

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Amarillo's Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development identifies Amarillo's needs for affordable housing as well as non-housing community and neighborhood development need. The Consolidated plan covers a five-year period from 2015 - 2019. The plan guides the allocation of federal resources received by the City of Amarillo from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP) includes those goals and priorities set by the five year 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan. Allocations of CDBG and HOME funds include projects for park improvements, neighborhood improvements, demolition and clearance, home renovations, rental renovations, owner occupied emergency repairs, housing construction, as well as public service projects including: senior services, youth services, homeless services, and child care services.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Objectives and outcomes of the 2016 AAP include allocations of CDBG funds for neighborhood improvements. Neighborhood improvement projects will include improvements at Gene Howe Park, providing recreational opportunities in the low-mod income CDBG Target Area. The Warming Up Project at the Salvation Army emergency homeless shelter will use CDBG funds to make improvements through the purchase and installation of new commercial kitchen equipment and sleeping cots. Additional community improvement objectives will be met through the CDBG funding of the Community Improvement Inspector who will conduct code enforcement inspections in the CDBG Target Area. Community improvement will also occur through the Demolition and Clearance program which will remove slum and blight through the removal of substandard and dangerous structures in the CDBG Target Area.

Objectives to serve low-mod income persons will also be met through several CDBG public service programs. The public service programs will provide services for the homeless including dayroom services and case management at the Guyon Saunders Resource Center. CDBG funds will also provide transportation for the homeless by issuing city bus tickets to 8 local homeless service providers and

shelters each month. CDBG funding for the Amarillo Homeless Management Information System will provide operational support for the software system that tracks services provided to the homeless and is utilized by 28 area agencies. Additional outcomes of providing meals and adult daycare services to elderly and disabled will be provided through CDBG funds allocated to the Jan Werner Adult Daycare Center, FoodNET Program, and Interfaith Hunger Project.

The object to provide services to low-mod income youth in the community will be achieved through CDBG funding of the Wesley Community Center Wrestling Program. Child care services will be provided through a CDBG public service allocation to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission resulting in a state match of funds for child care services. Additionally, an allocation to Maverick Boys and Girls Club will provide low-mod income youth with after-school and summer camp recreational activities. Youth services will also be provided through the Family Support Services Strengthening Families Program, an educational curriculum for low-mod income families at risk.

Furthermore, housing objectives in the 2016 Annual Action Plan will be met through CDBG and HOME funding. CDBG projects including Emergency Repair Grants and Minor Homeowner Rehabilitation Projects will achieve safe housing for low-mod income persons. The HOME funds will further address the objective of safe affordable housing by funding a Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) to construct new housing. The HOME funds for the Major Homeowner Renovation Program, the Rental Rehabilitation Program, and the Reconstruction Program administered by the City will also achieve housing objectives.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP) addresses the 2nd year in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The past accomplishments consisted of activities managed or funded by CDBG and HOME funding, as well as activities administered by community partners. The City's 2014 CAPER indicated that nearly all projects had met or exceeded projected goals, and the current projects underway from the 2015 AAP achieving success in meeting the needs of the target population. The 2016 AAP will further the City's efforts to meet stated goals.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The citizen participation process seeks to encourage citizen participation in local government, particularly including low to moderate income persons in planning, development and assessment of the consolidated planning process. The consolidated planning process is conducted in an open manner. The Amarillo City Council established the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to act in

an advisory role on policy decisions relating to the consolidated planning process, coordinate citizen participation, and develop recommendations to the City Council on allocations of CDBG and HOME funding. The CDAC also advises on other homeless assistance programs such as TX-ESG and CoC grants.

The City of Amarillo allocates CDBG and HOME funding to projects following a citizen participation process. The Community Development Advisory Committee is presented with funding requests during a series of public meetings to develop funding recommendations for the 2016-2017 year. Community Development Advisory Committee meetings were held on May 26 and May 31 to review applications for CDBG and HOME funding. There were no public comments received during those meetings. A Community Development Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 9th to recommend funding allocations. There were no public comments received during that meeting. Notice of availability of the AAP was published for a 30 day comment period and on July 12 the Amarillo City Council approved adoption of the 2016 Annual Action Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

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

There were no public comments received.

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

There were no comments not accepted.

7. Summary

The 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan includes those goals and priorities set by the five year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Allocations of CDBG and HOME funds include projects for park improvements, neighborhood facility improvements, demolition and clearance, home renovations, rental renovations, emergency repairs, new home construction, as well as a variety of public service projects including: senior services, youth services, homeless services, and child care services. The projects included in the Annual Action Plan were recommended for funding through the established citizen participation process.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	AMARILLO	
CDBG Administrator	AMARILLO	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	AMARILLO	Community Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Contact information for the Consolidated Plan is Community Development Administrator, James Allen, reachable at PO Box 1971, Amarillo, TX 79101 or (806) 378-3023.

AP-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 service 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.

The City of Amarillo provides the role of lead agency for the Amarillo 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 for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

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 jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

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

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in Consolidated Plan community forums.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR AMARILLO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	JAN WERNER ADULT DAY AND HEALTH CARE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	MAVERICK BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in Consolidated Plan community forums.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Panhandle AIDS Support Organization
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.

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

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

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The development of the Consolidated Plan and the 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.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Based on the 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 5 year period of 2015 - 2019. 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.

During development of the 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan, 3 public forums and stakeholder focus group sessions were held at the Downtown Library and at City Hall. Participants were gathered through invitations sent to resident and community leaders, organizations, industry professionals and public officieas and a public meeting notice published in the local newspaper. At each Focus Group and Public Forum, general issues related to the housing market, neighborhood conditions, community development needs and concerns pertaining to barriers to affordable housing in Amarillo were discussed. The format also included discussions of the community's priority needs for those 5 years and their priorities for funding for the next program year.

In recommending funding allocations for the FY2016 year Annual Action Plan, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) conducted a citizen participation process through holding 3 public meetings at the Downtown Library. The CDAC is a volunteer committee comprised of citizen representatives from all regions of the city. Notices of these meetings were published in the Amarillo Globe News and posted on the City of Amarillo website encouraging public attendance. During the final public hearing held at the Downtown Library on June 9th, 2016 the CDAC requested comments from the public and made recommendations for funding allocations.

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	Public meeting held on May 26 to receive presentations from applicant organizations seeking funding.	Applicant organizations presented information about their programs for which they were seeking funding.	All comments were accepted.	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public meeting held on May 31 to receive presentations from applicant organizations seeking funding.	Applicant organizations presented information about their programs for which they were seeking funding.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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 \$2,037,378 into the city to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the first program year.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,459,648	0	65,000	1,524,648	4,378,944	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation for 3 years at current funding level.

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	512,730	0	0	512,730	1,538,190	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation for 3 years at current funding level.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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 to provide permanent supportive housing to disabled homeless and the Rapid Re-Housing program to quickly move persons from emergency shelter to independent housing. The City of Amarillo also receives TX-ESG funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide homeless services. TX-ESG funds are matched dollar for dollar with homeless assistance provided by community service providers.

The 2016-2017 obligation for HOME match is \$128,183 (25% of the \$512,730 allocation.) Over the years, the City has accumulated excess

match for the HOME Program through a variety of sources. The \$128,183 HOME match for the FY 2016 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 over \$2 million from the CDBG and HOME programs for the FY 2016 program year. This sum included the annual allocation 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 - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	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 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration Objective
	Goal Description	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	Goal Name	Parks and Recreation Objective
	Goal Description	Support the improvement to Parks and Recreation Trails and open space in low and moderate income census tracts.
3	Goal Name	Code Enforcement Objective
	Goal Description	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	Goal Name	Demolition Objective
	Goal Description	Demolition - Provide funding for demolition of blighted and substandard property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.
5	Goal Name	Community Facilities Objective
	Goal Description	Support the improvement of Community Facilities in low and moderate income census tracts.
6	Goal Name	Senior Services Objective
	Goal Description	Senior Services – Funds will be used to provide senior services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income.
7	Goal Name	Youth Services Objective
	Goal Description	Youth Services – Funds will be used to provide Youth services for low to moderate income persons at 80% or below the median income.
8	Goal Name	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	Goal Description	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	Goal Name	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective
	Goal Description	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	Goal Name	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective
	Goal Description	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.

11	Goal Name	Rental Rehab Objective
	Goal Description	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.
12	Goal Name	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective
	Goal Description	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.
13	Goal Name	Housing Development Objective
	Goal Description	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.
14	Goal Name	CHDO Objective
	Goal Description	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

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.

#	Project Name
1	Gene Howe 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
9	PRPC Childcare
10	Wesley Wrestling
11	Family Support Services Strengthening Families Program
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	New Construction
19	Rehabilitation Support Administration
20	CHDO - Amarillo Habitat for Humanity
21	CHDO Operating Support
22	CDBG Administration
23	HOME Program Administration
24	Homeless Management Information System
25	Maverick Club After School/Summer Program
26	Salvation Army -Warming Up Project

Table 8 – 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.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Gene Howe Park Improvements
	Target Area	Community Development Target Area
	Goals Supported	Parks and Recreation Objective
	Needs Addressed	Park and Recreation Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	Project will provide renovations to Gene Howe park including construction of a new play area and play equipment.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are approximately 3500 persons living in the immediately surrounding census blocks. The service area of the park is 1.5 square miles.
	Location Description	15th and Martin Road, Amarillo, TX
	Planned Activities	Project will provide renovations to Gene Howe park including construction of a new play area and play equipment. Additional improvements to the park will include grass, trees, irrigation, splash pad, site furnishings, restroom building, shade structures and other associated site improvements.
2	Project Name	Community Improvement Inspector
	Target Area	Community Development Target Area

	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement Objective
	Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,482
	Description	Staff to conduct code enforcement activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 9860 inspections will be performed benefiting residents of low to moderate income neighborhoods.
	Location Description	CDBG Target Area
	Planned Activities	Community Improvement Inspectors' inspection of property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.
3	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	Community Development Target Area
	Goals Supported	Demolition Objective
	Needs Addressed	Demolition/Removal of Slum and Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Demolition of dilapidated structures and clearance of debris from vacant lots.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 30 structures will be demolished, improving neighborhood conditions for residents of low to moderate income areas.
	Location Description	Scattered sites within CDBG eligible areas.

	Planned Activities	Provide funding for demolition of blighted and substandard property to insure compliance with building codes and reducing slum and blighted conditions.
4	Project Name	Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Senior Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000
	Description	The strategic goal is to provide Adult Day Care services (Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care) to seniors.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 19 seniors and persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Jan Werner Adult Day Care, 3108 S Filmore Street, Amarillo, TX 79110
	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide Adult Day Care services (Amarillo Multiservice Center - Jan Werner Adult Day Care) to seniors.
5	Project Name	Catholic Family Service - InterFaith Hunger Project
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Senior Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels
	Funding	CDBG: \$26,000
	Description	The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (Interfaith Hunger) to seniors.

	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 550 unduplicated elderly and disabled clients will benefit from the service.
	Location Description	Interfaith Hunger Project, 200 S Tyler Street, Amarillo, TX
	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide groceries through the Interfaith Hunger Project to low/moderate income seniors and disabled persons.
6	Project Name	PRPC Area Agency on Aging - FoodNET
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Senior Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000
	Description	The strategic goal is to meal services and delivery operations (PRPC FoodNET) to seniors.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 57 seniors and persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Area Agency on Aging, 415 SW 8th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79101
	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide meal services and delivery operations through the PRPC FoodNET program to homebound seniors and disabled adults.
7	Project Name	PRPC Childcare
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective

	Needs Addressed	Youth Services Child Care Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	The strategic goal is to provide childcare services (PRPC Childcare) for children.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 160 low-moderate income families will benefit.
	Location Description	City Wide Amarillo
	Planned Activities	The activity will provide parent-choice childcare at a low cost for low-moderate income households.
8	Project Name	Wesley Wrestling
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The strategic goal is to provide recreation and sports services (Wesley Wrestling) for children.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 youth will be served by the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Wesley Community Center, 1615 S Roberts, Amarillo, TX 79102
	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide recreation and sports services (Wesley Wrestling) for children.
9	Project Name	Family Support Services Strengthening Families Program

	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Mental Health Services/Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The strategic goal is to provide family education to low-mod income families.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 210 unduplicated persons (or 52 families of 4) will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	2001 S Polk Street, Amarillo, TX 79101
	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide family education to low-mod income families.
10	Project Name	Transportation for the Homeless
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Public Transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,500
	Description	The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 400 homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	City Wide.

	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide transportation services (Transportation for Homeless) for homeless persons and families.
11	Project Name	Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,997
	Description	The strategic goal is to provide Day Resource Services (Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services) for homeless persons and families.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1790 unduplicated homeless persons will benefit from accessing the dayroom.
	Location Description	Guyon Saunders Homeless Dayroom, 200 S Tyler St, Amarillo, TX 79101.
	Planned Activities	The strategic goal is to provide Day Resource Services (Guyon Saunders Dayroom Services) for homeless persons and families.
12	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Major
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Rehab - Major Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000

	Description	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.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 2 low-moderate income elderly or disabled homeowners will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	City Wide Amarillo.
	Planned Activities	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.
13	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation - Minor
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Rehab - Minor Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,610
	Description	Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for minor repairs.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimate 5 low-moderate income elderly or disabled homeowners will benefit from the program.
	Location Description	City Wide Amarillo.
	Planned Activities	Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for minor repairs.
14	Project Name	Rental Housing Rehabilitation

	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Rental Rehab Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$129,509
	Description	Rental Housing Rehabilitation - Provide loans/grants to rental property owners providing housing to low/mod income to repair rental property.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 6 low-moderate income renters will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	City Wide Amarillo.
	Planned Activities	Rental Housing Rehabilitation - Provide loans/grants to rental property owners providing housing to low/mod income to repair rental property.
15	Project Name	Homeowner Emergency Repair
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Emergency Repair Objective
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Home Repairs
	Funding	CDBG: \$247,243
	Description	Homeowner Emergency Repair - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for emergency repairs.
	Target Date	9/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 185 low-moderate income elderly or disabled homeowners will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	City Wide Amarillo.
	Planned Activities	Homeowner Emergency Repair - Provide deferred loans/grants to low/mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for emergency repairs.
16	Project Name	New Construction
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Housing Development Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$105,028
	Description	Provide funding for new construction or reconstruction of single-family homes for owner occupancy.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1 low-moderate income homeowner will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	City Wide Amarillo.
	Planned Activities	Provide funding for new construction or reconstruction of single-family homes for owner occupancy.
17	Project Name	Rehabilitation Support Administration
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Housing Development Objective

	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Emergency Home Repairs Housing Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,437
	Description	Staff support for housing programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program delivery support; no direct benefit.
	Location Description	City Community Development Department, 808 S Buchanan, Amarillo, TX 79105
	Planned Activities	Staff support for housing programs.
18	Project Name	CHDO - Amarillo Habitat for Humanity
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	CHDO Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$140,000
	Description	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 4 low-moderate income homebuyers will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Amarillo Habitat for Humanity - Glenwood Addition, Amarillo, TX

	Planned Activities	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost build affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.
19	Project Name	CHDO Operating Support
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	CHDO Objective
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$24,972
	Description	CHDO Operating Funds.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Operating support for CHDO; no direct benefit.
	Location Description	Amarillo Habitat for Humanity - Glenwood Addition, Amarillo, TX
	Planned Activities	CHDO Operating Funds.
20	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Administration Objective
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$291,929
	Description	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.

	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No direct benefit.
	Location Description	City Community Development Department, 808 S Buchanan, Amarillo, TX 79105
	Planned Activities	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.
21	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Administration Objective
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$49,945
	Description	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.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No direct benefit.
	Location Description	City Community Development Dept, 808 S Buchanan, Amarillo, TX 79105

	Planned Activities	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.
22	Project Name	Homeless Management Information System
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention/Emergency Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Project will provide operating costs for the Amarillo Homeless Management Information System.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 600 unduplicated persons will receive homeless services tracked through the HMIS system.
	Location Description	City Community Development Dept, 808 S Buchanan, Amarillo, TX 79105
	Planned Activities	Project will provide operating costs for the Amarillo Homeless Management Information System to track and collect data on services provided to the homeless.
23	Project Name	Maverick Club After School/Summer Program
	Target Area	City Wide Amarillo
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,950
	Description	Project offers an all day low-cost summer program and after-school program for at-risk youth in Amarillo.

	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1000 unduplicated at-risk youth will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Maverick Boys and Girls Club, 1923 S Lincoln, Amarillo, TX
	Planned Activities	Project offers an all day low-cost summer program and after-school program for at-risk youth in Amarillo.
24	Project Name	Salvation Army -Warming Up Project
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter and Services Objective
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention/Emergency Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Project will provide improvements to the Salvation Army commercial kitchen and dorm facilities.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1580 homeless persons will receive emergency shelter and meals at the Salvation Army.
	Location Description	Salvation Army Harrington Hope Center - 400 S Harrison, Amarillo, TX
	Planned Activities	Project will provide improvements to the Salvation Army commercial kitchen and dorm facilities through the installation of new kitchen equipment and cots.

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

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Community Development Target Area	26
City Wide Amarillo	74

Table 10 - 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.

The Community Development Departments publicizes our income eligibility standards on all appropriate written material as well as on our web page. All staff are trained in assisting the public on inquiries about eligibility. The Public can receive detailed information about our programs at the Simms Municipal Building, 808 S. Buchanan or by contacting our office at 808 378-3098. In addition we notify the nonprofit agencies in Amarillo of our programs and eligibility criteria. Applications are reviewed for eligibility and clients are served on first come first serve basis.

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 11 - 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 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

These figures relate to production targets specified in the annual goals for 2016. 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 currently met by recovery programs offered at the Downtown Women's Center.

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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

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 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 2016-2017 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, than 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
Total Program Income:	0

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(1)(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.

