

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$2,135,396 in 2015 CDBG Entitlement funds, \$665,519 in HOME Entitlement funds, and \$190,484 in ESG funds.

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	2,135,396	83,000	367,036	2,585,432	8,541,584	Amount for remainder of Con Plan is estimated as 4 times the Year 1 allocation amount.

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	665,519	0	0	665,519	2,662,076	Amount for remainder of Con Plan is estimated as 4 times the Year 1 allocation amount.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	0	0	0	0	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	190,484	0	0	190,484	761,936	Amount for remainder of Con Plan is estimated as 4 times the Year 1 allocation amount.

Table 1 - 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 federal CDBG and HOME funds are intended to provide low and moderate income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community facilities and improvements, housing rehabilitation and preservation, affordable housing development activities, public services, economic development, planning, and administration. The City will partner with other public agencies and nonprofit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. The Allentown Economic Development Corporation and the City of Allentown have utilized a wide range of grants programs to leverage federal funds. The City of Allentown has encouraged private developers and non-profit groups to participate in community revitalization efforts, particularly in the development of affordable housing.

These groups may access such funding sources as the Federal Home Loan Bank or the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to supplement other resources in developing affordable housing for the low income and special needs populations. Allentown will continue to leverage funds from the Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Agency, Department of Community and Economic Development, and other agencies to address the

housing goal.

The Match for the HOME Program will be met through a combination of cash from nonfederal sources and the match for the ESG program will be met through a combination of grants and other fundraising efforts of the ESG subrecipients.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide Center City Initiative Program Area	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership	CDBG: \$410,296 HOME: \$193,702	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 42 Household Housing Unit
2	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide Center City Initiative Program Area	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership	CDBG: \$650,145	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 160 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 13 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 16 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Affordable Housing/Rental	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide Center City Initiative Program Area	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership	CDBG: \$110,054 HOME: \$405,266	Rental units constructed: 8 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 12 Household Housing Unit
4	Homeless Support Activities	2015	2019	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness	ESG: \$190,484	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 300 Persons Assisted
5	Economic Development/Job Creation	2015	2019	Economic Development	Citywide	Economic Development Opportunities	CDBG: \$69,436	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 97 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted
6	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Center City Initiative Program Area	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$300,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Public Safety Goals	2015	2019	Public Safety	Center City Initiative Program Area	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$489,710	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 4 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 17 Household Housing Unit
8	Special Needs Goals (Non-Homeless)	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)	CDBG: \$20,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 135 Persons Assisted
9	Public Services	2015	2019	Public Services	Citywide	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)	CDBG: \$173,291	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 640 Persons Assisted
10	Planning and Administration	2015	2019	Planning and Administration	Citywide	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership	CDBG: \$362,500 HOME: \$66,551	Other: 1 Other

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners
	Goal Description	<p>To maintain and improve the condition of the housing stock to meet or exceed current code standards and to reduce overcrowding in housing units as defined in the City's Property Maintenance Code. The one year objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage property owners, particularly LMI owners within the Focus Area, to apply for, housing rehabilitation loans/grants; • Provide 20 housing rehabilitation loans/grants to LMI homeowners residing within the Center City Initiative Area (CCI);(Activity 39) • Provide 10 Hazard elimination loans and Lead Paint Removal assistance to LMI homeowners in the City.(Activity #35) • Provide 4 Lead Remediation loans to LMI homeowners (Activity #37) • Provide 8 housing rehabilitation loans/grants to LMI homeowners (HOME funding) (Activity #46) <p>Total 42</p>

2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing
	Goal Description	<p>To make available affordable homeownership, within the existing housing stock (affordability is defined as spending no more than 35% of household income on housing related costs). The one year objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HADC Youthbuild Program Acquisition Project -Acquisition of four vacant, substandard properties(Activity 1) • Youthbuild Rehabilitation Program-Rehabilitation of four properties to be subsequently sold to low income households(Activity 33) • Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust -Rehabilitation of two vacant, blighted properties to be subsequently sold to low and moderate income households. (Activity 34) • Habitat for Humanity - Rehabilitation of three vacant properties to be subsequently sold to low/moderate income families(Activity 36) • Community Action Financial Services-A program which includes individual and group counseling which prepares potential homebuyers for the homebuying process- 60 persons(Activity 15) • Homeownership Outreach Program - Provides individual counseling to assist persons purchasing a home - 100 persons (Activity 16) • Property Disposition and Management-LMH - Program delivery costs only for the maintenance and management of 16 vacant buildings (Activity 2)
3	Goal Name	Affordable Housing/Rental
	Goal Description	<p>To support the provision of decent, safe, and affordable rental housing with the City and on a regional basis. The one year objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate rental units (Activity 44) • New Construction of 8 rental units (Activity 45) • Lead Remediation Program - Rental -8 families (Activity 38)

4	Goal Name	Homeless Support Activities
	Goal Description	<p>To participate in a regional effort to contribute to meeting the shelter and service needs of homeless residents of the City, to assist residents of the City in imminent danger of becoming homeless, and to assist residents in a continuum to find permanent housing, in accordance with the goals of the LVRHAB and the Eastern PA-509 CoC</p> <p>2015 Emergency Solutions Funds will provide funding for Operating Costs to the following non-profits to assist in providing overnight shelter to 300 persons (Activity 47):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allentown Rescue Mission Salvation Army 6th Street Shelter Winter Sheltering Program <p>In addition, Rapid Rehousing funds are provided to rapidly re-house 10 homeless households through Emergency Solutions Grant</p>

5	Goal Name	Economic Development/Job Creation
	Goal Description	<p>Economic Development/Job Creation Goals: The City of Allentown's primary goals for the community are to improve the standard of living and the economic opportunities for City residents, and to revitalize neighborhood commercial and industrial areas, as well as the central business district. In addition, the City will strive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase employment opportunities in the City, with special attention to strengthening the commercial/industrial base; create 3 businesses through micro-enterprise assistance • Facilitate the adaptation and reuse of existing vacant and under-utilized land and • Increase the educational preparedness and level of skills necessary for entrance employment opportunities for residents of the CCI Area; assist 35 people learn literacy skills through the English as a second language program; assist 12 persons with the Next Step to Success Program; assist 50 people with the CCI area job search program • Create a lending program to facilitate economic development projects.
6	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>A primary goal for the City is the improvement of transportation and utility infrastructure, particularly in the CCI Area, to attract new business and industry, and improve the quality of life for residents. Objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue infrastructure improvements that will promote commercial/industrial development within the CCI Area; • Pursue infrastructure improvements in residential neighborhoods that improve the overall environment of the Ensure that industrial properties slated for redevelopment/rehabilitation into other uses have the necessary utilities to support these potential uses. <p>Funds provided to in 2015: ADA Compliance- Handicapped Curb Cuts</p>

7	Goal Name	Public Safety Goals
	Goal Description	<p>The primary goal of the City will continue to be ensuring a safe and secure environment in which residents can live, work, and play, particularly in the CCI Area . Another goal is to reduce the crime and potential for crime, particularly in the.</p> <p>Objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create safe and secure residential neighborhoods and commercial districts; • Enforce existing safety codes for areas in public rights-of-way and In residential neighborhoods <p>Property Disposition and Management-Program delivery costs only for the maintenance and management of seven vacant parcels -(Activity 3)</p> <p>Center City Initiative Area Public Improvements - Neighborhood improvements including pedestrian street lighting within the Center City Initiative Area (Activity 4)</p> <p>Demolition of Substandard Properties - Demolition of four substandard properties in the Center City Initiative Area.(Activity 6)</p> <p>Securing Commercial/Industrial Properties-Upgrade the vacant riverfront and publicly owned downtown properties to a safe condition by keeping the buildings safe and secured, removing trash and debris and lighting buildings and grounds. 10 buildings will be maintained (Activity 29)</p>

8	Goal Name	Special Needs Goals (Non-Homeless)
	Goal Description	<p>To participate in a regional effort to make available a full array of permanent housing opportunities for special needs populations</p> <p><u>Priorities for the Elderly/Frail Elderly Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support, locally and on a regional basis, activities that provide affordable housing for elderly and frail elderly residents at or below 80% of area median income. - Priorities for Persons with Mental Illness - Continue to support locally and on a regional basis, local agencies that provide supportive services and outreach programs to individuals with mental illness. - Continue to support, on a regional basis, an increase in the supply of transitional and permanent supportive housing facilities for persons with mental illness and mental disabilities. These facilities should provide case management services to residents. <p><u>Priorities: for Persons with Disabilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support, locally and on a regional basis, local agencies that provide supportive services and outreach programs to individuals and families who have <p><u>Priorities for Persons with Alcohol and Drug Addiction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support, locally and on a regional basis agencies that provide outreach programs to individuals with drug and alcohol problems. <p><u>Priorities for Persons with HIV/ AIDS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support, locally and on a regional basis, efforts that provide affordable housing to people living with HIV AIDS. - Continue to support organizations that provide supportive services to people living with HIV AIDS <p>Activity #8 - 35 persons</p> <p>Activity #10 - 100 persons</p>

9	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>Increase the number of, and access to, recreational and educational program opportunities for residents of the CCI. Examine the recreation/education needs of citizens living in the CCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with recreation/education service providers to offer desired services Support the provision of recreational/educational programs within the CCI, whenever possible • Support the provision of convenient transportation to the desired activities when services cannot be provided within the CCI • Encourage recreation/education service providers to recognize other human service needs of participants in the recreation programs, and to make appropriate referrals to other social service agencies
10	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Planning and Administration

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

With input from a variety of stakeholders, with data from a variety of sources, including the Center City Initiative, and with hands-on experience in front-line services to the most vulnerable populations in the City, Allentown plans a mix of activities in FY 2015 to address a wide range of challenges for those populations. Infrastructure improvements, housing rehab, recreation facilities and programming and support for area business are just some of the approaches to improving neighborhoods, houses and, most importantly, families in Allentown.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	HADC Youthbuild Program Acquisition
2	Property Disposition and Management-LMH
3	Property Disposition and Management-SB
4	Center City Initiative Area Public Improvements
5	ADA Curb Cuts
6	Demolition of Substandard Properties
7	Youth Recreation Program
8	P.L.A.C.E. Program
9	English to Speakers of Other Languages
10	Daybreak
11	Scholarship Program
12	Xcape Dance Program
13	Inner-City Neighborhood Scholarship Program
14	School to Career Transition Program
15	Community Action Financial Services
16	Homeownership Outreach Program
17	Make Your M.A.R.K.
18	After School Program
19	Ways to Work Loan Program
20	Earn-A-Bike Program
21	First Serve/First Tee Program
22	Wellness Program
23	Digital Media and STEM Career Program
24	Summer Reading Program

#	Project Name
25	The Next Step to Success Program
26	Youth Enrichment Program
27	Project Outreach
28	Transitional Housing
29	Securing Commercial/Industrial Properties
30	Alliance Hall Summer Recreation Program
31	Great Beginnings
32	Center City Initiative Job Search
33	Youthbuild Rehabilitation Program
34	Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust
35	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program
36	Habitat for Humanity
37	Lead Remediation Program-Owner-Occupied
38	Lead Remediation Program-Rental
39	Hazard Elimination Program
40	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
41	General Management, Oversight and Coordination
42	Community Development Planning
43	Fair Housing
44	Alliance for Building Communities- CHDO Activity
45	Sacred Heart Residences
46	HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program
47	HESG

Table 3 - Project Information

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

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	HADC Youthbuild Program Acquisition
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000
	Description	Acquisition of four vacant, substandard properties which will be rehabilitated and subsequently sold to low/moderate income families. This project is part of a Youthbuild Grant program partnership. Activity implemented by Housing Association and Development Corporation.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that four low and moderate income families will be assisted. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Property addresses will be determined
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of four vacant, substandard properties which will be rehabilitated and subsequently sold to low/moderate income families. This project is part of a Youthbuild Grant program partnership. Activity implemented by Housing Association and Development Corporation.
2	Project Name	Property Disposition and Management-LMH
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,145
	Description	Program delivery costs only for the maintenance and management of 16 vacant buildings. Program funds remain in a previous year's allocation. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Sixteen families will ultimately benefit from the activity.

	Location Description	Properties to be scattered throughout entire CCI area listed below:
	Planned Activities	Program delivery costs only for the maintenance and management of 16 vacant buildings. Program funds remain in a previous year's allocation. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
3	Project Name	Property Disposition and Management-SB
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Safety Goals
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,036
	Description	Program delivery costs only for the maintenance and management of seven vacant parcels. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined
	Location Description	Properties to be scattered through CCI area listed below:
	Planned Activities	Program delivery costs only for the maintenance and management of seven vacant parcels. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown
4	Project Name	Center City Initiative Area Public Improvements
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Safety Goals
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$333,830
	Description	Neighborhood improvements including pedestrian street lighting within the Center City Initiative Area. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined once actual blocks are identified.
	Location Description	Center City Initiative Area in the following block groups:

	Planned Activities	Neighborhood improvements including pedestrian street lighting within the Center City Initiative Area. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
5	Project Name	ADA Curb Cuts
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	Handicapped accessible curb cuts in compliance with ADA requirements. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined
	Location Description	Center City Initiative Area
	Planned Activities	Handicapped accessible curb cuts in compliance with ADA requirements. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
6	Project Name	Demolition of Substandard Properties
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Safety Goals
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,844
	Description	Demolition of four substandard properties in the Center City Initiative Area. Includes program delivery costs of \$35,844. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined
	Location Description	Center City Initiative Area, including the following areas:

	Planned Activities	Demolition of Substandard properties in the Center City Initiative Area. Includes program delivery costs of \$35,844. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
7	Project Name	Youth Recreation Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Recreation program for Center City Initiative Area youth. Activity implemented by the Allentown YMCA and YWCA.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 35 low/moderate income youth will be assisted. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	425 South 15th Street, Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Recreation program for Center City Initiative Area youth. Activity implemented by the Allentown YMCA and YWCA.
8	Project Name	P.L.A.C.E. Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Special Needs Goals (Non-Homeless)
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The People Living in Accessible Community Environments (P.L.A.C.E.) program advances the ability of persons with significant disabilities to live independently and in affordable and accessible housing of their choice. Activity implemented by the Lehigh Valley Center for Independently Living.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 35 persons will be assisted. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	713 North 13th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

	Planned Activities	The People Living in Accessible Community Environments (P.L.A.C.E.) program advances the ability of persons with significant disabilities to live independently and in affordable and accessible housing of their choice. Activity implemented by the Lehigh Valley Center for Independently Living.
9	Project Name	English to Speakers of Other Languages
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Economic Development/Job Creation
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Teaches basic reading and writing skills and develops the ability to speak English. Activity implemented by The Literacy Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 35 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	801 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Teaches basic reading and writing skills and develops the ability to speak English. Activity implemented by The Literacy Center.
10	Project Name	Daybreak
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Special Needs Goals (Non-Homeless)
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	An adult drop-in center for the mentally ill and those recovering from addictions, providing services such as meals, supportive counseling and recreation in a protective environment. Activity implemented by Lehigh Conference of Churches.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	534 Chew Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	An adult drop-in center for the mentally ill and those recovering from addictions, providing services such as meals, supportive counseling and recreation in a protective environment. Activity implemented by Lehigh Conference of Churches.
11	Project Name	Scholarship Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Scholarships for low/moderate income children to attend pre-school. Activity implemented by Grace Episcopal Church-Grace Montessori School.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 8 persons will be assisted by this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	814 West Linden Street Allentown, PA 18101
Planned Activities	Scholarships for low/moderate income children to attend pre-school. Activity implemented by Grace Episcopal Church-Grace Montessori School.	
12	Project Name	Xcape Dance Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	After school program for low/moderate income youth to teach them dance skills. Activity implemented by Youth Education in the Arts.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 101 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	801 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101
	Planned Activities	After school program for low/moderate income youth to teach them dance skills. Activity implemented by Youth Education in the Arts.
13	Project Name	Inner-City Neighborhood Scholarship Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,731
	Description	Scholarships for art lessons for low/moderate income third through fifth grade inner-city youth. Activity implemented by The Baum School of Art.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 36 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	510 West Linden Street Allentown, PA 18101
	Planned Activities	Scholarships for art lessons for low/moderate income third through fifth grade inner-city youth. Activity implemented by The Baum School of Art.
14	Project Name	School to Career Transition Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)

	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A program which encourages the development of work readiness skills for at-risk adolescents. Activity implemented by Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 40 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	401 Allen Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	A program which encourages the development of work readiness skills for at-risk adolescents. Activity implemented by Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley.
15	Project Name	Community Action Financial Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A program which includes individual and group counseling which prepares potential homebuyers for the homebuying process. Activity implemented by Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 60 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Community Wide- classes will be held in a variety of locations.
	Planned Activities	A program which includes individual and group counseling which prepares potential homebuyers for the homebuying process. Activity implemented by Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.
16	Project Name	Homeownership Outreach Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing

	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Provides individual counseling to assist persons purchasing a home. Activity implemented by Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons will be assisted by this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	239 North Tenth Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Provides individual counseling to assist persons purchasing a home. Activity implemented by Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley.
17	Project Name	Make Your M.A.R.K.
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Motivational learning and tutoring for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 40 persons will be assisted by this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	641 North Seventh Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Motivational learning and tutoring for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown.
18	Project Name	After School Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Provides structured, after-school education programs for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by The Neighborhood Center. (Formerly St. Luke's Neighborhood Center).
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 20 persons will be assisted by this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	435 North Seventh Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Provides structured, after-school education programs for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by The Neighborhood Center. (Formerly St. Luke's Neighborhood Center).
19	Project Name	Ways to Work Loan Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A program which helps persons with no credit or poor credit obtain a low-interest loan to purchase a used car or repair an existing car for the specific purpose of keeping a job or staying in school. Activity implemented by Pinebrook Family Services.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 70 persons will be assisted by this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	402 North Fulton Street Allentown, PA 18102

	Planned Activities	A program which helps persons with no credit or poor credit obtain a low-interest loan to purchase a used car or repair an existing car for the specific purpose of keeping a job or staying in school. Activity implemented by Pinebrook Family Services.
20	Project Name	Earn-A-Bike Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	An extensive bicycle mechanics and safety program for low/moderate income children, ages nine through 17, through which the children can earn a bicycle. Activity implemented by Community Bike Works.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 60 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	235 North Madison Street Allentown, PA 18102
Planned Activities	An extensive bicycle mechanics and safety program for low/moderate income children, ages nine through 17, through which the children can earn a bicycle. Activity implemented by Community Bike Works.	
21	Project Name	First Serve/First Tee Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,888
	Description	Tennis and golf instruction for low/moderate income youth, ages eight to 16. Activity implemented by Embrace Your Dreams.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.

	Location Description	1021 North Sixth Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Tennis and golf instruction for low/moderate income youth, ages eight to 16. Activity implemented by Embrace Your Dreams.
22	Project Name	Wellness Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A wellness program to promote healthy living for low/moderate income residents. Activity implemented by Casa Guadalupe Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 60 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	218 North Second Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	A wellness program to promote healthy living for low/moderate income residents. Activity implemented by Casa Guadalupe Center.
23	Project Name	Digital Media and STEM Career Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,672
	Description	A digital media program to teach youth about careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Activity implemented by the DaVinci Science Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 40 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.

	Location Description	to be determined
	Planned Activities	A digital media program to teach youth about careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Activity implemented by the DaVinci Science Center.
24	Project Name	Summer Reading Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A summer reading program for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by the Allentown Public Library.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	1210 West Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	A summer reading program for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by the Allentown Public Library.
25	Project Name	The Next Step to Success Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Economic Development/Job Creation
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,436
	Description	A program which provides one-on-one counseling to low/moderate income residents to improve or acquire work readiness skills and other skills necessary to transition to the next steps in their career paths. Activity implemented by the Lehigh Carbon Community College.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 12 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	718 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101
	Planned Activities	A program which provides one-on-one counseling to low/moderate income residents to improve or acquire work readiness skills and other skills necessary to transition to the next steps in their career paths. Activity implemented by the Lehigh Carbon Community College.
26	Project Name	Youth Enrichment Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Provides an after school education and recreation program for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by the Salvation Army.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 50 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	144 North Eighth Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Provides an after school education and recreation program for low/moderate income youth. Activity implemented by the Salvation Army.
27	Project Name	Project Outreach
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	An outreach, information and referral service primarily for low and moderate income Arabic residents of the first and sixth wards of the City of Allentown. Activity implemented by the Syrian Arab American Charity Association
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	608 1/2 North Second Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	An outreach, information and referral service primarily for low and moderate income Arabic residents of the first and sixth wards of the City of Allentown. Activity implemented by the Syrian Arab American Charity Association
28	Project Name	Transitional Housing
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Provision of ongoing supportive services to low and moderate income women working their way out of the criminal justice system and women at risk for criminal behavior. Activity implemented by The Program for Women and Families.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 9 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	814 Gordon Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Provision of ongoing supportive services to low and moderate income women working their way out of the criminal justice system and women at risk for criminal behavior. Activity implemented by The Program for Women and Families.

29	Project Name	Securing Commercial/Industrial Properties
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Safety Goals
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Upgrade the vacant riverfront and publicly owned downtown properties to a safe condition by keeping the buildings safe and secured, removing trash and debris and lighting buildings and grounds. Activity implemented by Allentown Economic Development Corporation.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 5600 persons will benefit from this activity, approximately 10 buildings will be maintained
	Location Description	Properties to be located in Census Tracts 4, 5 and 11 Tract 4, Block Group 1: 1815 people; 84.57% Tract 4, Block Group 2; 1935 people; 78.29% Tract 5, Block Group 1; 1510 people; 85.43% Tract 5, Block Group 2; 685 people; 72.99%
Planned Activities	Maintaining the vacant riverfront and publicly owned downtown properties in safe condition by keeping the buildings safe and secured, removing trash and debris and lighting buildings and grounds. Activity implemented by Allentown Economic Development Corporation.	
30	Project Name	Alliance Hall Summer Recreation Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	A summer program including recreation, lunch, snacks and health promotion education for Center City Initiative Area children ages six to 12. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown Bureau of Health.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	245 North Sixth Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	A summer program including recreation, lunch, snacks and health promotion education for Center City Initiative Area children ages six to 12. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown Bureau of Health.
31	Project Name	Great Beginnings
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A program which provides housing and services to pregnant and parenting homeless youth, ages 16-21. Activity implemented by Valley Youth House.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated six persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	747 East Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18109
Planned Activities	A program which provides housing and services to pregnant and parenting homeless youth, ages 16-21. Activity implemented by Valley Youth House.	
32	Project Name	Center City Initiative Job Search
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Economic Development/Job Creation
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000

	Description	A program to assist Center City Initiative Area residents find jobs and be prepared for the workforce. Implementing agency to be determined.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 50 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	to be determined
	Planned Activities	A program to assist Center City Initiative Area residents find jobs and be prepared for the workforce. Implementing agency to be determined.
33	Project Name	Youthbuild Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$160,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of four properties to be subsequently sold to low income households, as part of a Youthbuild Grant Program partnership. Activity implemented by Housing Association and Development Corporation.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated four families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Actual property addresses have yet to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of four properties to be subsequently sold to low income households, as part of a Youthbuild Grant Program partnership. Activity implemented by Housing Association and Development Corporation.
34	Project Name	Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of two vacant, blighted properties to be subsequently sold to low and moderate income households. Activity implemented by the Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated two families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Addresses to be determined
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of two vacant, blighted properties to be subsequently sold to low and moderate income households. Activity implemented by the Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust.
35	Project Name	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$228,000
	Description	Loan/Grant program for rehabilitation of owner-occupied properties. Implementing agency to be determined.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated ten families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Actual property addresses have yet to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Loan/Grant program for rehabilitation of owner-occupied properties. Implementing agency to be determined.
36	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Owner Occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership

	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of three vacant properties to be subsequently sold to low/moderate income families. Activity implemented by Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated three families will be assisted by this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Actual addresses of properties to be determined at a later date.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of three vacant properties to be subsequently sold to low/moderate income families. Activity implemented by Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley.
37	Project Name	Lead Remediation Program-Owner-Occupied
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$46,452
	Description	Remediation of lead hazards in four owner-occupied properties. Includes program delivery costs of \$6,542. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated four families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Property addresses are yet to be determined
	Planned Activities	Remediation of lead hazards in four owner-occupied properties. Includes program delivery costs of \$6,542. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
38	Project Name	Lead Remediation Program-Rental
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Rental
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership

	Funding	CDBG: \$110,054
	Description	Remediation of lead hazards in eight rental units. Includes program delivery costs of \$15,054. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated eight families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Actual property addresses have yet to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Remediation of lead hazards in eight rental units. Includes program delivery costs of \$15,054. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
39	Project Name	Hazard Elimination Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,844
	Description	Loans to eliminate conditions detrimental to health and safety within owner-occupied properties. Includes program delivery costs of \$35,844. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 20 families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Addresses have yet to be determined
	Planned Activities	Loans to eliminate conditions detrimental to health and safety within owner-occupied properties. Includes program delivery costs of \$35,844. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
40	Project Name	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Economic Development/Job Creation
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Opportunities

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Provides Start Your Business Program, a series of 17 weekly classes in which prospective entrepreneurs will learn to start and run a business successfully.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 3 persons will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	443 North Seventh Street Allentown, PA 18102
	Planned Activities	Provides Start Your Business Program, a series of 17 weekly classes in which prospective entrepreneurs will learn to start and run a business successfully.
41	Project Name	General Management, Oversight and Coordination
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership Homelessness Non Housing Community Development Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs) Public Housing Economic Development Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$322,500 HOME: \$66,551
	Description	For the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, includes a portion of salaries, benefits and operating costs of six City of Allentown employees who are responsible in whole or in part for the administration of the HUD programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration

	Location Description	435 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101
	Planned Activities	For the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, includes a portion of salaries, benefits and operating costs of six City of Allentown employees who are responsible in whole or in part for the administration of the HUD programs.
42	Project Name	Community Development Planning
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Leadership training for City residents to promote participation and engage them in planning activities throughout the city. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Planning activity
	Location Description	435 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101
	Planned Activities	Leadership training for City residents to promote participation and engage them in planning activities throughout the city. Activity implemented by the City of Allentown.
43	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Non - Homeless Special Needs)
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Promotion of Fair Housing activities, outreach, education and investigations in the City of Allentown. Activity implemented by North Penn Legal Services.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Planning/Administration
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Promotion of Fair Housing activities, outreach, education and investigations in the City of Allentown. Activity implemented by North Penn Legal Services.
44	Project Name	Alliance for Building Communities- CHDO Activity
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Rental
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	HOME: \$160,000
	Description	Acquire and rehabilitate four properties to rent to low/moderate income families. This allocation represents the City's CHDO set-aside plus additional funds. Activity implemented by Alliance for Building Communities.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated four families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Property addresses are yet to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Acquire and rehabilitate four properties to rent to low/moderate income families. This allocation represents the City's CHDO set-aside plus additional funds. Activity implemented by Alliance for Building Communities
45	Project Name	Sacred Heart Residences
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing/Rental
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	HOME: \$245,266
	Description	Construction of rental housing for low income senior citizens. Activity implemented by Pennrose Properties as developer.

	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated eight families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	5th and Turner Streets in Allentown
	Planned Activities	Construction of rental housing for low income senior citizens. Activity implemented by Pennrose Properties as developer.
46	Project Name	HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Center City Initiative Program Area
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing: Rental and Homeownership
	Funding	HOME: \$193,702
	Description	Loans/grants for rehabilitation of low/moderate income owner-occupied properties. Implementing agency to be determined.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated eight families will benefit from this activity. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
	Location Description	Property addresses have yet to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Loans/grants for rehabilitation of low/moderate income owner-occupied properties. Implementing agency to be determined.
47	Project Name	HESG
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Support Activities
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$190,484
	Description	For use of ESG funds- activities include administration, shelter (four shelters) and rapid re-housing. Activities implemented by the City of Allentown, The ACLV Sixth Street Shelter, The Allentown Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army and the Lehigh Conference of Churches.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 300 persons will be assisted in the overnight shelters and 10 households through the TBRA/Rapid Rehousing program. Project will assist people under 80% of AMI. At project completion time, documentation on the different levels of income for people assisted will be placed in the project file.
Location Description	various
Planned Activities	For use of ESG funds- activities include administration, shelter (four shelters) and rapid re-housing. Activities implemented by the City of Allentown, The CACLV Sixth Street Shelter, The Allentown Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army and the Lehigh Conference of Churches.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The activities typically undertaken with CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds occur within the Center City Initiative Area (CCI) of the City which is also based on the income eligibility of residents and areas where the percentage of low and moderate income (IMI) persons is 51% or higher. These areas also include areas of racial and ethnic concentration where the percentage of a specific racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than for the City's overall. Public services are provided at specific locations but are available to residents throughout the CCI Area. The largest activity, housing rehabilitation, is also provided in the CCI Area and depending upon income eligibility.

The City has established a priority area for the FY2015-2019 Planning period. The area is outlined in the Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods: The Center City Initiative report, included in the Grantee Unique Appendices. The "Center City Initiative" is defined by the area generally perceived to comprise Center City Allentown but more significantly by the existing programs and initiatives currently underway. The program area is shown on Map 1 in the report and encompasses the following communities: Jordan Heights; 7th Street Corridor; the Old Allentown and Old Fairgrounds Historic Districts; Hamilton District Main Street area and the Allentown Promise Neighborhood.

The plan was developed upon the realization that downtown and neighborhood revitalization efforts cannot be mutually exclusive the community as a whole is intent in joining together to help support and ensure a shared success story. The downtown business community recognizes the importance of having strong neighboring communities to attract a stable customer base with discretionary income and an environment that feels safe and is attractive; while the neighborhoods need the strength of the business district as a potential source of employment opportunities, customers for neighborhood businesses and restaurants, and a new market for neighborhood housing.

The combination of actions to address housing, community development and homeless needs, as described in this Consolidated Plan, represent the City's best efforts to meet underserved needs through a coordinated, focused, and ranked program.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects in Allentown are predicated upon the following criteria as well as those included in the Rating Criteria Explanations included in the

Citizen Participation amendment:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs
- Meeting the needs of low and moderate income residents
- Focusing on low and moderate income areas or neighborhoods in the Center City Initiative plan
- Coordination and leveraging of resources
- Response to expressed needs
- Sustainability and/or long-term impact, and
- The ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	
Center City Initiative Program Area	80

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

See above narrative.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Allentown expects to focus its CDBG and HOME entitlement funds towards improving the quality of life in city neighborhoods for extremely low, very low, and low income households, and to preserve and increase the stock of affordable owner and renter housing units. The following objectives have been established:

1. Expand homeownership – develop new homeownership opportunities through first-time homebuyer assistance, new construction and substantial rehabilitation of blighted housing.
2. Preserve existing housing – provide assistance to lower income homeowners to rehabilitate their homes to meet code standards.
3. Expand rental housing – provide assistance to developers to construct new rental housing or conversion of non-residential facilities into housing.
4. Support the actions of the City of Allentown Housing Authority to improve public housing.
5. Support the actions of developers (non-profit and for-profit) seeking funds to develop housing to address the needs of persons with disabilities and the elderly.
6. Support the development of new permanent supportive housing for persons who need more than just an apartment to end the cycle of homelessness.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	800
Special-Needs	200
Total	1,100

Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	4
The Production of New Units	10
Rehab of Existing Units	35
Acquisition of Existing Units	75
Total	124

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The above goals are broken down as follows:

Homeless: 100 households through shelter support

Non-Homeless: 800 households through Public Service activities

Special Needs: 200 households through Special Needs Public service activities

Rental Assitsance: 4 households through Rapid Rehousing

Production of New Units: 10 households through production of new rental units

Rehab of Exisitng Units - 30 households through Housing Rehab program and 5 households through Redevelopment Authority program

Acquisition of Existing Units: 60 households through Homeownership counseling program, 15 households through Downpayment assistance

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Allentown Housing Authority (AHA) currently owns and manages 1,223 conventional public housing units, primarily within 14 separate developments located throughout the City of Allentown. Almost all of the public housing units are occupied, with yearly turnover ranging from 2 to 23 units among the 14 developments. This total includes 79 scattered site units located throughout the City of Allentown. The Public Housing Authority in the Unique Grantee Appendix shows the target population of each development as well as the total units, year built, occupancy rate, and annual unit turnover. Sixty-five percent of the units are designated for elderly tenants overall. The overall annual turnover rate is low, approximately 15% of the units, and the occupancy rates range from 98 to 9%.

In addition, AHA owns and manages 107 units that were acquired and rehabilitated through the federal Section 8 Substantial Rehabilitation Program. Project-based vouchers are used to help payoff AHA debt. These units are also scattered throughout the City. The major unmet need in the City of Allentown reported by AHA was for additional family housing units with a varied bedroom mix. Also, adequate on-site facilities for community programs are seen as a great need.

Overlook Park

There are also 80 new public housing units and an additional 79 rental units that are eligible for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers that were recently completed in a new development named Overlook Park. Overlook Park is part of a 2005 HUD award that AHA received. This \$20 million HOPE VI Revitalization grant was provided to demolish and rebuild the Hanover Acres and Riverview Terrace (HART) public housing developments and introduce a new mixed-income model of affordable housing and community revitalization to the City of Allentown. Demolition for the project began in June 2006 with the 322 barracks-style Hanover Acres. Hanover Acres was opened in 1939 as Pennsylvania's first public housing for low income workers. AHA temporarily relocated all tenants prior to the demolition. As the rental development is now finished, a total of 421 public housing units at Hanover Acres and the adjacent Riverview Terrace have been replaced with 269 rental units for low and moderate income residents, a new 17,000 square foot community center, a greenway, and park. The project is a public-private partnership between AHA, a private developer, and the City, which contributed funding through its federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. The rental units are a mix of two-, three-, and fourbedroom townhouses and twin homes. There will also be 53 detached homes that are currently being built and sold to low and moderate income residents. Of the 322 total units, 80 will be public housing, 79 will be affordable rental units, and 53 will be non-HI.D subsidized, homeownership units. AHA procured the Catholic Social Agency to provide case management and Community Supportive Services, and provide management services. When completed, AHA will have leveraged approximately

\$40 million from its partners toward the total cost of the project.

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

Goal I - Maintain housing and a suitable living environment by:

- Reducing public housing vacancies;
- Leveraging private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities;
- Leveraging private or other public funds to preserve and extend the usable life of existing housing units;
- Utilitze HUD programs, such as Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) to stabilize housing funding for existing housing units.

Goal II - Improve the quality of assisted housing by:

- Continuing to improve public housing management;
- Continuing to improve housing choice voucher management;
- Renovating or modernizing public housing units;
- Demolishing or disposing of obsolete public housing;

Goal III - Increase assisted housing choices by:

- Continuing outreach efforts to potential housing choice voucher landlords;
- Implementing public housing or other homeownership programs; and
- Utilize technology to keep public informed about housing opportunities.

Goal IV = Provide an improved living environment by:

- Designating developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly and/or persons with disabilities);
- Continuing efforts to reduce illegal drug activities and crime by supporting programs provided by the Boys and Girls Club activities and Neighborhood Police Programs, in conjunction with the City of

Allentown;

Continuing support for the Resident Council organizations;

Strengthen existing partnerships with community agencies and programs providing services to resident populations, and

Providing referrals to social service agencies as appropriate.

Goal V - Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households by:

Increasing the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families;

Providing or attracting supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability; and

Providing or attracting supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.

Goal VI - Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing by:

Undertaking affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, sexual orientation and/or disability; and

Undertaking affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, sexual orientation and/or disability.

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

The activities to be undertaken in FY2015 by the Housing Authority to increase the involvement of PHA residents in management include:

- Property managers meet with residents at each respective property to solicit input and Resident Advisory
- Board provides input on management activities. Once position on the Board of Commissioners is reserved for a resident.

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

provided or other assistance

Not Applicable

Discussion

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

Introduction

For the past decade, there has been a federal funding requirement that communities and organizations formally work together to develop a "Continuum of Care" (CoC) process to address homelessness at all levels. Since 2005, the City of Allentown has participated in the regional CoC process led by the Eastern PA CofC and the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board (LVRHAB). The Eastern PA CoC Process is one of two regional efforts created to encompass non-entitlement portions of the state in order to receive homeless assistance from HUD. Within the region, the Lehigh Valley RHAB encompasses Lehigh and Northampton Counties, the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. The Lehigh Valley RHAB CofC has helped secure \$4 million in competitive federal grants for the region to provide homeless housing and support services during its existence.

The Eastern Pennsylvania CofC (of which LV RHAB is a member) is currently an unincorporated organization that serves as the primary decision-making group for the CoC process. Its responsibilities include ensuring representation of key stakeholders; setting the agenda for full CoC planning meetings; conducting the annual homeless single Point-in-Time count; overseeing the various subcommittees and working groups; completing the annual CoC application; and assisting in reviewing programs, activities, data, and all other efforts that will eliminate homelessness and improve the well-being of homeless persons and families in the northeast region.

Point-in-Time surveys are conducted each year in the month of January. The Point in Time conducted in January 2014 is included in the Grantee Unique Appendices. During 2014, a total of 290 homeless persons were identified in Lehigh County. Of these 34 were unsheltered and 166 were in shelters.

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

During the 2014 Annual Point in Time Count, there were 161 unsheltered persons counted in Lehigh County. The Lehigh Valley has formal outreach teams that work to identify and engage unsheltered persons through outreach and services. Outreach is conducted at soup kitchens and other known locations where street homeless congregate. Additional outreach and other services are provided by the Lehigh Valley Assertive Community Treatment team, and chronic homeless providers throughout the Lehigh Valley. The Lehigh County Conference of Churches provides the Linkage program which provides

outreach to homeless persons and the Valley Youth House provides outreach to homeless teens.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Allentown is part of a two county regional homeless advisory board which is a sub group of the thirty-three county Eastern PA Continuum of Care. In the City as in the CoC, there is a large network of provider agencies that address the shelter and transitional housing needs of persons who are homeless.

The shelters and transitional housing in Allentown:

Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - 6th Street Shelter (ES)

Community Action Committee of Lehigh Valley- Turner St. Apartments (TH)

Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (ES)

Salvation Army Transitional Shelter (TH)

Allentown Rescue Mission (ES)

Allentown Rescue Mission Christian Living and Values Transitional Program (TH)

Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley (Domestic Violence) (TH)

The Program for Women and Families, Inc. (TH)

In order to meet the City's Goals to participate in a regional effort to contribute to meeting the shelter and service needs of homeless residents of the City, to assist residents of the City in imminent danger of becoming homeless, and to assist residents in a continuum to find permanent housing, the City has budgeted \$190,484 from the FY 2015 Year Emergency Solutions Grant for shelter (four shelters) and rapid re-housing. Activities implemented by the City of Allentown, The CACLV Sixth Street Shelter, The Allentown Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army and the Lehigh Conference of Churches. The City anticipates assisting approximately 100 persons through the shelter assistance.

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

Finding available, affordable units is the challenge most households face in their efforts to move from

shelter or transitional to permanent housing. Housing supply is limited and is often priced higher than many households can afford. Affordable units may not be safe or meet minimum housing code standards. The City is working to address the availability and condition of affordable housing and provides a substantial amount of its CDBG and HOME funds to housing. Projects funded in 2015 include: Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust program, tge CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program, Habitat for Humanity, Alliance for Building Communities- CHDO Activity, Sacred Heart Residences, and the HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The LVRHAB encourages shelters and transitional housing providers to access the listing of affordable units on PHFA's housing locator website. The LVRHAB will start to track the length of time households remain homeless and work to reduce that time. The LVRHAB hopes to partner with housing authorities to give preference to homeless families. They also plan to address employment and training opportunities to increase income of homeless individuals and households before they leave shelter or transitional housing.

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 LVRHAB is participating with other state CoCs through the PA Homeless Steering Committee to develop partnerships with state agencies that operate programs that discharge individuals to homelessness. Progress has been made with several agencies. Discharge planning by youth serving agencies includes steps to prepare youth for discharge from foster care and penal institutions. Mental health discharge is coordinated with the County Office of Mental Health. The Departments of Corrections and Public Welfare are working to implement a new protocol to ensure that those leaving penal institutions are enrolled in Medical Assistance through the COMPASS application process. This process also will tie into Food Stamps and cash assistance shortly. Discharge from health care is more difficult due to the special needs and short time frame involved in discharge. The PA Homeless Steering Committee is working with the Department of Health, Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care to research and establish protocols.

Coordination of services and local advocacy ensures that families that are already enrolled in one system of care are properly referred to other agencies providing appropriate services. The implementation of the 2-1-1 system will help expand the degree of coordination.

Projects funded in 2015 to help low income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless include: The Next Step to Success Program, Transitional Housing Center, City Initiative Job Search, Ways to Work Loan Program, Community Action Financial Services, School to Career Transition Program,

Homeownership Outreach Program, and the Digital Media and STEM Career Program.

Discussion

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

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

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

Introduction:

A property owner in the City of Allentown will pay real estate taxes to the City, Lehigh County, and the Allentown School District. Each governing body determines its own tax rate; the actual tax paid is based on this rate multiplied by the assessed value of the property. The assessed value of the property is determined by Lehigh County. The most recent assessment was completed in 1990.

Since the City is limited to a one-percent earned income tax under State law, it is heavily dependent upon the real estate tax for revenue. In fact, as the largest source of revenue, the real estate tax provides more than three times the revenue to the City as the earned income tax. The City's tax rate is not excessive compared to other cities of a similar size; however, in comparison to suburban municipalities, Allentown homeowners pay a higher tax rate. This situation wherein the City must disproportionately increase real estate taxes relative to the surrounding municipalities effectively raises costs for purchasing land and developing affordable housing.

In the codified ordinances of the City of Allentown, it states that the purpose of the zoning ordinance "...is the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, and/or general welfare by":

Encouraging the most appropriate use of land

Preventing the overcrowding of land

Conserving the value of land and buildings

Lessening the congestion of traffic on the roads

Avoiding undue congestion of population

Providing for adequate light and air

Securing safety from fire, flood, and other dangers

Facilitating adequate provision for transportation, water supply, sewage disposal, draining, school, parks, and other public facilities

Giving reasonable consideration, among other things, to the character of districts and their peculiar suitability for particular uses

Giving effect to the policies and proposals of the Comprehensive Plan as approved by the City Planning

Commission and adopted by Council

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

In 2014, Lehigh County, Northampton County, and the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton contributed towards the preparation of a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This Regional AI, is an endeavor to streamline the Lehigh Valley region's approach to fair housing and to identify and address impediments to fair housing choice that often do not strictly follow jurisdictional boundaries. By conducting this regional analysis, communities across the Lehigh Valley will be able to promote fair housing choices for all persons, provide opportunities for racially and ethnically inclusive patterns of housing occupancy, identify structural and systemic barriers to fair housing choice, and promote housing that is physically accessible and usable by persons with disabilities. A copy of the Allentown Impediments and Recommendations is included in the Grantee Unique Appendices. The Impediments included are:

Impediment #1: Steering by Real Estate Agents

Actions- outreach and training of Real Estate Agents

Impediment #2: Disparities in Mortgage Lending

Action Work with Fair Housing Consortium (members with Cities of Bethlehem, Easton and Counties of Northampton and Lehigh) to determine how to address.

Impediment #3: Need for Increased Fair Housing Education

Action Continue to fund the Fair Housing Consortium which works and funds North Penn Legal Services to provide fair housing educations throughout the year

Impediment #4: Need for Increased Coordination among Fair Housing Providers

Action Continue to work with the Fair Housing Consortium, North Penn Legal Services and other fair

housing providers to promote and coordinate fair housing education.

Impediment #5: Zoning Provisions Impacting People with Disabilities

Impediment #6: Condition of Affordable Housing Stock

Action Fund programs to improve condition of affordable housing stock within the CCI area.

Impediment #7: Public Perceptions Regarding Transportation Connectivity

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City has developed the following actions planned to: address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead based hazards, reduce the number of poverty level families, develop institutional structures, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited resources available to address identified priorities. When feasible, the City of Allentown partners with other public agencies and nonprofit organizations to leverage resources and maximize outcomes involving housing and community development activities. In addition, several other obstacles to meeting underserved needs include:

Increased need for affordable housing and supportive services resulting from economic downturn - while budgets for projects are generally stretched in good economic conditions, the recent economic downturn has exacerbated these issues and concerns; and

Increased foreclosures and unemployment - in addition to the community implications of the recent economic downturn are effects on a more individual basis, such as a high foreclosure rate, the associated problem of poor credit and rising unemployment.

The City will continue to use federal funds for housing programs, including homeownership, to aid low- and moderate-income homeowners. Further, the City will continue to fund microenterprise and economic development initiatives that bring jobs to city residents.

Also, during the upcoming program year, the City will continue to search for other funding opportunities to assist in meeting underserved needs. Information will be passed along to appropriate partners if the funding fits their respective missions. The City will also offer technical assistance to review these grant applications, if requested.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to use CDBG and HOME funds for rehabilitation programs, as described in earlier sections, and to encourage the creation of affordable housing as opportunities arise.

Further, the City has a strong code enforcement program and rental property inspection program that is used to prevent blight and improve the housing stock. When rental units are found to be uninhabitable,

CDBG funds are used to assist displaced residents through voluntary relocation.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Due to the age of the housing stock, particularly the stock available to low- to moderate- income households, Allentown's Bureau of Health has been active in preventing lead poisoning for children for over 30 years. The Bureau seeks to identify children at risk of lead poisoning, assures medical treatment and case management for the children and their families, and assures that lead hazard reduction activities are conducted in premises where environmental investigations reveal excessive lead levels. Historically, the Health Bureau actively screened children for lead poisoning and provides outreach and presentations at family centers, safety carnivals, health fairs, and child care centers. The Bureau collaborates with area hospitals and family health centers to provide and promote lead screenings. Because of extensive budget cuts, however, the Health Bureau's outreach and testing have been severely reduced in recent years.

There are several possible explanations for the low incidence of childhood lead poisoning in Allentown. One possible reason is the aggressive housing rehabilitation program, conducted by the City's Bureau of Building Standards and Safety, which is funded through the CDBG Program. Over 5,000 homes have been inspected during the last 29 years. Also, the housing stock in the City is mostly brick, with few painted, wooden structures.

In addition to identifying children and families who may benefit from the Lead-based Pain Hazard Control program, the Allentown Health Bureau incorporated numerous outreach and education strategies into its activities. Lead poisoning prevention education was offered to families with children under age six including minority and non-English speaking families. Additionally, lead poisoning prevention education was provided to pre-school, child care, and clinics. Moving forward, the Health Bureau is re-evaluating its programs due to severe budget cuts and at this time.

The City will continue to ensure that all housing rehabilitation work is done in accordance with all lead regulations, with housing units certified as lead-safe upon completion. All contractors working on federally-funded programs must have the appropriate lead certifications and that documentation is kept on file in the City.

During the program year, the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety will coordinate with the City's Bureau of Health. If the Bureau of Health identifies families with a lead poisoned child, the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety will offer funds to rehabilitate the unit to abate the lead hazards. It is anticipated that four owner occupied properties and eight rental units will be assisted.

In addition, the City's Bureau of Building Standards and Safety, in partnership with the Bureau of Health will examine the possibility of partnering with other Pennsylvania communities to apply for HUD lead

hazards grant funds.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City believes that the most effective method of lowering the number of households living in poverty is to assist them in developing the skills necessary to become more independent and self-sufficient.

The most obvious examples of this philosophy are the references throughout the Consolidated Plan to meeting the supportive needs of the homeless, those threatened with homelessness, and those with special needs. In the case of the homeless, the purpose of the supportive services is to assist them in dealing with the problems that led to their homelessness. Hopefully, their stay in a shelter facility will serve as a transition to permanent housing and a starting point towards developing their independence and self-sufficiency. The City will use ESG funds to support the operating budget of emergency shelters and short-term transitional housing programs. This will allow the sheltering organizations to provide more intensive social services to the participants in their programs. In addition, whenever possible, the City will assist the shelter providers in obtaining financial assistance to meet the physical needs of the sheltering facilities.

Previously, it was established that those threatened with homelessness usually are of extremely low income. They are also often in need of a wide range of social services to remove the threat of homelessness and to develop the skills necessary to increase the independence and self-sufficiency. Each year, the City budgets a portion of its CDBG funds to the provision of human services, largely to assist extremely low-income individuals and families. For adults, the City funds a literacy program and English as a second language (ESL) classes. For children, CDBG funds are used to support supplemental formal education, life-skills education, cultural enrichment, and structured recreation.

For persons with special needs who have a permanent disability, it may not be practical to expect a reduction in the number of households with incomes below the poverty line, depending on their level of disability. It is possible, however, to offer persons with special needs appropriate options in living environments. Supportive services likely will be an important part of any option chosen. For those who choose to live independently, supportive services will be essential to maintaining their independence. In addition to the services mentioned previously, which are available to all extremely low-income residents, the City funds several services for persons with special needs. For example, it supports a drop-in center for the mentally ill and persons addicted to alcohol or other drugs. The City's housing rehabilitation programs often enable elderly or frail elderly homeowners to remain in their home, and allow those with physical limitations to adapt their home to their specific needs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Allentown's Department of Community and Economic Development will be responsible for the overall implementation of the five-year strategy outlined in its Consolidated Plan in addition to the strategy outlined in this One Year Action Plan. It will administer the contracts with nonprofit

organizations providing housing rehabilitation services, homeownership opportunities, supportive housing for special needs populations, shelter and supportive counseling for the homeless, and social services for those threatened with homelessness. In addition, the Department will review proposals that seek to increase the supply and affordability of standard rental housing units. When addressing the issues of public housing, the Department works in conjunction with Allentown Housing Authority (AHA). In addition, there are several offices within the City's departmental structure that provide housing, economic, and community development services to citizens of Allentown. These include:

During the program year, the City will continue its twice monthly Department of Community and Economic Development Managers' meetings where the Director of CED, Operations Manager of CED, Director of the Bureau of Health, Director of the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety, Director of Planning and Zoning, HUD Grants Manager and Business Development Director will meet to discuss relevant Community and Economic Development issues, especially those that incorporate a variety of CED bureaus. Any programmatic issues which may arise for HUD funded programs will be discussed and addressed. These meetings also incorporate discussions of relationships and issues with other partners such as the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown, Allentown Economic Development Corporation and the Allentown Housing Authority. Any gaps in the service delivery systems can be identified and addressed at these meetings.

The Bureau of Planning and Zoning works with many community organizations that provide services pursuant to the Plan

The Bureau of Building Standards and Safety is responsible for code enforcement, systematic inspections, owner occupied rehabilitation and for demolition of dilapidated buildings

The Bureau of Health is responsible for the childhood lead testing program

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown, The Allentown Economic Development Corporation serve as development partners with the City

The Allentown City School District also plays an important collaborating role

Public housing in Allentown is administered by the Allentown Housing Authority (AHA). AHA is responsible for all aspects of the Consolidated Plan dealing with public housing, and for administration of the City's Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher program. While its daily operations are independent of those of City government, AHA works closely with the Department of Community and Economic Development and other agencies to meet the City's low-income housing needs. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development sits on the Board of Directors of the Allentown Housing Authority as does one member of Allentown City Council.

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

service agencies

The City has improved the coordination between its existing housing programs and other agencies and levels of government by networking/sharing information. The information exchange that occurred during the Consolidated Plan process continues between public and private agencies, grantee sub-recipients and colleagues in the County.

Also, as described in the Citizen Participation narrative, the City sought a wide range of citizen participation and made all materials readily available to the public for review and comment.

In addition, this Consolidated Plan has the support of Mayor and City Administration. The Community Development staff of the City reviewed Requests for Proposals and, after review and evaluation, recommended approval by the City Administration.

The approach employed by the City has proven to be a valuable tool for eliciting input that would not otherwise be available. This development process combined diverse ideas and approaches into a comprehensive planning document. The process further provides a set of strategies that address the low-income needs of the City in a clear and logical fashion. The delivery system in place for these housing, public services, and community development programs is coordinated through the City's Community Development staff. No changes to the delivery system are anticipated.

During the program year, the City will continue to encourage dialogue and collaboration with its private housing and social services agencies. During pre-contract meetings, agencies will have the opportunity to hear what housing and social services partners are proposing for the upcoming grant year.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Projects planned with all CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the projects table. The executive summary includes the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan as well as a evaluation of past performance, and a summary of the citizen participation and consultation process.

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	83,000
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:	83,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	93.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

N/A

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

The issue of resale/recapture arises when a homeowner that received homebuyer assistance under the HOME Program decides to sell the property. If the property is sold after the period of affordability has expired, there are no restrictions in terms of resale or recapture of HOME funds that apply to such a transaction. If, however, the sale occurs before the period of affordability has expired, certain regulatory limitations apply. The regulations at 92.254 (a)(5) give the participating jurisdiction two broad options relative to the treatment of properties that are sold before the period of affordability has expired:

- The owner that received HOME assistance must sell the home to a low income family that will use the property as their principal residence; or
- The participating jurisdiction must recapture some or all of the HOME investment that was initially extended to the home buyer.

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 units, other than owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, carry occupancy restriction for varying lengths of time, known as the affordability period. The HOME assisted housing must meet the affordability period specified in the following table, beginning at the end of project completion:

To ensure affordability, the City of Allentown must impose either resale or recapture requirement, at its option. The CHDO Acquisition/rehabilitation/Resale and New Construction activities use resale restrictions. The buyer must occupy the property as a principal residence and must qualify as low income (80% of median or less as defined by the Section 8 Part 5 income determination method) at the time of purchase or, in the case of new construction, at the time the agreement of sale is signed.

Resale

The resale requirement is enforced through a second mortgage/note that is executed between the City and the homebuyer. During the affordability period, the homeowner may sell only to another income eligible homebuyer. The method of calculating a "fair and reasonable" resale price is defined in the mortgage/note. The maximum allowable resale price of the unit is also referred to as the

Limited Resale Price, shall the lower of #1 or #2, below;

1. The Limited Appreciation Price:

a. The Homeowner's Purchase Price

b. Plus a 50% increase in market value of the unit, also referred to as the Appreciation Factor.

c. Plus any applicable Credit for Qualified Capital Improvements, as defined in the Mortgage/Note.

d. Less any amount charged for Excessive Damage, as determined by an inspection of the property and defined in the Mortgage/note.

OR

2. The Current Market Value of the unit. In the event that the market value of the unit at the time of Homeowner's Intent to Sell Notice, determined in #1, above, is less than the Homeowner's Purchase Price of the Limited Appreciation Price; the Limited Resale Price shall be the appraised value of the unit at the time of the Homeowner's Intent to Sell Notice.

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

The PJ will not be using any HOME funds to refinance debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabbed with HOME funds.

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

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

The City of Allentown's written standards for providing ESG assistance are included as an attachment in the Grantee Unique Appendices (see Consolidated Grants Program information and application packet).

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The City of Allentown is part of the Balance of State CoC PA 509 (soon to be changed). The City attempted to create a coordinated assessment system, with the State's guidance, but it never cam

eto fruition, as the State was in the process of re-vamping its HMIS system and seeking a new vendor. Since the CoC was awarded planning dollars from HUD, our RHAB requested that a consultant be hired to guide us in the process of developing a Coordinated Assessment system. The state agreed and a vendor has been chosen to guide the process for the entire 33 county Eastern PA RHAB (of which the Lehigh Valley's Lehigh and Northampton Counties along with the Cities of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton are members).

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

The City of Allentown has a mailing list of interested citizens, agencies and providers(which include community and faith based organizations) and as part of its Consolidated Grants Program, letters go out to this mailing list along with an explanation of the process of applying for and awarding Community Development Block Grant Program funds, Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds. An advertisement is also placed in The Morning Call newspaper announcing the process and a public hearing is held. In addition, the process is announced at the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board meeting. The City's schedule for awarding funds has remained consistent for a number of years and agencies and citizens are generally aware of our process. The City provides technical assistance to new agencies who have never navigated the application process.

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

The City of Allentown presents the proposed allocations to the Lehigh Valley RHAB, whose members speak for homeless individuals. Since not only ESG funds assist homeless services in the City, the presentation includes use of CDBG and HOME funds, also.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The evaluation of ESG applications is consistent with the evaluations of all applicants for the City's Consolidated Grants Program funds (CDBG, ESG and HOME).

Discussion:

N/A