

# CITY OF AMARILLO TEXAS

## 2015 – 2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

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# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan serves as a planning document meeting the federal government statutory requirements in 24 CFR 91.200-91.230, with revisions for preparing a Consolidated Plan and guiding the use of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funding based on applications to the U.S. Department of HUD. The major sections of the Consolidated Plan include a Housing Market Analysis, Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment, 5-year Strategic Plan, a 1-year Action Plan, and Consultation and Citizen Participation, with accompanying documentation relating to public comment. The Strategic Plan addresses specific needs that were identified in the data analysis, with specific goals and program targets for each category designated for funding. The Action Plan is a subset of the Strategic Plan, addressing funding options for the next fiscal year. The Consolidated Plan can be used by organizations in the community as a guide for identifying activities through which they can help the jurisdiction reach their housing and community development goals. The Consolidated Plan also serves as the baseline for measuring program effectiveness, as reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) required by HUD for each fiscal year's funding allocation. Incorporated into the Consolidated Plan are an analysis of the local housing market and a review of housing and homeless needs in Amarillo as a means of defining the current environment in which federal funding is being used. The Consolidated Plan provides a strategic plan for meeting priority needs that were identified through the community participation process. The analytical parts of the document draw from the 2005-2009 and the 2008-2012 American Community Surveys and 2005 CHAS data provided by HUD. Other data sources include the 2010 U.S. Census and other information gathered locally, including the Amarillo Continuum of Care and a survey of citizens that was used to assist in prioritizing needs. The survey was available on the City's website and was distributed at community meetings. Public housing information was provided by the Amarillo Housing Authority.

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

This Consolidated Plan contains a range of goals, objectives, and outcomes formulated to address needs identified for homelessness, other special needs, affordable housing, non-housing community development, barriers to affordable housing, lead-based paint hazards, institutional structure, and coordination. These objectives include:

- Continue to Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs and insure compliance with Federal Regulations.
- Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.

- Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.
- Address community needs through community-based public service programs.
- Address community needs through improvements and expansion of Public Facilities and Public infrastructure.

These objectives are supported by a collection of associated strategies and performance goals. These strategies seek to work toward meeting the objectives stated, addressing the need for more affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and public services. Specifics can be found in the Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan.

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

Amarillo has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program. Of particular importance to the health of the city have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The City has successfully funded housing rehabilitation activities targeting lower income and elderly households unable to properly maintain their homes. The City has worked actively with local homeless services providers to expand both the stock of units/beds available to homeless persons and services aimed at helping those persons find employment, housing, health care services, and educational opportunities. Details of past performance can be found in the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

Based on Community Participation Plan, outreach included public forums and focus group meetings, an on-line survey provided on the City of Amarillo Web Site and hard copy, and consultation with public and private agencies and organizations to capture public input as to the priority needs for the next five years. Participating persons, public and private agencies included the general public, neighborhood organizations, Amarillo Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, public and social service agencies, colleges and universities, elected and appointed officials.

Three Public Forums and Stakeholder Focus Group sessions were held on October 28th, 2014 at the downtown Amarillo Public Library, 413 E. 4th Street, and October 29th, 2014 at the City of Amarillo City Hall Building 509 S. E. 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas. Supplemental interviews were conducted with and information and input received from various City Departments and Divisions, Amarillo Housing Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors representatives, social and public service organization, community, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions. Participants in the sessions and supplemental interviews included Amarillo City staff and other government representatives; administrators from local colleges, universities, and school districts; non-profit organizations, home builders, housing and social service agencies representatives; real estate and financial industry representatives; and the general public and other community representatives.

**5. Summary of public comments**

No public comments were received.

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

No comments were rejected.

**7. Summary**

This plan provides a framework through which Amarillo manages its federal entitlement programs related to community development and homeless assistance. Data were provided through HUD's eCon software system, utilizing American Community Survey data and other sources, to construct the needs assessment and market analysis. The City worked with local service providers and other concerned citizens to develop the strategic plan and annual action plan, both designed to address needs within the city as identified through the public participation process and needs assessment.

## 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.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Lead Agency	AMARILLO	
CDBG Administrator	AMARILLO	Community Development
HOME Administrator	AMARILLO	Community Development

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

The lead agency for the development of the Consolidated Plan is the Community Development Department of the City of Amarillo. CDD has contracted with the consulting firm of J-QUAD Planning Group. The City and J-QUAD consulted with a number of other agencies including the City's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and the agencies involved in the local Continuum of Care to address homelessness.

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

### **1. Introduction**

Amarillo works with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and service needs. Ongoing relationships focused on specific needs and targeted meetings designed to bring public input into the Consolidated Plan process are two of the ways that the City utilizes outside organizations in the consultation process.

#### **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 has ongoing relationships with several housing providers working on housing development activities. The CHDO system provides a forum for assisting these agencies grow and meet their own targeted clientele. The City also works to utilize Section 8 vouchers from the federal government to address the housing needs of the City's lowest income households. Through the Continuum of Care process, the City maintains relationships with mental health providers, homeless shelter and services providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. The City also participates in a variety of other coalitions that seek to address other issues that relate to housing and service needs.

#### **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**

City staff works actively with the local umbrella Continuum of Care. Staff participate in regularly scheduled meetings and point-in-time surveys. In the past, the City has provided administrative support to supplement Continuum of Care initiatives and funding to the various agencies that make up the membership of the Amarillo Continuum of Care.

#### **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**

Staff from Amarillo participates in the development of the Continuum of Care, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Amarillo.

**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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AREA AGENCY ON AGING
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE, INC.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.

4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CHILDRENS LEARNING CENTERS INC.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CORNERSTONE OUTREACH CENTER, INC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HABITAT FOR AMARILLO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	JAN WERNER ADULT DAY AND HEALTH CARE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MAVERICK BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PAN HANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ED DEVISION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
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12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Panhandle AIDS Support Organization
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	TEXAS PANHANDLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
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**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

No specific organizations were intentionally left out of the public participation process.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Amarillo Coalition for the Homeless	The Strategic Plan provides a set of priorities for addressing homelessness, with are supported by the Amarillo Continuum of Care and its participating agencies.

**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(l))**

Amarillo works closely with other local communities active in the Continuum of Care process, State agencies, local non-profit organizations, and other departments of the City of Amarillo in the development of programs to address housing, homeless, and community development needs and other local issues covered by the Consolidated Plan.

**Narrative (optional):**

The development of the Consolidated Plan and the component Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan require the help of the local non-profit community and other organizations. Specific priorities are identified and ranked through that participation utilizing focus group sessions, forums, and surveys. The City relies on its ongoing relationships to ensure that these opinions and observations are incorporated into the Plan.

## **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**

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Focus Groups and Public Forums participants were gathered through invitations sent to resident and community leaders, organizations, industry professionals and public officials and a public meeting notice published in the local newspaper. At each Focus Group and Public Forum, general issues related to the housing market, neighborhoods conditions, community development needs and concerns pertaining to barriers to affordable housing in Amarillo were discussed. The format also included discussions of the communities' priority needs for the next five years and their priorities for funding for the next program year.

Participants in the focus groups and public forums and the general public were given an opportunity to complete a Priority Needs Survey as part of the Consolidated Plan process. The survey was presented at the aforementioned sessions and also made available on the City's web site for completion and submission on line. A total of 394 survey responses were received.



**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 Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Three Consolidated Plan Forums and Stakeholder Focus Group meetings were held in October, 2014. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events.	The focus group sessions identified a wide range of issues of concern to the attendees with regard to social and economic conditions, housing, public policy and awareness of fair housing, banking and mortgage lending issues, special needs housing, and public transportation.	All comments were 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)
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	A total of 394 surveys were received from attendees to the forums and focus group meetings and through the online survey linked to the City's website. These responses provided City staff with direction in the prioritization of service needs for the allocation of CDBG funding.	No comments were included in the survey instrument. Questions were posed as ranking opportunities in the identification of local programmatic needs. City staff reviewed the results provided by the survey and developed a list of priorities to be included in the Consolidated Plan.	All comments were accepted.	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

# Needs Assessment

## NA-05 Overview

### Needs Assessment Overview

The needs assessment looks at a variety of housing, homeless, community development, and non-homeless special needs through an examination of census and CHAS data, which was created by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These data quantify housing problems, such as overcrowding and cost burden, and measure the magnitude of special needs populations, such as the elderly, frail elderly, and persons with HIV/AIDS. As shown in the following analysis, cost burden (paying more than 30 percent of household income on housing expenses) and extreme cost burden (paying more than 50 percent of household income on housing expenses) has a considerable impact on households in Amarillo, particularly lower income households. Measures of housing condition (lack of complete kitchen or plumbing facilities) doesn't provide a very reliable measure of condition, though it represents the best, easily accessible data on the topic. Other needs are represented through public housing wait lists and various census and state data sources.

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

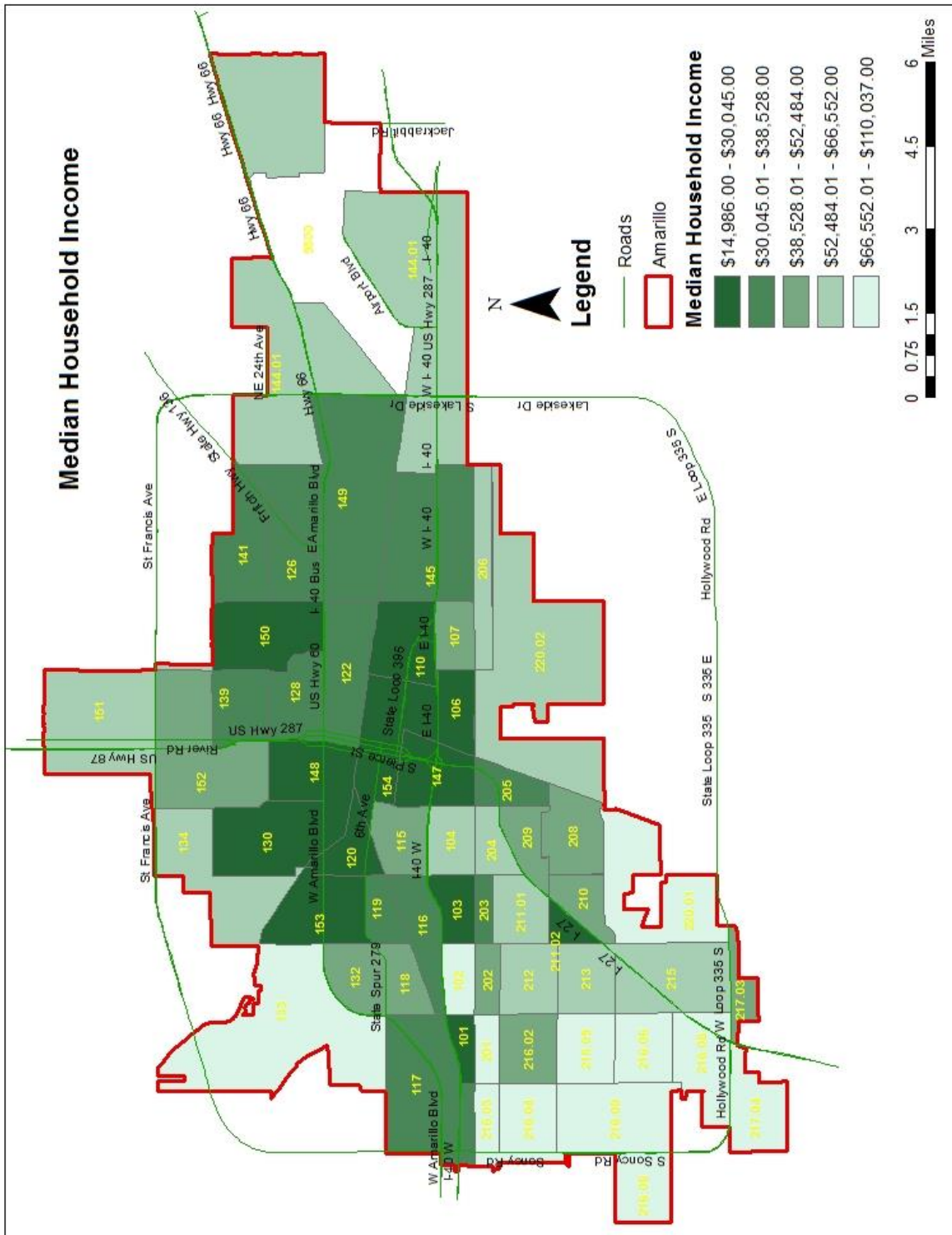
### Summary of Housing Needs

The following data provide an analysis of housing problems in Amarillo, including lack of complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, overcrowding (1.01 to 1.5 persons per room), severe overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room), cost burden (paying more than 30% of household income on housing expenses), and severe cost burden (paying more than 50% of household income on housing expenses). By far, the most common housing need related to cost burden, hitting lower income households particularly hard, with over 67 percent of renter households and 62 percent of owner households earning less than 30% of the area median income (AMI) paying more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. For rental households, cost burden is the most common housing problem with 28 percent of all renter households earning below 100% of the AMI paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses. Twenty-two percent of renters pay more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. Cost burden is also the most common for owner households where 21.8 percent of all owner households earning below 100% of the AMI paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses, with severe cost burden not far behind with 16.7 percent paying more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. The next most pressing housing problem in Amarillo is overcrowding in rental housing, with four percent living in units with 1.01 to 1.5 persons per room. When comparing overcrowding with cost burden, the needs observed are not nearly as pressing.

Demographics	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Population	173,627	189,132	9%
Households	67,559	71,024	5%
Median Income	\$34,940.00	\$44,769.00	28%

**Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics**

**Data Source:** 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)



**Median Household Income**

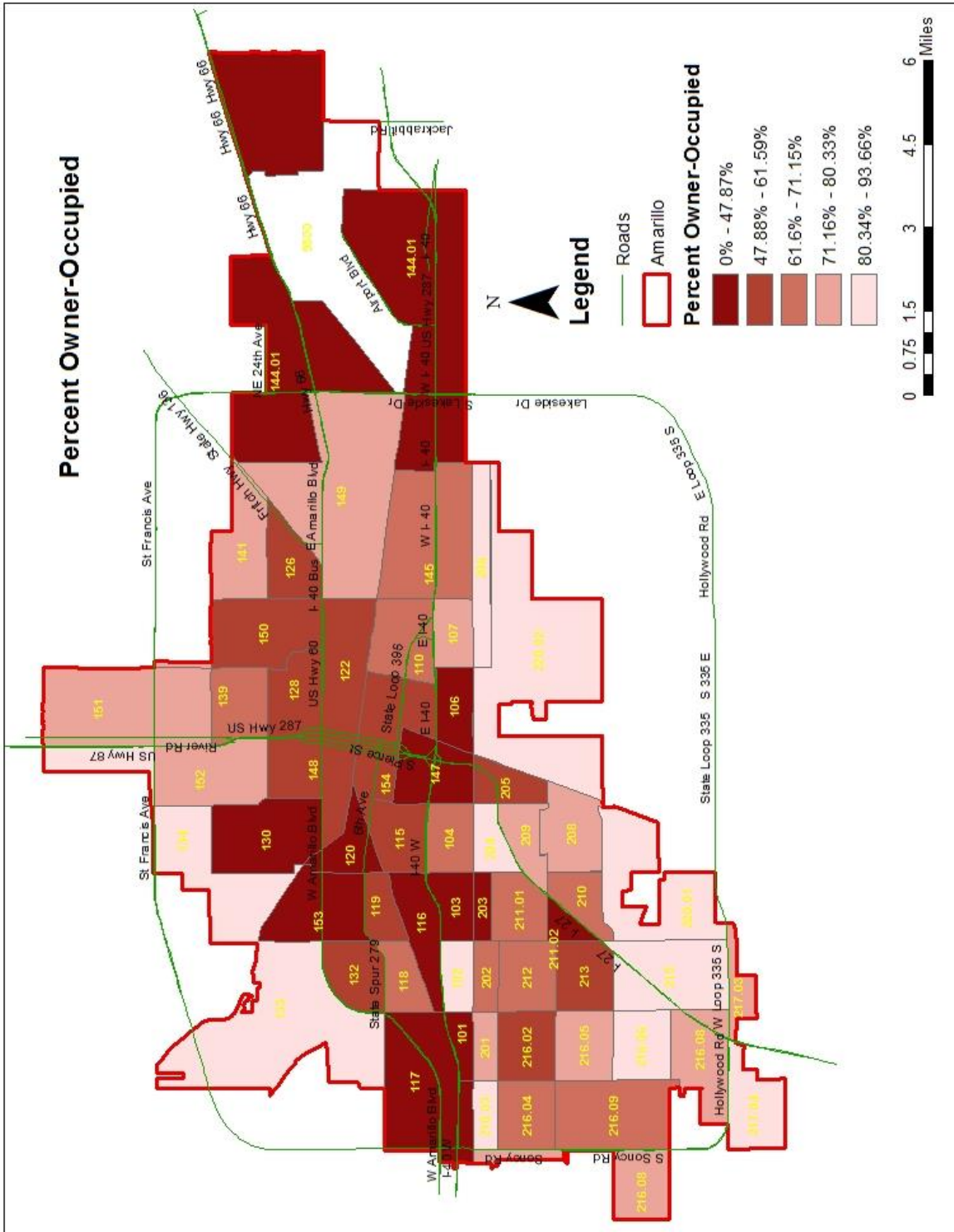


## Number of Households Table

	<b>0-30% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;30-50% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;50-80% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;80-100% HAMFI</b>	<b>&gt;100% HAMFI</b>
Total Households *	9,400	9,515	13,760	7,175	31,175
Small Family Households *	3,350	3,190	5,390	3,130	17,640
Large Family Households *	595	1,015	1,315	655	2,480
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	1,465	1,555	2,205	1,115	5,025
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	990	1,500	1,490	755	2,505
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	2,180	2,070	2,915	1,195	2,989
* the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI					

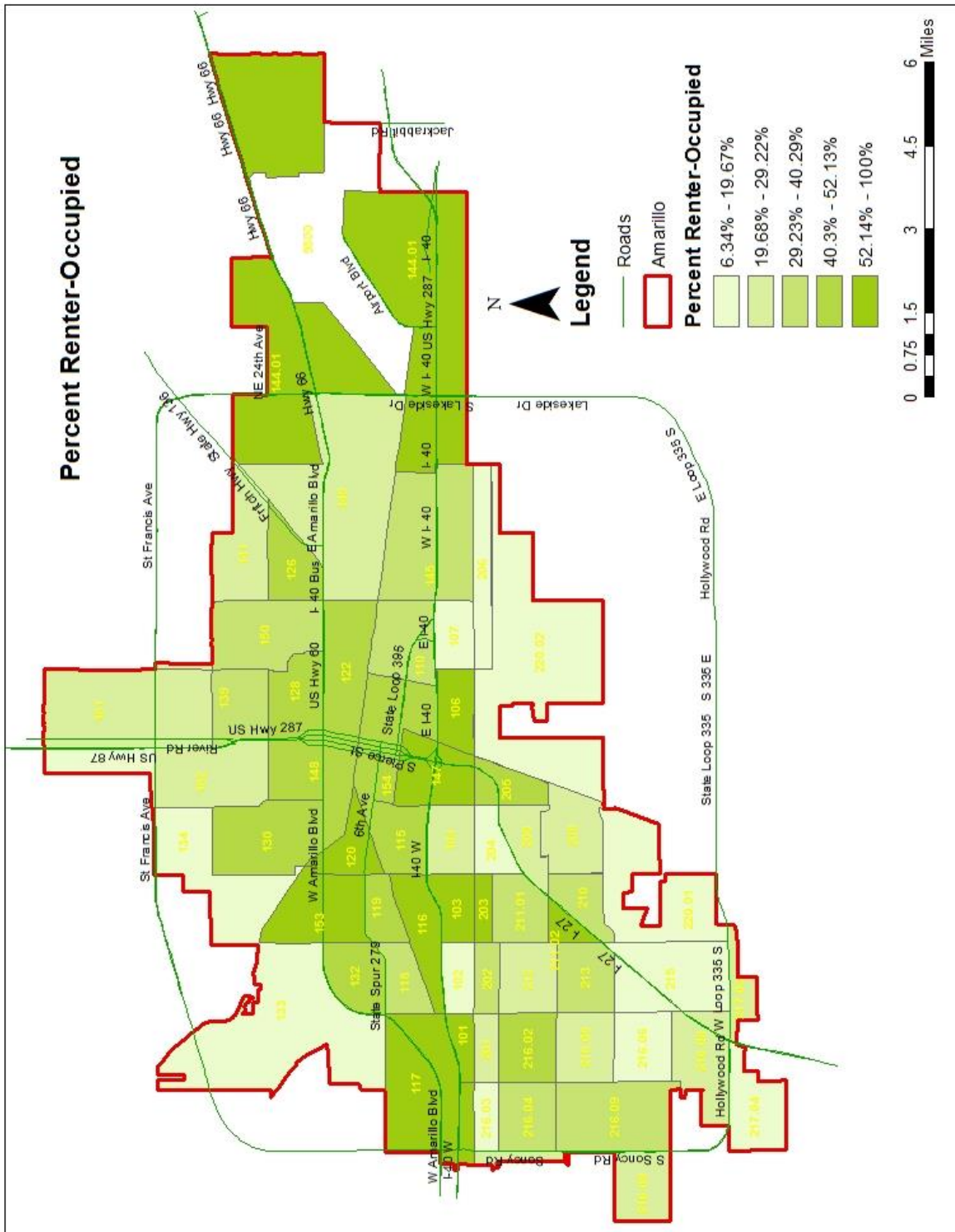
**Table 6 - Total Households Table**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS



**Percent Owner-Occupied**





**Percent Renter-Occupied**

## 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
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	245	235	75	90	645	60	75	10	4	149
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	140	85	80	20	325	20	4	90	35	149
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	345	220	210	59	834	90	175	300	150	715
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	3,565	915	185	35	4,700	1,625	955	480	59	3,119
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	760	3,030	1,815	180	5,785	595	1,055	1,650	765	4,065

	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
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	425	0	0	0	425	260	0	0	0	260

**Table 7 – Housing Problems Table**

Data 2007-2011 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
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	4,300	1,455	550	215	6,520	1,785	1,210	880	245	4,120
Having none of four housing problems	1,515	4,000	6,060	2,395	13,970	1,115	2,850	6,270	4,325	14,560
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	425	0	0	0	425	260	0	0	0	260

**Table 8 – Housing Problems 2**

Data 2007-2011 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	2,120	1,595	784	4,499	630	690	955	2,275
Large Related	395	244	55	694	155	365	330	850
Elderly	720	800	214	1,734	960	635	560	2,155
Other	1,700	1,620	1,010	4,330	600	435	420	1,455
Total need by income	4,935	4,259	2,063	11,257	2,345	2,125	2,265	6,735

**Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%**

Data 2007-2011 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	1,870	305	94	2,269	535	375	185	1,095
Large Related	240	19	0	259	105	115	35	255
Elderly	570	235	60	865	575	195	185	955
Other	1,345	370	45	1,760	485	310	95	890
Total need by income	4,025	929	199	5,153	1,700	995	500	3,195

**Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%**

Data 2007-2011 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	475	260	230	45	1,010	64	159	290	90	603
Multiple, unrelated family households	25	45	60	19	149	45	15	99	95	254
Other, non-family households	0	0	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	500	305	290	79	1,174	109	174	389	185	857

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

	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.**

According to the 2008-2012 American Community Survey, there were 21,665 single person households in Amarillo (29.9% of all Amarillo households), over 30 percent of which were elderly (age 65+). Forty-seven percent of single person households were homeowners, with 53 percent renters. Twenty-nine percent of single person renter households lived in single-family housing units, compared to 91 percent of owner households. The median household income of single person households was about \$24,285, approximately 53 percent of the median income for all households in Amarillo.

**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.**

Data from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey show that 11.1 percent of the population of Amarillo reports some form of disability. Disabilities reported increase with age. Those below the age of 5 are reported to include 0.6 percent with disabilities. In the 5 to 17 year age group, 3.8 percent are

reported to have disabilities. In the 18 to 64 year age group, 9.4 percent report disabilities, with 4.6 percent reporting ambulatory difficulties, 1.8 percent with self-care difficulties, and 3.1 percent with independent living difficulties. The 65 year and older age group reported 40.2 percent with disabilities, including 28.1 percent with ambulatory difficulties, 9.5 percent with self-care difficulties, and 16.5 percent with independent living difficulties. The ACS data also show that 27.2 percent of the population of Amarillo reports a disability and living in poverty, compared to 13.5 percent of the non-disabled population.

While specific data are not readily available on domestic violence victims, reports in local media indicate that domestic violence is increasing in Amarillo, with a reported 25,000 cases over a 10-year period.

### **What are the most common housing problems?**

By far, the most common housing problem in Amarillo is cost burden. According to the CHAS data in Table 5 above, over 77 percent of households in the 0-30% AMI income category (including renters and owners) had a cost burden of over 30%, with over 61 percent having a cost burden of over 50%. A 30% cost burden means that a household is spending more than 30% of their gross income on housing expenses, including utilities. Over 67 percent of households in the 30-50% AMI income category had a 30% cost burden, with 20 percent having a 50% cost burden. The numbers fall off somewhat for the next highest income category where 31 percent of households in the 50-80% AMI category had a 30% cost burden, with only five percent having a 50% cost burden.

Looking at cost burden and severe cost burden by tenure, over 57 percent of renter households and 51 percent of owner households earning less than 30% of the area median income (AMI) paying more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. For rental households, cost burden is the most common housing problem with 27.7 percent of all renter households earning below 100% of the AMI paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses. Over 22 percent of renter households paid more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. Cost burden is also the most common for owner households where 21.8 percent of all owner households earning below 100% of the AMI paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses, with severe cost burden not far behind with 16.7 percent paying more than 50% of their income on housing expenses.

By comparison, the numbers for overcrowding and incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities were low, with less than six percent of the lowest income category living in overcrowded conditions and less than four percent living without complete kitchen or plumbing facilities.

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

Cost burden and extreme cost burden affect all household types in the lower income categories. In simple numerical terms, it would appear that "Small Related" households bear much of the brunt of severe cost burden, with over 46 percent of the total number of below 30% AMI rental households experiencing severe cost burden and 31 percent of owner households in the same income category

experiencing severe cost burden. "Other" households also show high level in both categories, with 33.4 percent of the total for renters in the income category and 28.5 percent of owners. The data, however, does not provide a perspective in the percentage of households that comprise the "Other" household category. Much of the "Other" category is made up of single-person households and census data indicate that about 32 percent of households in Amarillo are single-person households. It is therefore safe to assume that the size of the "Other" household category is relative large. Generally speaking, it appears that all household types in both the renter and owner categories are hard hit by housing costs in the below 30% AMI income groups.

**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**

Low-income individuals and families who are currently housed but are at risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered are living paycheck to paycheck, just making ends meet. They are often one paycheck away from being homeless in the event of a sudden loss of employment or medical emergency which redirects financial resources. These households span all types, including individuals living alone, small families, large families, and the elderly. Some households have relatives or friends with whom they can double-up, thus avoiding homelessness, at least in technical terms, but these accommodations are not long-term solutions to their needs. These households, particularly extremely low-income households, need a wide variety of assistance to help them meet those emergency needs that occasionally crop up in everyone's lives. This assistance could include job training to help them transition into better paying professions, mortgage/rental assistance, medical clinics that provide low or no cost care, rent subsidies, and other services that help absorb the costs that might redirect funds dedicated to housing.

Formerly homeless families and individuals also need these services to reduce the prospect of returning to homelessness. Transitional housing units, permanent supportive housing, and rent subsidies help meet the housing expenses of households returning from homelessness, while job training programs help with job prospects. Other social services are needed on occasion as circumstances demand.

**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:**

Homeless service providers in Amarillo work together to plan for the needs of homeless individuals and families. They have combined their efforts as Amarillo Coalition for the Homeless, an organization that strives to build a stronger community through comprehensive and collaborative solutions to end homelessness.

The Continuum of Care committee of the coalition conducts an annual point-in-time survey of homeless populations in the city. The point-in-time count provides the estimates of the various categories of homeless individuals and families. These include chronic homeless, veterans, families with children, families without children, individuals, and unaccompanied children.

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

Severe cost burden is linked with housing instability and an increased risk of homelessness. When a household is paying too large a portion of their income on housing expenses, sudden and unexpected financial demands can tip the scales, forcing them from their homes. These demands might include illnesses requiring hospital stays or time away from their job, automotive problems requiring repairs or loss of work due to lack of transportation, and legal problems that might require payments to lawyers or time away from their job. Lower income households are particularly susceptible to these financial impacts because they are less likely to have savings that can cover these expenses and buffer the effects of monetary demands in covering unexpected events.

## **Discussion**

Cost burden and extreme cost burden are the most common housing problem across all lower income households in Amarillo, both renter and owner. The lower the income of the household, the more extreme the cost burden. Overcrowding is also a common problem in many lower income households, though the numbers are much lower than those of cost burden. There is some concern with lack of complete plumbing and kitchen facilities, but these conditions are not widespread. As a proxy for housing condition, lack of complete kitchen or plumbing facilities does not tell the entire story. Many units with complete kitchen and plumbing facilities may not be habitable.



## 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

The 2007-2011 CHAS data, constructed from data collected by the US Census Bureau for HUD, show housing problems by income and race/ethnicity. The housing problems include incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities, cost burden greater than 30 percent, and overcrowding (more than 1 person per room). The tables below show the distribution of one or more problems by race/ethnicity for each of four lower income groups, 0 to 30 percent of the area median income, 30 to 50 percent of the area median income, 50 to 80 percent of the area median income, and 80 to 100 percent of the area median income. The discussion following the tables will identify disproportionately greater need within each income group for particular racial or ethnic group. The next section will look at severe housing problems (severe overcrowding and extreme cost burden).

### 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	6,955	1,200	640
White	3,585	765	329
Black / African American	940	105	105
Asian	210	20	15
American Indian, Alaska Native	8	15	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	15
Hispanic	2,085	285	175

**Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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	6,320	2,370	0
White	3,675	1,520	0
Black / African American	715	170	0
Asian	70	20	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	19	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	1,815	600	0

**Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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	5,365	8,290	0
White	3,400	4,865	0
Black / African American	325	500	0
Asian	59	200	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	40	28	0
Pacific Islander	0	30	0
Hispanic	1,455	2,590	0

**Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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	1,605	5,185	0
White	1,085	3,880	0
Black / African American	105	175	0
Asian	30	95	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	19	35	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	345	950	0

**Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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**

The three largest racial/ethnic groups in Amarillo are White, Hispanic, and African-American, with 77.0, 28.8, and 6.6 percent of the population in the order listed. Among these three groups, there are no disproportionate needs identifiable between the groups when compared with the jurisdiction as a whole, with the exception of African-Americans in the 80-100% AMI income category. The only other racial groups that show a disproportionately greater need is the American Indian/Alaska Native population in the 50-80% and 80-100% AMI income categories and the Pacific Islander population 30-50% AMI income category. In all instances the prevalence of housing problems for these populations is more than 10 percent above the prevalence for the jurisdiction as a whole. These populations, however, are only 0.8 percent (American Indian/Native Alaskan) and 0.04 percent (Pacific Islander) of the population of Amarillo and do not represent a large disparity given the size of the population.

## 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 2007-2011 CHAS data constructed from data collected by the US Census Bureau for HUD show housing problems by income and race/ethnicity. The severe housing problems include incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities, cost burden over 50 percent, and severe overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room). The tables below show the distribution of severe housing problems by race/ethnicity for each of four lower income groups, 0 to 30 percent of the area median income, 30 to 50 percent of the area median income, 50 to 80 percent of the area median income, and 80 to 100 percent of the area median income. The discussion following the tables will identify disproportionately greater need within each income group for particular racial or ethnic group.

### 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	5,735	2,425	640
White	2,825	1,520	329
Black / African American	685	360	105
Asian	200	30	15
American Indian, Alaska Native	8	15	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	15
Hispanic	1,905	465	175

**Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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	2,285	6,410	0
White	1,270	3,925	0
Black / African American	205	680	0
Asian	39	50	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	19	0
Pacific Islander	0	4	0
Hispanic	750	1,655	0

**Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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	1,325	12,335	0
White	805	7,460	0
Black / African American	95	725	0
Asian	15	244	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	69	0
Pacific Islander	0	30	0
Hispanic	370	3,665	0

**Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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**

<b>Severe Housing Problems*</b>	<b>Has one or more of four housing problems</b>	<b>Has none of the four housing problems</b>	<b>Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems</b>
Jurisdiction as a whole	565	6,235	0
White	295	4,675	0
Black / African American	25	255	0
Asian	20	105	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	55	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	225	1,075	0

**Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*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**

The data presented do not show any disproportionately greater needs among any racial/ethnic group when compared to the jurisdiction as a whole for the three largest racial/ethnic populations when looking at severe housing needs. The only place where a disproportionately greater need shows up in the data is for Asians in the 0-30% and 30-50% AMI income categories. The Asian population comprises only 3.2 percent of the population of Amarillo, as of the 2010 U.S. Census, and, therefore, the disparity does not indicate a large problem in Amarillo.

## 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:

The 2007-2011 CHAS data were used to compare housing cost burden across racial/ethnic groups. Cost burden (30 to 50% of household income going to housing expenses), extreme cost burden (more than 50% of household income going to housing expenses), and no cost burden (less than 30% of household income going to housing expenses) were compared by racial/ethnic group to the city as a whole.

### Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	48,000	12,385	8,465	650
White	35,610	8,025	4,865	344
Black / African American	2,215	1,210	850	105
Asian	855	165	205	15
American Indian, Alaska Native	290	65	18	0
Pacific Islander	55	4	0	15
Hispanic	8,610	2,780	2,405	175

**Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

### Discussion:

The only disproportionately greater need identified in the table above is for the African-American population with both cost burden and severe cost burden. In both instances the number of households experiencing a cost burden (or severe cost burden) is more than 10 percent above that seen in the population for the jurisdiction as a whole.

## **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?**

From the CHAS data presented in the previous sections, there is little identifiable disproportionately greater need indicated between racial/ethnic groups in Amarillo other than for relatively small minority populations (Pacific Islander, Asian, and American Indian/Alaska Native). The total Asian population, the largest of the three in question, makes up 3.2 percent of the total population of Amarillo, however, and the impact of the disproportionately greater need is small. Between the two major racial/ethnic groups, White and Hispanic, which comprise more than 86 percent of the population of Amarillo, the CHAS data show little difference. African-Americans showed a higher incidence of cost burden and severe cost burden without reference to income category.

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

None identified.

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

Maps included in the market analysis show some census tracts in central and eastern Amarillo are home to a relatively high portion of the city's African-American population, with the total African-American population in those tracts ranging from 10 to 82 percent of the total population of those tracts, in a city where the African-American population is only seven percent of the total population of the city. Likewise, there are tracts in central Amarillo that are home to relatively high portion of the city's Hispanic population, ranging from 41 to 81 percent of the total population of the tracts, compared to a total Hispanic population in the city of about 29 percent.



## NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

### Introduction

The City of Amarillo administers a total of 1,375 Section 8 vouchers to residents of Amarillo, including 1,251 tenant-based vouchers, 11 from the Family Unification Program, and 103 for persons with disabilities. The City also manages six units of mod-rehab housing. The majority of voucher holders are White, Non-Hispanic, with large percentages of both African-Americans and Hispanics. The average income of voucher holders is below \$10,000. The City also reports managing 85 VASH vouchers, which are not reflected on the table below.

### 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	6	0	1,375	0	1,251	0	11	103

**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	6,926	0	9,816	0	9,721	0	10,836
Average length of stay	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	3
Average Household size	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	14	0	14	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	0	175	0	143	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	6	0	357	0	284	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	6	0	1,375	0	1,251	0	11
# 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	3	0	913	0	819	0	9	77
Black/African American	0	3	0	437	0	411	0	1	24
Asian	0	0	0	16	0	14	0	0	1
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	1	1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	2	0	2	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	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	1	0	399	0	383	0	3	10
Not Hispanic	0	5	0	976	0	868	0	8	93

**\*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 of Amarillo has no public housing units, only Section 8.

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

Waiting list data from the 2012 PHA Plan indicate a total of 2,261 households on the Section 8 waiting list, 83 percent of which were classified as extremely low-income (incomes less than 30% of the area median income). Fifty-seven percent of households were families with children, five percent were elderly, and 22 percent had family members with a disability. The most immediate needs of this population would be larger homes and programs that work with households to increase household incomes.

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

The needs of households on the Section 8 waiting list are comparable to the needs of similar households or similar characteristics and incomes of the population of Amarillo at large. All households need housing that is suitable to their household size and is affordable to the household with respect to their income level. Section 8 waiting list households are primarily from the lowest income category and, therefore, need more assistance to help them meet affordability objectives.

**Discussion**

The Section 8 wait list was more than 164 percent of the number of vouchers managed by the City of Amarillo. Since the wait list is comprised of families with extremely low incomes, the private housing market holds little hope of their finding suitable housing without assistance. This points to the need for additional housing options for potential voucher holders.

## NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

### Introduction:

The following table provides an estimate of homeless individuals and families within several categories in Amarillo. These numbers are taken from the 2014 Point-in-time count. To date, Amarillo has not provided a separate count of homeless individuals or families in rural areas.

Estimates for the number of homeless persons each year, becoming homeless each year, number exiting homeless each year, and duration of homelessness have not been developed, as yet.

### Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	155	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	3	293	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	1	86	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment**

Data Source Comments:

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

**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):**

To be discussed in consultation with homeless service providers.

**Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)**

<b>Race:</b>	<b>Sheltered:</b>	<b>Unsheltered (optional)</b>
White	378	0
Black or African American	90	0
Asian	4	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	<b>Sheltered:</b>	<b>Unsheltered (optional)</b>
Hispanic	75	0
Not Hispanic	412	0

**Data Source**  
**Comments:** From the 2010 HMIS Point-in-Time count

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

The 2014 Point-in-Time homeless count showed 48 families with 155 persons were homeless at the time the count was conducted. Of that total, 105 were under the age of 18. Twenty-two families were in transitional housing and 26 were found in emergency shelters. There were no families identified that were unsheltered. The count identified no veterans and no families of veterans.

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

Data from the 2010 count are provided above and show 77 percent were White, 15 percent were Hispanic, and 18 percent were African-American. The data do not reflect sheltered versus unsheltered or the various sub-populations by racial/ethnic category.

## **Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.**

The 2014 count showed only three individuals were unsheltered. The rest were found in either emergency shelters or transitional housing. A total of 87 individuals, and no families, were identified as chronically homeless. No veterans were identified. A total of 451 individuals were found through the count, including 296 individuals in 292 households without children. A total of 155 persons were found in 48 households with children, almost half of which were in transitional housing.

### **Discussion:**

The results of the 2014 Point-in-time survey showed a total population of 314 persons, 34.4 percent of which were in families with children present. Almost 20 percent of those counted could be classified as chronic homeless. Only three individuals were identified as unsheltered. According to the 2010 count, 77 percent of homeless individuals were White, with 18 percent African-American and 15 percent Hispanic.

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

### **Introduction:**

Non-homeless special needs populations include the elderly, frail elderly, persons with physical and developmental disabilities, substance abusers, persons with mental illness, and persons living with HIV/AIDS. These families and individuals are living either with families, in group facilities, or independently. They have a wide variety of needs, many of which are being met without public assistance. In some cases, where parents are caring for disabled children, the future of their independence is at risk.

### **Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:**

These populations have a broad spectrum of characteristics, similar to the population at large, but a distinguishing factor for them is an increased risk of homelessness due to the fragile nature of their existence, some relying heavily on others for their care, others living on fixed incomes and vulnerable to hardships caused by sudden demands on their resources. Alcohol and drug abuse are defined as excessive and impairing use of alcohol or other drugs. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimated the number of adult men with a drinking problem at 15 percent of the total population and that of adult women at 6 percent. These percentages, when applied to Amarillo, would yield a total population of alcohol abusers at 20,149 persons, using 2009-2013 American Community Survey population figures. Elderly are those individuals aged 62 or older. The elderly population continues to show a strong growth pattern as a population group. The elderly live a distinctive lifestyle requiring numerous supportive services. Between 2000 and 2010, the population aged 62 years and over fell slightly from 14.8 percent of the population to 14.7 percent, though the total number rose. The 2010 U.S. Census put Amarillo's population of 62 and over at 28,039, compared to 25,630 in 2000. Persons with physical or developmental disabilities often require special facilities and care. Persons with developmental disabilities sometimes lack the capacity to care for themselves and rely on a caretaker to see to their daily needs. More often than not the caretaker is a parent. If the child outlives the parent who has provided their care all their lives, other arrangements must be made to see to their continued care. This group can include all ages, races, and ethnicities.

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

Housing and supportive service needs of these populations include:

- Group housing,
- Physical rehabilitation and medical care,
- New job training skills,
- Unemployment and the resulting loss of income/ insurance coverage due to inability to perform job functions,



- Extensive medical care and treatment,
- Rehabilitation programs,
- Counseling/ support groups to deal with the problem,
- Addressing unemployment and the resulting loss of income/ insurance coverage due to inability to perform job functions,
- Medical care/prescription medications, straining their already limited income,
- Special transportation needs due to medical and physical condition,
- Mobility assistance in normal daily activities,
- Assistance in meal preparation, housekeeping and shopping, and
- Physical rehabilitative care due to injury/falls.

These needs were compiled through consultation with service providers.

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

According to the Texas HIV Surveillance Report - 2013 Annual Report, there were 14 new reported HIV infections and seven new AIDS cases diagnosed in Amarillo as of December 31, 2013. Countywide data show a total of 262 persons living with HIV in Potter County and 45 in Randall County.

**Discussion:**

Non-homeless special needs populations encompass a wide variety of persons and households and cannot be easily categorized except in very general terms. Many are coping well with their situations with the need for public assistance. Some find needs that can only be met with help from outside their family. Some are on the verge of homelessness themselves and struggle from day to day. Some live independently, while others depend on family or caregivers to help them on a daily basis. Needs for these populations are as varied as the populations are themselves and depend on individual situations.

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

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:**

Improvements to the Hilltop Senior Citizens Center and the Wesley Community Center are the most pressing public facility needs in Amarillo.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The City conducted a survey of residents and service providers asking their input into the ranking process for the variety of uses of CDBG funds. The survey was available online and as hard copy at fair housing focus group sessions and Consolidated Plan forums. While the survey was not a statistically reliable instrument for prioritizing, it was a useful tool to include community concerns and preferences into consideration. Staff took the results of the survey and the comments received in the focus group sessions and forums and completed the ranking process.

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Improvements:**

Park improvements, demolition of unsafe structures, and community improvements inspections are the most pressing public improvement needs in Amarillo.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The City conducted a survey of residents and service providers asking their input into the ranking process for the variety of uses of CDBG funds. The survey was available online and as hard copy at fair housing focus group sessions and Consolidated Plan forums. While the survey was not a statistically reliable instrument for prioritizing, it was a useful tool to include community concerns and preferences into consideration. Staff took the results of the survey and the comments received in the focus group sessions and forums and completed the ranking process.

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:**

Senior services, food pantry, meals on wheels, childcare services, youth services, transportation services, and dayroom services for homeless persons are the most pressing public service needs in Amarillo.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The City conducted a survey of residents and service providers asking their input into the ranking process for the variety of uses of CDBG funds. The survey was available online and as hard copy at fair housing focus group sessions and Consolidated Plan forums. While the survey was not a statistically reliable instrument for prioritizing, it was a useful tool to include community concerns and preferences into consideration. Staff took the results of the survey and the comments received in the focus group sessions and forums and completed the ranking process.

# Housing Market Analysis

## MA-05 Overview

### Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The local housing market affects the availability and affordability of housing. In Amarillo, the housing market has slowly rebounded from the foreclosure crisis of the last decade. With that recovery, housing prices have increased, but are still affordable with the historically low mortgage interest rates found in the current market. The following analysis looks at a variety of data from the American Community Survey, the census, Section 8 information from the City of Amarillo, and homeless service providers to provide a picture of the local market.

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

### Introduction

The housing stock in Amarillo is heavily weighted toward single-family housing, with 71 percent of households residing in single-family detached structures. Approximately 62 percent of households are home owners, with 80 percent of owner households living in housing units with three or more bedrooms. Twenty-one percent of housing units are in multifamily developments, with two to twenty or more units in the structure. With over 17,000 multifamily units serving over 26,700 renter households, the data suggest that almost 10,000 renter households reside in single-family structures, either attached or detached. The use of single-family structures for rental housing does address some of the need for larger housing units for renter households, but the vast disparity of larger units between renter (27%) and owner (80%) households suggests the need for new housing development aimed specifically toward larger renter households requiring three or more bedrooms.

### All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	55,600	71%
1-unit, attached structure	2,439	3%
2-4 units	4,311	5%
5-19 units	7,111	9%
20 or more units	5,628	7%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	3,640	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,729</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

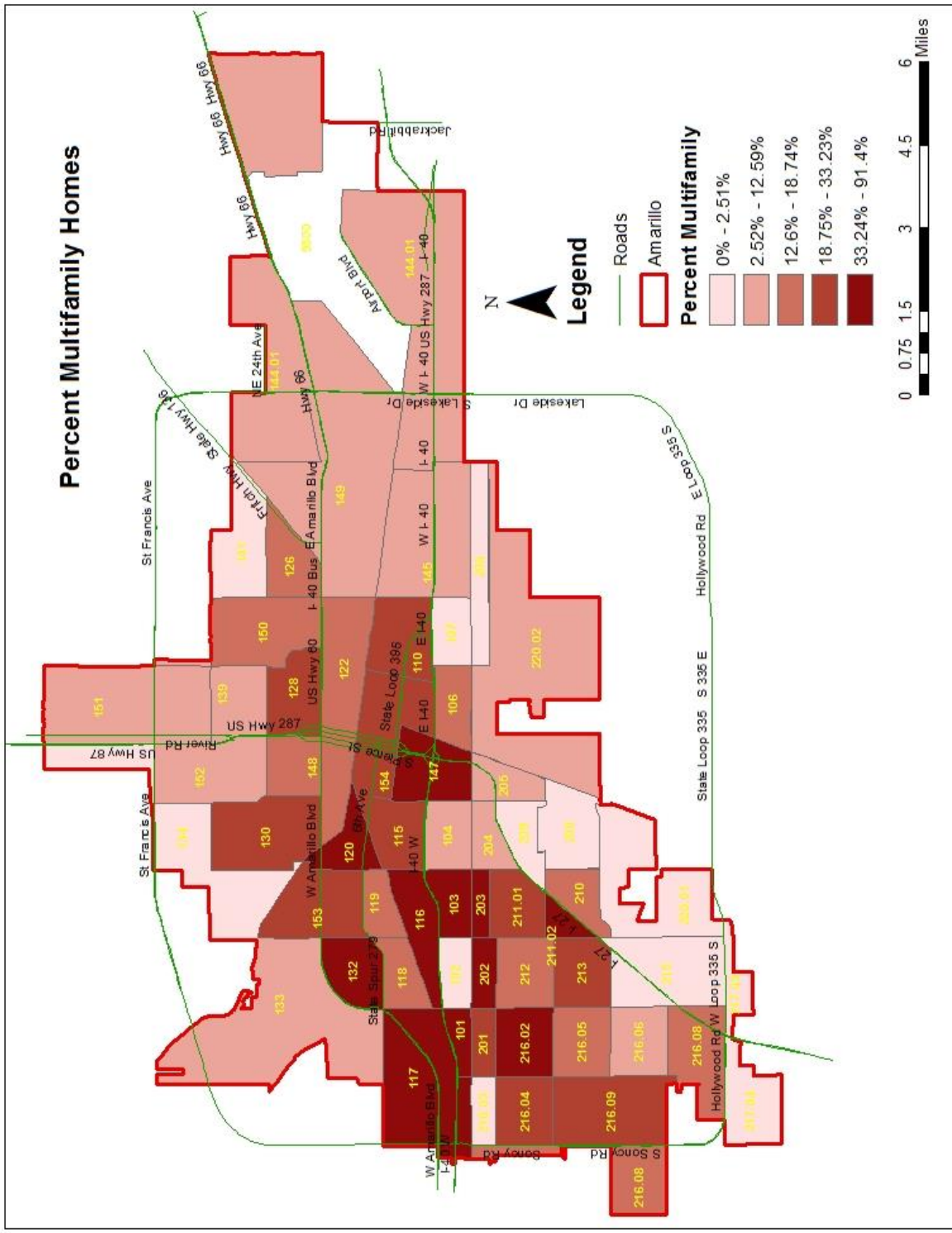
### Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	143	0%	835	3%
1 bedroom	614	1%	7,604	28%
2 bedrooms	8,240	19%	11,101	42%
3 or more bedrooms	35,312	80%	7,175	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,309</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS





**Multifamily Housing Units**

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

The City of Amarillo owns and operates 6 units of mod-rehab housing and administers 1,375 Section 8 vouchers, most of which are tenant-based. There are over 609 assisted apartment units in Amarillo, operating under contract with HUD. The Section 8 vouchers target households with low- to moderate-incomes, though demand for units among low-income households predominates. Units assisted through contracts with HUD target households with incomes below 80 percent of the area median income.

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

A database of HUD assisted multifamily properties indicates that there are 20 properties in Amarillo that have benefitted from HUD insured mortgage instruments with a total of 2,097 units. Of these 20 properties, only nine properties include HUD subsidized units. In these properties, 609 units of a total of 666 units receive HUD subsidies. A total of 1,431 units are included in the 11 properties no longer receiving HUD subsidies for any of the units in the properties. While the data do not indicate why subsidies are not being received, it can be assumed that at one time subsidies were being applied to at least a portion of these 1,431 units, but are no longer.

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

Seventy-one percent of all households in Amarillo reside in single-family detached homes. While this is often considered the ideal in terms of raising a family, the growing senior population may require a reconsideration of what is ideal with respect to housing type. In the coming years, the growing senior population may put more market pressure on smaller apartment units, particularly efficiencies and one-bedroom units, as they look to downsize from the single-family home in which they raised their families. Future development of units designed with retirees in mind and active senior apartment communities may take on a larger presence in the housing market.

**Describe the need for specific types of housing:**

As shown in the Units by Tenure data, the vast majority of owner households reside in homes with three or more bedrooms (80%). By comparison, only 27 percent of renter households reside in units with three or more bedrooms. While many renter households contain single or couple households with no children, a number of larger renter households are overcrowded in smaller rental units, less than three bedrooms. There is a need for more apartment developments with larger units, particularly three or more bedrooms.



## **Discussion**

The majority of housing units in Amarillo are in single-family structures (71%). Of renter households, most (73%) live in units with two or fewer bedrooms. As the demographics of the city and state start reflecting the aging of the baby boom generation, the housing market will need to adapt to provide new housing opportunities for those seeking to downsize from their family home to smaller units, some of which might be in senior's communities where residents can participate in a variety of community activities, including meals, exercise, shopping, and entertainment. The housing stock also needs additional supplies of larger rental units, some of which may come from the baby boomers moving to smaller units. The rental stock is 27 percent larger units (three or more bedrooms) compared to 80 percent for owner occupied units. There is a large inventory of HUD insured rental units in Amarillo which are not subsidized, suggesting loss of affordable housing inventory from the expiration of Section 8 contracts over the years.

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

### Introduction

Housing costs are a major portion of any households' monthly budget. In 2000, the median home value in Amarillo was \$71,600. By 2011, the median value had increased by 52 percent to over \$108,800. Rental costs had similar, though somewhat lower, increases rising 36 percent from \$441 in 2000 to \$558 in 2011. In Amarillo, 52 percent of renter households paid between \$500 and \$999 per month in rent. Just over 4.7 percent of the rental housing stock was affordable to households earning less than 30 percent of the area median income. No homes were priced in a range that would be affordable for a household earning less than 30 percent of the area median income.

### Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Median Home Value	71,600	108,800	52%
Median Contract Rent	411	558	36%

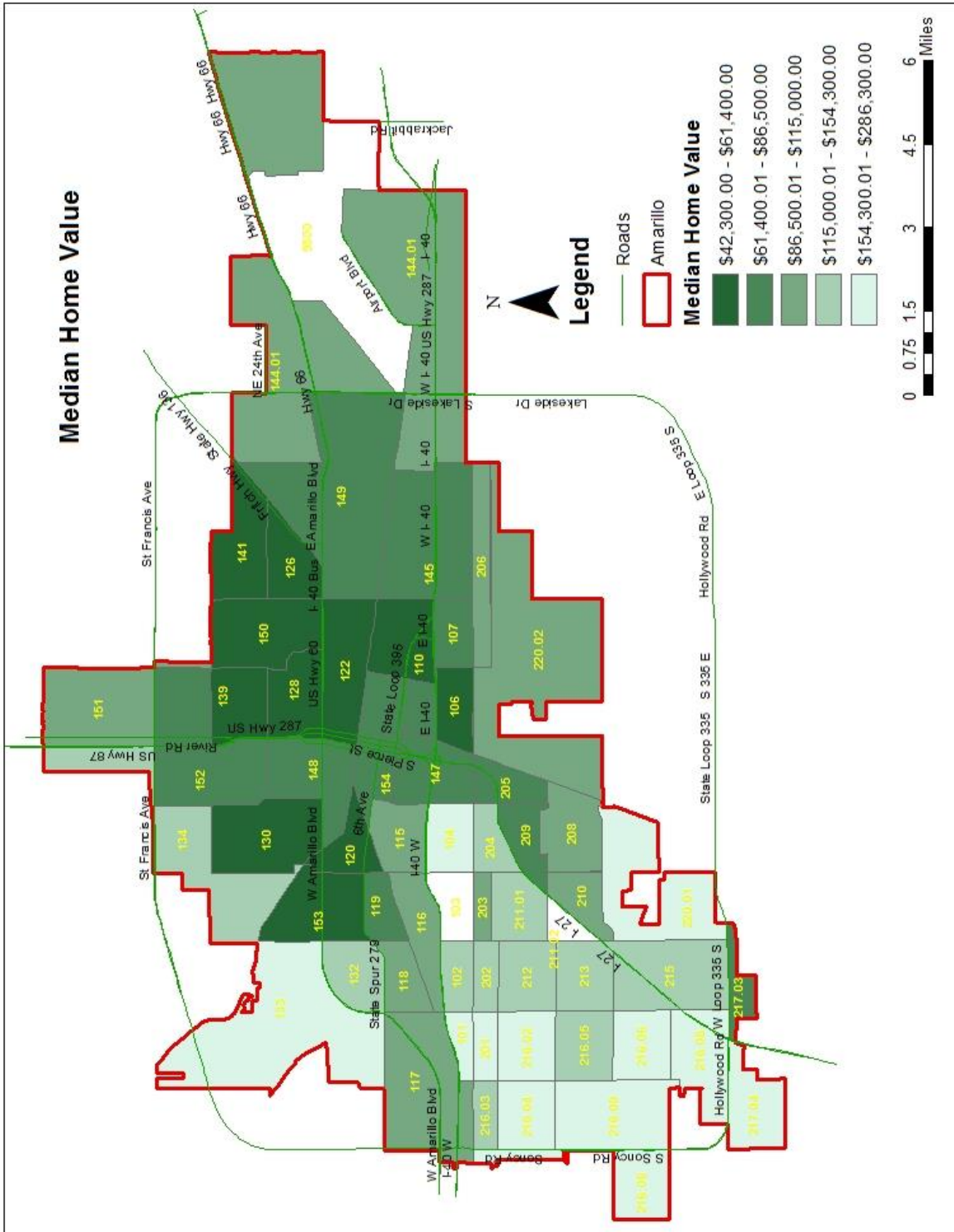
Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

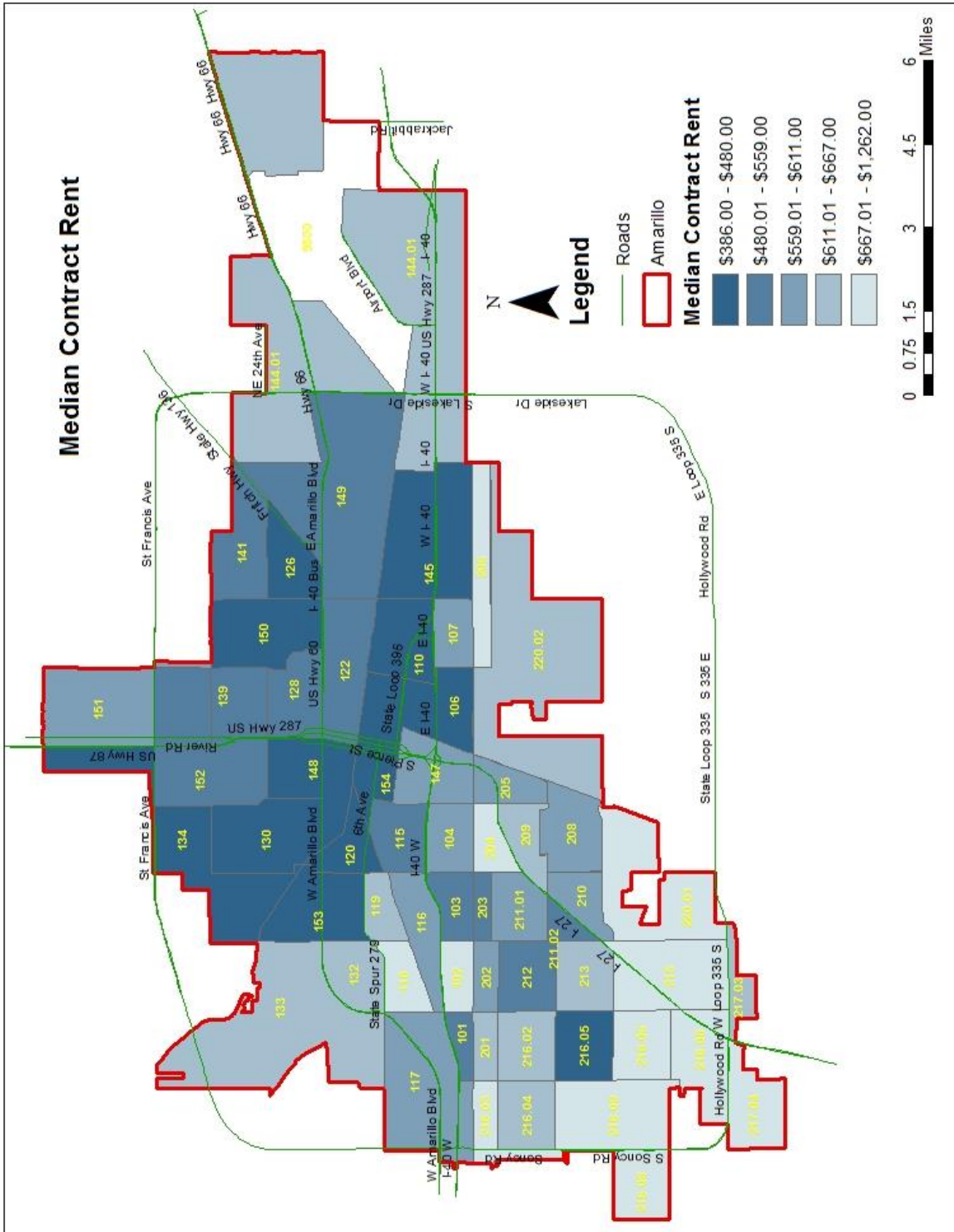
Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	11,197	41.9%
\$500-999	13,862	51.9%
\$1,000-1,499	1,160	4.3%
\$1,500-1,999	332	1.2%
\$2,000 or more	164	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS



**Median Home Value**



**Median Contract Rent**

## Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,460	No Data
50% HAMFI	9,335	5,810
80% HAMFI	20,090	13,950
100% HAMFI	No Data	18,709
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,885</b>	<b>38,469</b>

**Table 31 – Housing Affordability**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

## Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	488	576	757	1,033	1,081
High HOME Rent	474	560	736	1,004	1,051
Low HOME Rent	474	560	713	824	920

**Table 32 – Monthly Rent**

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

## Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

As would be expected, the lowest income households have the least housing stock from which to choose, clearly not enough to meet the needs of the community. With no homes priced at a level affordable to those earning below 30 percent of the area median income, rental properties are their only option. The data show that 4.7 percent of rental units are affordable to those earning less than 30 percent of the area median income. With this limited housing stock, many households are forced to spend more of their income on housing expenses, moving up to higher priced rental housing. This creates a cost burden for those households, requiring that they spend more than 30 percent of their household income on housing expenses. In many cases it creates a severe cost burden, requiring more than 50 percent of their income for housing. In some cases households are forced to double-up with other families, sharing housing units that were designed for only one household.

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

With a 52 percent increase in median home value, homeownership is becoming less affordable. With an improving economy, that pressure on homeownership is likely to increase as the housing market recovers from the mortgage foreclosure situation of the recent past and home prices return to pre-2008 levels and grow even more. On the other hand, mortgage interest rates are at historic lows, which make

home purchases more affordable than would have been possible in 2000 when rates were higher. The lower interest rates are, to some extent, responsible for the rise in home prices since 2000 as an individual household is able to afford a higher home price with the lower interest rate. Rents, however, rose at a slower pace, 36 percent between 2000 and 2011. Rents are less affordable than in 2000 and the demand for rental housing is most likely higher than in 2000 with former homeowners who lost their homes to foreclosure looking for rental housing instead of looking to buy.

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

In all cases, high HOME rents do not meet fair market rent expectations in Amarillo. For all unit sizes (number of bedrooms), high HOME rents amount to only 97 percent of fair market rents. For larger units, the low HOME rents are significantly below fair market rents. HOME and Fair Market Rents are much higher than the area median rent of \$558 in 2011. The median rent covers all unit sizes while HOME and Fair Market Rents are shown by unit size indicated by the number of bedrooms. In almost all cases, the HOME and Fair Market Rents exceed the median rent. Fair Market Rents for three and four-bedroom units are sufficiently high to justify housing strategies that target the development of larger units for larger households looking for rental properties with Section 8 assistance.

### **Discussion**

Competing factors in the housing market, rising prices and historically low mortgage interest rates, have kept homeownership affordability somewhat constant over the past decade. The mortgage market, however, created a situation through "liar" loans and adjustable rate mortgage products where large numbers of homeowners lost their homes to foreclosure. This resulted in a bubble in the supply of homes on the market and a dip in home prices, but many were unable to take advantage of the market conditions because of a tightening of mortgage requirements and the inability of many to qualify for mortgage under the more stringent rules. Rents, on the other hand, increased by 36 percent since 2000, putting pressure on lower income households looking for rental opportunities.

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

### **Introduction**

The condition of housing units is highly correlated to the income of the household residing within those housing units. In Amarillo, 77 percent of owner-occupied housing units and 52 percent of renter-occupied housing units have no housing problems reported. Four conditions are represented as housing problems, including lack of complete kitchen facilities, lack of complete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, and cost burden (paying more than 30% of household income on housing expenses). The data show that 22 percent of owner households and 43 percent of renter households have one housing problem or condition. Presumably, this one housing problem is most likely either cost burden or more than one person per room, with the later more likely for renter housing than for owner housing. Sixty-seven percent of owner-occupied housing and 68 percent of renter-occupied housing was built prior to 1980, making those units potential sources of lead-based paint contamination. While not all will have lead-based paint, the age of the units suggest that at one time lead-based paint may have been used on the unit and provides a potential hazard, particularly for households with children present. Over 4,600 units in Amarillo were built before 1980 and have children present in the household. It is reasonable to assume that a large number of these households are lower income households due to the fact that older housing stock is often filtered down through the income categories to the lowest income households.

### **Definitions**

Substandard condition is defined as a combination of incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities, missing windows or exterior doors, severely compromised foundations, outdated electrical infrastructure, holes in floors or walls, and holes in roof or severely compromised roofing materials preventing closure from weather penetration. Many units with a combination that includes all these conditions may be unfit for human occupation. Some may be candidates for rehabilitation, others may not be. Substandard condition by suitable for rehabilitation would be units where the home is determined to be 60 percent deteriorated or the cost of the combination of needed repairs of all conditions does not exceed the estimated after-rehabilitation value of the house.

## Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	9,551	22%	11,580	43%
With two selected Conditions	464	1%	1,100	4%
With three selected Conditions	41	0%	77	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	34,253	77%	13,958	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,309</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>99%</b>

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

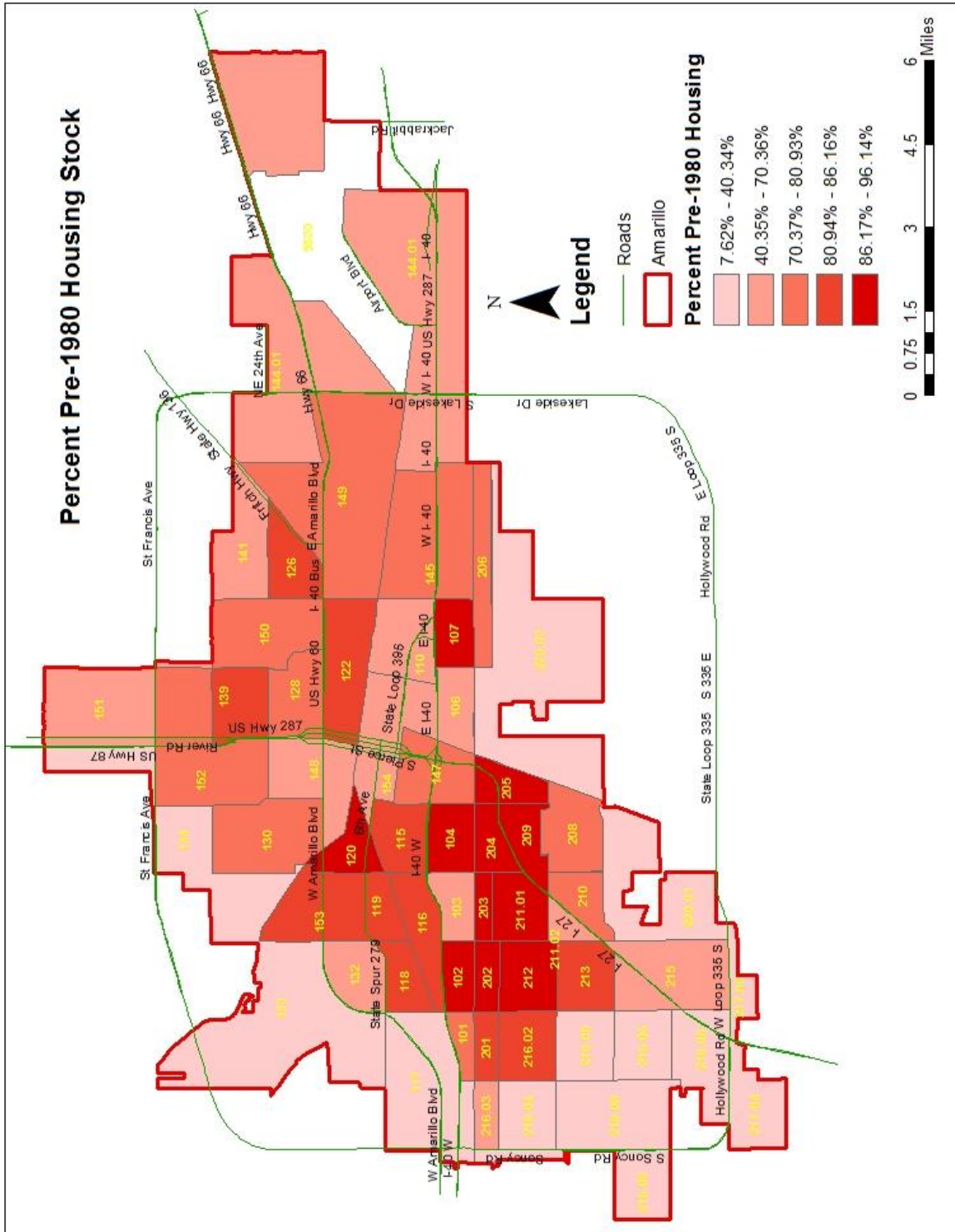
## Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	5,449	12%	2,970	11%
1980-1999	9,119	21%	5,541	21%
1950-1979	23,517	53%	13,804	52%
Before 1950	6,224	14%	4,400	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,309</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS





**Pre-1980 Housing Stock**

## 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	29,741	67%	18,204	68%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	3,070	7%	1,620	6%

**Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Total Units) 2007-2011 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 36 - Vacant Units**

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

## Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

Sixty-seven percent of the owner-occupied housing stock and 68 percent of the renter-occupied housing was built prior to 1980, placing the age of that housing at more than 30 years old, much of it many years older. As the housing stock ages, water infiltration and many other factors can cause rapid deterioration of housing units, particularly where the residents don't or can't provide needed maintenance. In some areas of Amarillo, the housing stock may exceed 50 years of age and the median income of the residents of those areas may be less than 50 percent of the area median income. In these situations it is likely that housing conditions generally throughout these areas are poor. In some areas of Amarillo one can find many homes with poor external conditions which suggest equally poor internal conditions. The City operates owner and rental rehabilitation programs that target these areas in an effort to improve the basic housing stock found in the city.

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

The data show that the number of housing units in Amarillo built prior to 1980, and potentially where lead-based paint hazards might be found, include 67 percent of all owner housing and 68 percent of rental housing. Seven percent of owner housing units and six percent of rental housing units built prior to 1980 are occupied by families with children present, a total of over 4,600 housing units. As housing units and neighborhoods age, they typically fall through the income classes from middle- or moderate-income households to lower income households. Neighborhoods that were once middle class become home to lower income groups as they age. Typically, with some exceptions, the oldest

neighborhoods found are where the poorest residents are found. As a result, it is reasonable to assume that most of the 4,690 units in Amarillo built prior to 1980 and occupied by families with children are likely occupied by low- or moderate-income families.

## **Discussion**

There is an extensive need for rehabilitation programs in Amarillo targeting the improvement of the City's oldest housing stock. These programs, which are currently ongoing through the City's CDBG and HOME funding, provide owners of owner-occupied, single-family housing and multifamily rental housing with loans and/or grants to facilitate needed repairs which have not been effected by current or previous owners. These repairs include structural and cosmetic repairs both inside the unit and on the exterior and testing for and remediation of lead-based paint hazards in older housing units.

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

### Introduction

The City of Amarillo manages 1433 vouchers, all of which are tenant-based. There are no public housing units in Amarillo.

### Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	6		1,433	0	1,433	0	243	1,299
# of accessible units									

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

**Table 37 – 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:**

Amarillo does not manage any public housing units. Section 8 only.

**Public Housing Condition**

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

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

Amarillo does not manage any public housing units. Section 8 only.

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

Amarillo does not manage any public housing units. Section 8 only.

**Discussion:**

Amarillo does not manage any public housing units. Section 8 only.

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

### Introduction

The following data are the most current count of homeless facilities in Amarillo.

### 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)	199	21	62	109	0
Households with Only Adults	344	0	7	48	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	85	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households**

**Data Source Comments:** HUD 2014 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program - Housing Inventory Count

**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**

Homeless service providers in Amarillo provide a wide range of housing and services to their clients, including shelters and transitional housing facilities, substance abuse treatment, case management, job training, clothes closets to provide clothing suitable for job interviews, food, and transportation. All depend, to some extent, on mainstream services to supplement those offered in-house. These include transportation services, dental care, legal assistance, health and mental health care, job training, and childcare. Some of these services are offered pro bono from caring professionals. Other services require some payment from the client.

**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.**

Amarillo is served by a wide range of organizations that address the needs of homeless individuals and families. Included are:

- Martha's Home - emergency shelter for women and families, case management, vocational training, legal assistance, skills training, and mentoring;
- Downtown Women's Center - transitional housing, addiction recovery, job training, and emergency shelter;
- Another Chance House - emergency shelter for men, case management, AA/NA, recovery programs, vocational training, and transportation;
- Faith City Mission - emergency shelter, addiction recovery, employment services, clothes closet, and meals;
- The Salvation Army - emergency shelter, basic needs, rehabilitation, correctional services, youth services, and senior services;
- City of Refuge - employment assistance, day labor program, education assistance, showers, clothing, counseling, and food pantry;
- Domestic Violence Shelter & Counseling - emergency confidential shelter, transportation, childcare, legal assistance, and support groups;
- Guyon Saunders Resource Center & Day Room - case management, food, clothing, counseling, showers, laundry facilities, and storage;
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas - legal services; and
- Texas Panhandle Centers - mental health services, screening, assessment, counseling, treatment planning, medication management, supported housing, and substance abuse screening.

These facilities and programs address housing and service needs of homeless individuals and families by offering beds and a variety of much needed services. Contained within this group of programs are

emergency shelters, transitional housing, drug treatment programs, and services for persons with severe mental illness.



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

### **Introduction**

Special needs populations in Amarillo include the elderly; frail elderly; persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities; persons with HIV/AIDS; and persons with substance abuse problems. Considering the non-homeless special needs population, many in these populations are currently having their housing and service needs met without or with limited public assistance. Circumstances, however, are subject to change and the more the community prepares for future needs, the better it will be able to meet those needs when they occur.

### **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**

The supportive housing needs of special needs populations in Amarillo vary according to the population. In coming years, the needs of the elderly and frail elderly will increase as the over 65 year old population grows with the aging of the baby boom population. These needs may include nursing care facilities targeted to lower income households who cannot afford private nursing home care. Permanent supportive housing options for persons with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities may also become a pressing issue as persons with disabilities who previously been taken care of parents lose those caregivers to death or incapacity. With healthcare systems enabling persons with disabilities to live longer, many are now outliving their caregivers, increasing demand for group housing that provides the care this population needs.

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

Many homeless shelters operate under a rapid re-housing structure for clients coming into the system and the Amarillo Continuum of Care structure has recognized the need for discharge planning within the service provision structure in Amarillo regarding returning patients from mental and physical health institutions. At a minimum, institutions agree not to discharge individuals into homeless. Individual mental and physical health institutions may have their own discharge planning protocols in place, but they are not coordinated with any citywide planning effort. The CoC supports efforts at a more formal discharge planning protocol.

### **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 funds housing rehabilitation and emergency repair programs that work with the elderly, among other populations, in an attempt to maintain their home so they can continue to reside in their own homes. As a homeowner ages he/she is often unable to continue to provide the maintenance needed to keep the home habitable. The City's programs work with those homeowners to address pressing issues that arise, such as roof leaks or plumbing failures, and also more extensive rehabilitation needed to bring a home completely up to current building code.

**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 of Amarillo funds a number of programs that address housing and supportive services needs of non-homeless persons. These programs include housing rehabilitation activities, adult day care support, childcare services, and noon meals for elderly persons. Funding for the upcoming program year will reflect similar priorities.

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

### **Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment**

No public policy barriers to affordable housing and residential investment have been identified.

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

### Introduction

Housing preferences are fulfilled by a household's ability to meet the financial needs of owning or renting their desired housing unit. The economic health of a community has a large impact on that ability through the job market, business activity, and the household's relative place in the economy determined by their level of education and employment status. The data below provide a look at where jobs and economic activity in Amarillo provide employment opportunities and some descriptive consideration of education and employment levels.

### 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	1,853	951	3	1	-2
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	9,011	11,632	14	15	1
Construction	4,067	4,534	6	6	0
Education and Health Care Services	11,146	14,742	17	19	2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,861	6,369	8	8	0
Information	1,252	1,451	2	2	0
Manufacturing	8,787	9,586	14	12	-2
Other Services	2,750	3,505	4	4	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	3,621	4,602	6	6	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	10,283	13,999	16	18	2
Transportation and Warehousing	2,271	2,150	4	3	-1
Wholesale Trade	3,943	5,373	6	7	1
Total	63,845	78,894	--	--	--

**Table 40 - Business Activity**

**Data Source:** 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

## Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	97,993
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	92,501
Unemployment Rate	5.60
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	18.98
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.46

**Table 41 - Labor Force**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS



<b>Occupations by Sector</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
Management, business and financial	17,285
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	4,311
Service	9,650
Sales and office	24,093
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	9,787
Production, transportation and material moving	6,004

**Table 42 – Occupations by Sector**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Travel Time

<b>Travel Time</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
< 30 Minutes	77,113	87%
30-59 Minutes	8,656	10%
60 or More Minutes	2,758	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,527</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 43 - Travel Time**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Education:

#### Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>In Labor Force</b>		<b>Not in Labor Force</b>
	<b>Civilian Employed</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	
Less than high school graduate	10,585	717	4,856
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	16,532	944	5,627
Some college or Associate's degree	28,099	1,327	5,591
Bachelor's degree or higher	18,885	344	2,709

**Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS





## Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	404	1,616	1,686	3,335	2,513
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,885	3,209	2,782	3,530	2,368
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	6,149	6,743	5,861	10,511	6,407
Some college, no degree	7,286	8,071	6,681	12,317	5,639
Associate's degree	865	2,304	1,998	3,732	955
Bachelor's degree	756	4,254	3,699	7,064	2,721
Graduate or professional degree	83	1,442	1,290	4,244	1,758

**Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	20,303
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	24,899
Some college or Associate's degree	31,389
Bachelor's degree	44,682
Graduate or professional degree	54,964

**Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

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

The most active business sector in Amarillo, in terms of the number of workers in the various industries, is Education and Health Care Services with 17 percent of all workers. That sector is followed by Retail Trade, Manufacturing, and Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations with 16, 14, and 14 percent respectively. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate had an eight percent share.

### Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Workforce needs of the business community include skills training, employment preparation training, and job development activities. Infrastructure needs include facade improvements and street/sidewalk improvements.

**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.**

According to information on the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation website, economic development activities focus in six primary areas; wind energy, aviation and aerospace, business and finance, diversified manufacturing, transportation and logistics, and food technologies.

Renewable energy, in particular wind, accounted for nearly 50 percent of all new electric generation on the U.S. grid in 2012, according to new Ernst & Young research. To date in 2014, Texas has continued to lead the way in total wind capacity at 12,354 MW, despite uncertainty regarding government production tax credits. This was more than double any other state in the U.S. Most of the production is generated in the West Texas region.

The POLICOM Corporation, an independent economic research firm, recently conducted an analysis of the Amarillo economy. The results of the study produced a recommended target list of industries for the Amarillo EDC's use in its business recruitment and retention efforts. In the analysis, POLICOM followed a process of elimination or inclusion based on a business's annual average wage, geographical location, and various historical industry data.

POLICOM's recommended target industries, combined with Amarillo EDC's resources and experienced leadership and staff, has focused the Amarillo EDC's efforts tremendously and ultimately improved the quality of the local economy. One of the key sectors recommended for Amarillo is Aviation and Aerospace.

Focuses in this industry mix include aircraft manufacturing; aircraft engine and engine parts manufacturing; and aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO). Amarillo is home to a leader in the vertical flight industry: Bell Helicopter. The Amarillo EDC also markets to suppliers of current Amarillo aviation companies, which will attract new growth in the local industry and help the current company base flourish.

Another of the key sectors recommended for Amarillo is Business and Finance. The Amarillo EDC is focused on large insurance companies in this industry mix. The current base of business and financial service companies located in Amarillo is solid and growing.

A third key sector recommended for Amarillo is Diversified Manufacturing. Focuses in this industry mix include primary metal industries, fabricated metal products, industrial machinery, electronics and instruments. Companies under this category manufacture mid-value, mid-to-high bulk products which are under extreme pressure to reduce costs. Many of these businesses are still located in the industrial Midwest and Northeast where real estate, taxing, and wage pressures make operation expensive, especially in the face of growing foreign competition.

The fourth key sector recommended for Amarillo is Transportation and Logistics. Amarillo's transportation assets and mid-continent location make it a great fit for this industry. Companies are currently looking for ways to reduce cost by locating within the central part of the United States.

The fifth key sector recommended for Amarillo is Food Technologies. Amarillo's location, resources and proximity to a vast agricultural area make it a great fit for this industry.

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

Generally, there is a wide range of jobs in Amarillo with a variety of education and skill requirements. The industry with the most workers in Amarillo is the Education and Health Care Services sector, which typically has stringent education and skill requirements for the most visible portion of the workforce, the educators, doctors, and nurses. The sector also has a large support staff with lower education and skill requirements, including maintenance workers, drivers, and many other job classifications. Amarillo's second and third largest sectors are Retail Trade and Manufacturing, typically calling for a less educated, less skilled workforce, though many manufacturing positions demand high skill levels. Amarillo has a relatively well educated workforce, with about four times as many residents over the age of 16 having a college degree or at least some college as those not having finished high school.

### **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.**

According to the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation website, workforce training initiatives in Amarillo include:

PRO: Pursuing Real Opportunities – a collaboration of Amarillo EDC, Amarillo ISD and Amarillo College and a community-wide initiative to develop a more skilled local workforce.

Initially, the program will target industries that currently have the greatest workforce needs including:

- Architecture and Construction
- Finance
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

PRO leverages community partnerships and resources to make high school and community college students, parents and adult career seekers aware of the career options that exist in Amarillo and the surrounding areas. PRO will bridge the gap that exists between employers/businesses and capable employees to help develop a thriving local workforce.

Employer and job seeker workforce development and training services are provided through the privately operated Workforce Solutions Panhandle, which includes child care services, job search services, and unemployment insurance.

The Texas Skills Development Fund assists businesses by financing customized job training through local colleges or technical schools for new or existing jobs. The funds are granted directly to the college and used for the companies' specific training program needs. The funds aren't used for equipment or for paying trainees' wages, just for the actual instruction. Twenty-five million dollars have been appropriated to the fund for the current two-year operating cycle.

A local employer seeking Skills Development Fund assistance can work with Amarillo College to develop a joint proposal requesting funding, which is then presented to the Texas Workforce Commission. The TWC reviews the budget request and determines the amount of funding to be granted to AC for the training. The grant simply allows the college to recover its costs. The company doesn't pay anything so long as trainees who complete the program are paid the prevailing wage for their occupation in the local labor market.

Amarillo College is the region's primary provider of workforce training, and it serves area business and industry well by developing programs to meet their specific needs. For example, when several companies recently established new customer service call center operations in Amarillo, AC moved quickly to implement a customer service curriculum to train people in the skills needed for that burgeoning field. When Bell Helicopter Textron chose to locate their Aircraft Assembly Center in Amarillo, Amarillo College took a lead role in forming the Bell Employee Training Alliance (BETA), a consortium of organizations brought together to provide Bell with a ready supply of fully trained workers for years to come.

**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.**

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission updated the regional comprehensive economic development strategy in 2012. Potter County was identified as a distressed county, while Randall County was identified as non-distressed. The needs identified for Potter County include; water quality and conservation, economic development, implement quality education system, access to low-interest money, and public infrastructure improvements. Needs identified for Randall County include; economic development, water supply, planned growth and county zoning, quality education, and quality health

care. Action items identified for Amarillo include; Amarillo MSA Micro-Loan Program, tourism promotion, and development and conservation of natural resources.

## **Discussion**

The City of Amarillo has been working, through the efforts of their partnership with the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, to expand opportunities in the region. The focus of economic development activities on six primary industries, as described above, provide a strategy for targeting effort to industries that take advantage of Amarillo's competitive strengths.

## **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

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

The census block groups that are identified as eligible for CDBG area benefit (51% of residents are low/mod-income) include some of the oldest neighborhoods in the city. The housing in these neighborhoods are often in poor condition and many are in need of extensive rehabilitation or removal. These neighborhoods are also where the lowest income households in the city live, in housing stock that is in poor condition, and, therefore, offered at lower rents or sales prices. Despite the lower rents or purchase price, the lower income households pay a large portion of their income on housing expenses. In this case, concentrated would mean that a large portion of the neighborhood shows the impact of these housing problems.

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

As of the 2010 Census, African-Americans comprise about 7 percent of the population of Amarillo. There is some concentration of the African-American population in census tracts in the central and eastern parts of the city, with the percentage of the total population being as much as 83 percent. Hispanics made up about 29 percent of the population of Amarillo in 2010. Concentrations of Hispanic households can be found in central Amarillo, with population percentages as high as 82 percent of some tracts. Most of the tracts are within the CDBG area benefit tracts (where median incomes of the tracts are below 80 percent of the area median income). These areas also show high rates of poverty, with poverty rates above 51 percent of the population of the tracts. Maps of poverty rates and concentrations of African-Americans and Hispanics are included below.

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

These neighborhoods, as mentioned above, contain much of the poorest housing stock in the city. As a result, the housing market contains much of the lowest cost housing as well. Code enforcement officials worked extensively in these areas in an attempt to maintain the integrity of the community in past years. Some neighborhoods have a number of vacant lots where homes have been removed.

### **Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

These areas do have community assets, including community and senior centers, parks, and other public facilities.

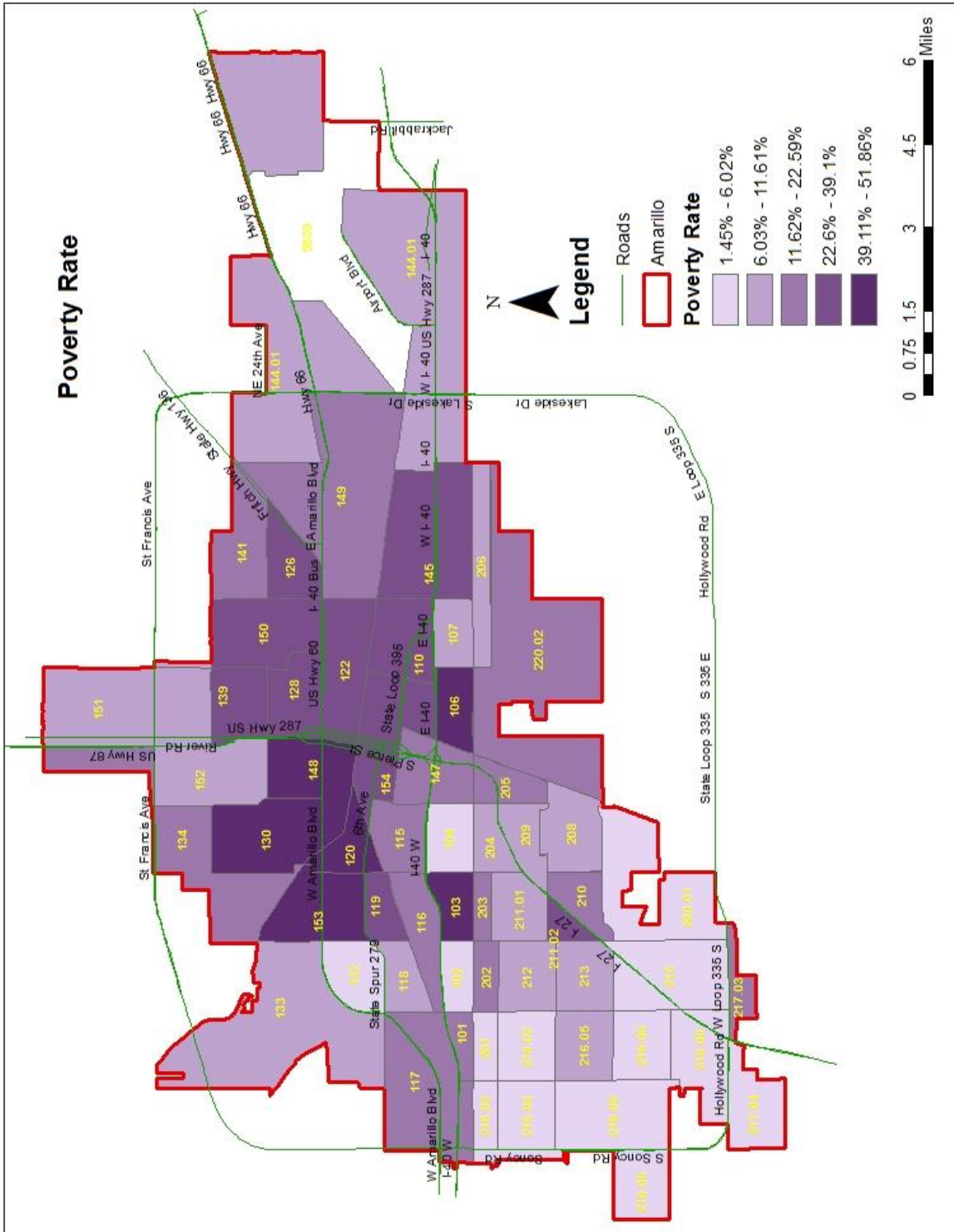
### **Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

In neighborhoods where many homes have been removed, there may be opportunities for development of new housing units. In areas where brownfield issues are not a concern, private and non-profit developers can find appropriate redevelopment sites to provide homes for a range of household incomes, including lower and upper income households. These efforts would aid in sustainability efforts, bringing more people into the neighborhoods and improving the housing stock available in the market.









**Percent Living in Poverty**

# Strategic Plan

## SP-05 Overview

### Strategic Plan Overview

The Strategic Plan lays out the direction the City intends to take in the distribution of the Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding for the next five years. The priorities listed were determined through consultation with service providers and consideration of a community survey that was conducted in the development of the Consolidated Plan. Some of the activities included will be targeted to individual households who qualify for the programs according to their income status (individual benefit). Other programs are directed toward particular areas within Amarillo where the median incomes of the census tracts involved are below 80 percent of the area median income (area benefit). The City's goals and objectives are summarized in Section SP-45.

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

### Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

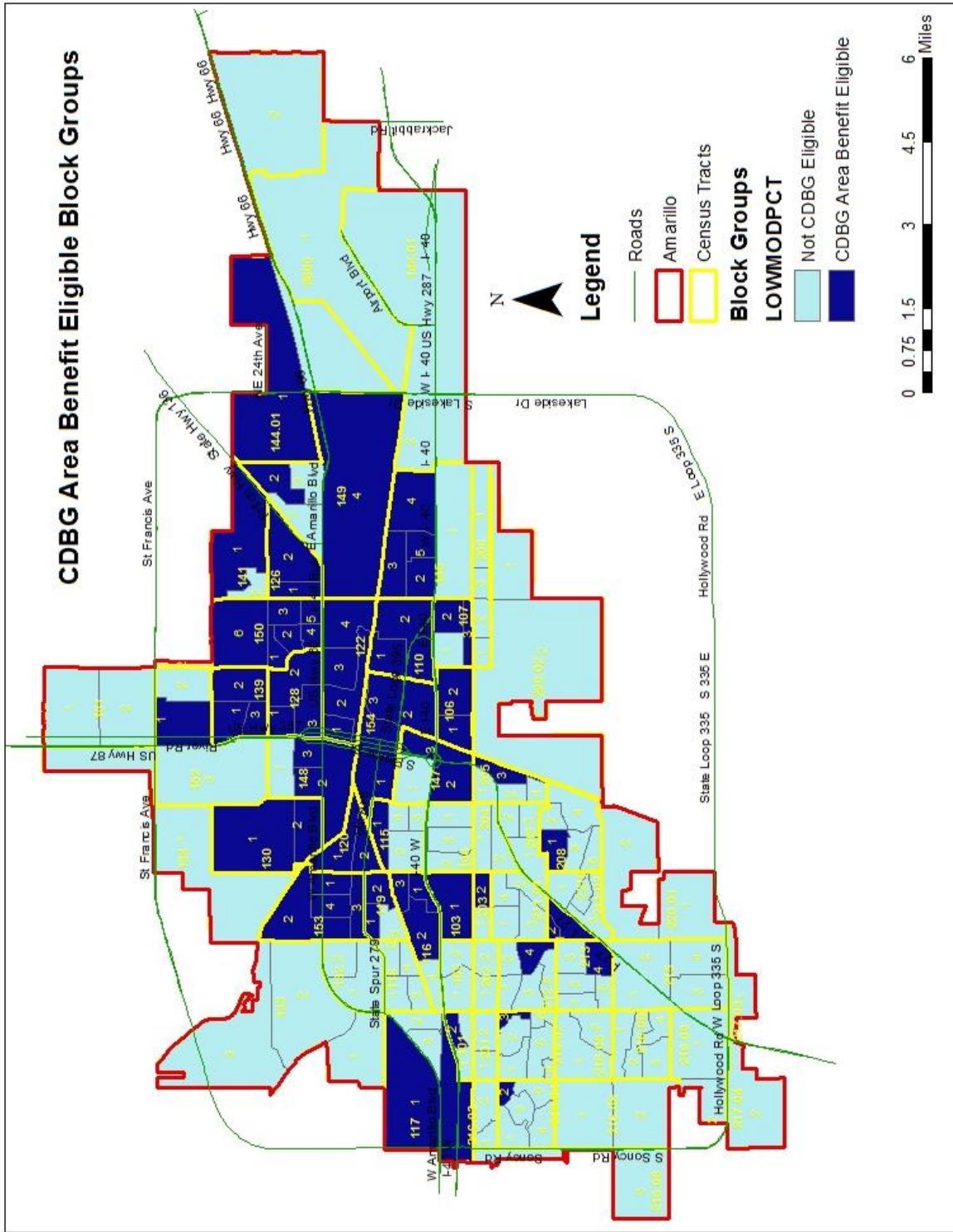
1	<b>Area Name:</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Comprehensive
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	
2	<b>Area Name:</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Comprehensive
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
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<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>		

	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	

**General Allocation Priorities**

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

Investments will be allocated according to responses to programmatic opportunities and client response to funding availability. Rehab programs may be targeted to the CDBG Eligible Areas or as individual benefit to low-income households. Public services, likewise, may be offered in low-income areas or generally to all qualified residents.



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

### Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Other
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Administration Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Administration of the federal entitlement programs.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
2	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective Rental Rehab Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Programs that provide housing rehabilitation and reconstruction activities to homeowners and landlords.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
3	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Emergency Home Repairs
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Programs that provide emergency home repairs for homeowners.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
4	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Housing Assistance
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Downpayment/Closing Cost Asst. Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide homebuyer education and downpayment and closing costs assistance for prospective homebuyers.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
5	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly



	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Housing Development Objective CHDO Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for development projects that provide new housing units.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>6</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Demolition/Removal of Slum and Blight
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Demolition Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for demolition programs and clearance of debris from vacant lots in CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>7</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Special Populations Housing
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide housing for seniors and persons with disabilities and provide ADA modifications.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.

8	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Fair Housing Education and Outreach
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide fair housing education services.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
9	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Improvements
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Community Facilities Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for improvements to public facilities and infrastructure in CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
10	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Infrastructure
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	

	<b>Description</b>	Support for repairs to streets, sidewalks, drainage systems, and water and sewer connections in CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>11</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Transportation
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Senior Services Objective Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for public transportation systems in CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>12</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Technical Assistance to Small Businesses
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide technical assistance to small businesses.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>13</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Small Business Loans
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide loans to small businesses.

	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
14	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Job Training and Workforce Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide job training and workforce development for potential employees.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
15	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Employment Training
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide training to potential employees to help them find and keep jobs.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
16	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Job Development/Creation
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that promote the creation or expansion of jobs.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.

17	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public and Community Facilities
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Community Facilities Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for improvements to public and community facilities that benefit low-income individuals or are in CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
18	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Park and Recreation Facilities
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Parks and Recreation Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for improvements to park and recreation facilities in CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
19	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Youth Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Youth Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide services to youth.

	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>20</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Child Care Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Youth Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide child care services, including before- and after-school programs.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>21</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Disability Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide services to persons with disabilities.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>22</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Senior Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Elderly Frail Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Senior Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide services to seniors.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
23	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Health Services/Substance Abuse
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Families with Children Chronic Substance Abuse Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide health and substance abuse services to low-income persons.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
24	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence and/or child abuse.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
25	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Families with Children Elderly Frail Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Senior Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for feeding programs, including meals, food pantries, and meals on wheels.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
26	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Homeless Prevention/Emergency Assistance
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High



	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide homeless prevention and emergency assistance services.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>27</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Mental Health Services/Supportive Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide mental health and other supportive services to homeless individuals.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>28</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Domestic Violence Shelters
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Victims of Domestic Violence

	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for shelters that provide housing for victims of domestic violence.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
29	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Transitional Housing
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Families with Children
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide housing for homeless individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
	30	<b>Priority Need Name</b>
<b>Priority Level</b>		High
<b>Population</b>		Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Families with Children
<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>		City Wide Amarillo
<b>Associated Goals</b>		Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
<b>Description</b>		Support for organizations that provide housing for homeless individuals and families.

	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
<b>31</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Emergency Housing Assistance
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Families with Children
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	
	<b>Description</b>	Support for programs that provide emergency housing assistance in order to rapidly-rehouse individuals and families.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
	<b>32</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>
<b>Priority Level</b>		High
<b>Population</b>		Non-housing Community Development
<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>		Community Development Target Area
<b>Associated Goals</b>		Code Enforcement Objective
<b>Description</b>		Enforcement of building and premise codes in CDBG eligible areas.
<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>		Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.

**Narrative (Optional)**

The City conducted a survey of residents through a survey instrument posted on the City's website and hard copy surveys distributed at all Consolidated Plan forums. The results of these surveys were used by City staff to allocate priorities among the various facility, infrastructure, service, housing, and economic development needs listed above.

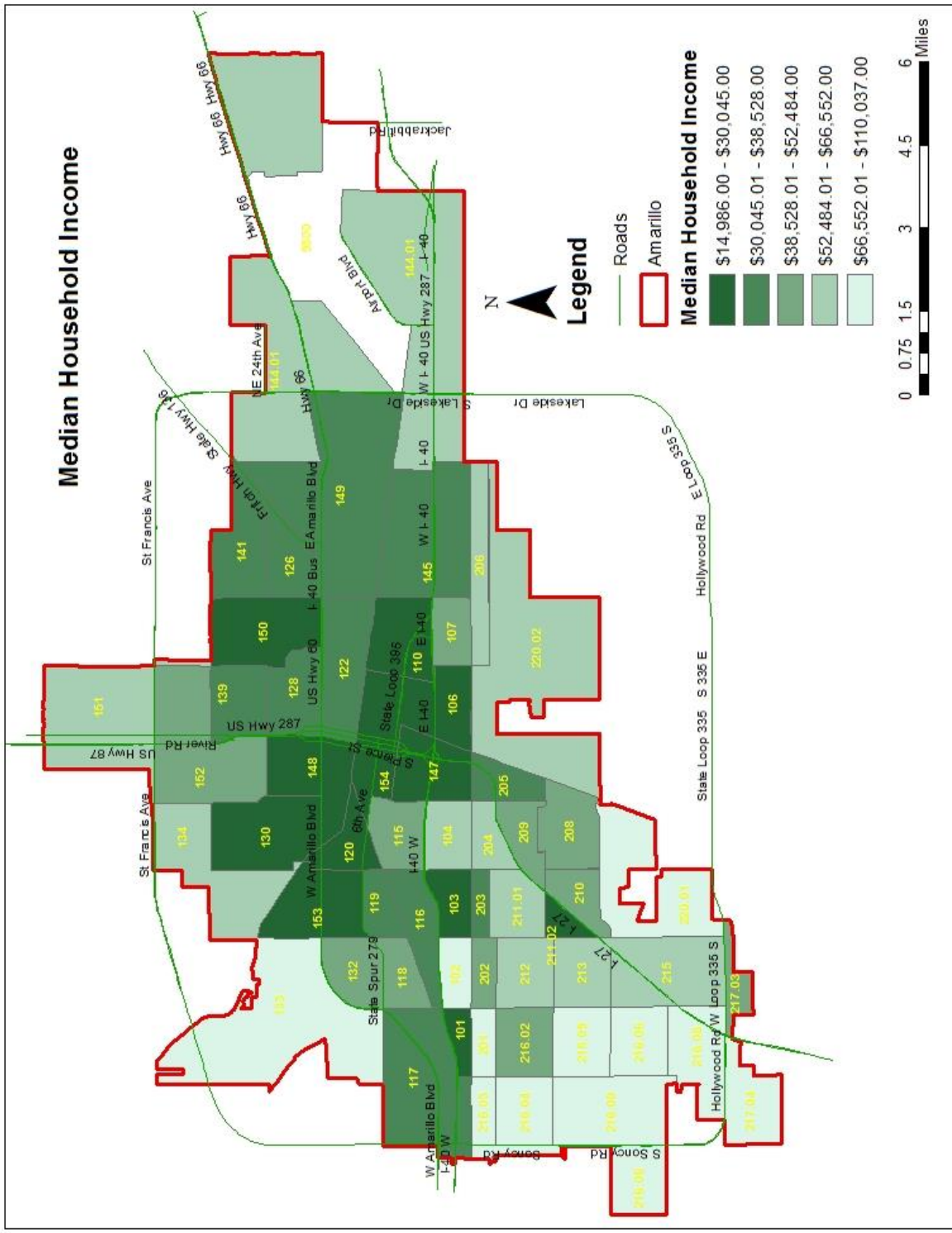
## SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

### Influence of Market Conditions

<b>Affordable Housing Type</b>	<b>Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type</b>
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The use of tenant-based rental assistance is dependent on rental property owners willingness to rent their units to TBRA clients. In many communities, 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	The production of new housing units is influenced by several market conditions, including the cost of land, the cost of construction, and prevailing interest rates. While rates are currently at historic lows, the mortgage markets are still recovering from the recent mortgage foreclosure crisis and restrictions placed on lending institutions that resulted. In many areas lenders are not making new loans as freely as before and some well qualified buyers are finding it difficult to navigate the new mortgage processes that have been instituted. The resulting delays in securing loans can burden housing developers and restrict their activities.
Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation activities can be influenced by the cost of materials and labor. In Amarillo, 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's not worth the effort to repair the home.

<b>Affordable Housing Type</b>	<b>Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type</b>
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 City 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 49 – Influence of Market Conditions**



**Median Household Income**



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

**Introduction**

Amarillo receives funding from two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership. These two grant programs combined will bring \$1,927,393 into the city to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the first program year.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,427,939	0	0	1,427,939	5,711,756	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.



Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	499,454	0	0	499,454	1,994,816	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

Table 50 - 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**

The funds awarded to CDBG projects are leveraged by the subrecipient agencies from a variety of resources including independent fundraising, other federal awards, local foundations, independent donations, and value of capital including building, equipment, salaries, inventory, and volunteer hours. Other federal funds include the Amarillo PHA's administration of the Section 8 HCV Program and the VA-VASH Program. Continuum of Care funds will be used for the Shelter Plus Care Program, Supportive Housing Program, and the Amarillo HMIS. The City of Amarillo will also receive TX-ESG funds on behalf of the Amarillo Continuum of Care in the 2015 program year.

The 2015-2016 obligation for HOME match is \$124,864 (25% of the \$499,454 allocation.) Over the years, the City has accumulated excess match for the HOME Program through a variety of sources. The \$124,864 HOME match for the FY 2015 program year is satisfied with current resources as described below:

- 25% of the single-family mortgage loans made to HOME eligible homebuyers through the 2003 bond issued by the Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation.
- Contributions from the Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation for homebuyer assistance.
- Donations of volunteer labor and building materials on CHDO projects undertaken by Amarillo Habitat for Humanity or Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle that are not reflected in sales price of a home.
- Other sources are miscellaneous contributions of cash, forgiven fees and liens, and financing fees.

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

N/A. No publically owned land will be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

**Discussion**

The City has programmed approximately \$1.9 million from the CDBG and HOME programs for the FY 2015 program year. This sum included the annual allocation, program income, and reprogrammed funds from previous program years. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.

## 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 Amarillo	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Amarillo Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing	Jurisdiction

**Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure**

### Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The institutional delivery system in Amarillo is well coordinated and spans a range of community needs. The City has many years of experience managing and implementing the programs addressed in the Consolidated Plan, as well as working with outside agencies that fill some of the needs as outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

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

<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>	<b>Available in the Community</b>	<b>Targeted to Homeless</b>	<b>Targeted to People with HIV</b>
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X		
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services			
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
<b>Other</b>			

**Table 52 - 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)**

The services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV/AIDS and mainstream services are made available through the coordination of services provided by the array of non-profit service providers that constitute Amarillo Coalition for the Homeless. These organizations partner with each other, the City, and mainstream service providers to provide a wide ranging response to the service needs of homeless persons and persons with HIV/AIDS, 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**

The service providers in Amarillo work closely together to provide a continuum of services in response to needs identified through surveys of homeless persons and general observations of the providers. Providers in Amarillo are particularly strong in the areas of mental health services, employment training, and life skills training. Gaps exist in emergency shelter capacity. There are not enough beds on a typical night. Another gap is the coordination of service centers through the lack of universal participation of providers in the HMIS system. All homeless providers who participate in federal funding programs are enrolled in the HMIS system.

**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**

1. Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal and non-federal funding initiatives.
2. Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
3. Identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal funds.

## 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	Administration Objective	2015	2019	Administration	City Wide Amarillo	Administration	CDBG: \$1,427,935 HOME: \$249,725	Other: 5 Other
2	Parks and Recreation Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Park and Recreation Facilities	CDBG: \$840,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 31725 Persons Assisted
3	Code Enforcement Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$337,410	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 49765 Household Housing Unit
4	Demolition Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Demolition/Removal of Slum and Blight	CDBG: \$400,000	Buildings Demolished: 150 Buildings
5	Community Facilities Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Public Improvements Public and Community Facilities	CDBG: \$950,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4600 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Senior Services Objective	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide Amarillo	Public Transportation Senior Services Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels	CDBG: \$340,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5600 Persons Assisted
7	Youth Services Objective	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide Amarillo	Youth Services Child Care Services	CDBG: \$450,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1495 Persons Assisted
8	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective	2015	2019	Homeless	City Wide Amarillo	Public Transportation Homeless Prevention/Emergency Assistance Mental Health Services/Supportive Services Homeless Facilities	CDBG: \$280,950	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 11325 Persons Assisted
9	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	HOME: \$250,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
10	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$250,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
11	Rental Rehab Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	HOME: \$647,545	Rental units rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
12	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Emergency Home Repairs	CDBG: \$1,236,215	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 925 Household Housing Unit
13	Downpayment/Closing Cost Asst. Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Assistance		
14	Housing Development Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Development	CDBG: \$627,185 HOME: \$525,140	Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit
15	CHDO Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Development	HOME: \$824,860	Homeowner Housing Added: 20 Household Housing Unit

**Table 53 – Goals Summary**



## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs. Evaluate upcoming needs related to affordable housing, non-housing community development needs including community, public and park facilities; public services and the non-homeless special needs populations.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Continue to Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs and insure compliance with Federal Regulations.</p> <p><b>Strategy 1.1:</b> Program Administration: General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> \$285,587 CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year; A maximum of 20% of the CDBG Entitlement will be allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> \$49,945 HOME Funding allocated 1st Year; A maximum of 10% of the HOME Entitlement will be allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan years.</p>

2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Parks and Recreation Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in Amarillo by addressing non-housing community development needs over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Support improvement of public infrastructure, parks and recreation facilities, and other public facilities in CDBG eligible census tracts.</p> <p><b>Strategy 1.1:</b> Support the improvement to Parks and Recreation Trails and open space in low and moderate income census tracts.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal:</b> \$168,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide funding for park improvements in low to moderate income section of the community. Approximately 6,345 low to moderate income persons served. CDBG funds allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan periods.</p>
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Code Enforcement Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in Amarillo by addressing non-housing community development needs over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 2:</b> Address community needs through regulatory controls that maintain housing conditions and remove slum and blight.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.1:</b> Code Enforcement - Provide funding for Code Enforcement – Community Improvement Inspectors’ inspection of property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal:</b> \$67,482 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year, for 9,953 inspections. CDBG funds allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan periods.</p>

4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Demolition Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in Amarillo by addressing non-housing community development needs over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 2:</b> Address community needs through regulatory controls that maintain housing conditions and remove slum and blight.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.2:</b> Demolition - Provide funding for demolition of blighted and substandard property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal:</b> \$80,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year, for demolition of 30 structures. CDBG funds allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan periods.</p>
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community Facilities Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in Amarillo by addressing non-housing community development needs over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 3:</b> Support improvement of community facilities and neighborhood improvements in CDBG eligible census tracts.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.1:</b> Support the improvement of Community Facilities in low and moderate income census tracts. Suitable Living Environment / Availability-Accessibility</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> \$65,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide funding for community facility improvements (Hilltop Senior Citizen Center) in low to moderate income section of the community. Approximately 170 low to moderate income persons served. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to community facilities as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> \$125,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide funding for community facility improvements (Wesley Community Center) in low to moderate income section of the community. Approximately 750 low to moderate income persons served. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to community facilities as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p>

6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Senior Services Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p><b>Strategy 1.1:</b> Senior Services – Funds will be used to provide senior services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income. Suitable Living Environment / Availability-Accessibility</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> \$18,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 20 seniors and disabled persons. The strategic goal is to provide Adult Day Care services (Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care) to seniors. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> \$25,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 550 seniors and disabled persons. The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (Interfaith Hunger) to seniors. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 3:</b> \$25,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 550 seniors and disabled persons. The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (PRPC FoodNET) to seniors. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p>

7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Services Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.1:</b> Youth Services – Funds will be used to provide Youth services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> \$76,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 154 children and disabled persons. The strategic goal is to provide childcare services (PRPC Childcare) for children. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> \$14,000 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 145 children and disabled persons. The strategic goal is to provide recreation and sports services (Wesley Wrestling) for children. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p>

8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.1:</b> Homeless Services and Shelter – Funds will be used to provide shelter and services for homeless persons low / moderate income persons within the City of Amarillo.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> \$6,885 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 75 homeless persons. The strategic goal is to provide counseling and family support services (Family Support Services Counseling) for homeless persons and families. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> \$6,635 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 400 homeless persons. The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 3:</b> \$42,670 in CDBG Funding allocated 1st Year to provide services to 1790 homeless persons. The strategic goal is to provide Day Resource Services (Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services) for homeless persons and families. CDBG funding will be considered for allocation to public services as needed and as funds become available for the remaining 4 Annual Plan Years.</p>

9	<b>Goal Name</b>  <b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective  <b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period. <b>Objective 1:</b> Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners. <b>Strategy 1.1:</b> Homeowner Rehabilitation Major - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for major repairs and correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing and other necessary and eligible repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households. <b>Performance Goal:</b> \$50,000 in HOME Funds allocated for the 1st Year to assist 2 homes; and assistance to 2 homes annually for the remaining 4 annual plan years (estimated funding 4 years \$200,000 (\$50,000 Annually each of the remaining 4 years)).
10	<b>Goal Name</b>  <b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective  <b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period. <b>Objective 1:</b> Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners. <b>Strategy 1.2:</b> Homeowner Rehabilitation Minor - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for minor repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households. <b>Performance Goal:</b> \$50,000 in CDBG Funds allocated for the 1st Year to assist 5 homes; and assistance to 5 homes annually for the remaining 4 annual plan years (estimated funding 4 years \$200,000 (\$50,000 annually each of the remaining 4 years)).

11	<b>Goal Name</b>	Rental Rehab Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.</p> <p><b>Strategy 1.3:</b> Rental Housing Rehabilitation - Provide loans/grants to rental property owners providing housing to low/mod income to repair rental property. Benefit – Low/mod income households.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal:</b> \$129,509 in HOME Funds allocated for the 1st Year to assist 6 units; and assistance to 6 units annually for the remaining 4 annual plan years (estimated funding 4 years \$518,036 (\$129,509 annually each of the remaining 4 years)).</p>
12	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 1:</b> Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.</p> <p><b>Strategy 1.4:</b> Homeowner Emergency Repair - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for emergency repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal:</b> \$247,243 in CDBG Funds allocated for the 1st Year to assist 185 homes; and assistance to 185 homes annually for the remaining 4 annual plan years (estimated funding 4 years \$988,972 (\$247,243 annually each of the remaining 4 years)).</p>
13	<b>Goal Name</b>	Downpayment/Closing Cost Asst. Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 2:</b> Increase the viability for potential homeownership opportunities.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.1:</b> Provide funding for down payment and closing cost for first time homebuyer purchasing homes for owner occupancy. Eligible applicants are low and moderate-income at 80% or below the median income citywide.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal:</b> No funding in FY 2015-16. Funding in years two through five if allocation available.</p>



14	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Development Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 2:</b> Increase the viability for potential homeownership opportunities.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.2:</b> Provide funding for new construction or reconstruction of single family homes for owner occupancy. Eligible applicants are low and moderate-income at 80% or below the median income citywide.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> \$105,028 in HOME Program allocated 1st Year for 1 unit. Provide assistance for new construction or reconstruction of 1 housing units each of the remaining annual plan years, 4 units and \$420,112 allocated for the remaining 4 annual plan years (\$105,028 HOME funds allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan periods.)</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> \$125,437 CDBG funds allocated 1st Year for City Housing Program Delivery cost associated with Citywide Housing Program; \$501,748 allocated for the remaining 4 annual plan years (\$125,437 in HOME funds allocated each of the additional 4 annual plan periods.)</p>
15	<b>Goal Name</b>	CHDO Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p><b>Objective 3:</b> Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.1:</b> Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 1:</b> Provide \$140,000 in HOME Funds to a CHDO to construct 4 new single family houses for home ownership and provide down payment and closing cost to low –moderate income persons the 1st Annual Plan Year (Habitat). Provide \$560,000 in HOME Funds to a CHDO to construct 4 new single family houses for home ownership and provide down payment and closing cost to low –moderate income persons the remaining 4 Annual Plan Year (\$140,000 allocated for each of the remaining 4 annual plan periods.)</p> <p><b>Performance Goal 2:</b> Provide \$24,972 in HOME Funds for CHDO Operating Funds the 1st Annual Plan Year (Habitat). Provide \$99,888 in HOME Funds for CHDO Operating Funds the remaining 4 Annual Plan Year (\$24,972 allocated for each of the remaining 4 annual plan periods.)</p>

**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)**

Affordable housing services will be provided as follows:

- Major Homeowner Rehabilitation - 10 units over five years.
- Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation - 25 units over five years.
- CHDO Development - one agency assisted each year over five years, 20 new homes over five years.
- Rental Housing Rehabilitation - 30 households assisted over five years.
- Emergency Home Repair - 925 households assisted over five years.
- New Construction Housing Development - five units built over five years.

**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)**

Amarillo does not have any public housing units.

**Activities to Increase Resident Involvements**

Amarillo does not have any public housing units.

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

No

**Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation**

NA

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

### **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

No public policy barriers to affordable housing and residential investment have been identified.

### **Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing**

NA

## **SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)**

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

City staff will continue its work with the Continuum of Care and assist in the submission of grant applications for homeless initiatives. The CoC coalition conducts yearly point-in-time counts of the homeless and conducts a bi-yearly survey of the homeless. City staff participates in the counts and surveys. The point-in-time counts and the surveys work to reach out to homeless persons, including unsheltered persons, and assess individual and family needs, contributing to the consultation brought to the Consolidated Plan forums and survey from which priorities are formed.

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

The City provides federal funding for shelter services. Local organizations are working to find ways to finance the development of more shelter space, but funding is limited.

**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.**

Funding is proposed in the Strategic Plan to address service needs relating to homelessness. The City supports the efforts of the Continuum of Care to address homelessness issues through their funding venues.

**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**

No funding is proposed in the Strategic Plan to address issues relating to homelessness. The City supports the efforts of the Continuum of Care to address homelessness issues through their funding venues.

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

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

Goal: Increase the inventory of lead safe housing units.

Strategies:

- Continue to meet HUD lead-based paint abatement standards in housing rehabilitation programs.
- Expand the stock of lead safe housing units through housing initiatives.
- Obtain training for program staff on lead hazard evaluation and reduction
- Establish working relationships with lead professionals and key partners, such as risk assessors and clearance technicians, public health departments, and HUD lead grantees.
- Create procedures for determining when it is more cost effective to presume that lead hazard are present, and when it makes sense to evaluate a property.

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

The effectiveness of the programs operated by Amarillo work through the City's housing rehabilitation programs. These programs target some of the oldest housing stock in the city, which is typically in the worst condition and most likely to have lead-based paint hazards. To the extent that lead-based paint hazards are found in the older housing stock, these programs address the issue directly.

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

Amarillo currently performs visual inspections of housing units included in their housing programs. Where defective paint is observed, surfaces are prepped and repainted, following abatement guidelines provided by HUD. All rehabilitation and down-payment assistance programs include provisions requiring that all painted surfaces be in good condition.

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

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

Several of the City's Consolidated Plan goals and objectives address issues related to poverty and assisting those who fall below the poverty level. Examples include:

- Address non-housing community development for special needs populations through public service programs;
- Programs targeting youth, providing education enrichment and job preparedness activities,
- Food and nutrition programs offered to seniors; and
- Continue to collaborate with homeless providers to support Continuum of Care services.

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

Activities to reduce the number of poverty-level families will center around strengthening existing collaborations and seeking new ways to partner with agencies and organizations that work directly with poverty-level households to provide intervention and assistance services. Such services may include but are not limited to: counseling, substance abuse, mental health treatment, health services, adult education and job re/training, employment assistance, financial management and credit counseling, parenting programs, after-school and day care assistance programs, and interim cash assistance programs with respect to paying for food, shelter and utility bills.

The City will continue to notify such agencies of funding opportunities to enable them to continue providing and/or expanding their services.

Given the City's limited financial resources and that the majority of factors affecting a family's poverty-level status are typically beyond the control of City policies, the extent to which the proposed strategies will reduce and/or assist in reducing the number of poverty-level families is difficult to gauge. In the coming future, the Community Development Department will work with the community to address deficiencies and attempt to measure the impact of the CDBG and HOME programs in reducing and/or preventing poverty.

## **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**

As grantee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, the City of Amarillo is responsible for determining the adequacy of performance of subrecipients and for taking appropriate action when performance problems arise. Furthermore, the City of Amarillo through its Grants Management Division is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of grant and subgrant support activities. As a result, Grants Management must develop sound subrecipient contracts, monitor subgrant supported activities, inform subrecipients about compliance requirements, and ensure subrecipients have single audits, if required; provide technical advice and training; issue management decisions within the month on subrecipient single audit findings and ensure subrecipients take corrective action. In addition the City is responsible for determining whether pass-through entity records are to be adjusted as a result of subrecipient audits, assuring compliance with applicable Federal requirements and assuring performance goals are being achieved. Hence, the purpose of the plan that follows is to facilitate financial and program monitoring of subrecipients to ensure compliance with all regulations and requirements governing subrecipients financial operations.



## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

Amarillo receives funding from two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership. These two grant programs combined will bring \$1,9278,393 into the city to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the first program year.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,427,939	0	0	1,427,939	5,711,756	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	499,454	0	0	499,454	1,994,816	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

Table 54 - 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**

The funds awarded to CDBG projects are leveraged by the subrecipient agencies from a variety of resources including independent fundraising, other federal awards, local foundations, independent donations, and value of capital including building, equipment, salaries, inventory, and volunteer hours. Other federal funds include the Amarillo PHA's administration of the Section 8 HCV Program and the VA-VASH Program. Continuum of Care funds will be used for the Shelter Plus Care Program, Supportive Housing Program, and the Amarillo HMIS. The City of Amarillo will also receive TX-ESG funds on behalf of the Amarillo Continuum of Care in the 2015 program year.

The 2015-2016 obligation for HOME match is \$124,864 (25% of the \$499,454 allocation.) Over the years, the City has accumulated excess match for the HOME Program through a variety of sources. The \$124,864 HOME match for the FY 2015 program year is satisfied with current resources as described below:

- 25% of the single-family mortgage loans made to HOME eligible homebuyers through the 2003 bond issued by the Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation.
- Contributions from the Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation for homebuyer assistance.
- Donations of volunteer labor and building materials on CHDO projects undertaken by Amarillo Habitat for Humanity or Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle that are not reflected in sales price of a home.
- Other sources are miscellaneous contributions of cash, forgiven fees and liens, and financing fees.

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

N/A. No publically owned land will be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

**Discussion**

The City has programmed approximately \$1.9 million from the CDBG and HOME programs for the FY 2015 program year. This sum included the annual allocation, program income, and reprogrammed funds from previous program years. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.

## 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	Administration Objective	2015	2019	Administration	City Wide Amarillo	Administration	CDBG: \$285,587 HOME: \$49,945	Other: 1 Other
2	Parks and Recreation Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Park and Recreation Facilities	CDBG: \$168,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6345 Persons Assisted
3	Code Enforcement Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$67,482	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 9953 Household Housing Unit
4	Demolition Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Demolition/Removal of Slum and Blight	CDBG: \$80,000	Buildings Demolished: 30 Buildings
5	Community Facilities Objective	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Development Target Area	Public Improvements Public and Community Facilities	CDBG: \$190,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 920 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Senior Services Objective	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide Amarillo	Senior Services	CDBG: \$68,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1120 Persons Assisted
7	Youth Services Objective	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide Amarillo	Youth Services	CDBG: \$90,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 299 Persons Assisted
8	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective	2015	2019	Homeless	City Wide Amarillo	Homeless Prevention/Emergency Assistance Mental Health Services/Supportive Services Homeless Facilities Emergency Housing Assistance	CDBG: \$56,190	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2265 Persons Assisted
9	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit
10	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
11	Rental Rehab Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$129,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
12	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Emergency Home Repairs	CDBG: \$247,243	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 185 Household Housing Unit
13	Housing Development Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Development	CDBG: \$125,437 HOME: \$105,028	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
14	CHDO Objective	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City Wide Amarillo	Housing Development	HOME: \$164,972	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit

Table 55 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Program Administration: General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Parks and Recreation Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support the improvement to Parks and Recreation Trails and open space in low and moderate income census tracts.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Code Enforcement Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Code Enforcement - Provide funding for Code Enforcement – Community Improvement Inspectors’ inspection of property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.

4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Demolition Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Demolition - Provide funding for demolition of blighted and substandard property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community Facilities Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support the improvement of Community Facilities in low and moderate income census tracts.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Senior Services Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Senior Services – Funds will be used to provide senior services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Services Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Youth Services – Funds will be used to provide Youth services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income.
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeless Services and Shelter – Funds will be used to provide shelter and services for homeless persons low / moderate income persons within the City of Amarillo.
9	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Rehabilitation Major - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for major repairs and correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing and other necessary and eligible repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households.
10	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Rehabilitation Minor - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for minor repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households.

<b>11</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Rental Rehab Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Rental Housing Rehabilitation - Provide loans/grants to rental property owners providing housing to low/mod income to repair rental property. Benefit – Low/mod income households.
<b>12</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for emergency repairs. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s). Benefit – Low/mod income households.
<b>13</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Development Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide funding for new construction or reconstruction of single family homes for owner occupancy. Eligible applicants are low and moderate-income at 80% or below the median income citywide.
<b>14</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	CHDO Objective
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.



## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The following projects were developed by staff with consultation from non-profit service providers and community input through priorities established with involvement of the community survey.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Mesa Verde Park Improvements
2	Community Improvement Inspector
3	Demolition and Clearance
4	Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care
5	Catholic Family Service - InterFaith Hunger Project
6	PRPC Area Agency on Aging - FoodNET
7	Hilltop Senior Citizens Center
8	Wesley Community Center
9	PRPC Childcare
10	Wesley Wrestling
11	Family Support Services Counseling
12	Transportation for the Homeless
13	Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services
14	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Major
15	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Minor
16	Rental Housing Rehabilitation
17	Homeowner Emergency Repair
18	Housing Development
19	Direct Housing Program Delivery
20	CHDO Development
21	CHDO Operating Support
22	CDBG Administration
23	HOME Program Administration

**Table 56 – Project Information**

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

The projects listed above were selected from the total of project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available. Organizational competencies were also considered when selecting one project over another, leaning toward those organizations with long-standing histories of successful project management.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Mesa Verde Park Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Parks and Recreation Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Park and Recreation Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$168,000
	<b>Description</b>	Improvements to Mesa Verde Park.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 6,345 low- to moderate-income persons will be served by these activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Mesa Verde Park, 4011 Beaver Dr, Amarillo, TX 79107
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Support the improvement to Parks and Recreation Trails and open space in low and moderate income census tracts.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Improvement Inspector
	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Code Enforcement Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$67,482
	<b>Description</b>	Staff to conduct code enforcement activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 9,953 inspections will be performed benefiting residents of low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.
	<b>Location Description</b>	CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Community Improvement Inspectors' inspection of property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.
3	<b>Project Name</b>	Demolition and Clearance

	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Demolition Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Demolition/Removal of Slum and Blight
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
	<b>Description</b>	Demolition of dilapidated structures and clearance of debris from vacant lots.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 30 structures will be demolished, improving neighborhood conditions for residents of low- to moderate-income areas.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Scattered within CDBG eligible areas.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide funding for demolition of blighted and substandard property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Senior Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$18,000
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to provide Adult Day Care services (Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care) to seniors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 20 seniors and persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Jan Werner Adult Day Care, 3108 S Fillmore St, Amarillo, TX 79110
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to provide Adult Day Care services (Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care) to seniors.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Catholic Family Service - InterFaith Hunger Project
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services Objective

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Senior Services Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (Interfaith Hunger) to seniors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 550 seniors and persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	InterFaith Hunger, 200 South Tyler, Amarillo, TX
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (Interfaith Hunger) to seniors.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	PRPC Area Agency on Aging - FoodNET
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Senior Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Senior Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (PRPC FoodNET) to seniors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 550 seniors and persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Area Agency on Aging, 415 SW 8th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79101
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (PRPC FoodNET) to seniors.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Hilltop Senior Citizens Center
	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Facilities Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public and Community Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000

	<b>Description</b>	Provide funding for community facility improvements (Hilltop Senior Citizen Center) in low to moderate income section of the community.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 170 seniors in a low- to moderate-income community will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Hilltop Senior Citizen Center, 1311 N Taylor St, Amarillo, TX 79107
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide funding for community facility improvements (Hilltop Senior Citizen Center) in low to moderate income section of the community.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Wesley Community Center
	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Development Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Facilities Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public and Community Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$125,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide funding for community facility improvements (Wesley Community Center) in low to moderate income section of the community.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 750 low- to moderate-income persons will be served by the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Wesley Community Center, 1615 S Roberts St, Amarillo, TX 79102
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide funding for community facility improvements (Wesley Community Center) in low to moderate income section of the community.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	PRPC Childcare
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Youth Services Child Care Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$76,000

	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to provide childcare services (PRPC Childcare) for children.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 154 children from low- to moderate-income families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 1206 West 7th Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to provide childcare services (PRPC Childcare) for children.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Wesley Wrestling
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Youth Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$14,000
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to provide recreation and sports services (Wesley Wrestling) for children.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 145 youth will be served by the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Wesley Community Center, 1615 S. Roberts, Amarillo, TX 79102
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to provide recreation and sports services (Wesley Wrestling) for children.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Family Support Services Counseling
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Transportation Mental Health Services/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,885
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families.

	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 75 homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Family Support Services, 1001 S Polk St, Amarillo, TX 79101
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Transportation for the Homeless
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Transportation Mental Health Services/Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,635
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 400 homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Mental Health Services/Supportive Services Homeless Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$42,670
	<b>Description</b>	The strategic goal is to provide Day Resource Services (Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services) for homeless persons and families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016



	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 1,790 homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services, 200 S Tyler St, Amarillo, TX 79101
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The strategic goal is to provide Day Resource Services (Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services) for homeless persons and families.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Major
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for major repairs and correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing and other necessary and eligible repairs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated two low- to moderate-income elderly and disabled homeowners will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for major repairs and correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing and other necessary and eligible repairs.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Minor
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for minor repairs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated five low- to moderate-income elderly and disabled homeowners will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for minor repairs.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Rental Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Rental Rehab Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$129,509
	<b>Description</b>	Rental Housing Rehabilitation - Provide loans/grants to rental property owners providing housing to low/mod income to repair rental property.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated six low- to moderate-income renters will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rental Housing Rehabilitation - Provide loans/grants to rental property owners providing housing to low/mod income to repair rental property.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Emergency Home Repairs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$247,243
	<b>Description</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for emergency repairs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 185 low- to moderate-income elderly and disabled homeowners will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Homeowner Emergency Repair - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for emergency repairs.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Development Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$105,028
	<b>Description</b>	Provide funding for new construction or reconstruction of single-family homes for owner occupancy.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated one low- to moderate-income homebuyer will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide funding for new construction or reconstruction of single-family homes for owner occupancy.
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Direct Housing Program Delivery
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Development Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Emergency Home Repairs Housing Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$125,437
	<b>Description</b>	Staff support for housing programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Program delivery support, no direct benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City offices.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Staff support for housing programs.
<b>20</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	CHDO Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Assistance Housing Development
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$140,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated four low-income homebuyers will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Amarillo Habitat - Glenwood Addition
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.
<b>21</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO Operating Support
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	CHDO Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Development
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$24,972
	<b>Description</b>	CHDO Operating Funds.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Operating support for one CHDO, no direct benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Amarillo Habitat - Glenwood Addition
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CHDO Operating Funds.
<b>22</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$285,587
	<b>Description</b>	General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	No direct benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City offices.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.
<b>23</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide Amarillo
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration Objective
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$49,945

<b>Description</b>	General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.
<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2016
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	No direct benefit.
<b>Location Description</b>	City offices.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	General administration, staffing and equipment; and develop, administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement programs. Activities include program design; develop Annual Plans and grant administration; Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training; environmental review and labor standards.

## **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**

Much of the funding from the CDBG and HOME programs is available for use in any of the CDBG neighborhoods or citywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Also, some funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Community Development Target Area	26
City Wide Amarillo	74

**Table 57 - Geographic Distribution**

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

The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and certain areas of high minority concentration are targeted. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process.

#### **Discussion**

The distribution of funds by target area is projected to be primarily citywide due to use of funds for administrative, non-profit support, and individual benefit-oriented programmatic uses of the funds. The remaining funds are estimated to be spread through smaller CDBG-eligible areas.

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

The annual goals listed previously specify the following production numbers for housing assistance and for homelessness, non-homeless, and special needs populations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	203
Special-Needs	0
Total	203

Table 58 - 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	5
Rehab of Existing Units	198
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	203

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

These figures relate to production targets specified in the annual goals for 2015. CDBG and HOME funding for these activities may target more households.



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

### **Introduction**

N/A. The City of Amarillo does not operate low-rent public housing, but is the administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

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

N/A. The City of Amarillo does not operate low-rent public housing, but is the administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

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

N/A. The City of Amarillo does not operate low-rent public housing, but is the administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

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

NA

### **Discussion**

N/A. The City of Amarillo does not operate low-rent public housing, but is the administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher program.

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

### **Introduction**

Homeless and other special needs activities are a high priority in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Urban Development. Activities focus on outreach and assessment, emergency shelter and transitional housing needs, permanent housing, especially for the chronically homeless, and services for homeless persons discharged from institutions. Collaboration and consultation with the Amarillo Continuum of Care Committee focus on meeting the needs of the homeless population in Amarillo.

### **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**

Outreach to homeless persons (particularly unsheltered persons) will be primarily conducted at the Guyon Saunders Homeless Dayroom. This facility is open 365 days a year as a day shelter for homeless persons where they receive basic services such as showers, laundry and mail. Homeless persons are connected with case managers who assess individual needs and make appropriate referrals to services. The salary of the homeless dayroom staff will be funded in part from the CDBG grant.

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

Ongoing needs assessment for emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless persons is addressed by the Amarillo Continuum of Care. A committee, led by the City of Amarillo, meets monthly to work toward meeting homeless needs in the community. Representatives of the committee include all local emergency shelter organizations. Transitional housing needs are addressed through a partnership between the City of Amarillo and the Downtown Women's Center under a CoC funded supportive housing program.

#### **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 Amarillo Continuum of Care places particular emphasis on programs to assist chronically homeless persons transition to permanent housing and independent living. The Shelter Plus Care program will continue to provide permanent housing for chronically homeless persons with mental health issues. The 50 permanent housing units under the Shelter Plus Care program include ongoing supportive services to

prevent persons from becoming homeless again. The supportive services are provided by Texas Panhandle Centers (TPC).

**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**

The Amarillo Continuum of Care incorporates discharge planning for persons who may become homeless after discharge from institutions such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care, or corrections. Consultation with representatives of local institutions continues to be a priority for the Continuum to ensure persons are not regularly being discharged into homelessness and are connected to available housing and services.

Additionally, most service providers conduct outreach and assessment as part of providing services and/or housing. The Guyon Saunders Resource Center provides a comprehensive approach to assessing needs by co-locating with a number of services in one location. The Resource Center provides assistance with rent and utilities; transportation; health and mental health services; and educational services. This one-stop shop approach has proven to be an effective method of delivering coordinated services and maximizing resources. Referrals to more specialized services are made to the appropriate provider. The HMIS Project allows for better communication and coordination of case management services and has streamlined the referral process.

## **Discussion**

The 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan includes activities that will serve the homeless population of Amarillo and continue progress toward the goal of meeting homeless needs. Consultation and planning activities continue to take place monthly at Amarillo Continuum of Care and Amarillo Coalition for the Homeless meetings.

The 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan also includes activities that will benefit non-homeless special needs populations. Specifically, Senior Services programs will provide adult daycare services, home delivered meal services, and food pantry services to elderly and disabled persons.

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

### **Introduction:**

The 2015 Analysis of Impediments studied barriers to affordable housing. An Analysis of Impediments was completed in 2015.

### **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 2015 Analysis of Impediments did not identify any public policies serving as barriers to affordable housing.

### **Discussion:**

The 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice found that the City of Amarillo's Zoning Regulations and Building Codes do not hinder the development of affordable housing. The City recognizes that the enforcement of property codes is essential to the maintenance of quality housing stock. The Emergency Repair Grant, Homeowner Rehabilitation, and Rental Rehabilitation programs provide funds to make needed repairs to arrest the deterioration of properties and correct building code violations. The programs are targeted to homeowners with household incomes less than 50% or 80% MFI.

Additional strategies to expand housing choice and remove barriers to housing include the following:

- Increasing awareness of tenant's rights through distribution of the Tenant Rights Handbook and investigation of all tenant complaints by Section 8 and Building Safety inspectors.
- Providing fair housing education through participation in community wide events and realtor training for and Section 8 programs.
- Increasing affordable housing by ongoing new construction and renovation projects in partnership with two CHDO's, Amarillo Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle.
- Providing education on credit issues and financial literacy by conducting classes for Section 8 tenants and seminars for first. Financial literacy classes are also provided at Guyon Saunders Resource Center.
- Developing neighborhood revitalization strategies through community meetings to identify needs for future planning.

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

### **Introduction:**

The City of Amarillo also has incorporated other actions into the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan including addressing obstacles to meeting underserved needs, actions to foster and maintain affordable housing, reduction of lead based paint hazards, reduction of number of poverty level families, development of institutional structure, and enhanced coordination between public and private housing and social service providers.

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

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs are identified through ongoing public community meetings including the Community Development Advisory Committee, Amarillo Continuum of Care Committee, and the Amarillo Coalition for the Homeless. Solicitation for public comment is made at all public hearing meetings. Comment on areas of underserved needs will continue to be encouraged from community participation.

While the City of Amarillo is strongly committed to meeting underserved needs in the community, the primary gap in the delivery of services continues to be a lack of adequate financial resources to best serve the city's populations in need. The reductions in financial resources, as well as program caps on public services, are obstacles in meeting all underserved needs in the community. However, the city has strong and stable relationships with the service providers in the community and continues to work cooperatively with all service providers to maximize financial resources and reduce gaps in the institutional structure wherever possible.

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

In addition to the CDBG and HOME funds, other major funding resources for housing activities include housing tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing, Continuum of Care grants and Section 8 housing choice vouchers.

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

Lead-based paint inspections are completed by Certified LBP inspectors on the Community Development staff. All properties built prior to 1978 are subject to LBP inspections and are required to meet federal statutes for LBP prior to receiving federal assistance for renovations or acquisition of properties. The City of Amarillo is involved in three HUD-funded housing activities that must evaluate lead-paint hazards: housing rehabilitation (including emergency repairs); homebuyer's assistance; and rental assistance including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. When funds are used for homebuyers or rental assistance, all applications are reviewed to determine the possible presence of children under the age of six. When there are no children under six or the potential of a new birth, adoption, or foster-care

situation, no further assessment is needed other than providing the applicants with information about lead hazards.

If there is the presence or potential for the presence of a child under the age of six, a visual inspection of the property is conducted to determine the condition of the dwelling. All rehabilitation projects on houses constructed prior to 1978, regardless of the presence of children under six, are assessed for lead-paint hazards. Depending on the work to be performed, the level of assessment varies. If the rehabilitation does not involve disturbing paint and there are no children under the age of six in the household, then a visual assessment and determination is all that is required. If paint will be disturbed, then a more extensive assessment by a certified risk assessor is conducted.

The City of Amarillo's Community Development Department, including the Housing office, fund all clearance testing. In the case of tenant-based rental assistance, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, the landlord must pay for the interim controls. This requirement often deters landlords from accepting Section 8 vouchers or other HUD-funded rental assistance. In the case of housing rehabilitation, the City uses HUD dollars to fund the interim controls and remediation.

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

The City of Amarillo's anti-poverty policies include:

- Targeting financial resources to those most in need;
- Encouraging local housing and service providers to become more self-sustaining and less dependent on government resources;
- Encourage local and state foundations to prioritize resources to those nonprofits with the capacity and structure to best assist those in poverty;
- Assist in strengthening and expanding the existing service delivery system, engaging all nonprofit and for-profit service providers;
- Promote the Panhandle 2020 goal to increase educational attainment;
- Support of the Bank On program initiative;
- Support economic development activities through technical assistance, facade improvements, commercial district enhancements, historic preservation, small business and microenterprise assistance; and
- Include issues surrounding poverty, its causes and its cures in other planning-related venues such as in the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Amarillo's goal for reducing poverty is to give funding priority to projects and activities which:

- Involve low to moderate income residents, advocates, and services providers in the planning and decision-making process for the distribution of HUD and other public funds;
- Encourage and foster collaborations between public service providers, foundations, governmental entities, school districts, corporations, and other private sector entities to

develop a coordinated and cohesive approach to the reduction of poverty and the increase in opportunities for Amarillo residents;

- Expand economic opportunities through adult education, job training, job readiness assistance, as well as through small business/entrepreneur assistance and incentives for businesses to hire those in poverty;
- Continue to expand and enhance the City's continuum of care process for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness;
- Reduce or eliminate barriers to employment, by assisting in the expansion of services such as transportation, child care, health care;
- Encourage and support community-based activities that engage and assist those disenfranchised in the community.

The strategies outlined above can be effective in reducing the number of poverty level families if significantly greater financial resources are made available and capacity and cooperation in the private sector can be increased. Given the current level of state and federal funding to the City of Amarillo, it is unlikely that the City alone can measurably reduce the number of persons in poverty. The programs to be funded through CDBG, HOME and Section 8 can reduce the impact of poverty on the lives of the very low and low income residents by increasing access to free or reduced-cost services and housing, making the essentials of life more affordable.

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

The City of Amarillo works with a variety of non-profit agencies and community groups to develop and implement the projects and activities described in the Annual Action Plan. Technical assistance is offered to community and neighborhood groups interested in developing projects for future funding consideration. Two community-based organizations are designated as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) including Amarillo Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, Inc. which are both re-certified annually with the City. Efforts continue to be made to further develop the capacity of these agencies to administer and implement housing activities. Additionally, the City of Amarillo has recently engaged in discussions with the Amarillo Association of Realtors to work towards mutual cooperation on housing issues in the community.

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

To coordinate the various affordable housing programs with other private and public service providers, the City of Amarillo will undertake the following activities:

- Continue to operate as the lead agency for the Amarillo Continuum of Care Committee to administer and evaluate homeless programs and address additional needs in the continuum of care.
- Work with the Coalition for the Homeless in assessing the needs of the homeless and planning

effective delivery systems.

- Continue to work with the Texas Panhandle Centers and the Shelter Plus Care project as a collaborative partnership providing housing and mental health services for 50 households.
- List all assisted housing programs in the United Way 211 Texas statewide referral system.
- Refer homeowners to Panhandle Community Services for weatherization assistance and utility assistance under the CEAP program.
- Work with the Worksource Solutions Panhandle and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop and implement activities that assist families moving from welfare to work.
- Provide referrals to the private assisted housing projects in Amarillo and surrounding area.
- Provide technical assistance to developers, non-profits, coalitions and neighborhood groups interested in developing housing projects or special activities related to the CDBG, HOME, and Continuum of Care Programs.
- Participate in outreach events to educate the public and network with other agencies on housing programs available through the Community Development office.

Utilize the Community Development office to make efforts, as appropriate, to bring various groups together to achieve community goals, coordinate services or encourage joint projects.

**Discussion:**

The City of Amarillo engages in collaboration with many local community partners including private housing providers, social service agencies, and others; but also continues through outreach efforts to seek additional involvement from other entities on community development issues.



## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

The 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan does not include any CDBG funded projects that are planned to include program income from previous years, proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees, or surplus from urban renewal settlements. HOME funded activities, including forms of investment and recapture and resale guidelines are described below.

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

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

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	1,142,352
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%

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

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

Over the years, the City of Amarillo has accumulated excess match for the HOME program through a variety of sources including the following:

- 25% of the single-family mortgage loans made to HOME eligible homebuyers through the 2003 bond issue by the Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation.
  - Contributions from the Amarillo Housing Finance Corporation for homebuyer assistance, including prior contributions from the former American Housing Foundation whose mission was to expand affordable housing opportunities.
  - Donations of volunteer labor and building materials on CHDO projects undertaken by Amarillo Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle that are not reflected in sale prices of homes.
  - Other sources are miscellaneous contributions of cash, forgiven fees and liens, as well as financing fees.
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Amarillo's primary method of enforcing the HOME affordability requirements is recapture of the HOME funds provided. If recapture cannot be used, restricted resale provisions will be applied. The guidelines used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities include the following:

- If the homebuyer fails to live in the unit for the period of affordability or otherwise breaches the HOME agreement, the full amount of the no interest deferred loan must be recaptured.
- If the homebuyer sells the unit during the required period of affordability, the amount of the HOME investment to be recaptured may be reduced on a prorated basis based on the length of time that the homebuyer has resided in the unit.
- Proration is based on the number of days the homebuyer has occupied the unit. The recapture funds will be used for other eligible HOME activities.
- Net Sales Proceeds - If a sale or foreclosure occurs and if the sales proceeds are insufficient to cover the full required repayment amount, a lesser repayment amount will be made from Net Sales Proceeds. "Net Sales Proceeds" are defined as the amount remaining after repayment of the first mortgage loan balance, the payment of the documented closing costs at sale and the documented down payment and closing costs at the original purchase paid directly by the homebuyer from his/her own funds.
- No Net Sales Proceeds - If after completion of a sale or foreclosure and the distribution of the sales proceeds, the amount of the Net Sales Proceeds is insufficient to cover any of the required

recapture amounts; there were no net proceeds. The City will maintain data to verify that no proceeds were distributed to the homebuyer or the City.

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

HOME assisted housing must meet the affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period beginning after project completion which is determined based on the following investment amounts: -Under \$15,000 = 5 years minimum affordability period

-\$15,000 - \$40,000 = 10 years minimum affordability period

-Over \$40,000 = 15 years minimum affordability period

To ensure compliance with affordability guidelines, annual monitoring of properties funded with HOME funds are conducted by the Community Development Affordable Housing Coordinator. At project completion a lien is filed against the property for the amount of the HOME investment and for the duration of the affordability period. Annual inspections of the properties are conducted by the Rehab Inspector II and verification of proof of insurance and payment of property taxes are verified. Failure to meet affordability terms results in repayment due immediately and the lien to secure payment may be foreclosed.

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

No HOME funds will be used to refinance any existing debt on multifamily housing rehabilitations.

### **Discussion:**

The City of Amarillo continues to operate the HOME program in compliance with all current HOME program affordability and resale/recapture regulations.

## Attachments

**CITY OF AMARILLO**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**  
**GUIDE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**



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## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT

The CDBG, HOME and ESG programs involved in the Consolidated Plan are intended to help improve the living environment of low and very low income neighborhoods and those experiencing slum and blight. The ultimate goals are to "extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government, for profit and non-profit organizations to enable them to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities" for citizens of Amarillo, especially those with low and very low incomes. To best do this, it is important to know what the individuals affected by the CDBG, HOME and ESG activities think about the programs. Ideas and suggestions from citizens are important and worthwhile, and without them the programs will be less than successful. Citizen involvement is a partnership between the City of Amarillo and the residents of the neighborhoods involved in the programs. In addition, this collaborative effort extends to the private sector and non-profit organizations who have resources and programs to achieve the consolidated planning strategies. It is the responsibility of the City to provide open access and opportunities for participation so that any citizen or group of citizens may express themselves about the consolidated planning process. Importantly, it is the responsibility of citizens to participate and to become involved. Otherwise any citizen participation process is ineffective.

Within the federal guidelines, the activities to be undertaken are ultimately determined by the Amarillo City Commission. To make wise decisions about how to use federal money, the City Commission needs timely and adequate information from Amarillo citizens about local concerns, problems and needs. It is the policy of the Amarillo City Commission to encourage maximum citizen participation as a means to improve the responsiveness of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs to community needs.

This Community Development Guide for Citizen Participation is adopted to help citizens understand how and when to most effectively contribute to the consolidated planning process. There are three fundamental stages in the process in which citizens may contribute to discussion, priority settings, and decision making. These stages are planning and development, implementation, and assessment.

The citizen participation process has the following basic goals:

1. Encourage citizens to participate in local government.
2. Provide citizens, especially those of low and very low income, opportunities to actively collaborate in the planning, development and assessment of the consolidated planning process.
3. Ensure all aspects of the consolidated planning process are conducted in an open manner.
4. Provide City officials with information regarding citizens' perceptions and priorities.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City Commission established the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) in 1975. The CDAC composed of eleven (11) citizens, is responsible for overseeing the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The City Commission appoints two citizens from each of four (4)

geographic areas, plus two members selected at large but residing in the identified Community Development Target Area. A chairperson is selected at large. The members and chairperson serve staggered two year terms which begin the first of January. The geographic areas from which members are selected are identified on Map A. Efforts are made to appoint citizens who will be representative of the persons most affected by CDBG, HOME and ESG activities.

The CDAC meets, in regular session, the second week of each month when necessary at the Downtown Library, 413 E. 4th Street, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Downtown Library is accessible to persons with disabilities. Notices of the monthly meetings are posted a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting. Notices are placed in the front window of City Hall and posted on the City's website.

If an individual, group or organization has a particular request or concern to bring before the CDAC, a written request for time on the agenda should be submitted to the Community Development Department Administrator no later than three weeks (15 working days) before the scheduled meeting. Citizens are encouraged to appear before the CDAC to discuss a concern or request. The recommendations developed by the CDAC regarding the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs are submitted to the City Commission for final approval. Citizens interested in items submitted to the City Commission are encouraged to attend the meetings and express their views and comments.

The roles and responsibilities of the CDAC are as follows:

1. The CDAC acts in an advisory role to the City Commission on policy decisions relating to the consolidated planning process for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.
2. The CDAC coordinates citizen participation.
3. The CDAC reviews and makes recommendations to the City Commission on allocations of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning and development is the phase in which involvement by citizens is most crucial and effective. Citizens may directly contribute to the development of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Expressions of citizens' priorities are often the deciding influence when statistics and technical evaluation identify several strategies and program alternatives.

The planning process for developing the five year Consolidated Plan is coordinated by the Community Development Department. The five year plan promotes the concept that planning and programming can be accomplished through a unified and comprehensive framework which opens partnership opportunities for collaboration and collective problem-solving. Consensus building is critical in establishing workable priorities and strategies which must be implemented by a variety of public and private resources. Successful implementation of strategies will occur only if there is broad based support and a sense of involvement on the part of all of the participants.

During the consultation phase of the Consolidated Plan, a series of working groups will be established to address primary elements of the Plan. Composition of the working groups will be targeted toward a variety of organizations, individuals as consumers or participants, community and business leaders, private investors, and neighborhood residents. The working groups participants will be invited to



contribute to the development of their area of experience or expertise. At the same time, boarder participation will be encouraged from the general population by advertising the date of meetings and the purpose of the working group. The Community Development Department will provide staff support to the working groups. Members of the CDAC will assist in facilitating the meetings. At a minimum the working groups will focus on the following areas of study:

- Homelessness
- Special needs populations, such as youth, the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with mental illness or retardation, persons living with AIDS, and persons suffering from substance abuse
- Renters and landlords
- Homeowners and homebuyers
- Anti-poverty strategies
- Neighborhood and development services

In addition to working groups, citizens will be involved in the planning process through a series of surveys and questionnaires. Random telephone surveys may be used to help establish an overall community consensus for community development needs and priorities. Such random surveys help to eliminate bias which may result from open community meetings in which special interest groups may lobby for special programs.

The needs of homeless persons and special populations will be assessed through questionnaires targeted at service providers and consumers. Annually, a "point-in-time" survey will be made at all of the homeless shelter populations. A special effort will be made to gather information regarding the numbers of unsheltered homeless persons and their special needs. The City participates as an active member of the Amarillo Coalition for the Homeless which consists of over 45 service providers as well as homeless individuals. The Coalition will be invited to consult on the needs, the development of strategies and the implementation effective programs designed to transition homeless individuals and families to self-sufficiency.

The results of the data collection, working group consensus, and surveys will be assimilated into a proposed Consolidated Plan and presented for public comment and review. The CDAC will conduct at least one public meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the entire plan. At this public meeting, recommendations for strategies and priorities will be established. These five year strategies and priorities will be the basis for decisions made to fund projects each year.

Annually, the City of Amarillo prepares an Annual Action Plan (AAP) which identifies how CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds will be allocated to projects. The development of the annual plan generally coincides with the preparation of the City's Budget. The annual planning process generally begins in the winter and is concluded by mid July. The Consolidated Plan or the AAP must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by mid August of each year.

The CDAC has the initial responsibility for developing the annual program. Within funding limitations, the CDAC must decide which activities will best meet the priority strategies and contribute to the revitalization of Amarillo's declining neighborhoods. Development of the AAP is discussed at community meetings. The number of the meetings to be held is determined each year and advertised as part of the development process. The meetings are held either at neighborhood centers or at the Downtown Library

which is centrally located to neighborhoods in which concentrations of CDBG, HOME and ESG activities are being carried on or may be proposed. All meetings are held in buildings accessible to persons with disabilities.

Taking into consideration the information and recommendations from the working groups, surveys and project requests, the CDAC conducts a Public Hearing to recommend adoption of the Consolidated Plan and/or the AAP. This hearing is the culmination the planning process. A Notice of Public Hearing is posted at City Hall and in City's website 72 hours prior to the hearing. Following the action by the CDAC, the proposed Consolidated Plan and AAP are made available for a public comment period. Copies are placed at the Reference Desks at the Amarillo Public Libraries and in the Community Development office, Room 104 of City Hall for review by interested citizens. Documents will be available on the Internet through the City's web page at [www.amarillo.gov](http://www.amarillo.gov).

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Consolidated Plan and/or AAP is considered in a final Public Hearing conducted by the Amarillo City Commission. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the recommendations adopted by the CDAC and all comments received during the comment period. Citizens are given a final opportunity to comment on the Consolidated Plan and/or AAP including those activities or projects not recommended for funding.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

It is difficult to develop a mechanism for direct citizen involvement in the implementation of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The majority of projects funded are of the type which do not lend themselves to citizen involvement. Projects such as street and park improvements and construction projects have predetermined implementation steps that are not affected by citizen involvement. Although the level of participation in the implementation phase cannot be as direct as in the planning phase, efforts are made to provide the opportunity for citizen input in as many programs as possible.

The major vehicle for participation during the implementation phase is through the CDAC. During CDAC meetings, the status of certain activities may be reviewed. Any individual, group or organization which desires to comment on the implementation of an activity may do so at the CDAC meeting. By following the City of Amarillo boards and commissions instructions and request to speak whenever feasible, the residents of neighborhoods affected by a project will be consulted in the project's implementation. Activities which might be subject to citizen involvement are the location of a community center or day care center; areas needing special code enforcement activities; or the development of eligibility requirements for a new program.

Special outreach and marketing will be used to maximize the participation of Amarillo's residents in the CDBG, HOME and ESG funded projects. The availability of such programs as housing rehabilitation assistance, transitional housing for homeless persons, and public service projects, such as subsidized child care, will be advertised and targeted to lower income neighborhoods. These outreach efforts will result in successful and timely implementation of projects.

#### ASSESSMENT

The final phase of citizen participation is the assessment of performance. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation procedures are established to ensure projects meet national goals and are effectively addressing the Consolidated Plan priority strategies. In assessing the effect a project has on neighborhood conditions, comments from neighborhood residents are an important contribution. Citizens are encouraged to attend CDAC meetings and express their ideas or concerns about activities. The CDAC is charged with monitoring the funded activities to help ensure appropriate and timely performance. Those

residents who attend the CDAC meetings to discuss project performance provide the CDAC representatives with valuable information. If at any time a project is not achieving the stated goals and strategies, the CDAC has the prerogative to recommend program changes.

Annually, the City reports performance to HUD. The reporting process is an extensive evaluation of the status of approved projects and the accomplishments towards meeting priority strategies of the consolidated plan. A Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is submitted by December 30th of each year. Prior to submission, this report will be available for a 15 day public comment. Copies of the report will be placed at the Reference Desks at the Amarillo Public Libraries and in the Community Development office. A notice of availability will be published in the Amarillo Globe News. A copy will be available on the web page at [www.amarillo.gov/?page\\_id=119](http://www.amarillo.gov/?page_id=119).

At the conclusion of the 15 day comment period the annual report will be discussed in a public hearing before the CDAC. The public hearing will be conducted in the evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Downtown Library. The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to comment on the performance or effectiveness of the CDBG, HOME or ESG programs. A summary of comments submitted in writing or made at the public hearing will be included with the submission of the report to HUD.

#### SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES

Occasionally, amendments or changes may be needed to the Consolidated Plan. The City will give citizens the opportunity to participate in the planning and development of any substantial change in five (5) year strategies or priorities and annual projects. The CDAC will be responsible for soliciting views and comments from affected or interested persons before developing a recommendation regarding the proposed change.

The City has adopted a local criteria for what will constitute a substantial change to the Consolidated Plan and to the AAP. The changes described below will be subject to the citizen participation process as described in this guide:

1. A decision to change the amount of funding over \$25,000 for an existing project;
2. Any change in priority strategies which may affect the activities to be funded from CDBG, HOME, or ESG funds;
3. Any new activity proposed for CDBG, HOME, or ESG funding;
4. Any revision in an approved activity which results in a change from one eligible activity to another, or a change in the location, scope or beneficiaries of the activity.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Before individuals, groups, organizations or agencies can become involved in any phase of the consolidated planning process adequate information must be made available. It is the responsibility of the City to inform citizens of program requirements, goals and strategies, and major events related to the consolidated planning process, the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The Community Development Department is primarily responsible for this public information. All information regarding program requirements, project files and other records related to Amarillo's use of assistance under the programs are available in the office of the Community Development. The federal regulations establish a five (5) year minimum requirement for information retention. Any person wishing to inspect or review any of this information should visit the Community Development office. Confidential information related to

beneficiaries receiving CDBG, HOME or ESG assistance is subject to the protections afforded under the Privacy Act.

The residents of Amarillo are informed of all meetings and hearings held on any phase of the consolidated plan process. Every effort is made to reach people who may be most affected by ongoing or proposed projects to encourage their involvement in the decision-making process. The agendas are posted out front at City Hall and posted on the City's website 72 hours prior to meeting.

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The goal of involving citizens in the many phases of the consolidated planning process must be supported by providing citizens with adequate knowledge and information about the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Without technical assistance, citizens may not be adequately prepared to participate in or benefit from the programs.

Appropriate assistance is provided by the Community Development Department to enable citizens, organizations, or groups of low and very low income persons to participate in the planning, implementation and assessment of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The Community Development staff provides assistance in developing proposals, identifying needs, collecting data, or estimating project costs. Technical assistance may also involve developing strategies for specific proposals or determining priorities. Technical assistance is available on an individual basis upon request or may be provided through workshops held periodically during the year. At a minimum, the Community Development Department provides the following information:

- A. Amount of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds expected to be available for projects.
- B. Range of activities which may be funded.
- C. Kind and location of activities previously approved.
- D. Consolidated planning process and schedule.
- E. Role of citizens.
- F. Summary of other program requirements.

#### TRANSLATION SERVICES

The Community Development Department encourages participation from all Amarillo residents. To reach the maximum number of people, special efforts may be necessary to provide translation services to non-English speaking citizens attending public meetings. The hearing-impaired resident may also need special translation assistance.

Public hearing notices instruct those persons who need translation services to contact the Community Development Department. Upon request, translators for non-English speaking and/or hearing-impaired persons will be provided. The Community Development Department has a standing contract with the Panhandle Council for the Deaf to provide translators with a minimum 24 hour notice. The Community Development staff provides translation services for Spanish speaking persons who contact the office. Those residents who wish to attend the monthly CDAC meetings or Community Planning meetings may also request translator services by giving the Community Development office at least two business days notice. Copies of the Consolidated Plan and other documents will be made available in large print or on DVD upon request.

#### COMPLAINTS

Complaints or concerns regarding the CDBG, HOME or ESG programs should primarily be directed to



the Community Development Department Administrator. However, nothing precludes a person from expressing a concern or complaint to the Assistant City Manager, the City Manager, the Amarillo City Commission, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Citizens may file an oral or written complaint with the City of Amarillo. The Community Development staff will record an oral complaint on special citizen complaint forms to be retained in the official files. The staff will note the name and address of complainant, the nature of the concern, the initial response given, any follow-up response, and if appropriate, any referral of the complaint to other departments or agencies. The Community Development Department will respond to written complaints within 30 days of receipt. The complaint and response will be documented in the Community Development Department citizen comments files and reported to Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the annual reporting process.

Major concerns or problems are best expressed in writing. This helps prevent any misinterpretation of the concern or the facts. Therefore, citizens are urged to address their concerns in writing to:

Community Development Department Administrator  
City of Amarillo  
P.O. Box 1971  
Amarillo, TX 79105-1971  
Telephone: (806) 378-3023  
Fax: (806) 378-9389  
email: [james.allen@amarillo.gov](mailto:james.allen@amarillo.gov)

Complaints may be directed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Region VI  
801 Cherry Street, Unit #45, Suite 2500  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
Telephone: (817) 978-9000  
Fax: (817) 978-9289  
Fax Contact: (817) 978-9252  
TTY Number: (817) 978-9273  
email: [swpublicinformationofficer@hud.gov](mailto:swpublicinformationofficer@hud.gov)

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**"I believe love always wins. Sometimes it takes a while, but love always triumphs in the end."**

THE REV. DAVID GREEN  
Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



EBONI GRAHAM / AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

Now that same-sex marriage is legalized nationwide, Amarillo couple Jeremy Roark and Joshua "Josh" Gibson plan to share a last name after renewing their vows for their third wedding anniversary.

"I don't want to lose any customers behind this, but that's my job, to make beautiful flowers," Donaldson said. "Business is business — sell your product, it's that simple."

Donaldson is also planning to put together a list of local businesses who are LGBT-friendly, so she can know who to refer her clients to and for other general networking purposes.

"I have been going back and forth about how to poll my vendors to find out which ones are open to serving same-sex couples without offending anyone," she said. "I kind of want to know where my vendors stand. I really don't want to have to ask that question, but at some point I am going to because I need to know who to send my couples to."

**The battle continues**

As Equality Texas celebrates its 25th anniversary year, the next chapter of LGBT equality statewide begins.

"Anti-discrimination is the next step for laws on the local, then state and national levels," said Roark.

During the 84th Texas Legislature, Republican lawmakers introduced more than 20 anti-LGBT proposals, which were all defeated, and while some Texas cities have nondiscrimination ordinances, it still does not hold to the religion clause under the First Amendment.

"That's why organizations like Equality Texas have worked very hard at educating and helping people to understand the importance of getting involved," said Gibson.

Texas Wins, a statewide coalition, is working on and planning ways to secure local nondiscrimination ordinances across



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Parie Donaldson, CEO of Parie Designs and PlanIt Wed, welcomes all couples. She said she plans to put together a list of LGBT-friendly vendors for her wedding clients to use to avoid sticky situations.

Before the ruling, the married couple had separate last names, now the two will hyphenate each other's last names to commemorate their anniversary in August when they renew their vows, now that same-sex marriages are legal in all 50 states.

"I think in a matter of years, many people who oppose this will look back and say you know what,

that actually wasn't the end of the world. It wasn't that bad," said Gibson.

For Green, the only factor it's ever been about was love.

"The gay people that I know are not an abomination, and they are deserving of love," he said. "I believe love always wins. Sometimes it takes a while, but love always triumphs in the end."

**CITY OF AMARILLO**  
**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The City of Amarillo announces the availability of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

The Consolidated Plan is a planning document that identifies Amarillo's needs for affordable and supportive housing as well as non-housing community development needs and outlines a five year strategy to address those needs. The plan will guide the allocation of certain federal funds to programs requested by the City of Amarillo and other public and private applicants.

The Plan analyzes the housing needs of low and moderate income persons, including homeless persons and special needs populations. In addition, an analysis has been made of Amarillo's housing market conditions and community needs. The Plan has been developed with assistance from Amarillo's social service providers, interested persons within neighborhoods, the Resident Advisory Board, realtors, financial institutions, and builders.

**FIVE YEAR STRATEGIES**

The City of Amarillo participates in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Section 8 Housing Assistance programs to help develop and maintain a desirable urban living environment for the citizens of Amarillo. These federal programs provide the City with financial resources to undertake otherwise unavailable or limited public improvement, facilities improvements, rental assistance, and public services which benefit persons who are homeless or of low and moderate income.

The City has three primary goals which are:

- Provide access to decent and affordable housing
- Promote the sustainability of livable and viable neighborhoods
- Promote self sufficiency and personal accountability

The City of Amarillo will adopt the following as the strategies and priority activities for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The funding of projects and activities each year will be based on the priorities adopted by the Community Development Advisory Committee.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Lower income renter households should have access to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing of their choice.**

- Rental Assistance
- Tenant Education
- Self Sufficiency
- Rental Rehabilitation

**Create new affordable homeownership opportunities by providing development incentives or infrastructure assistance.**

**Assist low and moderate income homeowners to maintain safe and affordable housing.**

- Homebuyer Assistance
- Rehabilitation Assistance
- Homebuyer Education
- Emergency Repair
- Rehab and Sale of Unit
- Weatherization
- New Construction

**Achieve a continuum of care to end chronic homeless and reduce homelessness among families and individuals and assist those at risk of becoming homeless.**

- Homeless Prevention
- Permanent Housing
- Emergency Shelters Operations
- Coordinated Case Management
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services

**Promote Self Sufficiency and Personal Accountability Programs**

Improve the quality of life for persons with special needs, such as the elderly, the frail elderly, the mentally ill, the physically or developmentally disabled, substance abuse and those living with AIDS, by providing opportunities for decent, safe, and affordable housing with services responsive to their needs.

- Supportive Housing for mentally ill, persons living with AIDS and substance abuse persons.
- Assist housing for the elderly and frail elderly
- Accessible Housing

**Promote the Sustainability of Livable and Viable Neighborhoods**

**Provide Services, facilities and infrastructure to neighborhoods to promote social and economic viability.**

- Infrastructure Improvements such as streets, water/sewer lines, etc.
- Park Improvements
- Youth Services
- Elderly Services
- Neighborhood centers/ public facilities
- Family Services

**Eliminate slum and blight factors which degrade neighborhoods and discourage reinvestment.**

- Demolition and Clearance
- Neighborhood Code Enforcement
- Lead Base Paint Testing and Clearance

**Promote Self-Sufficiency and Personal Accountability Programs**

- Assisted Child Care
- Transportation Services
- Family Self Sufficiency

**CITIZEN REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD**

The City of Amarillo is seeking public comment on the 2015-2019 Consolidated

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

**City of Amarillo**

Community Development

Inter-Office Memo

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Date: August 7, 2015  
To: W. Jarrett Atkinson, City Manager  
Thru: Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager *m. Bonner*  
Thru: James Allen, Community Development Administrator *James Allen*  
From: Kathryn Foster, Program Coordinator

**Subject: 2015-2016 CDBG and HOME Certifications**

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The attached forms are certifications required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be submitted with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for the federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

Following the final public hearing and approval by City Council on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, please execute the attached forms and return to the Community Development Department for submission to HUD.


*Kathryn Foster*  
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Kathryn Foster, Program Coordinator



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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 75-6000444	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
<b>6. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Amarillo"/>		
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d. Address:		
* Street1: 509 SE 7th Avenue	<input type="text"/>	
Street2: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* City: Amarillo	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish: Potter	<input type="text"/>	
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Province: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: 79105-1971	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Public Services"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="James"/>	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
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Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
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<b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b> <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
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<b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b> <input type="text" value="B-15-MC-48-0002"/> <b>Title:</b> <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant"/>	
<b>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
<b>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b> <input type="text" value="2015-2016 Annual Action Plan of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan For Housing and Community Development"/>	
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<b>17. Proposed Project:</b>	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="10/01/2015"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="09/30/2016"/>
<b>18. Estimated Funding (\$):</b>	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,427,939.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
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* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
<small>** 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.</small>	
<b>Authorized Representative:</b>	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="W."/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="Jarrett"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Atkinson"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
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## 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.

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

1. 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;
2. 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
3. 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 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



Signature/Authorized Official

8/12/15

Date



### 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 91.105.

**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:

1. **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;
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2015 , 2016 (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;
3. **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:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its





**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.

   
Signature/Authorized Official      Date

**City Manager**  
Title

**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;

 8/12/15  
Signature/Authorized Official      Date

City Manager  
Title

**APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:**

**A. 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.

8/11/15 \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 08-11-15-1

A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVING THE 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND FILE SAID PLAN WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Committee conducted publicized neighborhood and community meetings on April 21 and 28 and conducted a public hearing on June 9, 2015, to receive citizen input with respect to the 2015-2019 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan has been made available in the Community Development office and on the City of Amarillo's web page for public review and comment for a thirty (30) day period which commenced on July 12 and ended on August 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan as recommended by the Community Development Advisory Committee of the City of Amarillo and finds it to be consistent with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on this date to consider the views and opinions of the citizens, especially those most affected by the program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan should be adopted as attached hereto; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is hereby approved and authorized for implementation by the Department of Community Development of the City of Amarillo on and after October 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute and file the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, including all understandings and assurances contained therein and the City Manager is hereby directed and designated as the City of Amarillo's chief administrative officer to act as the authorized representative of the City in connection with said Plan, to execute all necessary documents, funding agreements and to provide such additional information as may be required to effectuate said grants.

SECTION 3: All resolutions or parts thereof that conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

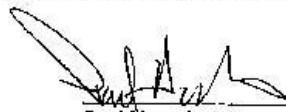
SECTION 4: In the event this resolution or any part hereof is found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution, and such remaining portions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: This resolution shall become effective from and after its date of final passage.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas, this 11 day of August, 2015.

ATTEST:

Frances Alder

  
Paul Harpole, Mayor

TWIS STUBS OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL }  
CITY OF AMARILLO

The undersigned City Secretary of the City of Amarillo in the State and Counties aforesaid hereby certifies that the attach...