of space.



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

- This certification does not apply.
- This certification is applicable.

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1966, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



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This certification is applicable.

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.135.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2016, 2017, 2018, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
13. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:


14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

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Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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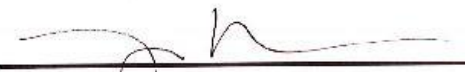
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**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities, which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.



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Specific HOME Certifications


The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.


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ESG Certifications

I, Kenny Haskin, Chief Executive Officer of **Error! Not a valid link.**, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.

I further certify that the local government will comply with:

1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.
2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.
3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.
9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.
10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related

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authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.
13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code). Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

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7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *noia contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal


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criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

- a. All "direct charge" employees;
- b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
- c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

- 1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
- 2. Citizen Participation Plan
- 3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan

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Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources