

## **Executive Summary**

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

#### **1. Introduction**

The City of Niagara Falls 2018 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the result of a 13 week public participation process. The Niagara Falls Community Development Department, as lead agency, worked with stakeholder groups and residents to create a plan that effectively serves the low to moderate income population in our community. This AAP sees a decrease in public participation at initial planning meetings, but increased opportunities and new strategies to increase public participation throughout the course of the AAP. Continued improvements to internal controls and compliance with CDBG, HOME, and ESG program requirements have been implemented and executed in order to better serve the community needs of Niagara Falls.

#### **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.

Please see attached "Council Approved 2018 Action Plan" document.

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

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

A more aggressive approach to monitoring subrecipient and assessing city-led programs has proved to be the cornerstone to evaluation of past performance. Our subrecipient monitoring and city self-assessment led us to doing more work with less subrecipients in order to fulfill the goals and objectives of our 5-year Consolidated Plan. A data-driven culture has been growing in our department. That data-drive approach has led us to focus more on places and people in need rather than programming and projects in choosing our goals and projects. Programming and projects must fit the people and places they benefit. Data and public participation are effective tools in the evaluation process.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The 2018 Annual Action Plan process first went public on September 25, 2017. NF CD released an updated online and paper citizen survey from years past in order to received better feedback on prioritization efforts this action plan must have. Throughout October 2017, NF CD held four neighborhood planning meetings, each in different neighborhoods of the city: North End, South End, Center City, and LaSalle. Staff shared the results of the meetings and surveys on its webpage <https://nf-cd.org/participate> and used those results for the Funding Committee Review. A draft action plan was made publicly available November 16, 2017. This release began the 30-day public comment period which closed December 18, 2017. On November 21, 2017, an informal public meeting was held and on December 18, 2017, a formal public hearing was held as part of the 30-day comment period. Presentations of the Draft Action Plan was presented at the December 11, 2017 City Council Meeting. The City Council voted to approve the draft 2018 AAP on December 26, 2017 and voted again to approve the 2018 AAP with final allocations on June 7, 2018.

## **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.

Please see attached "2018 Action Plan Public Comments" document.

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

All comments and views were accepted.

## **7. Summary**

The City of Niagara Falls 2018 AAP is designed to increase public participation throughout the Annual Action Plan year and deliver greater benefits to low-mod income persons by using a data-driven approach to funding selection while also achieving full compliance with federal regulations.

## 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	Niagara Falls Community Development Department
HOME Administrator		NIAGARA FALLS	Niagara Falls Community Development Department
ESG Administrator		NIAGARA FALLS	Niagara Falls Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative (optional)

#### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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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 Planning Meetings," a public hearing, an informal public meeting, a 30 day public comment period for the draft 2018 Action 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))**

NF CD has devoted considerable time and resources to coordinating our programming with other agencies.

Coordination of programming to address homelessness - The CoC lead agency, Homeless Alliance of Western New York, sat on the Funding Review Selection Committee to evaluate submitted ESG funding applications and coordinate homelessness needs and priorities in Niagara Falls. Through continued coordination with subrecipients, we have continued a youth counseling project to support the clients of our ESG sub-recipients.

Coordination of housing rehabilitation activities - Our department has finalized the planning and implemented the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative, which will ensure equal access to services across the entire city, rather than offering slightly differing products in different strategy areas. This collaborative is a coordinated effort of Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation and the Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services.

Coordination with community stakeholders - Community stakeholders are provided continued opportunities to coordinate with NF CD on 2018 Action Plan projects throughout the life of the project and not merely at one point in time. Our newspaper advertisements, frequent in-person public meetings (both in formal and informal formats), website, and social media platforms allow for community stakeholders to coordinate with NF CD directly.

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

The CoC sat on the Funding Selection Review Committee for 2018 Action Plan submitted ESG subrecipient applications. NF CD staff have attended monthly CoC meetings and monthly Niagara County Coalition for Services to the Homeless on a regular basis. Open channels of communication among NF CD, HAWNY, and subrecipient organizations are available and often used to address the needs of homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness. Coordination among the agencies is responsive and is building to be more pro-active than re-active.

**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 CoC lead agency, Homeless Alliance of Western New York, sat on the ESG Funding Selection Review Committee and provided their input for how to allocate ESG funds. NF CD staff reached out to HAWNY staff to refine performance standards to evaluate outcomes of the projects assisted by ESG funds. NF CD staff was given access by HAWNY to HMIS data for the CoC in order to evaluate ESG subrecipients on a continued basis.

**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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted to create and implement Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative. Anticipated outcomes are to have a coordinated effort to deliver the same CDBG and HOME rehab projects to all city participants.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Center City NDC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted to create and implement Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative. Anticipated outcomes are to have a coordinated effort to deliver the same CDBG and HOME rehab projects to all city participants.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOMELESS ALLIANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Regional organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	CoC lead agency consulted for homelessness needs and funding review committee. Anticipated outcomes are better services provided to homeless population in Niagara Falls.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Family & Children's Service of Niagara, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	ESG subrecipient consulted to understand needs of homeless population better. Anticipated outcome is to address homelessness needs in a more effective manner.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YWCA Carolyn's House
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	ESG subrecipient consulted to understand needs of homeless population better. Anticipated outcome is to address homelessness needs in a more effective manner.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	ESG subrecipient consulted to understand needs of homeless population better. Anticipated outcome is to address homelessness needs in a more effective manner.

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

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Homeless Alliance of Western New York	The 2018 Action Plan ESG funds are allocated in an effort to end homelessness in Niagara Falls through providing emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, essential services, and homelessness prevention projects to the homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations in Niagara Falls.



**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 public participation process did not generate many comments or attendance from the public. Our advertising was more aggressive to improve low turn-out, but traditional and social media advertising did not seem to work. NF CD staff will change our approach for the next Action Plan public participation process. However, it is worth noting that the public participates in projects on a continual basis which is clearly expressed in the 2017 and now 2018 AAPs through the PB 360 project and less clearly expressed in the 2018 AAP through day-to-day operations that is difficult to display here.

### 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	Approximately 20 persons attended the "Neighborhood Planning Meetings." Attendees primarily submitted their responses on paper versions of the "Community Participation Survey."	No significant comments were received. Most attendees were from a local school or residents that wanted to know how to be involved, but did not have specific comments to the draft 2018 AAP.	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Survey (Paper & Online)	Non-targeted/broad community	15 persons submitted surveys. 29 comments from the survey were received.	Comments focused on the need of improving vacant lots & public spaces, addressing poverty reduction, housing blight and housing rehab, and other initiatives for economic investment	All comments were received.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper ads were published for each stage of the 2018 Action Plan process - - both legal notices and front page ad space. These ads announced openings of public comment periods, meetings being held, and contact information to provide public comments. All ads were published in the Niagara Gazette, which has a circulation of approximately 10,000 residents.	No comments were received from newspaper ads.	No comments were received from newspaper ads.	
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held December 18, 2017 with no one in attendance.	No comments were received at the public hearing.	No comments were received at the public hearing.	

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)
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and our website's blog were used to announce different stages in the 2018 Action Plan process and to advertise public meetings and online surveys.	Online posts provided a link to where residents could submit a comment online that would be directed to NF CD staff email. Comments on the social media platforms themselves were not monitored for public comment submission.	No comments on the social media platforms were accepted due to the nature of the social media platforms. No comments were received from the online contact form hosted on our website.	<a href="https://nf-cd.org/participate">https://nf-cd.org/participate</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 2018 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.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,348,583	1,020	0	2,349,603	2,348,583	Program Income expected from one old economic development loan, and payoffs of various deferred loans throughout the year.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	484,840	0	0	484,840	484,840	Program income will be spent as it is earned, but amount to be received is not predictable, as it is received as mortgage discharges are requested by deferred loan holders.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	196,629	0	0	196,629	196,629	2018 ESG allocation prepared in collaboration with Homeless Alliance of Western New York, our local Continuum of Care.

**Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

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

This year's CDBG allocation is projected to leverage \$9,287,338 in state funds, \$8,500,000 of which will come from NYS Housing Trust Fund and Low Income Housing Tax Credits for the Adaptive Reuse of the former Sacred Heart School at 1112 South Avenue, which is projected to contain 30 units of affordable rental housing and is being developed in partnership with True Bethel Gardens and Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. \$142,625 in private funding from several non-profits and foundations, as well as approximately \$2,000,000 in privately obtained mortgages, will help to fund the other CDBG projects in this action plan, for a total of \$13,839,963 in leveraged funds.

Our 2018 HOME funds leverage approximately \$2,000,000 in privately obtained mortgages, as well as substantial funding from NYS HCR, Neighborworks America, NYS Affordable Housing Corporation, and our subrecipients' fundraising efforts.

Our 2018 ESG allocation leverages \$200,000 in state and local funds, as well as privately raised grants and donations from sub-recipients.



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

Public land will be made available for improvement in our 2018 Participatory Budgeting process, which will focus on placemaking in low-income neighborhoods. The Buffalo Avenue Streetscaping and Beautification Project will improve the physical appearance and safety of a major thoroughfare in a low-and moderate income neighborhood. The Niagara Falls Housing Authority (NFHA) will conduct its annual youth programming from the Doris Jones Family Resource Building, an NFHA-owned building. Our action plan will also fund the upgrade and renovation of sound and projection systems in the Main Street branch of our city's public library.

**Discussion**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City-Wide Target Area Low-Mod Target Area South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	Provide decent housing	CDBG: \$1,041,867 HOME: \$484,840	Rental units constructed: 5 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 27 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 34 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 168 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	City Park/Public Space Improvement	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide Target Area Low-Mod Target Area South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	Provide a suitable living environment	CDBG: \$104,626	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 92626 Persons Assisted Other: 12000 Other
3	Residents placed in employment opportunities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide Target Area Low-Mod Target Area South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	Provide expanded economic opportunities	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0 ESG: \$0	Other: 0 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Increase % of homeless persons in permanent homes	2015	2019	Homeless	City-Wide Target Area Low-Mod Target Area South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	Provide decent housing	ESG: \$68,441	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 64 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 659 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 45 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 47 Persons Assisted Other: 0 Other
5	Increased youth services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide Target Area Low-Mod Target Area South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	Provide a suitable living environment	CDBG: \$140,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 275 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Residents placed in employment opportunities
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Increase % of homeless persons in permanent homes
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Increased youth services
	Goal Description	

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

In the 2018 Action Plan, we are continuing a shift toward subrecipients with lower and lower risks of non-compliance with HUD regulation, while addressing some of the most pressing issues facing our community.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	City of Niagara Falls Targeted DPW Activities - 2018 CDBG
2	CD Closing Cost Grant Program - 2018 CDBG
3	City of Niagara Falls Rehab Program - 2018 CDBG
4	PB Placemaking - 2018 CDBG
5	Buffalo Avenue Streetscaping and Beautification Project 2018 CDBG
6	Community Development Placemaking 2018 CDBG
7	Niagara Falls Public Library Repairs - 2018 CDBG
8	Niagara Falls Housing -The Driving Force- Youth Program - 2018 CDBG
9	NHS Closing Cost Grants and Homebuyer Education- 2018 CDBG
10	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative Housing Renovation Program - 2018 CDBG
11	True Bethel Gardens - 2018 CDBG
12	Family & Children's Service of Niagara Homeless Youth Counseling - 2018 CDBG
13	City of Niagara Falls 2018 Administration
14	City of Niagara Falls HOME Targeted Housing Renovation - 2018 HOME
15	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative Targeted Housing Renovation - 2018 HOME
16	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative - 2018 CHDO
17	City of Niagara Falls Administration - 2018 HOME
18	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative Admin - 2018 HOME
19	2018 HESG

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Niagara Falls Targeted DPW Activities - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000
	<b>Description</b>	Department of Public Works - Special Operations Project. Targeted task force that includes interim assistance activities from both the Departments of Public Works and Code Enforcement.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	



	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CD Closing Cost Grant Program - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$51,020
	<b>Description</b>	New Home Owner Closing Cost Assistance Grants. Approximately \$2,500 awarded per closing cost grant to first time home buyers. Approximately \$3,000 total will be used for mortgage recording fees
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	52 low-mod households will be assisted through this activity.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Clients will be eligible city-wide, though reporting will be client-by-client.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A separate activity will be set up for each individual served. An additional activity will be set up to cover recording fees for each grant.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Niagara Falls Rehab Program - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$559,948
	<b>Description</b>	The City will administer deferred home rehabilitation loans for eligible Niagara Falls Home Ownership Auction houses and houses on the deferred loan waiting list, and oversee the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative. \$100,000 will be used for program delivery costs as a supplement. Previous unexpended funding is available for additional housing activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 14 low-mod households will benefit from these funds
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-led renovations will be focused in the LaSalle area. Accomplishment data will be reported client-by-client.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Separate activities will be set up to cover soft costs related to the rehabilitation projects, as well as program delivery costs.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	PB Placemaking - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	City Park/Public Space Improvement Residents placed in employment opportunities Increased youth services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$360,000

<p><b>Descrip tion</b></p>	<p>\$120,000 will be made available to each of three neighborhoods throughout the city for placemaking ideas, decided upon through a participatory budgeting process. These areas adhere to income guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for public investment, and community-focused investments have been awarded in these neighborhoods in the last several years. Placemaking is a process and practice of planning, creating, and maintaining places that builds a stronger connection and interaction among people, public space, and community-living. Places are more than a location with new public improvements. Places are areas of our communities where people live, work, and play with a shared meaning over time. The placemaking process involves listening to stories and drawing ideas from residents on past, present, and future places in the community they share to help decide on the right public investment municipalities can make to improve the places residents live. Public improvements for placemaking efforts, no matter how big or small, only add value to places when residents participate in the decision-making process.</p> <p>June 21 through June 28 PB 360 will host a series of six public idea sessions, two in each target neighborhood, to maximize local public participation. Adults and children alike are encouraged to attend these interactive planning sessions to provide their ideas and input on what public space improvements they would like to see to create a better sense of place and community in their neighborhoods. Idea Session participants will receive a brief introduction on placemaking and then set to work with each other and Community Development staff facilitators using neighborhood maps and Legos to sketch out and build up their ideas to be used for the final public voting period. Voting will take place at public events and locations throughout the months of July and August. Exact dates and locations for voting will be announced in early July.</p> <p>Thursday, June 21, 10 am        First Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara (639 Main St)</p> <p>Saturday, June 23, 10 am        Christoforo Columbo Society (2223 Pine Ave)</p> <p>Monday, June 25, 10 am        Community Health Center of Niagara (2715 Highland Ave)</p> <p>Tuesday, June 26, 6 pm        St. John's AME Church (917 Garden Ave)</p> <p>Wednesday, June 27, 6 pm        First Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara (639 Main St)</p> <p>Thursday, June 28, 6 pm        First Baptist Church (2002 Forest Ave)</p> <p>Voting: July 7 through August 31</p> <p>The final stage of the participatory budgeting process will see the top eligible ideas for each target neighborhood brought to a direct vote. Community Development staff will be on hand at advertised</p>
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	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The beneficiaries could vary based on projects chosen, though the area served should range from the size of the selected neighborhoods (e.g., blight clearance) to city-wide (e.g., a unique park improvement).
	<b>Location Description</b>	<p>Three areas are eligible for Participatory Budgeting:</p> <p>1) The “South End”  Borders: Niagara Street, 8th Street, Pine Avenue, and 4th Street  CD Investments: Walnut Avenue Homes, Niagara Orleans-BOCES</p> <p>2) The “North End”  Borders: Train track south of Grove Avenue, 9th Street, Beech Avenue, 15th Street  CD Investments: African Heritage Food Co-op</p> <p>3) “Middle Pine”  Borders: 24th Street, Ferry Avenue, 17th Street, LaSalle Avenue  CD Investments: Liberty Park Playground, Summer Park Programming Series</p>
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Activities cannot be identified until voting is complete.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Buffalo Avenue Streetscaping and Beautification Project 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Streetscaping and Beautification of Buffalo Avenue. CDBG funds will be spent to improve areas of Buffalo Avenue serving low-mod income city residents.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	This project will likely have a city-wide benefit, but will be particularly beneficial to the 4500 residents in neighboring Census Tracts.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Areas of Buffalo Avenue, from 56th Street to South 91st Street in eligible census tracts.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	One activity will be set up for this project.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Development Placemaking 2018 CDBG

	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Community Development Department will lead placemaking initiatives executed in collaboration with community members.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	Projects will be carried out in low-mod areas.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

7	<b>Project Name</b>	Niagara Falls Public Library Repairs - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	City Park/Public Space Improvement
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$27,000
	<b>Description</b>	Repairs to Main Street branch heating and cooling systems.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The library reports over 170,000 client interactions in annually. We project that the library serves an area of the city with approximately 30,000 residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.



	<b>Planned Activities</b>	One activity will be set up for the repairs.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Niagara Falls Housing -The Driving Force- Youth Program - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increased youth services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,000

<b>Descrip tion</b>	<p>The Niagara Falls Housing Authority is seeking funding for its after-school tutorial programs, as well as, funding for its Summer Enrichment program. We aim to be the "Driving Force" that steers our community's future leaders. Livin' Large/Grow with Me/Lead the Way - Held at both the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building, 3001 Ninth Street and the Packard Court Community Center, 4300 Pine Avenue, these after-school tutorial programs are designed to increase the reading and comprehension skills of children and youth in grades K</p> <p>12, as well as, improve scores on standardized tests.</p> <p>Classes are held Monday</p> <p>Friday from 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Students are instructed by NYS certified teachers, Niagara University and Niagara County Community College students, Niagara Falls Housing Authority staff and community volunteers. In addition to tutoring, the program provides violence prevention and self-esteem building seminars, arts and crafts, computer classes, math BINGO, music instruction, college prep activities, educational movies, incentive awards and prizes. All participants receive a healthy, well-balanced, hot meal daily as part of the program. Summer Enrichment Program - The Niagara Falls Housing Authority's Summer Enrichment Program creates the moments that turn into memories. This all around enhancement program provides a variety of fun, educational, recreational, cultural and social experiences guaranteed to help children learn and grow in a positive, safe and nurturing environment. The program provides the foundational principles that foster self-confidence, self-esteem and bolster positive decision making skills. Through a series of adventurous field trips children set sails on new discoveries, passions and interests thus experiencing a glimpse into the world that awaits them. An exciting line-up of activities consisting of music instruction, arts and crafts, etiquette classes, computer literacy, nature hikes/walks, hot topic debates, character building, career exploration, electoral process engagement, food exploration (a taste of something new) will assist children and youth on their learning journey. Designed for ages 3 - 12, the program is held at both the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building and Packard Court Community Center.</p>
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<p>The immediate outcome for the after-school tutorial programs will be the enrollment of 70 children.</p> <p>The immediate outcome for the Summer Enrichment program will be the enrollment of 80 children.</p>
	<b>Location Description</b>	The program is held at both the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building and Packard Court Community Center.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	NHS Closing Cost Grants and Homebuyer Education- 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$51,020

<b>Descrip tion</b>	<p>1. Closing Cost Program - Niagara Falls NHS will offer closing cost grants up to \$2,500 to qualified perspective new home buyers within the City Limits of Niagara Falls making 80% of median income or less as defined by the US Department of HUD's median income guidelines. The closing cost program will help perspective home buyers pay for eligible closing expenses and defray a portion of the out of pocket expense of purchasing a home. Home ownership opportunities and incentives such as closing costs are an integral part of neighborhood stability as new homeowners bring pride and reinvestment to neighborhood and communities. NFNHS projects 16 perspective home buyers will participate in the closing cost program.</p> <p>2. Home buyer Education - The Collaborative believes that a well informed home buyer equipped with the knowledge and tools to embrace the dream of Home ownership makes better choices that opens up opportunity for everyone to purchase a home. Those that are mortgage ready may purchase their dream home immediately while those needing credit repair will take the necessary time to become a new homeowner under short or long term credit repair action plans. NFNHS project 100 perspective home buyers to participate in Home buyer Education.</p>
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
<b>Estimat e the numbe r and type of familie s that will benefit from the propos ed activiti es</b>	116 low-mod individuals will be served by this program.
<b>Locatio n Descrip tion</b>	This project will serve the entire city, but will be reported as an LMC project.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A separate activity will be set up for each individual closing cost grant awarded. One activity will be set up for the Home Counseling program, and all individuals served by that program will be reported at that activity.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative Housing Renovation Program - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$315,899
	<b>Description</b>	The Niagara Falls Collaborative will provide City-Wide core services in the entire City of Niagara Falls of Homeowner occupied home rehabilitation utilizing both CDBG and HOME dollars. The NF Collaborative will ensure oversight of all program criteria, guidelines and processes are identical offering one identical product for rehab services in the City of Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls NHS will ensure all compliance with all CDBG regulations, be the sole agency for application intake and will prepare setup/completion documents as well as incremental draws per project for home rehabilitation. We believe that our approach sharing both front/back office procedures make the Collaborative more effective in achieving the desired goals and further strengthens the non-profit working relationship of both agencies. This will allow the rehab staff to dedicate time solely in the preparation and management of rehab clients. Each applicant will be screened for complete eligibility then handed off to the rehab staff of the Collaborative who will ensure the necessary inspection, lead and asbestos reports are obtained. Rehab staff will write detailed specifications and put the job out for competitive bid to approved contractors. The Collaborative is overseen by the Niagara Falls Community Development Rehab Unit.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 to 20 low-mod families will benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A separate activity will be set up for each rehab project. Program delivery activities will be set up and funded as program delivery dollars are earned by the subrecipients.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	True Bethel Gardens - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase % of homeless persons in permanent homes
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000

<p><b>Descrip tion</b></p>	<p>The True Bethel Gardens is proposed as a conversion and adaptive reuse of existing historical structures located within the True Bethel Baptist Church campus at 1112 South Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls. The project will repurpose the existing structures that were previously associated with a school building as residential loft and conventional apartment units with 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom options while respecting the integrity of the architectural significance of the site. The Project Sponsor has designed the project to be attractive to a range of possible tenants with amenities including a community room, elevator access for second and third story components of the project, tenant storage areas, a common laundry room, available surface parking, an outdoor green space with a playground and in-building bike storage spaces. In total, 25 units are proposed for the project of which 5 will be accessible with design features to accommodate both mobility and vision/hearing impaired tenants. The Project Sponsor has worked with Western New York Independent Living Centers, Inc. (WNYILC) to enter into a formal agreement whereby WNYILC will provide support services to impaired residents as well as potential tenant referrals. The units are planned to feature kitchen appliances including a dishwasher, hardwood/refinished flooring and high ceilings to reinforce a loft aesthetic within the applicable interior spaces. The project is planned to be financed through the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Low Income Housing Credit Program. As such, the rent rate for the proposed units will be income restricted to those persons and families either at or below 60% of Area Median Income. The project site is within census tract 206 and is identified as a Qualified Tract by HUD standards. The project has been carefully planned to support more diverse housing options with consideration for low to moderate income residents, target neighborhoods that are suffering from disinvestment and blighted properties and repurpose existing historic structures that are valuable to the underlying fabric of existing neighborhoods. This redevelopment approach is exactly as prescribed and envisioned within The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Niagara Falls (2009). True Bethel Gardens will ultimately provide new, affordable and well finished housing opportunities that are adjacent to the True Bethel campus. The church will also be able to provide those interested residents with an opportunity to utilize the services and support their organization provides to the broader community. The opportunity to support the financial strategy for the project with additional funding through the Community Development Block Grant program will prove critical to ensuring that redevelopment of the site can be realized. Ultimately, Belmont will be responsible for income qualifying residents to ensure low to moderate households and individual are being served.</p>
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	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 Housing Units will be renovated and made available to low-mod tenants as part of this project.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The True Bethel Gardens is proposed as a conversion and adaptive reuse of existing historical structures located within the True Bethel Baptist Church campus at 1112 South Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls. The project will repurpose the existing structures that were previously associated with a school building as residential loft and conventional apartment units with 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom options while respecting the integrity of the architectural significance of the site.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>1 2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Family & Children's Service of Niagara Homeless Youth Counseling - 2018 CDBG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increased youth services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide a suitable living environment



<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
<b>Description</b>	<p>Family &amp; Children's Service Youth Services Programs Youth Counselor will provide individual and family counseling to help meet the needs of an under served population in Niagara Falls. The youth counselor will use Solution Focused Brief Therapy as a model of counseling. The youth counselor will be based out of Casey House located at 710 Cedar Avenue in Niagara Falls. The location is close to a high need population center and the location will allow partner agencies quick easy access to services. Family &amp; Children's Service of Niagara's (FACS) Youth Counselor will provide counseling and assessments to Community Missions, and The YWCA. Both agencies have agreed to partner with FACS by providing referrals of youth in need from their programs. FACS will provide access within 24-48 hours in most situations to assessment with the counselor. This was an area stressed by CMI and The YWCA, quick assessment and access to a counselor. FACS Will set a side 1 priority appointment daily, Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm to allow CMI and The YWCA access to service when CMI and The YWCA have accessed the youth on their own to be of higher priority. Youth in shelter at Casey House and The CRIB receive assessment within 72 hours of intake. Priority scheduling may include, but is not limited to, severe trauma, sexual assault/abuse and many domestic and family violence experiences. FACS will provide CMI and The YWCA with and eligibility tool to help assist them with prioritizing their youth to the highest need group, eligible for immediate assessment. In addition, 15% of all monthly slots will be allocated for priority scheduling to meet the needs of The YWCA and CMI. This is including the 24-48 hour assessment time slots available to eligible clients from CMI and The YWCA. Counseling will, in most cases, be provided for 3-6 months and appropriate outside referrals will be made for longer term service as needed. Case Management from The YWCA, CMI and FACS will be able to effectively manage care for these youth for a longer period of time by keeping service within the collaboration stated. If determined appropriate by the FACS Counselor sessions may be held off site. Otherwise sessions will be held at a FACS location. \$20,000 of this funding will be reserved for office renovations that will improve the privacy of the youth counselor's office.</p>
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<p>All children served will be referred by our ESG sub-recipients, YWCA Carolyn's House, Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc., and Family and Children's Service.</p> <p>Outcomes will include but are subject to change based on bi-annual statistical assessments:</p> <p>Annual Outcomes:</p> <p>Total Assessments: 125 youth  Total Assessments from Collaborations: 50 youth  Immediate access appointments fulfilled: 50  Immediate access appointments fulfilled from collaborations: 25  Long term counseling referrals: 50  Attendance rate for all counseling appointments: 80%</p> <p>Via survey:</p> <p>Youth who indicate they feel they can make safer choices after counseling: 85%  Youth who indicate they are better equipped to handle stressful situations: 85%  CMI will indicate FACS meeting their needs for high priority youth: 90%  YWCA will indicate FACS meeting their needs for high priority youth: 90%</p> <p>Counseling sessions will be evaluated using Youth Counseling Impact Scale (YCIS) which is an assessment of youth's perceptions about impact on thoughts and behaviors after each session. Sessions provide tools for change.</p> <p>SFBT outcomes would demonstrate a decrease in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. internalizing behaviors such as anxiety and depression</li> <li>2. Externalizing behaviors such as aggression and social skill difficulty</li> </ol>
	<b>Location Description</b>	Counseling sessions will be based out of the Family and Children's Service Casey House site, located at 710 Cedar Avenue in Niagara Falls. The location is close to a high need population center and allows quick access to services for partner agencies. As specified in the project narrative, \$20,000 will be dedicated to renovation of a portion of this building to improve the privacy of the youth counselor's office.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This project will include two activities, one for the delivery of counseling services, and another for the renovation to improve the privacy of the Youth Counselor's office.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Niagara Falls 2018 Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-Wide Target Area

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation City Park/Public Space Improvement Residents placed in employment opportunities Increase % of homeless persons in permanent homes Increased youth services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing Provide a suitable living environment Provide expanded economic opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$469,716
	<b>Description</b>	Administration - Cannot Exceed 20% of the total 2018 CDBG Amount. The City of Niagara Falls will use CDBG funds for salaries and office expenditures in support of CDBG projects.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

1 4	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Niagara Falls HOME Targeted Housing Renovation - 2018 HOME
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-Wide Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$201,532
	<b>Description</b>	Niagara Falls Community Development will oversee the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative and execute deferred rehabilitation loans at targeted properties.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	6 households will be renovated using these funds.
	<b>Location Description</b>	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A separate activity will be set up for each rehab project.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative Targeted Housing Renovation - 2018 HOME
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-Wide Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$137,856
	<b>Description</b>	Housing Renovation Program administered by Center City Neighborhood Development Corp. and Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. The program will be overseen by Niagara Falls Community Development.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 10 low-mod income families will benefit.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Renovations will be performed in the traditional target areas of both NHS and CCNDC. NF CD has worked with these subrecipients to change the terms of each organization's deferred loan program such that all products offered across the city are uniform, thus providing maximum fairness and service to clients while also allowing the neighborhood organizations to stay true to their organizational missions and traditional areas of service.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Individual activities will be set up for each address that is renovated.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative - 2018 CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-Wide Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$96,968
	<b>Description</b>	The Niagara Falls Collaborative will utilize HOME dollars for defined CHDO projects that will earn additional dollars for each of the agencies under the collaborative.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately four low-mod families will benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Not known at this time.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Separate activities will be set up for each address renovated.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Niagara Falls Administration - 2018 HOME
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-Wide Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$37,389
	<b>Description</b>	Administration - Total administration costs cannot Exceed 10% of the total 2017 HOME Amount.

	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A single activity will be set up to cover all administrative costs associated with the HOME program.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative Admin - 2018 HOME
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-Wide Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide decent housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$11,095



	<b>Descrip tion</b>	Administration - Total administration costs cannot Exceed 10% of the total 2017 HOME Amount.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimat e the numbe r and type of familie s that will benefit from the propos ed activiti es</b>	N/A
	<b>Locatio n Descrip tion</b>	N/A
	<b>Planne d Activiti es</b>	
<b>1 9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2018 HESG
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-Mod Target Area
	<b>Goals Support ed</b>	Higher percentage of home ownership & renovation
	<b>Needs Addres sed</b>	Provide decent housing

	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$196,629
	<b>Description</b>	Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, and Administration.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

## **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**

City-Wide Target Area: Housing Rehab and Closing Cost programs following low-moderate housing regulation standards

Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood: 17th St to 24th St and Ferry Ave to LaSalle Ave

North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood: 9th St to 15th St and Grove Ave to Beech Ave

South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood: 4th St to 8th St and Niagara Street to Pine Ave

Low-Mod Target Area: All Census Blocks and Census Tract Groups that are more than 51% low-moderate income according to HUD CPD Maps data

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
City-Wide Target Area	42
Low-Mod Target Area	22
South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	
North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	
Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood	

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

City-Wide Target Area: Since this program is to benefit low-mod income persons, geography is not a factor in this target area.

Middle Pine PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood: Neighborhood has received recent HUD-funded investment and the PB 360 project serves as a model for sustainable investment in low-mod income areas. Previous investments include Liberty Park Playground funding and non-HUD investments in Summer Park Programming at Liberty Park.

North End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood: Neighborhood has received recent HUD-funded investment and the PB 360 project serves as a model for sustainable investment in low-mod income areas. Previous investments include African Heritage Food Co-Op.

South End PB 360 Placemaking Neighborhood: Neighborhood has received recent HUD-funded

investment and the PB 360 project serves as a model for sustainable investment in low-mod income areas. Previous investments include Walnut Aveue Homes and Niagara Orleans-BOCES.

Low-Mod Target Area: All Census Blocks and Census Tract Groups that are more than 51% low-moderate income according to HUD CPD Maps data

## **Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

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

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

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

**Table 10 - 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 decent, 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.

### **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 via the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative.

Continue to administer the city's leased housing voucher program, increasing outreach to our waiting list and exploring the use of project-based vouchers in new housing developments.

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

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

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

NY404 is working actively to increase the amount of participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency program.

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

NY404 is currently in the process of appealing the results of the 2017 SEMAP, which designated our PHA as "troubled." It is believed that a technical issue prevented relevant data from being accurately uploaded to the SEMAP report.

## Discussion

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

### **Introduction**

The main updates to our approach to homelessness are as follows:

- 1) Starting with our 2017-18 ESG contracts, we have begun reviewing HMIS to ensure that data was entered during the period for which we are issuing reimbursement. This is to help ensure compliance with the Coordinated Entry requirements.
- 2) We are continuing to work closely with our Continuum of Care. They were instrumental in determining the 2017-18 ESG funding allocations.

### **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**

We have discussed with HUD field office staff and our Continuum of Care the possibility of amending our action plan to fund a street outreach program. However, no plan for this has been formalized. We will continue to work with the CoC on point-in-time surveys when applicable.

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

The emergency shelter program, administered by Family & Children's Services, Community Missions, and YWCA Carolyn's House provide emergency shelter and transitional housing (grandfathered in at YWCA) 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 YWCA and Family & Children's Services offer specific assistance to mothers and children escaping domestic violence. Our sub-recipients provide case management for all clients to improve client outcomes and prevent future homelessness. Our CDBG investment in youth counseling via Family & Children's Service of Niagara provides an opportunity to impact the most at-risk youth being served by



our ESG sub-recipients, addressing risk factors that have been found to be strongly associated with homelessness as an adult.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

This action plan reflects a response to a need identified during a 2017 HUD monitoring for additional homeless prevention resources.

## Discussion

Entity	Activity Description	
2018 ESG	YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Carolyn's House	Fund transitional housing for homeless women and children. Grandfathered in as "emergency shelter" from FY 2010.
\$35,910.25	YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Carolyn's House	Rapid Rehousing Program Case Management. CMI will issue RRH payments.
\$12,110.25	YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Carolyn's House	Homelessness Prevention Program Case Management. CMI will issue HP payments.
\$22,110.25	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Homelessness Prevention Program Rental Arrears payments.
\$19,610.25	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Emergency Shelter.
\$61,650.25	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing Program, Security Deposits.
\$14,610.25	Family and Children's Services Casey House	Emergency Shelter for homeless youth.
\$7,940.25	Family and Children's Services Passage House	Emergency Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.
\$7,940.25		

class="xl78" width="395">City of Niagara Falls </td>	class="xl79" width="676">Administration - Total administration costs cannot Exceed 7.5% of the total 2018 ESG Amount.</td>	class="xl83" width="251">\$14,747.00</td>
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class="xl77" width="676"> </td>		class="xl80" width="251">\$196,629</td>

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

### **Introduction:**

The city of Niagara Falls continues to invest in affordable housing, including the True Bethel project included in the 2018 Annual Action Plan.

**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.

### **Discussion:**

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

### **Introduction:**

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

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

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

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

**Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

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

### **Discussion:**

## **Program Specific Requirements**

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

#### **Introduction:**

#### **HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**

##### **Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

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

The City of Niagara Falls will dedicate 2017 HOME funds to home owner renovation projects, executed by the Niagara Falls Community Development Department and the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative, a partnership between Center City Neighborhood Development Corp, Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services Inc., and Niagara Falls Community Development.

The use of HOME funds will be dedicated to home owner renovation projects, by application.

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 - Neither NF CD nor its subrecipients use HOME funds for acquisition.

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 - Neither NF CD nor its subrecipients use HOME funds for refinancing.

**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.

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

The City of Niagara Falls is working with all ESG sub-recipients as well as HAWNY, our COC, to implement a coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements. Our coordinated entry system is based on, and integrated with, the VI-SPDAT, HAWNY's current coordinated entry system in use in Erie County.

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). Niagara Falls Community Development continues to increase the department's engagement with and participation in the CoC.

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

## Attachments



## Citizen Participation Comments

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	PROGRAM YEAR 2018 ACTION PLAN-IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCES
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)		2018 CDBG	Needs Addressed	CDBG Eligible Activity	Program Income	Applicant (City)	State	Other	Private	Source of Funds
1	City of Niagara Falls	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.	\$100,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Areas.	Streets, Sidewalks, or Greenspace Improvements					
2	City of Niagara Falls	New Home Owner Closing Cost Assistance Grants. Approximately \$2,500 awarded per closing cost grant to first time home buyers. Approximately \$1,000 in program income will be used for mortgage recording fees.	\$51,020	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Direct Homeownership Assistance	\$1,020				
3	City of Niagara Falls	The City will administer deferred home rehabilitation loans for eligible Niagara Falls Home Ownership Auction houses and oversee the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative. \$180,000 will be used for program delivery costs.	\$448,792	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities					
4	City of Niagara Falls (Participatory Budgeting Process)	Niagara Falls Community Development will execute a participatory budgeting process with residents to plan, budget, rank and ultimately vote on quality of life improvements.	\$180,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public facilities and Improvements					
5	City of Niagara Falls	Buffalo Avenue Streetscaping and Beautification Project.	\$180,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Areas.	Street Improvements			\$500,000		NYS Assembly Member Item
6	City of Niagara Falls	Community Development Department-directed placemaking initiatives, including public art and placemaking, executed in collaboration with community members.	\$8,580	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Areas.	Street Improvements					
7	Niagara Falls Public Library	Upgrade and renovation of sound and projection system in Main Street branch auditorium.	\$27,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Areas.	Public facilities and Improvements					
8	Niagara Falls Housing Authority "The Driving Force"	Doris Jones Family Resource Building youth programming.	\$60,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services					
9	Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	First-time homebuyer education and closing cost grant program.	\$65,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Direct Homeownership Assistance					Match included in renovation program below.
10	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	City-wide Housing Renovation Program administered by Center City Neighborhood Development Corp. and Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. The program will be overseen by Niagara Falls Community Development. The Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative will offer services city-wide. \$180,000 for program delivery.	\$315,899	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities			\$287,338	\$61,000	\$4,410,000 NYS HCR, NeighborWorks America, Fundraising Efforts, NYS-ARC, Client obtained mortgages
11	True Bethel Gardens/Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc.	Adaptive reuse/conversion of 30 units of affordable rental housing in the former Sacred Heart School at 1111 South Avenue.	\$50,000	Low Income Housing Benefits.	Acquisition			\$8,500,000		NYS Housing Trust Fund and Low Income Housing Tax Credits
12	Family and Children's Services	Mental health counseling for homeless youth.	\$60,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Youth Services				\$76,625	Youth Bureau, United Way of Greater Niagara
13	ADMINISTRATION	Cannot Exceed 20% of the total 2018 CDBG Amount								
13	City of Niagara Falls	Administration - Cannot Exceed 20% of the total 2018 CDBG Amount.	\$436,928.00	Administration	Administration					
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$5,184,219</b>			<b>\$1,020</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,287,338</b>	<b>\$61,000</b>	<b>\$4,486,625</b>

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM										
Entity	Activity Description	2018 HOME	Needs Addressed	HUD Eligible Activity	Program Income	Applicant (City)	State	Other Public	Private	Source of Funds
14	Niagara Falls Community Development	Niagara Falls Community Development will oversee the Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative and execute deferred rehabilitation loans at targeted properties.	\$97,500	Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation of residential properties.					
14	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	City-wide Housing Renovation Program administered by Center City Neighborhood Development Corp. and Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. The program will be overseen by Niagara Falls Community Development. The Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative will offer services city-wide, breaking down the current geographical and programmatic boundaries of targeted areas. \$68,433.38 reserved for CHDO projects, \$18,811.18 reserved for CHDO administrative costs.	\$205,100	Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities					Match listed with CHDO activities.
15	ADMINISTRATION	Cannot Exceed 10% of the total 2018 HOME Amount								
16	City of Niagara Falls	Administration - Total administration costs cannot Exceed 10% of the total 2018 HOME Amount.	\$22,527	Administration	Administration					
17	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	Administration - Total administration costs cannot Exceed 10% of the total 2018 HOME Amount.	\$11,095	Administration	Administration					
TOTAL			\$396,222		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM										
Entity	Activity Description	2018 ESF	Needs Addressed	HUD Eligible Activity	Program Income	Applicant (City)	State	Other Public	Private	Source of Funds
18	YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Carolyn's House	Fund transitional housing for homeless women and children. Grandfathered in as Emergency shelter from FY 2016.	\$36,300	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter		\$36,300			NYSHIP
19	YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Carolyn's House	Rapid Rehousing Program Case Management. CHD will issue NRE payments.	\$12,500	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rapid Rehousing		\$19,200		\$15,800	NYSHIP, YWCA
20	YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. - Carolyn's House	Homelessness Prevention Program Case Management. CHD will issue HP payments.	\$22,500	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Homelessness Prevention					Match listed in RRE program.
21	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Homelessness Prevention Program Rental Arrears payments.	\$20,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Homelessness Prevention			\$20,000		Donations
22	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Emergency Shelter.	\$62,040	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter				\$62,040	CMI, Donations
23	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing Program, Security Deposits.	\$15,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rapid Rehousing				\$20,520	CMI, Donations
24	Family and Children's Services Casey House	Emergency Shelter for homeless youth.	\$8,330	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter			\$20,000		Niagara County Department of Social Services
25	Family and Children's Services Passage House	Emergency Shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.	\$8,330	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter				\$20,000	United Way of Greater Niagara
26	City of Niagara Falls	Administration - Total administration costs cannot Exceed 7.5% of the total 2018 ESF Amount.	\$15,000	Administration	Administration	\$6,140				City of Niagara Falls
TOTAL			\$390,000		\$6,140	\$55,500			\$138,360	

**City of Niagara Falls – Department of Community Development  
Draft 2018 Action Plan Official Written Public Comments Summary**

**Citizen Survey (Mon., Sep. 25 – Fri., Oct. 27)**

See Attached

**Neighborhood Planning Meetings (Wed., Oct 4; Wed., Oct. 11; Sat., Oct. 21; Thu., Oct. 26)**

No Comments Received

**30-Day Comment Period (Nov. 16 – Dec. 18)**

No Comments Received via email, letter, or hand-delivered

**“Pizza with the Plan” Public Meeting (Tue., Nov. 21)**

See Attached

**Draft 2017 Action Plan Public Hearing (Mon., Dec. 18)**

No Comments Received

# 2018 Action Plan Survey Results

15 Participants

## Category Results

Ranking	Category	Total Score
1	Street, Sidewalk, & Green Space Improvements	6
2	Crime Prevention Services	4
2	Youth Programs & Facilities	4
2	Workforce Development	4
2	Housing Rehabilitation	4
2	Storefront/Local Business Investment	4
7	Targeted Blight Clearance	3
8	Public Facility Improvements	0

## Public Comments

### Most used words

3 POVERTY  
3 CITY  
2 DEVELOPMENT

2 BUSINESS  
2 HOUSING  
2 BLIGHT

2 ACTION  
2 HELP

### Full Public Comments as Written (29 Comments total)

Increased focus on accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

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Youth Economic Development

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Blight clearance, housing rehabilitation and storefront/local business investment

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I feel this department has made an incredible impact on the city by completing a wide array of projects over the past few years--possibly more than any other city department--and am looking forward to seeing 2018's Action Plan be carried out.

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a, b, c, d & g

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Targeted Blight Clearance

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Housing rehab

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I think you could make good use of the open space along Hudson rd by allowing a community garden there. It may even be something residents would be willing to pay a small amount to gain access to.

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Complete renovation or replacement of the Jayne Park playground is my requested number 1 priority over everything else.

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Home ownership--and poverty reduction efforts

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The EITC is a very important tool in reducing poverty. It can help arrest generational poverty. No one ever seems to talk about this, or understand its huge potential.

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Action

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Your fly is down

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Housing Rehabilitation

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I would like a muriels other places around the city other than third st.

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More business development

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Coherent plans for vacant lots (for development)

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Any and all help you guys need, I'm in!

City of Niagara Falls – Department of Community Development  
DRAFT 2018 Action Plan  
Pizza with the Plan Public Meeting Written Comments  
November 29, 2017, 6pm – 7pm

Project #	Organization	Project Name	Public Comment
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5	City of Niagara Falls	Buffalo Avenue Streetscaping and Beautification Project	"More beautification projects!"
7	Niagara Falls Public Library	Auditorium Renovation & Upgrades	"What about A/C in Aud? It's a sauna in there!"
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10	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	City-Wide Housing Renovation Program	"Great Program. Keep it going. Increase if possible."
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## Grantee Unique Appendices

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TOTAL			\$2,348,548							

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15	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	CHDO Operating	\$72,736	Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities				Match listed with COBG activities
15	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	CHDO Reserves	\$24,242	Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities				Match listed with COBG activities
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>									
<b>Cannot Exceed 10% of the total 2018 HOME Amount</b>									
16	City of Niagara Falls	Administration - Total administration costs cannot exceed 10% of the total 2018 HOME Amount.	\$37,389	Administration	Administration				
17	Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative	Administration - Total administration costs cannot exceed 10% of the total 2018 HOME Amount.	\$11,095	Administration	Administration				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$464,940</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
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22	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Emergency Shelter.	\$61,630.25	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter			\$62,040	CMI, Donations
23	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing Program, Security Deposits.	\$14,630.25	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rapid Rehousing			\$20,520	CMI, Donations
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26	City of Niagara Falls	Administration - Total administration costs cannot exceed 7.5% of the total 2018 ESG Amount.	\$14,747.60	Administration	Administration	\$6,140			City of Niagara Falls
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$196,629</b>			<b>\$6,140</b>	<b>\$55,500</b>		<b>\$138,360</b>	



**Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)**



Seth Piccirillo, Director  
Niagara Falls Community Development  
1022 Main Street, P.O. Box 69  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302

06/29/2018

William T. O'Connell, CPD Director  
HUD Buffalo Field Office  
465 Main Street, Suite #200  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

Please find the original hard copies of the signed certifications and SF-424 documents that accompany the 2018 Annual Action Plan submitted by the City of Niagara Falls for HUD approval.

Best Regards,

Seth Piccirillo

**Enclosures:**

"Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing/Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan/Anti-Lobbying"  
"Specific CDBG Certifications"  
"Specific HOME Certifications"  
"ESG Certifications"  
"Appendix to Certifications"  
"SF-424 HOME"  
"SF-424 ESG"  
"SF-424 CDBG"  
"SF-424D-V1.1"

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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d. Address:		
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* a. Start Date: 07/01/2018	* b. End Date: 06/30/2019
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* a. Federal:	493,000.00
* b. Applicant:	
* c. State:	297,000.00
* d. Local:	
* e. Other:	
* f. Program Income:	
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: PAUL
Middle Name: A.	
* Last Name: DYSER	
Suffix:	
* Title: Mayor, City of Niagara Falls	
* Telephone Number: (716) 256-4310	* Fax Number:
* Email: PAUL.DYSER@NIAGARAFALLS.NY.GOV	
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	* Date Signed: 06/20/2018

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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 00-0000000		* c. Organizational DUNS: 000000000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 1022 MAIN STREET Street2: PO BOX 55 * City: NIAGARA FALLS County/Parish: NIAGARA * State: NY: New York Province: * Country: USA: UNITED STATES * Zip+Postal Code: 14303-0055		
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Prefix: MR. * First Name: SSIE Middle Name: * Last Name: BICCHIRILLO Suffix: Title: DIRECTOR Organizational Affiliation: CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY * Telephone Number: 716-264-8400 Fax Number: Email: SSIE.BICCHIRILLO@NIAGARA-FALLS.NY.GOV		

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a Applicant: NY-026	* b Program/Project: NY-026
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a Start Date: 07/01/2010	* b End Date: 06/30/2015
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a Federal:	190,075.00
* b Applicant:	0,100.00
* c State:	15,190.00
* d Local:	20,090.00
* e Other:	138,260.00
* f Program Income:	
* g TOTAL:	426,625.00
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	Mr. First Name: BOLE
Middle Name:	A.
Last Name:	DYSTER
Suffix:	
* Title: MAYOR, CITY OF PLACER VALLEY	
* Telephone Number:	(715) 266-4510 Fax Number:
* Email: BOLE.DYSTER@PLACERVALLEY.EDU	
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	* Date Signed: 06/20/2011

# ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

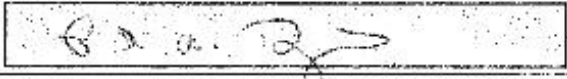
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employers from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1686-1586), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 d-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7326) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-323) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) notification of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11890; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
15. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 105 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1998 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from: (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subaward under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL		TITLE	
		MANAGER	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED	
CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY		06/29/2018	

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## CERTIFICATIONS

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

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and 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, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

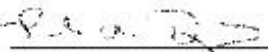
**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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 TJJ, "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 Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

6/28/18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan 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 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 CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2018 [a period specified by the grantee 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.

In addition, 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:

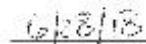
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations, and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility 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 U.S.C. 2906d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

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

  
Signature of Authorized Official

  
Date

  
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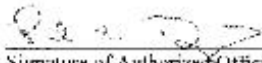
**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

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

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

  
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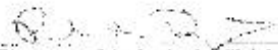
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**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care 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.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

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## APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

#### Lobbying Certification

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

R. A. Dyer 6/28/18  
Signature of Authorized Official Date

Manager  
Title