

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department, as an entitlement community, prepares an annual action plan to efficiently implement federal programs that fund housing, community development and neighborhood-based services within the City of Niagara Falls, New York. The annual plan was created through public participation, and subject to Niagara Falls City Council approval. In all phases of this process, it was clearly communicated that the plan is a draft until final federal approval, and allocation. This plan is being submitted in June 2016, in order to accommodate recommendations made in a recent HUD CDBG review. The plan, still in draft form, is now submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for final review and approval.

The 2016 City of Niagara Falls United States Department of Community Development Annual Action Plan is the second annual plan of the 2015-2019 City of Niagara Falls Comprehensive Plan. As part of the 2015-2019 City of Niagara Falls Comprehensive Plan, the 2016 Annual Action Plan provides the following functions:

- An official application for federal formula funds.
- A municipal management tool focusing available funds on a comprehensive, publicly approved strategy rather than a series of isolated projects and initiatives.
- A federal assessment tool for both expenditure and programming, that also serves as the basis for the annual HUD consolidated annual performance and evaluation report (CAPER).

The 2016 Annual Action Plan is comprised of the following HUD programmatic components and funding amounts:

Community Development Block Grant: \$2,224,029

HOME Renovation Program: \$338, 799 (Revised - May/June 2016 by HUD from \$336,952)

Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG): \$201,784

The individual projects of the 2016 Annual Action Plan leverages private/public matches, as follows:

Community Development Block Grant: \$2,861,500

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HOME Renovation Program: \$450,000

Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG): 202,000

In total, the 2016 Annual Action Plan, and most importantly HUD's investment in these programs, creates over \$6.4 million in total investment. The total \$2.7 million HUD annual funding creates a two to one return on investment. These funds ultimately create renovation, public service, community policing, park improvement and essential services projects that would be impossible with already budgeted municipal dollars.

Below, please find a summary illustrating how specific 2016 Annual Action Plan projects correlates with the goals, objectives and outcomes stated in the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Plan:

\$679,114 or 27 % of 2016 HUD CDBG/HOME funds will be spent on housing renovation or first time home buyer grants.

\$250,000 or 11.24 % of 2016 CDBG funds are being spent on functional employment training programs.

\$330,000 or 14.8% % of 2016 CDBG funds are being spent on public park improvements or creation.

\$333,604 or 15% of 2016 CDBG funds are being spent on public services programming, with an emphasis on youth programming and both adult literacy and adult financial planning and counseling

\$64,797 or 32% of 2016 ESG funds are being spent on rapid re-housing efforts.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

As stated in the 2015-2019 Comprehensive, the City of Niagara Falls has established straightforward objectives for both the five year plan and each individual annual plan. As opposed to general goals, our department has evaluated past performance and results to create a list of objectives and desired outcomes. Goal and objective setting has been directly impacted by the citizen participation process.

The plan's specific objectives are simple:

- A 10 percent increase in prime occupant, owner occupied, residential units renovated by United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program throughout the City of Niagara Falls.
- A 15 percent increase in home ownership closing cost grants, funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- A 10 percent reduction of vacant housing units citywide.
- An increase the percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing.
- Reconfiguration of existing housing renovation target areas to a city-wide model. Currently, limited sections of the city are deemed geographically ineligible for (CDBG) and HOME funded grants. A city wide model, for HUD eligible residents, will increase housing renovation opportunities.
- An annual funding commitment to functional job training programs within the City of Niagara Falls with a focus on entry level trades and medical arts employment opportunities.
- An annual funding commitment to youth programming that focuses on the 12-17 age range.
- An annual funding commitment to public park improvements, consistent with the adopted Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.
- The formalization of a housing renovation consortium between historic (HUD) funding subrecipients.
- An annual funding commitment to public infrastructure improvements in residential areas.
- An annual funding commitment to community policing strategies that both increase police visibility and make the police department accessible to residents.
- An annual funding commitment to capital small business development projects.
- A commitment to the sale and renovation of city owned vacant houses whenever financially feasible. Sale and renovation of these structures prevent costly demolition and support tax base growth. Current tax foreclosure auctions perpetuate the cycle of disinvestment and unsuitable housing for low income residents. In addition, these transformations increase the quality of life for surrounding residents.
- Annual investment in safety net stakeholders dedicated to rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention.
- Adoption of a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Process (CPTED) in cooperation with the city's departments of police, fire and public works for all capital projects funded by CD. This process, supported by the United States Department of Justice, will best help ensure that CD projects are safe and planned appropriately.
- Adoption of quarterly community development meetings with the public in addition to annual action plan meetings. Our department is well served by community input and interaction. Increasing outreach opportunities will assist the department meet strategic goals and objectives.
- Creation of a small business advocate program to better connect local small businesses with internet based advertising and promotional opportunities.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The 2009-2014 consolidated plan period has shown both the city's strengths and weaknesses in administering HUD funds. It was also a period of change for the department. Seth Piccirillo became the Director of Community Development. One of the weaknesses that is being addressed is both the timely expenditure of HOME funds and attraction of qualified contractors. Overall timeliness has also been an area of focus. Past consolidated and annual plans focused on allocation to traditional funding sources, year after year. While these projects focused on the stated national objectives, the allocation of funding has led to timeliness issues, especially for housing renovation efforts. The clearly defined goals and objectives within the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are designed to expend funding within the FFY that they were awarded. 2015 Annual Plan funds were authorized for use in December 2015. Attached, please find a geographic map that shows FFY 2015 project accomplishments.

The 2015 annual plan and the five year plan reflect a commitment to expend HUD funds promptly on eligible projects. A focus on infrastructure and public space improvements allow the city to show the proof and promise of investment within a construction season. These investments also reflect the public input received at neighborhood meetings.

In 2013, the City of Niagara Falls participated in the Strengthening WNY's Safety Net "A Community Report of Niagara Falls." The report was prepared by the University at Buffalo Regional Institute and the John R. Oishei Foundation Mobile Safety-Net Team. The research groups conducted 359 citizen surveys, created six resident focus groups, conducted agency interviews and focus groups and used the following sources as secondary data:

2010 Census, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, Social Explorer Reports, NYS Department of Health, NYS Education Department 2011 School Card, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Statistics and Reference USA. A copy of the report summary is attached. The report's recommendations were used as part of our strategic plan meetings and helped inform our decision making process. The objectives and specific projects proposed in our plans reflect the needs and concerns discovered during this research.

In 2013, the City of Niagara Falls also completed a full Citywide Parks Master Plan, conducted by Bergmann Associates. It included city, housing authority, police department, block club, state parks and business association input. The plan provides the City of Niagara Falls with clear guidance regarding proposed improvements and capital needs for each city park within the system. In the past, public realm investments were done as individual projects. There was no plan or schedule of investment. This included community development funded projects. With access to a master plan and strong public support for public park improvements, the City of Niagara Falls can now strategically invest HUD funds into a better, city-wide parks system.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Niagara Falls Community Development is the lead agency in the coordination and development annual plans, The following public and private agencies also participated in its development: NF Housing Authority, Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. Center City Neighborhood Dev Corp Highland Community Revitalization Committee, Niagara County Department of Social Services, Niagara Falls Police Department, the Niagara County YWCA, NF Memorial Medical Center, Family and Children's Services of Niagara, Community Missions of Niagara, The NF Block Club Council Niagara Community Action Program Niagara University New Jerusalem Boy's Reporting Center Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, Niagara Street Business Assoc., Main St Bus Assoc., Youth Motivation Inc. The Isaiah 61 Project The God's Woman Project.

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In developing the 2016 Annual Plan, the city utilized multiple formats for input from the general public, community stakeholders, and traditional recipients, included in the "2016 Annual Plan Public Participation Process" attachment to this section of the application.

5. Summary of public comments

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

Attached please find the recorded minutes from the 2016 Annual Action Plan public meetings. These meetings served as the core of this annual plan's public participation strategy.

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

Attached please find the recorded minutes from the 2016 Annual Action Plan public meetings. These meetings served as the core of this annual plan's public participation strategy. The attached minutes include all received comments as part of the citizen participation process.

7. Summary

The City of Niagara Falls, per HUD guidelines, prepared a draft annual action plan through public participation. The projects included in the plan reflect input received at our community meetings. The draft budgets for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs were based on conservative projection of available federal resources. The Niagara Falls Community Development Department clearly communicated, to both the public and the Niagara Falls City Council, that the action plan is only a draft until final federal approval. "Draft" was clearly marked on all applicable documents. The City of Niagara Falls now presents the draft annual plan to HUD for approval.

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

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

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

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator			Niagara Falls Community Development Department
HOME Administrator			Niagara Falls Community Development Department
ESG Administrator			Niagara Falls Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department both prepares the consolidated plan, annual action plans, consolidated annual performance evaluation report and administers the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs on an annual basis. This department also leads the public participation process associated with all of the aforementioned programs.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Niagara Falls reached out and consulted with public and private entities to develop this annual plan as a component of the approved consolidated plan, in addition to hosting four neighborhood workshops, a public hearing and a 30 day public comment period for the specific annual plan. In accordance with 24 CFR 91.100, these organizations provided a wide range of input and value to the planning process through coordinated meetings and a hearing.

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

The City of Niagara Falls coordinates with the private and public sector on an ongoing basis, including involving these stake holders in the development of five year and annual plans.

Coordination: Five Year Consolidated Plan:

The following public and private agencies also participated in its development:

- Niagara Falls Housing Authority
- NF Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
- Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Highland Community Revitalization Committee
- Niagara County Department of Social Services
- Niagara Falls Police Department
- Niagara County YWCA
- Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center
- Family and Children Services of Niagara
- Community Missions of Niagara
- The Niagara Falls Block Club Council
- Niagara Community Action Program
- Niagara University
- New Jerusalem Boy's Reporting Center
- Niagara Arts and Cultural Center
- Niagara Street Business Association
- Main Street Business Association
- Youth Motivation Inc.
- The Isaiah 61 Project

- The Woman Project

In developing the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City of Niagara Falls utilized multiple formats for input from the general public, community stakeholders, and traditional recipients of HUD funding, including

Public Services Housing Renovation Recipient Roudtable

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Community Survey

5.2014

Surveys were made available to community in May 2014 for a two month period asking them to prioritize neighborhood needs. The city received 31 responses. The surveys indicated that street, sidewalk and green space improvements, crime prevention and housing renovation were the top three community priorities.

Neighborhood Workshops

Niagara Falls Community Development hosted four neighborhood workshops to gather input in different geographic areas of the City of Niagara Falls for both the consolidated plan and the annual plan.

May 21, 2014 – Lasalle Pulbic Library

May 22, 2014 – Neighborhood Housing Services

May 28, 2014 – Doris Jones Family Resource Center

May 29, 2014 – Department of Community Development

Consolidated Plan Agency Meetings

Niagara Falls Community Developed hosted community stakeholder roundtables to discuss priorities for the five year plan, separated into the following sessions:

1. Housing Strategy – September 4, 2014
2. The Neighborhoods & Commercial Districts – September 4, 2014
3. Serving Our Youth and At Risk Populations – September 5, 2014
4. Sustainability – September 5, 2014

Coordination: Annual Plan

These stake holders were actively involved in the public participation process detailed in this application.

Coordination: Ongoing

Niagara Falls Community Development staff has ongoing communication with the Niagara Falls Housing Authority, Niagara County Department of Social Services, the Niagara County Department of Public Health, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and the other stake holders listed. These relationships allow our staff to constantly discuss goals, the status of ongoing programs, outcomes and how these factors impact our federally funded programs.

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

A specific meeting, focused on five year plan strategy and the annual plan was hosted to discuss how to best serve chronically homeless individuals. The following groups, also members of the CoC, took part in those meeting:

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Western New York. Per HUD recommendation, the City of Niagara Falls formed an ESG Review Group, which will score and evaluate all future ESG applications to the City of Niagara Falls for HUD funding.

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

The creation of the ESG Review Panel, in collaboration with HAWNY is designed to improve our standards and evaluation process for ESG projects, annually. The review panel is made up of experts in the field of homelessness prevention services.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	NFHA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Niagara Falls Housing Authority hosted a neighborhood workshop for the annual plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Center City NDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

4	Agency/Group/Organization	HCRC INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Niagara County Department of Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency Other government - County Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
6	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Niagara Falls Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Victims Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
7	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA of Niagara Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Niagara Falls Block Club Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	CRIME PREVENTION
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
9	Agency/Group/Organization	NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Employment Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Healthcare
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

10	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY MISSIONS OF NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
11	Agency/Group/Organization	NIACAP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Niagara University
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
13	Agency/Group/Organization	New Jerusalem Boy's Reporting Center - Independent Church of God in Christ
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Niagara Arts and Cultural Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
15	Agency/Group/Organization	NIAGARA STREET BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

16	Agency/Group/Organization	Main Street Business Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
17	Agency/Group/Organization	YOUTH MOTIVATION INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
18	Agency/Group/Organization	The Isaiah 61 Project
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
19	Agency/Group/Organization	God's Woman Outreach Ministries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

No agency was knowingly not consulted.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	HAWNY	In consultation with the COC, Niagara Falls Community Development uses targeted meetings to determine ESG priorities and allocations.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City of Niagara Falls hosted four neighborhood workshop meetings, a public hearing and circulated a citizen survey to gain public input and to engage the community in the decision making process. All meetings were advertised in the Niagara Gazette, on www.nf-cd.org and the Niagara Falls Community Development Department Facebook Page, as well as twitter. The input received through the process helped identify specific projects and overall neighborhood needs.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The public meetings had a cumulative attendance of over 100 people.	Minutes attached to application	N/A	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Minutes Attached.	Minutes Attached.	Minutes Attached.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Niagara Falls will use 2016 funds to execute CDBG, HOME and ESG projects that benefit low to moderate income families. Low to moderate income families will have access to all services and facilities improved by this action plan.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,224,029	80,000	0	2,304,029	9,216,116	

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			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	338,465	125,000	0	463,465	1,847,808	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	201,784	0	0	201,784	807,136	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Each applying project includes a matching amount if applicable, to strengthen the application and to demonstrate the organization's commitment to the proposed project and the financial ability to complete it in a timely fashion. Each project requires a written contract,

executed by both the applicant and the City of Niagara Falls. The matching amount is designated in that contract.

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

Demolitions funded by CDBG may occur on city owned parcels.

Discussion

The 2016 Action Plan addressed goals and outcomes identified in both the five year strategic plan as well as directly addressing comments received from residents during the public participation process.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Housing Renovation	Housing Renovation	CDBG: \$554,616 HOME: \$336,952	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 318 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 46 Households Assisted
2	City Park/Public Space Improvement	2015	2019		Housing Renovation	Public Space Improvements	CDBG: \$330,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4 Persons Assisted
3	Residents placed in employment opportunities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Housing Renovation	Housing Renovation	CDBG: \$250,000	Jobs created/retained: 40 Jobs
4	Increased youth services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Housing Renovation	Housing Renovation Public Space Improvements Community Policing	CDBG: \$333,372	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 970 Persons Assisted
5	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho	2015	2019	Homeless	Housing Renovation	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach	ESG: \$201,784	Homelessness Prevention: 1299 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Goal Description	<p>This is the most important goal of the 2016 Annual Plan. A total of \$891,568 in CDBG and HOME funds are dedicated to activities that support this goal. (\$554,616 - CDBG / \$336,952 - HOME)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 10 percent increase in prime occupant, owner occupied, residential units renovated by United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program throughout the City of Niagara Falls. • A 15 percent increase in home ownership closing cost grants, funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. • A 10 percent reduction of vacant housing units citywide.
2	Goal Name	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An annual funding commitment to youth programming that focuses on the 12-17 age range. • An annual funding commitment to public park improvements, consistent with the adopted Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan. <p>\$330,000 in 2016 CDBG funds are dedicated to public park improvements. The number of residents impacted, as described in the project section, is based on surrounding census tract information. There are a total of four parks being impacted.</p>

3	Goal Name	Residents placed in employment opportunities
	Goal Description	Reportable number of residents placed in actual employment opportunities after completing a CD funded program. A total of \$250,000 in CDBG funds are dedicated to employment training programs in the 2016 Annual Plan.
4	Goal Name	Increased youth services
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase the percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

According to HOME 91.215, the 2016 annual plan targets 30,000 persons. The provision of affordable housing is ultimately dependent on program participation and outreach.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following project list contains 27 CDBG projects, 3 HOME projects, and 7 HESG projects. Each project description includes applicable census tracts (followed by poverty rates in parentheses), descriptions of applicable boundary areas, and details about services provided by sub-recipients.

#	Project Name
1	NHS CDBG Closing Cost Grants - 2016 CDBG
2	City of Niagara Falls CDBG Closing Cost Grants - 2016
3	City of Niagara Falls Targeted DPW Clean-up Project - 2016 CDBG
4	O/N BOCES Health Sciences Career Program - 2016 CDBG
5	Jerauld Ave. Park Improvements - 2016 CDBG
6	Gill Creek Park Improvements - 2016 CDBG
7	Hyde Park Baseball Diamond Improvements - 2016 CDBG
8	Niagara Falls Dog Park Project - 2016 CDBG
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Table 8 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities were selected in the following ways:

Consultation with HUD guidelines for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs

Consultation with the 2015-19 Comprehensive Plan

Competitive Application

Neighborhood workshops to gain public input

Review of the initial draft plan with the public, followed by a 30 day public comment period

Niagara Falls City Council review and vote

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Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	NHS CDBG Closing Cost Grants - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	New Home Owner Closing Cost Assistance Grants and new home owner counseling programs administered by Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.(NHS). Approximately \$2,500 awarded per closing cost grant to first time home buyers. Estimated first time home buyers impacted: 20.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 20; L/M Income Individuals Served: 20
	Location Description	479 16th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; Census tract: 212; Service Area: Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue, Portage Road to the State Power Authority Right of Way with a priority in the achievement area of Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue, and 27th Street to Hyde Park Blvd. Impacted Census Tracts: Parts of 212 (26%), 213 (34%), 214 (21%) and 217 (24%).

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.
2	Project Name	City of Niagara Falls CDBG Closing Cost Grants - 2016
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000
	Description	New Home Owner Closing Cost Assistance Grants. Approximately \$2,500 awarded per closing cost grant to first time home buyers. The City of Niagara Falls saw a 40% increase in closing cost grants during the 2015 calendar year.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 26; L/M Income Individuals Served: 26
	Location Description	1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; Census tracts: 201, 202 (47% PR), 2013, 204 (27% PR), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 207 (14%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 220 (24%), 221 (0%), 222 (13%), 223 (1%), 224 (0%), 225 (12%); Income qualified first time home buyers, city-wide, outside of the NHS service area, can apply for closing cost assistance grants. Census tracts: 201, 202 (47%), 2013, 204 (27%), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 207 (14%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 220 (24%), 221 (0%), 222 (13%), 223 (1%), 224 (0%), 225 (12%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities. Administration of the first time home buyer's grant, based on application response. Closing cost grants do not exceed \$2,500. CDBG funds are dedicated to the actual closing cost grants, provided to the first-time home owner.

3	Project Name	City of Niagara Falls Targeted DPW Clean-up Project - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation Public Space Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	Department of Public Works - Special Operations Project. Targeted clean-up task force that includes interim assistance activities from both the Departments of Public Works and Code Enforcement.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 18000; L/M Income Individuals Served: 12,000;
	Location Description	1785 New Road, Niagara Falls, NY; Census Tracts: 202 (47% PR), 204 (27% PR), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%). The coordinated clean up and inspection efforts will be focused in 2016 IRS Section 42(d)(5)(B) Qualified Census Tracts: 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)
4	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Eliminate Slums or Blight. CDBG Eligible Activity: Interim Assistance. The City of Niagara Falls will use CDBG funds for staff hours associated with the actual interim assistance campaigns. These are not existing "clean-up" campaigns. CDBG funds will not be supplanting or replacing general fund expenses. This special operations project is being created specifically because of CDBG funds, focused on qualified Census Tracts.
	Project Name	O/N BOCES Health Sciences Career Program - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Residents placed in employment opportunities

	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$210,000
	Description	Orleans/Niagara BOCES Health Sciences Career Programs, to be located at 606 6th Street. Programs will include Licensed Practicing Nurse (LPN), Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) and Home Health Aide (HHA) Training. This new program will bring job training programs into the City of Niagara Falls. This program is currently located in Sanborn, New York. The selected site is accessible by public transit and is located in a residential neighborhood, adjacent to the Walnut Avenue Homes Project (2014 CDBG Investment).
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 100; L/M Income Individuals Served: 80.
	Location Description	606 6th Street, Niagara Falls NY ; Census tract: 211 (29%); This program will have a positive impact on all city residents and census tracts. Specifically, the training facility is in walking distance for residents of census tracts 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 217 (24%), 206 (48%), 207 (14%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%). It is also within a reasonable community, via the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, for census all other city census tracts.

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Technical Assistance; O/N BOCES will relocate its RN and LPN training programs to 606 6th Street, Niagara Falls, NY. CDBG funds will be dedicated to instructor costs. O/N BOCES is also relocated adult literacy and trades training programs to 606 6th Street. Those programs will be funded with non CDBG funding sources. O/N BOCES anticipates six instructors at the facility, with the capacity to serve up to 200 students in the 25,000 square foot facility, which is currently vacant. 606 6th Street is within a mile of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, where O/N BOCES has an existing agreement for student observations. The proximity to the medical campus, as well as available and affordable housing, make the O/N BOCES facility a component of a walkable neighborhood. While this neighborhood has been densely populated for many years, expansion of the medical campus, provision of new housing options and employment training will have a positive residential and economic impact.
5	Project Name	Jerauld Ave. Park Improvements - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Public Space Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000
	Description	Jerauld Avenue Park Improvements - Direct input was received from the Jerauld Avenue Block Club and improvements are consistent with the adopted Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 3,000; L/M Income Individuals Served: 1,500
	Location Description	1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; Census tract: 203 (19% PR); Jerauld Avenue Park is within walking distance for the residents of Census Tract 203 (19%), and also 202 (47%), 204 (27%), 207 (14%), and 210 (25%). The park's location borders of Census Tracts 203 (19%) and 204 (27%).

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities and Improvements. A focus on municipal park improvements is consistent with the 2012 Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan. Jerauld Avenue Park has not seen significant improvements in over 20 years. In 2015, the Niagara Falls Community Development Department convened a meeting with the Hyde Park East and West Block Clubs and the Jerauld Avenue Block Club. The surrounding neighborhood includes housing stock built between 1920 and 1960. It has a strong home ownership percentage and a mix of young families and senior citizens. The neighbors have requested playground equipment focused on the 5-12 year old age range, as well as a seating area focused on senior citizens. The City of Niagara Falls is confident that both aspects can be provided within the budget allotted. CDBG funds will be dedicated to equipment purchase.
6	Project Name	Gill Creek Park Improvements - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Public Space Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,223
	Description	Gill Creek Park Improvements - Comfort Station (Restrooms) - The City of Niagara Falls has executed several improvements at Gill Creek in the past five years, consistent with public input and the Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan. Replacement of the current bathrooms is the final phase of the city's multi-year commitment.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 12,000; L/M Income Individuals Served: 8,000
	Location Description	Closest Intersection: Hyde Park Blvd. & Niagara Street - Niagara Falls, NY; Census tract: 217 (24%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%), and 214 (21%). It's location borders on Census Tracts 217 (24%) and 212 (26%).

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities and Improvements. The City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Community Development Department, through the CDBG program, have executed park improvements at Gill Creek over the past five years, including park shelters, signage, lighting and a playground focused on the 5-12 age range. The proposed comfort station will complete all park master plan recommendations at Gill Creek Park. The park is utilized by young families and senior citizens. A comfort station will best accommodate longer activities, including the city sponsored youth summer programs.
7	Project Name	Hyde Park Baseball Diamond Improvements - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Public Space Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Hyde Park Baseball Diamond Improvements - The City of Niagara Falls is committed to improving little league diamonds at Hyde Park, the city's largest and most central green space. Improvements will include fencing, bleacher, dugout and grounds improvements.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 14,000; L/M Income Individuals Served: 7,500
	Location Description	Closest Intersection: Hyde Park Blvd. and Linwood Avenue; Census tract: 207 (14%), The Hyde Park Baseball Diamonds are located in Census Tract 207(14%). Hyde Park, which is centrally located is within reasonable walking distance for residents of Census Tract 207 (14%), 203 (19%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%) and 213 (34%). The Hyde Park Babe Ruth Little League draws registered players from all of these tracts and well as city-wide residents.

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities and Improvements. CDBG funds will be dedicated to the replacement of 3 baseball diamond backstop replacements, cantilever dugout out replacement, residing and new fencing. Youth baseball is a proud Niagara Falls tradition that brings the community together. In order for Niagara Falls youth baseball and softball to grow and succeed in the future, diamond and facility improvements are desperately needed. Youth baseball has also been returned to Sal Maglie Stadium, also located in Hyde Park. With the proposed improvements being made at the Hyde Park diamonds, the addition of Sal Maglie Stadium and access to Niagara Falls High school and Midtown diamonds, the City of Niagara Falls will be able to compete for regional little league baseball tournaments. Such events would have an economic impact on the City of Niagara Falls, providing constructive youth activities in the process.
8	Project Name	Niagara Falls Dog Park Project - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Public Space Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Niagara Falls Dog Park Project-Over the past five years, there has been a grassroots effort to create a dedicated dog park in the City of Niagara Falls. In recent years, the city has taken over more animal control responsibilities due to SPCA disengagement. A dedicated dog park would give animal owners a place to bring their pets for constructive activity. A dog park is also consistent with the Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 19,000; L/M Income Individuals Served: 12,000

	Location Description	Deveaux Wood State Park; Census tract: 201; The dog park will be accessible and open to all city residents and census tracts.
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities and Improvements. The City of Niagara Falls is currently experiencing serious neighborhood issues regarding animal control. Recently, the SPCA of Niagara reduced its Niagara Falls services. The City of Niagara Falls recognizes that a dog park is an unorthodox CDBG request. However, this park fulfills a number of goals for the city of Niagara Falls. In addition to offering a community-centered opportunity for recreation and exercise for animals and their owners, the location will be used to help to instill better pet ownership practices, as a location for outreach events on various topics (e.g., spay/neuter and licensing) by the SPCA and animal service agencies. The current SPCA is located in Sanborn, New York, which is approximately a 20-minute car ride from the City of Niagara Falls. Access to the dog park would be paired with licensing requirements. This dog park, in addition to being a neighborhood amenity, would functionally help the City of Niagara Falls better control the animal population. Further, the city's Parks Master Plan has identified dog parks as a desirable amenity for the city of Niagara Falls, adding diversity to our current park system, which strengthens the system and is expected to increase overall park utilization.
9	Project Name	The Isaiah 61 Project Trades Training Program - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Residents placed in employment opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of vacant houses by students enrolled in the Isaiah 61 Project free trades job training program for under-employed residents. The renovations are supervised by licensed contractors and Orleans/Niagara BOCES instructors. This is a 500 hour training course that includes certificate of completion, an OSHA-10 certification and employment placement services. HUD funds will be dedicated to material costs, instructor fees and administration.

	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 30; L/M Income Individuals Served: 30
	Location Description	City-wide residents are eligible to apply. The physical classroom space is located in Census Tract 212 (26%) and the current housing renovation is located in Census Tract 209 (45%). A majority of students reside in Census Tracts 202 (47%), 204 (27%), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%), and 214 (21%).

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. The Isaiah 61 Project is an effective trades training program, created in partnership with the City of Niagara Falls and O/N BOCES in 2013. CDBG funds will be dedicated to certified instructor salaries, building materials and administration. The instructor is an O/N BOCES employee. The trades training program provides a free 500 hour trades training class, focused on housing renovation, and an OSHA safety certification. Students also have access to computer training services at the Niagara Falls Housing Authority Attain Lab (Doris Jones Resource Center) as part of the course. The City of Niagara Falls currently has an unemployment rate of 7.8% (NYS rate is 5.7%) and only 29.3% of persons of the age of 25 years and older have a bachelor's degree or higher. There is an obvious correlation between a lack of functional training and educational background and the city's 14.8% poverty rate. In addition, the city has a lack of women- and minority-owned contractor businesses. The Isaiah 61 Project is designed to offer a pathway to construction trades employment, as the Western New York Region has seen an increase in construction activity over the past five years. Since classes started in March 2013, 138 people have enrolled, 53 have dropped out, 85 have graduated, and 45 have been placed in gainful employment. 78 of the enrollees were African American, to date. That is a 62% graduation rate and a 53% placement rate, not counting the current class. Based on the CDBG's total investment to date, of \$230,898, the cost per pupil is \$1,560. For essentially, \$77,000 per year calendar year, the city is funding a needed job training program. \$77,000 is less than the cost of one entry level school teacher with benefits. Contrast that with what it costs the government (at the local, state, and federal levels) when someone is unemployed: on average, an eligible family of four in Niagara County will receive \$1,443.00 in public assistance per month for only the following assistance: basic needs, shelter, heating, food stamps and fuel. If one adult a family of four was able to obtain a job that pays \$12.00 per hour, their gross monthly wages would equal \$2,080.00 (gross annual wages would equal \$24,960.00). While this individual wouldn't be able to immediately eliminate all forms of public assistance, the change would be drastic. The family would now receive a total of only \$189.00 in public assistance per month, as their newfound employment paves the way to more permanent financial stability.
10	Project Name	HCRC Targeted Housing Rehabilitation - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation

	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Targeted housing rehabilitation - HCRC will administer housing rehabilitation programs within its defined target area.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 5; L/M Income Individuals Served: 5
	Location Description	2616 Highland Avenue, Suite 101, Niagara Falls, New York; Census tract: 202 (47% PR); Census Tract 202. Poverty Rate: 47.4% LIHTC Units 204
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities. HCRC will use CDBG funds for program delivery in support of owner-occupied housing renovations. As stated in the HCRC application, the 2016 CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate five owner-occupied income units through its home improvement program. HCRC also has the goal of acquiring three to five new properties through its acquisition/renovation program.
11	Project Name	Demolition of Blighted Structures - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation Public Space Improvements Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000

	Description	Demolition of blighted structures in low to moderate income areas. Asbestos abatement service is an eligible cost.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 30-150 people could potentially benefit. As demolitions of this kind are not able to be planned in advance, this number is an estimate based on the approximate number of families per neighborhood that could be potentially impacted by a demolition.
	Location Description	Various locations; Census Tracts: 202 (47% PR), 204 (27% PR), (27% PR), (27% PR), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%); Demolitions will be focused in 2016 IRS Section 42(d)(5)(B) Qualified Census Tracts - 202, 204 205, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Eliminate Slums or Blight. CDBG Eligible Activity: Clearance; In an effort to create and maintain safe neighborhoods with viable housing stock, Niagara Falls Community Development and Code Enforcement Department staff use a matrix to evaluate blighted structures that require demolition. Those houses are sorted into groups of government-owned and privately-owned properties. The property is demolished if the structure presents a public safety hazard or if the assessment shows that purchase and renovation is not probable.
12	Project Name	City of Niagara Falls Targeted Housing Renovation - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$98,616
	Description	Targeted Home Rehabilitation - The City will administer deferred home rehabilitation loans and grants in its designated target area of the city. \$40,000 in CDBG Program income will be used for program delivery costs as a supplement. Previous unexpended funding is available for additional housing activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 5; L/M Income Individuals Served: 5;
	Location Description	1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%), Census Tracts 201 (0%), 203 (19%), 217 (24%), 220 (24%), 221 (0%), 222 (13%), 223 (1%), 224 (0%) and 225 (12%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities. The City of Niagara Falls will dedicate 2016 CDBG funds to home owner deferred loan renovations in Census Tracts 201, 203, 217, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224 and 225.
13	Project Name	NHS Targeted Housing Renovation - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$121,000
	Description	Targeted Home Rehabilitation - NF Neighborhood Housing Services-NHS will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the City using \$40,000 in CDBG for rehabilitation. CDBG funds will be dedicated to renovation projects and program delivery.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 250; L/M Income Individuals Served: 100

	Location Description	479 16th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 212 (26%); Service Area: Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue, Portage Road to the State Power Authority Right of Way with a priority in the achievement area of Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue, and 27th Street to Hyde Park Blvd. Impacted Census Tracts: Parts of 212 (26%), 213 (34%), 214 (21%) and 217 (24%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities. NHS will use CDBG funds for renovation of properties with two or more units. CDBG funds help NHS to stabilize an aging housing stock in its target area. NHS plans to engage 20 owners as part of the 2016 CDBG Program.
14	Project Name	Center City Targeted Housing Renovation - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Targeted Home Rehabilitation - Center City Neighborhood Development Corp. will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the City, using \$56,500 for program delivery and \$63,500 rehabilitation costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 4; L/M Income Individuals Served: 4
	Location Description	1824 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 207 (14%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 214 (21%), 217 (24%) The area contains 13,899 households with a median income of \$18,716. There are 12,406 owner-occupied units.

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities. CDBG funds will be dedicated to the rehabilitation of two units of rental properties owned by CCNDC and six units of owner-occupied housing.
15	Project Name	Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Cardiac Care Education Center - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	City Park/Public Space Improvement Residents placed in employment opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation Public Space Improvements Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Cardiac Care Education Center - The cardiac Care Education Center is part of the \$4 million Cardiac/Stroke CARE Center project, to provide patient and family focused education about lifestyle changes such as nutrition, exercise and stress reduction. The center would be located on the third floor of NFMMC's Schoelkopf building.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 1,500; L/M Income Individuals Served: 855
	Location Description	621 10th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 212 (26%), The Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center provides critical services to city-wide residents, focused on serving the residents of the following Census Tracts: 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities and Improvements. CDBG funds will be dedicated to the construction and equipping of a 300-square foot patient and family cardiac education center to provide for the crucial aspects of recovery from cardiac and stroke events. Cardiovascular disease and cerebrovascular accidents are the leading causes of death in the United States and New York State. Niagara County's cardiovascular mortality rate of 336.4 per 100,000 exceeds the statewide rate of 285.5 per 100,000, and the regional rate of 230.1 per 100,000, Niagara County is ranked the second highest among Western New York's eight counties. The death rate among African American males from heart disease in Niagara County is 23% higher than the overall death rate in Niagara County. People from low-income households are much more likely to suffer from high blood pressure, high cholesterol and heart attacks. The construction of the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Cardiac Education Center is part of a \$4 million Cardiac/Stroke Center Project which will increase access to education about life style changes such as nutrition, exercise, and stress reduction that can become key components of cardiac care and cardio and cerebrovascular event prevention.
16	Project Name	HANCI Senior Care PACE Expansion - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	City Park/Public Space Improvement Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	HANCI Senior Care PACE Expansion - Complete Senior Care is a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly in the City of Niagara Falls. CDBG funds will be used for facility expansion at 1302 Main Street.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 122; L/M Income Individuals Served: 119

	Location Description	1302 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%), HANCI provides senior care to residents city-wide.
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities and Improvements. The Complete Senior Care is a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly which provides each participant with a personalized care plan. HANCI is requesting CDBG funds to increase the facility's physical foot print in order to serve more clients. This includes a new entry way and parking access.
17	Project Name	Youth Motivation - Early Detection and Correction - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Youth counseling program designed to prevent crime through coordinated case management. Services include anger management, anti-drug and anti-gun workshops, and life skills workshops.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 50; L/M Income Individuals Served: 50
	Location Description	3518 Ferry Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY; 217 (24%), The facility is reachable within reasonable walking distance for residents of Census Tracts 217 (24%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%) and 214 (21%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Service; In collaboration with Niagara Falls City School District, Youth Motivation provides anti-delinquency and anti-violence mentoring for students at Niagara Street Elementary School, located at 2513 Niagara Street. Niagara Street Elementary School is "Schools in Need of Improvement" (SINI), as it is a school where at least 35 percent of the attendees are from low-income families, and/or are eligible for Title I funds. Total Enrollment: 671.

18	Project Name	Niagara Arts and Cultural Center Youth Program - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Art Summer Camp Program that will provide academic, youth development and cultural activities for up to 120 students from ages 7-18 at the NACC (1201 Pine Avenue.)
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served: 120; L/M Income Individuals Served: 95
	Location Description	1201 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY; 212 (26%); 205 (37%), 209 (45%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Service; The Niagara Arts and Cultural Center STAGES Summer Camp Program will provide academic, youth development and cultural activities based on the arts for up to 120 students, ages 7-18 from 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Thursdays, for six weeks. The program will begin in the second week of July and end in the third week of August. The program includes theater performance, dance, visual arts, playwriting and directing, voice lessons and natural crafts. Morning sessions are 10:15 to 11:30 am and afternoon sessions are 12:15 to 1:30 pm.
19	Project Name	Niagara Falls Housing Authority Youth Program - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Community Policing

	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	After-school program providing literacy training, music instruction, educational field trips, and arts and crafts held at the Doris Jones Resource Center and at the Packard Court Community Center. Funding will be used to pay for contractual services, field trips, arts and crafts and music instruction.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 500; L/M Income Individuals Served: 500
	Location Description	3001 9th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 202 (47% PR); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) and 205 (37%) The Doris Jones Family Resource Center is the only community facility located within the 14305 zip code.
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Service. The Niagara Falls Housing Authority youth programs at the Doris Jones Family Resource Center provide the surrounding community with a variety of educational, cultural social and recreational services. Programs include: the Kid's Café, the Niagara Falls Housing Authority Youth Choir, Doris W. Jones Summer Enrichment Program and the Self-Esteem Building Workshops/Career Counseling/College Prep Program.
20	Project Name	Francis Center Youth Program - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be dedicated to the following programs, executed at 335 24th Street: After School Help with Homework Program, Fine Arts Program, Summer Program, Girl Talk and Babysitting.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 100; L/M Income Individuals Served: 100
	Location Description	335 24th Street, Niagara Falls; 217 (24%), The location borders on both Census Tracts 212 (26%) and 213 (34%), and is within reasonable walking distance for residents in Census Tracts 217 (24%), 212 (26%) and 213 (34%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Service; The Francis Center is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Sisters of Francis. The Francis Center provides programs that strengthen and support families and children, including: Afterschool Help with Homework Program, Fine Arts Program. Summer Program. Girl Talk - this program consists of 4 sessions in which 4th and 5th grade girls from neighborhood school discuss self esteem, positive relationships, nutrition and hygiene. All programs are free of charge. CDBG funds will be dedicated to instructor salaries.
21	Project Name	Literacy Partners for Literacy Zones - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Residents placed in employment opportunities Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Literacy Program - Provision of one-on-one literacy tutoring in the City of Niagara Falls.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 100; L/M Income Individuals Served: 75

	Location Description	1522 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%). The facility is reachable within reasonable walking distance for residents of Census Tracts 205 (37%), 206 (48%) and 209 (45%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Services; In partnership with the adult literacy programs at the Niagara County Trott Center and YWCA's Carolyn's House, Literacy Partners will create individualized learning plans for adults with low literacy ability in the City of Niagara Falls. The program will serve approximately 75 functionally illiterate low income Niagara Falls residents. The one-on-one literacy services will focus on core and secondary goals set up with the student at the start of the program and measured through the ASISTS reporting system. The overall goals of the program in Niagara Falls are to serve 75 students and raise literacy ability for 80% of those students.
22	Project Name	Niagara County Financial Literacy Coalition/Consumer Counseling - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Residents placed in employment opportunities Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Community Policing
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,000
	Description	Provision of financial literacy classes in the City of Niagara Falls and one-on-one financial coaching.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 100; L/M Income Individuals Served: 100
	Location Description	1522 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%), the facility is reachable within reasonable walking distance for residents of Census Tracts 205 (37%), 206 (48%) and 209 (45%).

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons. CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Service; Low income residents will be provided one-on-one access to credit counseling, financial literacy, credit repair, student loan refinancing counseling, and general financial planning
23	Project Name	City of Niagara Falls Administration - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation City Park/Public Space Improvement Residents placed in employment opportunities Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho Increased youth services
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation Public Space Improvements Community Policing Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	CDBG: \$434,806
	Description	Administration - Cannot Exceed 20% of the total 2014 CDBG Amount.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); Administrative expenses impact projects in all Niagara Falls Census Tracts.

	Planned Activities	The City of Niagara Falls will use CDBG funds for salaries and office expenditures in support of CDBG projects.
24	Project Name	HCRC Fair Housing Program - Administration - 2016 CDBG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Fair Housing Program
	Target Date	7/12/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 50,000; Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 50,000
	Location Description	2616 Highland Avenue, Suite 101, Niagara Falls, NY; Fair housing services are open to residents in all Niagara Falls Census Tracts.
	Planned Activities	HCRC is responsible for hosting fair housing meetings and a public process that allows residents to raise fair housing claims and concerns.
25	Project Name	Center City HOME Targeted Housing Renovation - 2016 HOME
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	HOME: \$112,821

	Description	Housing Rehabilitation, based on a resident application process within the approved geographic target area.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 20; L/M Income Individuals Served: 20
	Location Description	1824 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); Service Area: Whirlpool Street from Niagara Street to Main Street. Hyde Park Blvd. from Main Street to Pine Avenue. Pine Avenue from Hyde Park Blvd. to Portage Road. Portage Road from Hyde Park Blvd to Buffalo Ave. Census Tracts: 202 (47%), 204 (27%), 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 207 (14%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 214 (21%), 217 (24%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation of residential properties. Center City will dedicate 2016 HOME funds to the rehabilitation of two units of rental properties owned by the organization and 6 units of owner-occupied housing. 2016 HOME funds also help to leverage a \$400,000 NYS HCR grant received by Center City, NHS and HCRC for collaborative owner-occupied renovations in the City of Niagara Falls.
26	Project Name	NHS HOME Targeted Housing Renovation - 2016 HOME
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	CDBG: \$112,955
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation, based on a resident application process within the approved geographic target area.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 10. 8 owners, 2 renters. L/M Income Individuals Served: 10.
	Location Description	479 16th Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 212 (26%); Service Area: Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue, Portage Road to the State Power Authority Right of Way with a priority in the achievement area of Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue, and 27th Street to Hyde Park Blvd. Impacted Census Tracts: Parts of 212 (26%), 213 (34%), 214 (21%) and 217 (24%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation of residential properties. NHS will dedicate 2016 HOME funds to the renovation of ten single family owner-occupied households. If funding permits, one CHDO house will be purchased and renovated.
27	Project Name	City of Niagara Falls HOME Targeted Housing Renovation - 2016 HOME
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Renovation
	Funding	HOME: \$112,821
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation, based on a resident application process within the approved geographic target area.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 5; L/M Income Individuals Served: 5

	Location Description	1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); Service Area: All neighborhoods outside of the NHS, Center City and HCRC target areas. Census Tracts 201, 203 (19%), 217 (24%), 220 (24%), 221 (0%), 222 (13%), 223 (1%), 224 (0%) and 225 (12%).
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation of residential properties. The City of Niagara Falls will dedicate 2016 HOME funds to five owner-occupied home renovations.
28	Project Name	YWCA Carolyn's House and Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. Rapid Re-Housing
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$201,784
	Description	Rapid Re-Housing Program. 50% to Carolyn's House for Housing stability case management and 50% to Community Missions for housing relocation and stabilization services.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 20 families; L/M Income Individuals Served: 20 families
	Location Description	542 6th St, Niagara Falls, NY/ 1590 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY; 211 (29%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Rapid-Re-housing. HESG funds will be used to move clients from a position of homelessness/potentially homeless to stable housing in a shorter period of time. Collaborative services include compatible protocols, coordination of case management, and referrals. Community Missions will serve as the fiduciary repository for rapid re-housing funds to support relocation and stabilization. The YWCA will provide housing relocation and stabilization services to help the homeless individual or family move quickly into some form of permanent housing. Case management will include conducting initial evaluation and eligibility requirements, assistance in determining habitability and rent reasonableness. Financial assistance will include, but not be limited to: rental housing application fees, security deposits and last month's rent, rent arrears, utility deposits or payments, moving costs and storage fees. Community Missions will use HESG funds to pay for a part time staffer to work specifically with homeless clients to physically move them to stable housing in a shorter period of time, from a case work perspective. YWCA will specifically use HESG funds for case worker costs. Goals of the rapid re-housing 2016 program: 10-20 individuals and families whom are at risk of homelessness will be relocated and/or stabilized through rapid re-housing services.
29	Project Name	YWCA Carolyn's House Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach - 2016 ESG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$39,813
	Description	Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 75; L/M Income Individuals Served: 75

	Location Description	542 6th St, Niagara Falls, NY; 211 (29%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Emergency Shelter. YWCA support services include case management, counseling, domestic violence counseling and support groups, vocational culinary training, HSE classes, life skills, parenting support groups, and financial literacy.
30	Project Name	Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier Inc., Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach - 2016 ESG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$44,812
	Description	Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 749; L/M Income Individuals Served: 749
	Location Description	1590 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY; 212 (26%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Emergency Shelter. HESG funds will be dedicated to expenses incurred through the facility's housing program, provided meals, transportation, and the shelter's computer resource room.
31	Project Name	Niagara Community Action Program Homelessness Prevention - 2016 ESG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation

	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$10,000
	Description	Homelessness Prevention.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 250; L/M Income Individuals Served: 250
	Location Description	1521 Main St, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Homelessness Prevention. NIACAP will dedicate HESG funds to pay a one-time, one month's utility payment for up to 25 at-risk families with an income at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines with an average of \$800 per household for a total of \$20,000. In order to qualify, in addition to income, families will be required to provide a shut-off notice.
32	Project Name	Casey House Homelessness Prevention - 2016 ESG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$10,000
	Description	Homelessness Prevention.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 115; L/M Income Individuals Served: 115
	Location Description	710 Cedar Ave., Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Emergency Shelter. HESG funds will be dedicated to operations of Family and Children Services of Niagara's Casey House. Casey House is a 12 bed co-ed RHY I Facility. It provides emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline service, advocacy, counseling, and case management for runaway, at risk, homeless persons.
33	Project Name	Family and Children Services Essential Services - 2016 ESG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$17,409
	Description	Essential Services.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total Individuals Served (Estimate): 90; L/M Income Individuals Served: 90
	Location Description	1522 Main St, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%); 202 (47%), 204 (27%) 205 (37%), 206 (48%), 209 (45%), 210 (25%), 211 (29%), 212 (26%), 213 (34%)

	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons. HUD Eligible Activity: Street Outreach. HESG funds will be dedicated to Family and Children Services of Niagara's Passage House. Passage House domestic violence services provides temporary emergency housing for up to fifteen women fleeing domestic violence and includes safety planning and advocacy.
34	Project Name	City of Niagara Falls ESG Administration - 2016 ESG
	Target Area	Housing Renovation
	Goals Supported	Increase % of homeless persons in perm ho
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing/Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG: \$14,953
	Description	ESG Administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1022 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY; 205 (37%);
	Planned Activities	Needs Addressed: Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons; HUD Eligible Activity: HESG Administration; 12% of HESG funds are dedicated to administrative activities.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

2016 Annual Plan activities were concentrated within 2015 qualified census tracts (QCT)s using data from the 2010 decennial census and three releases of 5-year tabulations from the American Community Survey). Specific project mapping is included as an attachment to this application. Individual census tract information is included in the “Projects” section of this application.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Housing Renovation	51

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The goals and objectives stated in the five year comprehensive plan are designed to benefit low to moderate income families. Concentrating investment within QCTs is the most strategic method of executing these goals and objectives and seeing tangible results as soon as possible.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The goals included in this section, are based upon the outcome statistics listed in the "Projects" section. There may be duplication among individuals served, as many individuals will gain benefit from multiple programs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1,299
Non-Homeless	113,042
Special-Needs	0
Total	114,341

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	18
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	65
Acquisition of Existing Units	46
Total	129

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Niagara Falls collaborates with the Niagara Falls Housing Authority (NFHA) to encourage public housing improvements and public housing residents' involvement.

Our five year strategic plan supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments:

Use of HOME and CDBG funds to expand the supply of affordable housing in the region;

Use of HOME and CDBG funds to stabilize neighborhoods in which there is an excessive concentration of poverty.

Use of CDBG funds to support essential youth services programming, including an investment in the NFHA's Doris Jones Family Resource Center.

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

Renovation of owner occupied units.

Renovation of rental units through NHS and Center City Neighborhood Development Corps.

Continue to administer the city's leased housing voucher program.

Continue to attract and incentivize housing developments that include in-fill, project based vouchers.

Provision of first time home buyer grants for low to moderate income families, including current NFHA tenants.

Contract for a new barriers to fair housing study within the program year, with input from NFHA.

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

participate in homeownership

The City of Niagara Falls is reorganizing its leased housing unit to be more focused on transitioning leased housing clients to home ownership. In addition, we are creating a home ownership specialist position to assist in the presentation and processing of those opportunities.

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

The PHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

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

Introduction

This action plan includes a focus on rapid rehousing for homeless persons. The City is transitioning for a service model to a housing driven model as a way to better combat and track the homelessness issue in Niagara Falls.

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

YWCA Carolyn's House, NIACAP, Fellowship House, Community Missions and Family and Children Services all include outreach to homeless clients and assessment of their needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The rapid rehousing program, administered by Community Missions and YWCA Carolyn's House provide transitional housing as part of our ESG investment.

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

The rapid rehousing program, administered by Community Missions and YWCA Carolyn's House provide transitional housing as part of our ESG investment. The YWCA specifically is targeted for mothers with children, escaping domestic violence.

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 ESG program is focused on transitional housing. Our CDBG, HOME and Leased Housing Programs are

focused on providing housing renovation options for low income people, as well as other public service programs that can improve quality of life.

Discussion

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

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

Introduction

The City of Niagara Falls is prioritizing market analysis to better understand the home owner/ rental renovation needs in our city, and whether or not the geographic target area model still fits the needs of Niagara Falls.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City does not impose any public policies that constrain housing development or the access to housing. However, the City will conduct both a housing market study and an impediments to fair housing study during this action plan year in order to analyze bot the housing market and all governmental policies that could have negative impacts on the access to fair housing for low to moderate income persons.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

This section discusses efforts to meet underserved needs, expanding housing opportunity, reducing lead based paint hazards and improving institutional structures.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The focus on both housing renovation, employment training and access to productive youth based activities are federally funded responses, as part of this action plan, to underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Please see the annual projects (CDBG and HOME) that will execute housing renovations, closing cost grants and fair housing services.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City provides financial assistance to income-eligible home owners to abate lead based paint hazards through the housing renovation program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The focus on job training in this action plan is meant to help reduce the number of poverty level families through accessible, functional job training.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City is creating new positions, including Financial Manager, Compliance Officer and Home Ownership Specialist to help develop institutional structure.

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

The creation of the ESG Review Panel will enhance coordination in a needed area. Our other coordination efforts are effective.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The City of Niagara Falls is using all 2016 CDBG on activities or investments that are directed towards, or accessible to low to moderate income families living in our community. HOME funds are being dedicated to home owner renovation projects, executed by the City of Niagara Falls and our certified sub-recipients. The 2016 ESG program will include an application review by an ESG Review Panel of local experts including HAWNY.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

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

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

The City of Niagara Falls will dedicate 2016 HOME funds to home owner renovation projects, executed by the Niagara Falls Community Development Department and the following sub-recipients (neighborhood development corps.):

Center City Neighborhood Development Corp

Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.

The use of HOME funds will be dedicated to home owner renovation projects, by application. No rental based projects will be executed using 2016 HOME funds.

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:

Recapture provisions are based on 24 CFR 92.254 (a) (5) (ii) which stipulates the conditions for recapture of the HOME investment used to assist low-income families purchasing a home. Homebuyer recapture provisions are included in, or as a deed restriction rider, to the recorded deed of trust that secures HOME financing.

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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

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

The annual competitive ESG application references HUD's ESG guidelines and applicable federal language. Per HUD-Buffalo's suggestion, the City of Niagara Falls has organized an ESG Review Panel for all ESG funding requests, focusing on assessment, rapid rehousing, housing referral with choice and data collection and communication.

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

As stated above, the City of Niagara Falls has created a coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, in addition to the efforts of the regional CoC.

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).

Private/ nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations can competitively apply for ESG funds during our annual application process that includes HOME and CDBG funds. The ESG application is separated from the general application. The applications are now reviewed and scored by the ESG Review Panel, focusing on the following programmatic priorities:

Rapid Rehousing

Ability to reduce the number of homeless families in Niagara Falls

Focus on unsheltered homeless persons who are living outdoors or in other places not intended for human habitation.

Homeless veterans

Victims of domestic violence.

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.

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Niagara Falls consulted with the CoC in making decisions related to ESG funds for the five year cycle. The CoC includes representation from the homeless community, which meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405 (A).

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Reduction on the number of reported homeless persons

Increase in the number of individuals that find permanent, sustainable housing, with choice

Improved data collection among stakeholders

Discussion

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

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Present: Sharon Balser, 1255 – 92nd Street
Willie Price, 91 Deuro Drive
Mark Grozio, 640 – 73rd Street
Paul Battson, 8611 Hennepin Avenue
Lucas Baldoni, 190 – 58th Street

Staff

Present: Seth Piccirillo, Director Jim Marasco, Project Administrator
MaryAnn Colangelo, Administrative Assistant

The public meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Piccirillo welcomed those in attendance and introduced staff. Each participant received a 2016 CPS Schedule of Events and a Citizen Survey to complete. Mr. Piccirillo stated that this was the first of four neighborhood meetings to obtain citizen input into the 2016 Action Plan and Budget. He said that citizen input, whether through the neighborhood meetings or written comments, were very important in the budget formulation process. He noted that June 30th was the deadline for applications and comments for the draft budget.

Mr. Piccirillo reviewed the different funding sources, namely, CDBG, HOME and ESG, and the outlined the amount of money received from each grant source in the past year. He talked about different eligible uses for each program. He noted that to fund a project the project must meet one of HUD's national objectives; namely, to help low to low/mod income persons, eliminate slums and blight or meet an urgent need. He talked about past funded CDBG projects such as housing rehab, parks, demolitions, and gave examples of agencies that we work with. He reviewed the HOME and ESG programs and gave examples of projects and programs carried out with those funding sources.

He talked about the rehab housing program going City-wide this year. He did a line by line review of the distributed 2016 CPS Schedule of Events showing all the dates and events leading up to the adoption of the 2016 CD Plan and Budget. He stressed all the times that are available for citizen input in the process.

He asked for any comments or questions.

Willie Price asked if we partner with Niagara Community Action Program. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we do partner with NiaCap and have had a long standing relationship with them.

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Sharon Balser asked if there was a certain period of time that the money must be spent. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we have timeliness deadlines. Usually the funds must be spent within two years of receipt of the funds.

Mr. Grozio asked if the funds could be used to address specific sidewalk needs. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we could and we have done that in the past with addressing different blocks when it comes to sidewalks and paving needs. He stated that a two-block area in LaSalle Avenue came in as a paving need at one of our meetings and we addressed that street this year.

Ms. Balser stated that a lot of times people complain that they are not aware of the funding that is available to help people. Mr. Piccirillo stated that that is one of the reasons we have these meetings every year to keep the public informed. He talked about all the public meetings that CD has, also the advertising that's on City's website, newspaper, the block clubs receive information, as well as other venues through other sub-recipient advertising outlets. Mr. Piccirillo stated that it is never enough but we try to get the word out as best we can.

Ms. Balser asked why the rehab target area ended at 72nd Street. Mr. Piccirillo stated that as of July 1st we are going City wide with housing rehab. In the past we addressed selected City areas that were not covered by other rehab agencies. Mr. Marasco stated that no matter where the house is located the clients must be income eligible and meet the program guidelines to participate.

Mr. Piccirillo and Mr. Marasco reviewed the City's rehab programs and closing cost assistance program and answered questions concerning the specifics of the programs.

There being no further questions, the meeting concluded at 5:45 p.m.

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Neighborhood Housing Services – 479 – 16th Street
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Present: Patricia Frederick
Charmaine Schaming
Sister Betty Neumeister
Stephen Dojka
Ron Anderluh
Diane Tattersall
Ruth Cooper

Kathy Steinman
Anthony Poletti
Elsa Newman-David

Staff

Present: Seth Piccirillo, Director
MaryAnn Colangelo, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Undercoffer, CD Accountant, Gail Bimont, Neighborhood Dev. Specialist
Jim Marasco, Project Administrator

The public meeting began at 5:30 p.m.. Mr. Piccirillo welcomed those in attendance and introduced staff. Each participant received a 2016 CPS Schedule of Events and a Citizen Survey to complete. Mr. Piccirillo reviewed the budget process and 2016 calendar of events for the action plan. He stated that we receive approximately \$2.2 million in CDBG funds. He talked about a number of projects in the Niagara Street, East Side neighborhood that were funded by CDBG dollars. He reviewed the HOME and ESG programs and gave examples of projects and activities carried out with those funds. Mr. Piccirillo stated our most successful projects are the ideas that come from direct input from citizens. He stated that citizens can also write Community Development a letter to express their ideas. He stressed all of the opportunities for citizen comments. He stated that the preparation of the budget is a long process on purpose to give everyone a lot of chances to give input. Mr. Piccirillo talked about CD going City wide with its housing rehab program this year.

Mr. Piccirillo asked for questions or areas of concern.

Mr. Anderluh stated that he approached the City Council and the Police Chief concerning the Ranger Program. He said that the Ranger Program needs to be expanded as we invest additional improvements to our parks. He felt we need two Rangers to supervise parks. Mr. Piccirillo stated that that is a conversation we can have with the Police Department.

Mr. Anderluh talked about the need for full comfort stations at Gill Creek Park which is the last thing that is needed in the master plan for the park.

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Charmaine Schaming stated that she was just a citizen not representing any agency or employer. She felt the City was in need of a code blue shelter. Buffalo and Lockport has one. When it gets bitter cold out, people go to the hospital emergency room and they fill Emergency Room hospital beds. It would be nice if the homeless had someplace to go when the shelters are full. She felt this was a real need.

Mr. Piccirillo stated that this was a good point. If we continue to have winters like we have had, the City will need a better code blue strategy. Ms. Tattersall stated that we should reach out to other communities like Lockport, who has a new code blue facility, and see how they operate one. She noted we could also find out from them if the shelter has eased similar problems that they have encountered with the homeless.

Stephen Dojka stated that we need to continue to concentrate on demolitions on the east side. Mr. Piccirillo stated that at the last meeting the City Council approved an additional \$500,000 for demolitions for our Inspection Dept., so demolitions will continue. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we always try and make demolitions part of the Community Development budget.

It was questioned how the houses are chosen to be demolished. Mr. Piccirillo stated homes that are beyond repair and are nuisance problems in the neighborhood are targeted. Mr. Piccirillo also answered questions concerning the City's vacant lot program. He said that after demolitions, the City contacts the adjoining home owners to see if they are interested in the vacant lot, if they are homeowners, and not rental properties.

Someone suggested that the list of properties to be demolished be posted on the City's website. Mr. Piccirillo stated that that can be done.

Mr. Dojka stated for the record that he wanted to second everything that Rob Anderluh stated concerning his support for continued funding for Gill Creek Park and the Ranger Program. Mr. Dojka also complimented NHS and asked for continued support for their programs. He said NHS does a fabulous job for the amount of staff that they have.

Mr. Dojka talked about how bad 24th Street was from Pine Avenue to Buffalo Avenue. He said that it was unbelievable. He said that 24th Street people have been complaining about the street for years and it has not been addressed. Mr. Piccirillo stated that he would see if it was on this year's list and find out the status of it. Ms. Bimont stated that she thought it was a State road and that was the reason there has been a delay in repairs.

Mr. Dojka stated that at the last block club meeting the new animal control officer was present. The control officer said what would really help was if the City could get funds for a spay and neutering catch and release program. Mr. Piccirillo stated that the City just renewed their contract with the SPCA and he was not sure what was contained in that contract and we could look at it after that. Mr. Piccirillo

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stated that he would look into it and get back to the block club. There was discussion about programs that are available in the area for animal control issues.

Ms. Tattersall talked about security cameras and all the damage that was done to the Century Club Park and the need for additional cameras. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we try and work with the police department to determine what location would be the best for cameras and whether they would be a deterrent or not. When we get a specific location recommendation for cameras, we talk to the police to see if that requests make sense or not. For cameras to be a real deterrent you need to have someone watching the footage at all times, in addition to just having the footage.

There was a discussion about the police substations. Mr. Piccirillo stated that a substation that is not manned leads to a false sense of security. He stated that he agreed with the Police Chief that additional foot patrol is more effective as opposed to an officer sitting in a substation. He stated that police presence is a high priority for Community Development funding.

A participant talked about the poor appearance of five or six houses on Ferry Avenue between Tronolone and the 15th Street area. She said that that section of Ferry is really pulling the entire area down. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we can pull ownership on those properties and look at it to see what can be done.

Mr. Anderluh talked about the success of the row of houses on Walnut Avenue that were done years ago with CD money and they still look nice. He noted that that was a success story and a model project.

Mr. Piccirillo talked about the South Jr. renovation project that will be starting soon.

Mr. Piccirillo talked about the skate park and the proposed dog park. He said the skate park will be located in Hyde Park and the location for the dog park has yet to be determined. Playground improvements at Hyde Park and 70th Street Park will start this summer. A new sign at Gill Creek Park will be installed in the next couple of months.

Some spoke of the deplorable condition of the homes on 24th and Niagara Streets. A participant stated that most of the neglected properties were owned by out-of-town homeowners. Ms. Tattersall talked about the standards that all landlords need to be held to whether out of town or in town landlords.

There was discussion regarding the in-rem sale and how people flip those houses and don't maintain them. Mr. Piccirillo stated that changes need to be made as to how the City does it auction. The City's goal is to have smaller, more controlled auctions with stronger provisions in place.

Mr. Dojka questioned if there were enough Inspectors in the City. Mr. Marasco stated that the City has half as many Inspectors as there were 20 years ago. It was questioned if CD funded clean

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neighborhood code enforcement, as it was needed. Mr. Piccirillo stated that CD has funded clear neighborhood code enforcement for the last few years.

There was a question about whether we could put paddle boats in Hyde Park. Mr. Piccirillo stated that CD could not do that but it might be something the City could do. He stated that many people don't know that you can canoe and kayak in Hyde Park.

There was discussion concerning poor quality neighborhood lighting. A participant stated that we need better, different lighting for neighborhoods rather than the big overhead lighting to create a safer environment. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we could not do wide ranging light project, but if there was a specific location, we could do a smaller targeted area. He told the participant if she had specific areas that needed attention to let CD know the locations for consideration.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting concluded at 6:15 p.m.

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Doris Jones Resource Bldg. – 3001 – 9th Street
June 16, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Niagara Falls, New York

Present:	Will Rogers	Constance Worthington	Yvonne Carr
	Kelly Mariano	Emma Beckles	Shanna Cooper
	Lamont Ford	Beverly Bradley	Bertha Trons
	Stephanie Cowart	Towanza Bracy	Evynne Mack
	Charletta Tyson	Melissa Matsulavagh	Willie Price
	Curt Hicks	Caleb Myles	Jaquaz Heb'g
	Joshua Herbig	Diane Smith	Karen Howard
	Samika Sullivan	Kholeelah Shareef	Daphine Betton
	Melvin Smith	Ida Seright	Jhakendra Walker
	Lynne Neveu	Yolanda Walker-Price	Saleadin Allah
	Ron Cunningham	Travannah Thornton	Audrey Evans
	Wille Dunn	Glenda Feagin	Bob Bellon
	Felissa Davis	Angela Smith	

Staff

Present: Seth Piccirillo, Director Jim Marasco, Project Administrator
 MaryAnn Colangelo, Admin. Asst.

The public meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Each participant received a 2016 CPS Schedule of Events and Citizen Survey to complete. Mr. Piccirillo stated that this was the third of four neighborhood meetings that are being held across the City to receive input concerning the 2016 Community Development Plan and Budget. Mr. Piccirillo reviewed Community Development's funding programs; namely, CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. He gave examples of the types of activities that can be funded under each funding source and talked about the amount of money received in the past for these programs. He talked about the applications that are available and the June 30th deadline. He said that you don't have to be an organization to weigh in on how the funds should be spent. He also said that a letter or e-mail could be submitted to Community Development with ideas or thoughts concerning ideas for funding.

Mr. Piccirillo reviewed the dates outlined on the 2016 Schedule of Events. He stated that funding had been doubled in 2015 for the Niagara Falls Housing Authority After School Program and funds were increased for HCR. Monies have also been doubled in 2015 for Youth Motivation which is a program that concentrates in the Highland neighborhood. We are trying

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to invest as much as possible in this neighborhood and the City as a whole. Mr. Piccirillo encouraged everyone to fill out the citizen survey to get as much input from citizens as possible.

Mr. Piccirillo asked for comments from the audience.

Charletta Tyson, Director of Highland Community Revitalization, stated that last year she did a power point presentation talking about the status of properties and streets in the Highland Community. At that time there were approximately 51 residential and 5 commercial vacant structures in various stages of deterioration. Since the 2014 presentation some of the changes that have happened are six properties have been sold, six demolitions, two of the vacant structures are now occupied. She stated that there are still many dilapidated buildings that need to be addressed and she is asking Community Development to focus more on homeownership activities. She said that she would like to see new construction in the area. She said that potholes and street repairs also need to be addressed in the Highland community. She said HCRC will be submitting a funding application requesting funds for their organization.

A participant asked if CDBG funds could be used for sidewalks and handicap sidewalk access. Mr. Piccirillo stated that funds could be used for sidewalks. He told the participant that if there were specific streets that she was talking about to let Community Development know. This would be helpful because CD tries and link what we do specifically to what citizens advocate for. He said if anyone has specific streets, sidewalks, potholes, etc., that they are concerned about it would be very helpful to have those specific locations submitted to our office in writing.

A participant stated that we need to increase code enforcement with out-of-state landlords and she talked about the properties that are being sold at the in-rem sales that are being allowed to continue to deteriorate. Mr. Piccirillo stated that the City is trying to move away from having large tax foreclosure auctions but break them up into smaller auctions and have the guidelines better enforced.

A participant stated that there should be programs to help people prepare and help with becoming a homebuyer. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the homeownership programs that CD has to assist new and existing homeowners, such as the closing cost assistance grant program and the housing rehab programs. He said that is one of our greatest priorities to get people into a house and help them renovate their house.

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A participant supported having more green space and parks in the Highland area. Mr. Piccirillo stated that last year CD did stage one of work at Center Court /D'Amelio Park with the basketball court and new fencing. This year stage two will be completed with new playground equipment. He stated that on the other side of street of the playground where the construction is taking place, green space is being planned there as well. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the park projects that Community Development has invested in such as Gill Creek, South, Jr., and the new Skate Park and playground being planned for Hyde Park. We try and concentrate on productive activities for the youth. A new court and new benches and bleachers will also be put in at Gluck Park.

A participant stated that he felt a second language instructor to teach once or twice a week at the community center would be beneficial for young people.

A participant asked what the foreclosure timeframe was for people that have abandoned City properties. Mr. Piccirillo stated that this was one of our biggest frustrations. He stated that it usually takes three years before a property goes from tax delinquency to foreclosure. He noted that it is a long process and a long time for a house to be sitting. Some of the things we are trying to do is work with banks on house foreclosures that have been sitting to see what can be done. Also, the City is moving towards having smaller tax foreclosure auctions to have more control over property ownership and enforcement of the houses being maintained.

The participant asked who becomes responsible for maintaining the grass on a property in foreclosure. Mr. Piccirillo stated that the City will have to come in and cut the grass at that point.

A participant talked about the problems that tenants have with their water being shut off because the landlords have not paid the bill. The house ends up being condemned and the tenants lose their home. He felt there should be some kind of working relationship between the City and the citizens and the Water Board concerning these situations.

A participant talked about handicap accessibility and the sidewalks and curb issues that hinder the handicapped. She felt there should be targeted areas around senior housing areas such as Spallino Towers, etc., where the sidewalks, etc., are all handicap accessible. She stated that her father and uncle who utilize wheelchairs are not able to get around because of the sidewalks and it was very frustrating. She said it was her top priority that these obstacles be

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addressed. Mr. Piccirillo stated that was a very good idea and we should look at those targeted areas that would make the most impact.

A participant stated that she lived on Weston Avenue and talked about an abandoned property near hers that had overgrown grass and rodents. She asked what could be done with the abandoned house. Mr. Piccirillo said that if she called in the address that the City would put the property on a list to cut the grass. There was discussion regarding the frustration of a house that is in bank or tax foreclosure. Mr. Piccirillo stated that if she called in the address the City may be able to contact the bank to see what was the status of the house. He said some of the banks are even willing to donate the properties. Mr. Piccirillo told the participant to give him the address and he would try and find out what bank owns the property.

Charletta Tyson stated that several of the vacant demo lots are not correctly graded and seeded. Specifically, she talked about the vacant demo lot on Highland next to the 3M's Club. She said she has brought this to the attention of the City Council and CD on previous occasions. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we could take a look at that.

Charletta Tyson stated that as a Fair Housing Agency they receive numerous calls where tenants are paying utilities to the landlord, mainly the water bill, and the bills are not being paid and the water is being disconnected. What can the City do? Mr. Piccirillo stated that as a Fair Housing Agency it would be proactive to have a meeting with the Water Board to get some advice on their end. They should be advised as to what is being seen with the shut offs and see what could be done.

A young participant expressed his support for the Resource Center and Summer Youth Program.

A participant from Michigan Avenue spoke in support of all of the services being offered at the Resource Center. She stated that five families on her street use the youth services at the Resource Center such as their after school and summer programs. She said that so much is offered everything from children's music programs to health and wellness and financial literacy programs. She said the Resource Building was the hub of the north end. She said that all of the programs that are offered in the building are very important to the community.

Mr. Piccirillo stated that as far as youth programming the funds we give to the Resource Center's Summer Youth Program is CD's highest funded youth program.

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A participant asked what the qualifications were to participate in the City's housing rehab program. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the guidelines and the income limits. He stated that on July 1st the CD rehab program is going City-wide with the exception of those areas covered by other rehab funded agencies. The participant was given a copy of the rehab guidelines.

A participant asked what could be done about sidewalks and tree rooting. Mr. Piccirillo stated that CD could funds could be used for sidewalks and tree rooting would be a part of the side walk replacement.

A participant talked about the problem of abandoned homes that have been vandalized and destroyed sometimes just for the cooper. He said there needs to be some type of police surveillance of abandoned houses.

A participant stated that he felt that there should be a fence around every playground. He also complained about the quality of building materials being used in the new construction of the townhouses in the Highland Area. He said the roofing and siding is falling off of many of the buildings that are not even five years old. He also said that the community should be made aware of the harmful environmental hazards that people are being exposed to living in industrialized areas of the City.

Mr. Piccirillo talked about playground fencing. He stated that if the playground is not close to a street and is surrounded by grass, chances are we would not fence off the park. But with parks that are close to the street that is necessary.

Diane Swift stated that she was concerned about street conditions and what course of action the City is going to take concerning the numerous pot holes in the area. The City is falling behind on maintaining the streets.

Mr. Piccirillo talked about the active street repaving contracts that are out and noted that the City also has crews out. Also, the pot hole killer equipment is now out on the streets in full force for the summer.

A participant asked if there would be help for increased police foot patrols or police visibility in the area, which will help repair trust issues with police officers in the City. She also asked if the weed and seed program is still funded.

Mr. Piccirillo stated we used to fund multiple police substations. The last substation that we fund is on Highland Avenue. We have also funded the police department to do more

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patrols. He said that there have been discussions concerning which is better, funding the police substations, which are often unmanned, or funding additional police patrol. He stated that this community advocated for the police substation staying open on Highland Avenue. He said this is one of the reasons we have these meetings, to hear from the community concerning what is most effective in the community. Concerning the Weed and Seed Program, Mr. Piccirillo stated that it was not a Community Development program but we do fund activities that are very similar to weed and seed activities. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the after school programs that are funded. He said there are only so much funds for the programs and when you give to one you take from another.

Charletta Tyson talked about the Police Substation on Highland Avenue. She said at the time the community advocated for the substation on Highland there was actually a police officer staffed there. She said she feels someone should be staffed in that office and there should be foot patrols on Highland like there is on Pine Avenue.

Mr. Piccirillo stated that foot patrols are up throughout the City. We believe in foot patrol in addition to the substation which is why we have funded the Ranger Program.

A participant stated that she was confused as to why there are there are so many foot patrols on Pine Avenue and the 18th Street area and not on Highland Avenue. If there is funding available, this area needs to be looked at for foot patrols. She asked what the difference was between that area and Highland Avenue concerning there being more foot patrols on Pine and 18th.

Mr. Piccirillo stated that there is a big difference between Highland Avenue and 18th Street. You look at the criminal mapping and the 18th Street area is where you have the most criminal activity. If you see a police presence there that is important. That doesn't mean that foot patrols aren't good everywhere.

Another participant praised the foot patrols. The participant asked about the surveys and who makes the decisions about what gets funded. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we take all the data that has been received and we put together a draft budget. We have a hearing on the draft budget and the community has 30 days to comment on the budget. This is a budget that is built out of public participation so we take all of the public's comments into account and CD puts together a draft and gives it back to the public and then to the council. Mr. Piccirillo reviewed all of the comments periods the public has to participate in the budget process so everyone can be a part of it.

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A participant complimented Mr. Piccirillo on having such a participatory budget. She asked if it was possible to get a 311 service in Niagara Falls. He stated that he would advocate for this and felt it was something the City needed to focus on.

Another participant complimented the participatory budget and Mr. Piccirillo's efforts for getting things done. She stated that she had not seen foot patrols in the Highland neighborhood in a very long time. She said she would hate to see the substation closed but foot patrols were needed as well. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we are not advocating to close the substation but wanted to get input from the public as to their thoughts on the best path for crime prevention.

A participant talked about the need for a housing court to help with neglected properties and out of town homeowners. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the Buffalo Housing Court and the success with that. He said in this area a strong housing court rarely gets attention. He said he hoped that through City leadership and community people come together and say we need to strengthen our housing court. It is an area that needs to be worked on.

There being no further comments the meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Piccirillo stated that if anyone had any additional comments to please reach out to Community Development.

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Dept. of Community Development – Carnegie Building
June 18, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. Niagara Falls, New York**

Present: Grant Babcock, Community Missions
Kathie Kudela, NACC
Lucus Bacroni, ERDO Development
Tony Poletti, Marketside Restaurant
Glenda Feagin, City resident
Ron Anderluh, Niagara Street Business Association

Staff

Present: Seth Piccirillo, Director Jim Marasco, Project Administrator
MaryAnn Colangelo, Admin. Asst. Gail Bimont, Neigh. Dev. Specialist

The public meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Each participant received a 2016 CPS Schedule of Events and Citizen Survey. Mr. Piccirillo welcomed those in attendance and introduced staff. He stated that this was our fourth neighborhood meeting. He talked about CD's funding sources, the amount of funds received in the past, and how those funds can be used giving examples of projects and programs that we fund. He also discussed the calendar of events leading up to the adoption of the budget. He stressed that this is the public's budget. Community Development wants to hear from participants as to what they want to see funded in 2016.

After his presentation, Mr. Piccirillo asked for questions or comments.

Mr. Bacroni asked what we could do as a neighborhood to get a park on vacant land on 57th Street and at the end of Stephenson Avenue on 63rd St. Mr. Piccirillo stated that Colvanta donated money for a park and playground. They did not donate it to the City they donated it to Greenprint. Mr. Piccirillo stated that tomorrow he would call Greenprint and see what was the status of the funds. He said it may be easier to fund it though Colvanta because the money is already in place and CD could perhaps also be a part of that process depending upon what the residents want to see at the park sites.

Ms. Kudela informed Mr. Bacroni that she felt there had already been some field work done for parks at those sites by Greenprint and that the community was involved in that.

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Mr. Piccirillo stated that between Hyde Park and Stephenson there is a lack of parks and that has been discussed with Colvanta. The Colvanta donation was supposed to help address that.

Mr. Harris stated that what he would like to see more concentration on crime prevention services. He would like to see more funding with neighborhood watches like community policing and also funding for youth programs. He stated that the youth have too much time on their hands which leads to negative activities.

Mr. Piccirillo stated that we talked about community policing at the last neighborhood meeting as well. Traditionally, Community Development funds youth programs and also police department funding. However, we have been changing how we do that over the last couple of years to get more foot patrolling. He noted that people will definitely see policing reflected in the draft budget.

Mr. Babcock gave his support for the Ranger Program. He said that it provides for more crime prevention and police visibility downtown. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the successes of the Ranger Program.

Ms. Kudela Executive Director of the NACC talked about youth programming and the need for it in the south end where the NACC is located. She said that this is something that many people feel is important. She said there are very few youth programs in that area especially with the YMCA closing and the demographics for that area which show a lot of single family and low income families. Kids don't have a lot of opportunities for summer enrichment which leads to trouble. The NACC not only wants to keep the kids busy and off the street but we want to provide enrichment and lifelong learning experiences and these include skills such as writing, speaking, budgeting, performing in public, etc. She talked about one aspect of the NACC's focus which is theater. She said that program not only includes performance but designing the stage, playwriting, directing, marketing, etc. She talked about the weekly field trips that they do and how many of the kids in the summer programs have never experience such outings like the Maid of the Mist. She said that the money they received from CDBG in 2015 will be used for these summer youth programs. She said every penny goes to teacher salaries for these programs. She asked for continued support for these very important programs. She distributed pamphlets outlining the NACC's youth programs.

A participant talked about the need for police cameras and better lighting in the neighborhoods. He said if there were cameras in the downtown area that would be beneficial

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as a crime deterrent. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we work with the police department and act on what is most effective. He talked about the pros and cons concerning cameras. He said to be most effective the cameras need to be manned with someone watching them at all times. The concern is what it better to invest in cameras or more manpower on the streets. That is the conversation CD will be having with the Police Department.

Another participant talked about the need for improved lighting in the City and the cost savings that could be achieved switching to LED lighting. He felt that if we did a targeted area with improved, lower cost lighting we could look at that as an example of what the savings could be. Mr. Piccirillo stated that the need for improved lighting came up at an earlier meeting. He said we have limited funds so we would have to define a specific area where we could try something with improved lighting. Mr. Marasco stated that at one time Center City did a lighting program. Mr. Piccirillo noted that we would look at and see what Center City did and take a look at what the cost savings might be if people switched to LED's. The participant also talked about the cost savings that can be achieved with low water usage toilets. He thought that maybe the Water Board could sponsor something with City residents to help save people money and lower water usage.

Mr. Babcock stated that he was present representing Community Missions. He stated that the Missions would be applying for Emergency Solutions Grant funds. He talked about Community Missions and said that without ESG funds the Mission would be in dire straits.

Mr. Babcock also talked about the need for economic development in the City with higher paying jobs needed. He said he too much of the population is living on the fringe. He said that the Missions sees an increase in the use of the soup kitchen and pantry as the seasonal jobs in the City end.

Mr. Babcock said he talked about this last year, but the City really needs to focus on the roads. He also talked about the fact that the roads we are replacing are not lasting and that needs to be looked at to find out what the problem is. Mr. Piccirillo talked about the City paving projects that are currently going on for this year. He said we have done more roads in the last couple of years than has been done in the last 20, but there is a huge back log of need. Mr. Piccirillo agreed that the roads are always an issue and they need to be addressed as quickly as possible.

Glenda Feagin who lives on Ontario Avenue stated that her home was in need of repairs and asked if there was any help she could receive from our Department. Mr. Piccirillo provided

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her with the housing rehab guidelines and asked her to look it over and call us with any questions that she may have.

Ron Anderluh talked about the revitalization of our neighborhoods. He talked about the past success of an NHS housing project on Walnut Avenue where several house in a row were rehabbed and they still look nice after many years. He said he would like to see concentrated rehab rather than scattered housing projects being done. Mr. Piccirillo stated that in the same neighborhood on Walnut Avenue we are trying to do this with the Housing Visions project to try and make a neighborhood impact.

There being no further questions or comments Mr. Piccirillo thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded at 6:05 p.m.

**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
2016 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND STRATEGY PUBLIC HEARING**

**September 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers – 745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, New York**

Attendees: (sign in sheet attached to minutes)
Norma Higgs, Niagara Falls Block Club Council
Charleita Tyson, Highland Community Revitalization Committee
Grant Babcock, Community Missions of Niagara
Ron Anderluh, Niagara Street Business Association
John Drake, Center City Neighborhood Development Corp.
Samika Sullivan
Caroline Boback, Niagara Falls Dog Park Committee
Annie Chapman, Niagara Falls Housing Authority
Sister Betty Neumeister, Francis Center
Willie Dunn, Niagara Falls Housing Authority
Ron Cunningham

Staff Present:

Seth Piccirillo, Director
MaryAnn Colangelo, Admin. Assist. Gail Bimont, Neigh. Dev. Specialist

The public hearing began at 6:00 p.m. All participants received a copy of the Draft 2016 proposed Community Development Block Grant, HOME and ESG budget and the 2016 CPS Schedule of Events.

Mr. Piccirillo welcomed all those in attendance and introduced staff. He said that after his budget review it was most important to open the meeting for public comment and answer any questions on specific budgeted projects, the budget as a whole, or how the process works. He stated that the public has up to October 3rd to write in their comments on the budget by dropping them off at the Carnegie Building at 1022 Main Street, or e-mailing comments to the Director, or mailing them to Community Development.

Mr. Piccirillo stated that the budget is made up of \$2,758,830 in federal funding. Including project sponsors and local matches, the budget equals \$6.4 million dollars. The budget is divided into the following programs estimated in 2016 dollar amounts: \$2.2 million in CDBG funds, \$317,000 in HOME funds, and \$199,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds. Mr. Piccirillo stated that Dept. of Community Development is responsible for managing these programs for the City of Niagara Falls. He noted CD submits an annual audited report to the federal government every March.

Mr. Piccirillo discussed how the draft budget is built through community input. He outlined all the opportunities that the public received to offer input into the draft budget. He said that we want everyone to be involved in the process and we don't want to leave anyone out of the conversation. He said that Community Development wants to make sure all HUD guidelines are followed closely.

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Mr. Piccirillo reviewed the distributed 2016 CPS calendar of events outlining all of the steps that have been taken in the budget process leading up to the presentation of the 2016 Draft Budget. He noted that all of these steps have been advertised in the Niagara Gazette and all of the documents have been available for review at the Carnegie Building and at the Public Libraries and on Community Development's website. Mr. Piccirillo stated that after the 30-day comment period the Draft Budget will be brought to City Council for review and approval in November.

Mr. Piccirillo stressed that the budget was still a draft budget and is not final until HUD approves of it. CD based the budget on exact dollar amounts that were received in 2015. That dollar amount could go down or up depending on federal funds. Our individual budgets are dependent on final HUD amounts. Mr. Piccirillo also stated that it was important to note that the 2016 monies will not be received until summer or fall in 2016. He said that it is CD's goal to base the budget on what the public actually says. He thanked everyone for their attendance and noted everyone's comments were important. He said that it had been made clear to CD during the neighborhood meetings that the community is looking for neighborhood investments, productive activities for the City's young people as well as housing renovation, job training, park improvements and blight clearance.

Mr. Piccirillo continued that, as always, we receive more requests than we have funds. He stated that the budget was not perfect but the Dept. is confident that it is a response to what we have heard in the neighborhoods and we have tried to be as transparent as possible.

Mr. Piccirillo did a line by line review of each activity in the draft 2016 budget for the CDBG, HOME and ESG program. Everyone in the audience had received a copy of draft budget that he reviewed. Mr. Piccirillo outlined each activity and noted how much proposed funding is being allocated toward the project or program.

After his presentation, Mr. Piccirillo asked for any questions or comments from the audience on the draft budget.

John Drake – Mr. Drake stated he was present to represent Center City Neighborhood Development Corp., Neighborhood Housing Services and Highland Community Revitalization Committee. He talked about the reduction in the HOME dollars now received by Community Development. As a result of that, and as a result of the cuts at the State level, it is very hard to get grants for housing rehabilitation. For that reason the three housing agencies formed a coalition last year and submitted grants to the State with Center City being the lead agency. We have just signed a contract for \$700,000 for housing rehab funds. He stated that the State relies on the local community to provide for the program delivery costs. He stated that looking at the budget the Agencies don't have a problem with the money totals but we have some issues with the distribution of those dollars and the program delivery expenses. He said the agencies have the money for rehab but not program delivery. Mr. Drake submitted the following letter for the minutes signed by the Directors of all three housing agencies, namely, Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Center City Neighborhood Development Corp. and Highland Community Revitalization Committee.

Mr. Drake reviewed the points in the following letter which was submitted for the record. The letter was signed by the Directors of all three rehab agencies, Center City, Neighborhood Housing Service and Highland Community Revitalization Committee.

The letter to Community Development read as follows:

Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation (CCNDC) and Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) would like to offer the following observations on the proposed 2016 Action Plan.

The Collaborative of CCNDC, NENHS and HCRC recently signed contracts to provide \$700,000 in rehabilitation services over the next several years. Unfortunately these grants program provide very little in the way of program delivery funding. Rather they rely on local sources for operating costs. The investment of these funds will assist the City in neighborhood development by improving the living conditions of low to moderate income households and addressing the needs of the housing stock.

Given these facts it is a poor time to reduce program delivery assistance. Previous allocations were approximately \$100,000 a year for NHS and CCNDC, adjusted for program income. In recent years program income has declined as City funding has shifted from CDBG to HOME for project costs. From a high of over \$40,000, Center City's program income is estimated at \$14,000 for the 2016 program year, NHS is expecting minimal program income at approximately \$6,000. We have mentioned the fact that Community Development under estimates program income in each of the last two years.

Per the 2016 plan, as we understand it, NHS's operational support is proposed at \$80,000 and CCNDC at \$56,500 plus the expected \$14,000 in self-generated funds for a total of \$67,500. HCRC's proposed 100,000 allocation does not reflect program delivery. HCRC, NHS and CCNDC have formed a successful cooperative which that has generated additional funding into this City from NYS HCR and AHC for housing rehabilitation. Decreasing program delivery will cripple our agencies at time when we should be applauded for our efforts that secured funding for much needed services to the residents of our area. Not only does it make no sense but it is contrary to discussions held with the city in August to which we had summarized in an email to Community Development.

We therefore suggest the following changes to the plan;

- Program Income for NHS should be listed as \$6,000, not \$40,000 since historically their program income is minimal
- The allotment for Program delivery Should be changed to \$100,000, for housing rehabilitation \$21,000

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- Other Public is listed at \$745,000, which implies a deliverable of 30 units, over twice the average past performance and above the level of resources available. \$175,00 is at least a reasonable figure
 - Program Income for CCNDC should be \$14,000 based on an analysis of their loan portfolio, Not \$0 as indicated. CCNDC has reported Program Income in excess of \$20,000 in each of the last 15 years. It is well known to Community Development that program income exists.
 - The \$120,000 allocation should be split \$86,000 for program delivery and \$36,000 for rehabilitation.
 - Other Public should be \$300,000 based on historical activity over the past 7 years.
- It would be a shame at this point in time as the housing agencies embark on collaborative efforts to deny them the funding to carry out their mission. Sincerely, CC, NHS, HCRC.

Mr. Drake stated one of the problems the City has is getting new contractors. He stated that Center City has been working hard to recruit new contractors especially minority contractors.

Ms. Tyson talked about there being an insufficient amount of program delivery dollars allocated to HCRC. She talked about the turnover in her staff because people are leaving for better paying jobs. She said that the last three years she has requested HOME funds and has been denied. She said she would like to utilize HOME dollars to increase her rehab dollars so more CDBG funds can be used for program delivery.

Mr. Drake requested a meeting with Mr. Piccirillo and the rehab agencies to go over the requested plan changes. Mr. Piccirillo agreed that they would set up a meeting and review the requested changes.

Charletta Tyson stated that she felt one agency should be responsible for the administering the closing cost program in the City. Right now two agencies administer the program.

Mr. Drake stated that another item that should be looked at was to make it easier to switch rehab funds between the rehab agencies to help each other out.

Mr. Cunningham, asked for clarification on the timetable to submit the budget and when the funds would be received. Mr. Piccirillo again reviewed the timeline process for budget submission and anticipated receipt of funds which may not be until late summer or fall of 2016.

Ron Anderluh from the Niagara Street Business Association thanked the Dept. of Community Development for its past support on several Niagara Street projects. He thanked

Community Development for including funding once again for Gill Creek Park for much needed comfort stations.

Mr. Anderluh talked about the Ranger Program and asked if that program could be extended to have Rangers oversee some of the City parks during problem hours. He said that with all the improvements made to the parks additional supervision of the parks should be put in place. He stated that he has also talked to the Police Chief and City Council concerning the situation. Mr. Piccirillo stated the expansion of the Ranger Program for park supervision is a point very well taken and next summer we are going to try and support that request.

In response to a question concerning what the Ranger program entailed, Mr. Piccirillo talked about the Ranger program acting that it assisted foot patrol in the downtown area to alert police of any activity needing their attention. They also help direct tourists with downtown information. He noted that the program has also given our youth summer work opportunities.

Sister Betty Neumeister from the Francis Center thanked Community Development for including the Francis Center After School Program in the budget. She said they have been operating in the Niagara Street School area for 5 or 6 years and the program has been successful.

Annie Chapman from the Niagara Falls Housing Authority stated that she appreciated the proposed funding and help that Community Development is offering for the NFHA After School programs. She said that this year almost 95% of the children participating in the program were on public assistance. She said she knows this budget is a draft but she hoped it would be approved as written.

Caroline Boback representing the Niagara Falls Dog Park talked about her past 5 years involvement in trying to bring a dog park to fruition in Niagara Falls. She thanked Community Development for putting the dog park into the draft budget. She said it is a huge step forward in seeing the park become a reality. She said the project has been driven by several local people for the people of Niagara Falls. In response to a question concerning the location of the park, she said a final site has not been selected but the main site that has been looked at is the former 39th Street school site between Perry and Walnut. She outlined the benefits of the site noting she hopes the site can become a community park area as well.

Norma Higgs from the Block Club Council asked why more demolition money was not included in the budget. Mr. Piccirillo stated that two years ago CD allocated \$699,000 and the City allocated less. This year we are allocating less and the City will be contributing more. He said when there was a casino funding shortage we picked up the slack but now that we have the casino funds the City will pay the larger share. The smaller amount allocated by CD does not mean fewer demolitions will be carried out. Ms. Higgs stated that she was in favor of rehabs but there are too many houses that are beyond repair. She said that when demolitions are scheduled she asked that houses be chosen that are negatively affecting neighborhoods. Ultimately, one house can de-stabilize a neighborhood. It may just be that one house on the street that needs demolished but it affects the entire street. She hoped that those type home locations would be chosen for demolition rather than choosing a house on a block that is already totally blighted.

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Mr. Piccirillo stated that the point was well taken.

A participant stated that Youth Motivation is funded every year. She felt that there should be information put out on the Community Development website talking about what these funded organizations and programs actually do and how to contact them. She questioned what Youth Motivation actually does. Mr. Piccirillo stated that we could put that contact information out there. He talked about what Youth Motivation does stating it is an after school program to help at risk youth. It is operated by Lomax Barnes who works in conjunction with the Niagara Falls School District. Mr. Barnes works out of Niagara Street, Abate and Cataract schools.

Ron Cunningham stated that afterschool programs are very important. He applauded CD for funding the afterschool programs.

Charletta questioned if it was necessary to fund two literacy programs. Mr. Piccirillo clarified that the program in the budget are two different literacy programs, one was financial and the other was not. He stated that CD felt both programs were important.

Mr. Piccirillo asked for further questions or comments. There being none, Mr. Piccirillo stressed that the public still has 30 days to submit written comments on the budget. He expressed how important community participation was to us. He thanked the public for their attendance.

The public meeting concluded at 6:40 p.m.

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1	The City of Niagara Falls	Suggested Wayne County: The City will administer different home stabilization programs and projects to designated target areas of the City. Multiple different programs will be used for program delivery costs as appropriate. Policies concerning funding is suitable for additional housing assistance.	\$122,000	Special use contribution income (fees)	Administration and Miscellaneous Activities	\$60,000	\$176,000	
2	Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	Targeted Home Renovation - NY Niagara Home Housing Services will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the City using 200,000 in CDBG for stabilization. CDBG funds will be dedicated to low-income people and a program delivery.	\$122,000	Special use contribution income (fees)	Administration and Miscellaneous Activities	\$40,000	\$162,000	
3	Home Care Neighborhood Development Corp.	Targeted Home Renovation - Home Care Neighborhood Development Corp. will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the City using 200,000 in program delivery and CDBG administration.	\$140,000	Special use contribution income (fees)	Administration and Miscellaneous Activities		\$134,000	Home Care Corp.
4	Niagara Falls Educational Foundation	Carroll Grant Education Center - The Carroll Educational Center is part of the 50-million Carroll Center Land Center project. It provides quality and family focused education and child, teenage and job services, culture and place education. The center would be located on the third floor addition to a School Building.	\$80,000	Special use contribution income (fees)	Public Facilities and Improvements		\$80,000	
5	Niagara Association of Niagara County, Inc. (NANC)	Senior, Social and PACE Assistance - Community Center (as a program of the Niagara Falls office of NY State PACE Assistance) - NANC funds will be used for the community center.	\$40,000	Special use contribution income (fees)	Public Facilities and Improvements		\$40,000	
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178	Regency Hill Neighborhood (pre city - 10)	Housing Rehabilitation	\$111,000	Monthly Low-cost Rehabilitation Services Program	Rehabilitation of 10 residential properties	\$111,000	\$111,000	\$0	0%
179	City of Regency Hill Community Development Department	Single Family Housing Rehabilitation	\$111,000	Monthly Low-cost Rehabilitation Services Program	Rehabilitation of 10 residential properties	\$111,000	\$111,000	\$0	0%
TOTAL			\$333,000			\$333,000	\$333,000	\$0	

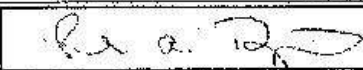
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	Priority	Emergency Description	Amount Requested	Source Addressed	Basic Program Activity	Program Amount	Applicant Match	Grant	Source of Funds
180	PHCA-Carter's Home and Community Mission of the Regency Hill Area, Inc.	Basic Housing Program: 20% for Carter's Home for housing stability (case management and 20% for emergency repairs for housing operations and stabilization services)	\$66,500	Monthly Services, Case and Moderate Income Persons	Emergency Housing			\$66,500	PHCA-Carter's Home and the Community Mission
181	PHCA-Carter's Home	Emergency Repair and Storm Damage	\$10,000	Monthly Services, Case and Moderate Income Persons	Emergency Housing			\$10,000	PHCA-Carter's Home
182	Community Mission of Regency Hill Area, Inc.	Emergency Repair and Storm Damage	\$10,000	Monthly Services, Case and Moderate Income Persons	Emergency Housing			\$10,000	Community Mission of Regency Hill Area, Inc.
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185	Priority and Disaster Services	Emergency Services	\$10,000	Monthly Services, Case and Moderate Income Persons	Emergency Services			\$10,000	Priority and Disaster Services
186	City of Regency Hill	Emergency Services	\$10,000	Monthly Services, Case and Moderate Income Persons	Emergency Services			\$10,000	City of Regency Hill
TOTAL			\$106,500					\$106,500	

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4545-004
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State Use Only:		
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 16-6502546		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0794352685310
d. Address:		
* Street1: 1322 Main Street		
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* Country: USA UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 14301-1112		
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Seth		
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: Piccirillo		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: Director, Niagara Falls Community Development		
Organizational Affiliation: City of Niagara Falls		
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* a. Start Date: 07/01/2016	* b. End Date: 06/30/2017
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	2,224,029.00
* b. Applicant	1,120,000.00
* c. State	1,480,000.00
* d. Local	576,000.00
* e. Other	250,000.00
* f. Program Income	00,000.00
* g. TOTAL	5,740,029.00
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: NE	* First Name: Paul
Middle Name: S.	
* Last Name: Dyner	
Suffix:	
* Title: Mayor, City of Kansas Falls	
* Telephone Number: (715) 296-1411	Fax Number:
* Email: paul.dyner@mayorkan.org	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: 6/13/16

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Title: Director, Niagara Falls Community Development		
Organizational Affiliation: City of Niagara Falls		
* Telephone Number: (716) 694-0754		Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: seth.piccirillo@niagarafallsny.gov		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="Tanner Station, Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.219"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Emergency Solutions Grant Program"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="2016 City of Niagara Falls Annual Action Plan and program Year Two of the Five Year Comprehensive Plan 2015-2019"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/> </div>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: NY-02 E	* b. Program/Project: NY-026
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: 07/01/2016	* b. End Date: 06/30/2017
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal:	20,784.00
* b. Applicant:	53,000.00
* c. State:	
* d. Local:	149,000.00
* e. Other:	
* f. Program Income:	
* g. TOTAL:	403,764.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 24, Section 1061)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
<small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an Internet site where you may obtain this list is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Paul
Middle Name: A.	
* Last Name: Dwyer	
Suffix:	
* Title: Mayor, City of Niagara Falls	
* Telephone Number: (716) 266-4010	Fax Number:
* Email: paul.dwyer@niagarafallsny.gov	
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	* Date Signed: 6/13/16

CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

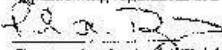
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

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

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

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official

4/22/16
Date

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation — It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.405.

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

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

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

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available;
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2014-2015 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

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

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

Excessive Force — It has adopted and is enforcing:

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

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

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

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 45, subparts A, B, I, K and R.

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.

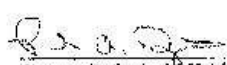
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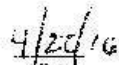
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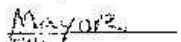
**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

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

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


Signature/Authorized Official


Date


Title

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, as long as the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

R. A. Q.
Signature/Authorized Official

4/22/16
Date

Mayor
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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1552, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.