

2020

CDBG Annual Action Plan



City of Rome  
Community Development Department  
607 Broad Street  
Rome, GA 30161

## **Executive Summary**

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

#### **1. Introduction**

The 2020 calendar year will be the City of Rome's 17th year as a CDBG Entitlement community. CDBG funding is an important source of funds in the City's efforts to address the priority needs of its low and moderate income citizens and in the revitalization of distressed urban neighborhoods. CDBG funds have historically provided approximately \$425,000 per year for use on housing and public improvements. The 2018 award was \$421,336 and the 2019 award was \$425,407. The 2020 grant award is \$438,553.

CDBG focuses on three facets within the low and moderate income community:

1. Housing
2. Public facilities (buildings, infrastructure and services)
3. Economic Development (job creation/retention)

Rome has concentrated its previous CDBG awards in public facilities and housing areas and continues to do so in the 2020 program year.

Following are the proposed 2020 projects:

- Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Sidewalk and street improvements within low income census tracts
- Grant administration

#### **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.

Same as above.

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

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

The City of Rome manages a very successful Housing Rehabilitation Program and continues to fund it annually due to the ongoing need. Approximately 7 homes are assisted each year and Community Development staff continues to manage a waiting list for assistance. This program meets a need in the low income community and helps older individuals remain in their homes for a longer period of time. The program was revamped in 2019 from a Minor Repair Program and now provides more assistance per residence.

The sidewalk improvements that continue to take place in the neighborhoods make pedestrian access easier and safer. Many of the sidewalks have fallen into disrepair and these funds allow the sidewalks to be brought up to current standards.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Regular updates on the CDBG program are made at the Community Development Services Committee meeting that is normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public with an agenda posted in advance of the meeting. The meetings are well covered by local media. The City's Citizen Participation Plan requires public input at the Annual Action Plan development stage and at the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. It also requires public notification of any change of 25% or more of the grant awarded in a project or activity and the elimination or addition of a new project/activity.

City staff also meet with two neighborhood groups, the South Rome Redevelopment Corporation and the North Rome Community Action Committee to provide updates and receive input on neighborhood needs.

#### **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.

The proposed budget was presented to the Community Development Services Committee (CDSC) on February 11, 2020 for discussion and review (these meetings are advertised and open to the public).

A public hearing was held on March 6, 2020 to receive further input and the budget was presented to CDSC again on March 10, 2020 for final approval. The Action Plan was completed and put out for an expedited 5 day comment period from 12/15/20 through 12/21/20.

No public comments were received.

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

N/A

**7. Summary**

Based on the needs assessment, market analysis, consultations with public agencies and staff of the City of Rome, the City determined that the most appropriate use of its CDBG allocation during the 2020 program year is for public infrastructure improvements (such as sidewalks, curb and gutter, pedestrian safety, ADA compliance, new sidewalks in areas that are in need), housing rehabilitation (single family) and grant administration. These are basically a continuation of activities identified in the 2019 Action Plan and will help reach the goals outlined in the five year 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan.

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

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

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

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

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Rome Community Development Department is the lead agency within the City of Rome for CDBG administration.

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

### **1. Introduction**

Three City of Rome Commissioners oversee the Community Development Services Committee and the CDBG Entitlement program. This group is responsible for reviewing and approving the Annual Action Plan each year for use of CDBG funds. This is usually completed in November after an exhaustive look at the needs of the City and its citizens during the period of June-September and after soliciting input from agencies that work in community development and from departments of the City that are knowledgeable about community needs. At times, the actual budget is approved once the exact allocation is known during the following year. The year of 2020 was slightly delayed due to the global pandemic but the same process was followed.

This plan was developed by the City of Rome's Community Development Department with input from the following:

- City Management
- Elected Officials
- Citizens of the City of Rome
- Rome's Public Works Division
- Rome's Water and Sewer Division
- Rome/Floyd Housing Team
- Rome/Floyd Planning Department
- Rome/Floyd Building Inspection Department
- South Rome Redevelopment Corporation/South Rome Alliance
- Northwest GA Housing Authority
- Non-profit providers

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

The City of Rome has an affordable housing team with members representing different housing providers in Rome, GA. This housing team was formed in 2009 as part of a State of GA housing initiative called the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH). The City's team actively participated for three years and has been classified as an alumni team. This allows the team to continue updating the housing plan and attending the twice a year training. This Rome/Floyd Housing Team is made up of City and County staff, realtors, lenders, and non-profits such as Habitat for Humanity, Northwest Georgia Housing Authority, South Rome Redevelopment Corporation and for-profit housing developers that construct assisted housing such as Charles Williams REIC. This team continues to stay in contact and meets on average two times a year or as needed to discuss opportunities as they arise.

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

The City of Rome fall within the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC). The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) staffs the CoC and allocates Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds across 152 counties statewide to assist with emergency shelter, transitional housing and homeless prevention, outreach, and supportive services. Rome routinely supports local non-profit agencies that seek funding through DCA to assist persons in need, such as those that fall within categories listed above.

**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 City of Rome is not involved in the decision making process regarding which agencies receive funding through the State of Georgia's Continuum of Care Program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. They have a competitive process and receive more funding requests than can be awarded annually. The following agencies were consulted and currently receive funding through the Georgia Balance of the State Continuum of Care program, or have received funding in the past. Highland Rivers, Action Ministries, Hospitality House for Women, Salvation Army (Rome), and Living Room Inc. Any comments provided by these agencies were considered.

**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>	Northwest Georgia Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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>	The City of Rome and NWGHA work in partnership together to further affordable housing in Rome whenever possible. The City and NWGHA are currently collaborating on a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant for a portion of the East Rome Redevelopment area. Upon completion, this document will be a transformation plan for the neighborhood that addresses housing, blight, economic development, poverty, homelessness, etc.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	South Rome Redevelopment Corporation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Education Planning organization Non profit Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Neighborhood needs and Early Education efforts

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Community Development Department staff and the SRRC Executive Director are in regular contact each month regarding the South Rome Redevelopment efforts. The City and SRRC partner together to construct affordable single family housing for income eligible purchasers using HOME funds through a competitive process through the GA Department of Community Affairs and serves on the SRRC early education committee for pre-k 3 efforts, and Housing Development Committee.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Salvation Army (Rome)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was consulted via email.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Charles Williams REIC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was contacted in person during a local housing symposium and via email.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Boys and Girls Club of Northwest GA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was contacted in person and through email/phone.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	William S. Davies Homeless Shelter
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment 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>	This agency was contacted in person, via email and by phone.

7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Employment Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	This agency was contacted in person, via phone and email.

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

Efforts were made to consult as broad a group of community stakeholders as possible. No agency types were excluded from participation.

**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	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	The DCA provides homeless McKinney Vento Act funds to agencies in Rome through the Balance of State Continuum of Care. These funds assist with emergency shelter, transitional housing, homelessness prevention, and outreach. Point in time homeless counts prepared by the Continuum of Care are reported in the Needs Assessment.
City of Rome and Floyd County Comprehensive Plan	Rome/Floyd Planning Department	Economic Development; Public facility needs (street/sidewalk, infrastructure improvements); Housing

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
The Rome/Floyd County Plan for Quality Housing	Rome Community Development Department	Promote rehabilitation of substandard owner occupied housing units; promote construction of affordable housing options
City of Rome Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housi	City of Rome Community Development	Impediments identified will be addressed during plan period
Rome-Floyd 2020 III Community & Economic Strategy	Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce	Building vibrant, diverse and healthy communities

**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**

A public meeting was held on March 6, 2020 where the proposed 2020 CDBG Action Plan and budget were discussed. The proposed Action Plan was also discussed at the Community Development Services Committee meetings on February 11, 2020 and March 10, 2020 which were open to the public.

An expedited 5 day public comment period was held from December 16, 2020 through December 21,2020.

Goal setting took place during the Consolidated Plan period (for plan 2019-2023), the 2020 Action Plan was put into action to complete goals already identified.

### 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	February 11, 2020 Community Development Services Committee meeting. The agenda posted in advance of the meeting. City staff, Rome City Commissioners and the news media were in attendance.	The committee was in favor of moving forward with the draft activities and budget through the public input and comment phase.	No comments were rejected.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on Friday, March 6, 2020 to receive input and comments on proposed activities for the 2020 Action Plan. The hearing was advertised in the Rome News Tribune on February 27, 2020. City staff was in attendance.			

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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	March 10, 2020 Community Development Services Committee meeting. The agenda posted in advance of the meeting. City staff, Rome City Commissioners and the news media were in attendance.	The committee was in favor of the activities proposed and approved the plan and budget.	No comments received.	
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A public notice that summarized the proposed 2020 CDBG Action Plan activities and budget was published on the City of Rome's social media sites and on the City of Rome website. Comments were taken during an expedited five day comment period.			

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City anticipates that the only funds available during program year 2020 for the selected CDBG projects will be CDBG funds. These funds will be used for the design and construction of sidewalks and improved walkways located in LMI Census tracts, housing rehabilitation for income eligible households and administration/planning activities.

#### 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	438,553	0	0	438,553	1,261,000	The City of Rome estimates receiving approximately \$425,000 each year in CDBG funds to allocate to approved projects.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

For 2020, CDBG funds will not be leveraged with other City, State or Federal funds. There are no matching requirements for the CDBG program.

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

The proposed street and sidewalk improvements will take place in the current public right-of-way, meaning land acquisition is not anticipated.

**Discussion**

For 2020, CDBG funds will not be leveraged with other City, State or Federal funds. There are no matching requirements for the CDBG program.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2019	2023	Affordable Housing	City-wide Effort	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$120,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	51% and greater LMI Census Tracts	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$234,553	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
3	Grant Planning and Administration	2019	2023	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide Effort	Housing Rehabilitation Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$84,000	Other: 3 Other

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

#### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Grant Planning and Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The one-year 2020 Action Plan identifies specific activities which are to be conducted in support of many of the priorities and objectives outlined in the 2019-2023 five-year Consolidated Plan for the City of Rome, GA. It is anticipated that the majority of the objectives identified will be met and or exceeded. The one-year Action Plan is updated and presents the specific programs and projects to be implemented in 2020 along with their respective funding sources and allocations.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Sidewalk Improvement Project
2	Housing Rehabilitation- single family (owner occupied)
3	Administration and Planning

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Funding priorities are consistent with those outlined in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. The City will continue to encourage and seek input from the community on conditions and needs through public hearings, Rome City Commission meetings, Rome City Committee meetings, City departmental meetings, social media, public events and general conversations with non-profit and public service providers along with citizens. Community Development staff will continue to make numerous contacts within the community that are conduits for learning about the needs of our residents.

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

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalk Improvement Project
	<b>Target Area</b>	51% and greater LMI Census Tracts
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$234,553
	<b>Description</b>	The sidewalk improvement project seeks to replace dilapidated, cracked and unsafe sidewalks with new sidewalks to meet current standards. This will also include making handicap accessible curb cuts were required.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	All of the families that reside in census tract 16 would have access to the new sidewalks as many children that live in the neighborhood catch the school bus on this main thorofare through East Rome. A low/mod income housing development (RAD and 9% LIHTC) is being constructed in the area and these improvements will help to serve the new development and the residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The planned sidewalk improvements will take place along Maple Ave which is within the Choice Neighborhood planning area for East Rome.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The planned activities are to remove the existing concrete sidewalks that have fallen into disrepair and replace them with new sidewalks that meet current standards to include ADA accessible curb cuts.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation- single family (owner occupied)
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-wide Effort
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$120,000
	<b>Description</b>	This program will assist income eligible homeowners with needed repairs to their homes. The program estimates allocating up to \$20,000 per home.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated that between 7 and 8 homeowners will be assisted through this program in 2020. All of the recipients will have incomes at or below 80% AMI.

	<b>Location Description</b>	This program is offered on a city-wide basis.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To assist low/mod income homeowners with much needed repairs to their homes.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-wide Effort
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Grant Planning and Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Improvements and Infrastructure Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$84,000
	<b>Description</b>	These funds assist the Community Development department with staff costs (salaries) in the administration of the current and on-going CDBG funded projects.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated that over 2000 individuals will benefit from the sidewalk improvements and 7 low/mod income households will benefit from the housing rehabilitation.
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	These activities pay for staff time to conduct and administer the programs funded with CDBG.

## **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**

Approximately 54% of the 2020 CDBG funds will be used in the low/mod census tracts in the City of Rome for sidewalk replacement/improvements. The remainind funds for the Housing Rehabilitation program wil lbe funded on a city-wide basis and the need is based on household income. However, the majority of those assisted through the housing rehabilitation program typically fall within the targeted census tracts.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
51% and greater LMI Census Tracts	54
City-wide Effort	28

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

The majority of local need for these type services fall within neighborhoods within the low income census tracts.

### **Discussion**

N/A

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

The City of Rome has administered a very successful rehabilitation program through the CDBG program for many years.. This program allows income eligible homeowners to apply for financial assistance to address much needed repairs to their homes. The City plans to continue funding this program each year as long as the demand remains (continually waiting list). To date over 116 homeowners have been assisted since the program began in 2007. The City of Rome also receives funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs through their CHIP program (funded with HOME dollars) which allows construction of new single family homes to be sold to low/mod income homebuyers.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	7
Special-Needs	0
Total	7

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

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	7
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	7

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

The City of Rome's affordable housing strategy is to continue to provide assistance to low/mod income homeowners by funding the Housing Rehabilitation Program through CDBG dollars and to regularly seek CHIP funding from the GA Department of Community Affairs in order to continue constructing new single family housing. The City will also partner with and support agencies where possible in the creation of affordable housing through their obtaining funding from the state through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Rome does not plan to undertake capital improvements in 2020 that directly affect public housing. The City and Northwest GA Housing Authority were awarded a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant in the fall of 2019 to create a transformation plan for a targeted neighborhood in East Rome (located census tract 16). The public housing complex to be addressed is John Graham Homes. The City and NWGHA look forward to this planning period to create a plan that will benefit all that live in the neighborhood and identifies implementation opportunities once completed.

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

There are no specific actions planned during 2020 to address the needs for public housing. The NWGHA does a great job at accessing these needs and has changed the face of public housing in Rome and Rockmart Georgia.

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

The City of Rome does not plan to become directly involved in the management of the NWGHA.

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

N/A

### **Discussion**

The City of Rome and Northwest Georgia Housing Authority continue to support each others efforts as redevelopment opportunities of low income areas arise. Both agencies have a great working relationship.

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

### **Introduction**

With respect to homelessness, the Annual Action Plan must include the jurisdiction's strategy for reducing and ending homelessness through:

1. Helping low-income families avoid becoming homeless;
2. Reaching out to homeless person and assessing their individual needs;
3. Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons; and
4. Helping homeless persons (especially any persons that are chronically homeless) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

### **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**

The City of Rome will coordinate new efforts with agencies that provide services to the homeless population through a partnership with United Way. This will help us better understand the needs and support the agencies require. A newly formed Interagency Council on Poverty and Homelessness was formed late in 2019 between the City of Rome, United Way and Floyd County, each contributing local funds towards the salary of one part-time employee to update the local 10 year plan to end homelessness. During the 2020 calendar year the goal is to meet with local services providers to identify gaps of service and highlight overlaps where new partnerships could be formed.

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

The City of Rome will continue to support local public service agencies efforts that assist individuals and families with transitional housing needs.

#### **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 City of Rome will continue to support public service agencies and providers within the City such as Salvation Army, William S. Davies Homeless Shelter, Action Ministries and others by offering support

letters for federal or state funding and providing technical assistance whenever possible.

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

The City of Rome will continue to support public service agencies and providers that assist low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless within the City such as Salvation Army, William S. Davies Homeless Shelter, Action Ministries and others by offering support letters for federal or state funding and providing technical assistance whenever possible.

### **Discussion**

The City of Rome is a small CDBG grantee and does not receive direct allocation of funding to address homelessness.

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

### **Introduction:**

The City of Rome has public policies that can affect the cost of housing and the ability to develop, maintain, and improve affordable housing. These policies include building permits with minimum lot size requirements, set back restrictions, zoning requirements and other building codes. These fees and requirements add to the final cost of housing.

The City of Rome does not provide waivers of building fees associated with affordable housing. However, the Community Development Department meets with City Officials and Building Officials regularly to discuss ways the fees could be waived or reduced on the request of developers for the construction of new or rehabilitation of existing affordable housing.

### **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**

Based on the impediment listed above identified in the 2018 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City will convene a discussion among City leaders, city staff and the affected community stakeholders to review the effects and possible barriers the local zoning ordinances may have towards creation of affordable housing.

Many discussions have transpired on this subject and the local Unified Land and Development Code (ULDC) in place for the City of Rome is under review for updates.

### **Discussion:**

N/A

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

### **Introduction:**

The Annual Action Plan must describe the jurisdiction's planned actions to carry out the following strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan: -Foster and maintain affordable housing; -Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards; -Reduce the number of poverty-level families; -Develop institutional structure; and -Enhance coordination

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

The City of Rome will partner with the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority in a combined effort to create a transformation plan using the Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant received in 2019 for revitalization of John Graham Homes (public housing) and the surrounding neighborhood.

Once the planning period is complete (24 months) The next step will be to find additional funds for implementation. The CNI grant also includes approximately \$1 million dollars for an action activity that will be identified during the planning phase.

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

The following actions will be taken to help foster and maintain affordable housing in Rome: -Continued partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority, private developers and the South Rome Redevelopment Agency/Corporation. -Probable 2020 CHIP application to DCA to continue the Single Family Housing Development program. -Support letters to nonprofit agencies of groups who apply for funding under Georgia's Continuum of Care for homeless and other special needs populations. -Support letters to private developers who involve the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in their developments. -Continue review of local ordinances and processes to insure that these do not pose a barrier to provision of affordable housing.

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

The City of Rome is addressing lead based paint issues through the city-wide Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City of Rome employees certified staff in the Rome/Floyd Building Inspection Department as a Lead Based Paint Risk Inspector. The City now has the ability to test houses on a local level and bid out the abatement or interim control work that is needed to each home prior to the regular rehabilitation work beginning. The majority of the homes assisted through the local housing rehabilitation program were built prior to 1978.

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

No actions are planned with CDBG Program funds during the Program Year 2020 that are directly related

to reducing the number of poverty level families. The City of Rome believes that its many partnerships with other agencies that are meant to improve job availability in our community address this need in an adequate manner.

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

The City of Rome's current institutional structure includes many service agencies including the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, Action Ministries, United Way, South Rome Redevelopment Agency/Corporation, William S. Davies Homeless Shelter, Rome Salvation Army, Highland Rivers, Hospitality House and Community Kitchen.

Rome believes the current structure is strong and sufficient for community needs. Rome staff will make efforts to stay in contact with these agencies throughout the plan period.

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

The City of Rome will continue to be involved with numerous cooperative groups of agencies such as a revamped Homeless Committee, Rome/Floyd Housing Team, Habitat for Humanity, Appalachian Housing and Redevelopment Corporation, South Rome Redevelopment Agency, Action Ministries and the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority. The majority of the agencies identified are members of the local housing team. The City will make an effort to foster regular quarterly meetings with this group to stay informed of housing needs as they change locally and look for additional funding sources that can be used to address needs of the community.

### **Discussion:**

#### Fair Housing Goals

The City of Rome and the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority partnered together to complete an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in 2018. The AI identified the following fair housing goals based on the research and findings. The goals will direct strategies to alleviate fair housing issues and contributing factors.

1. Increase mobility for residents seeking access to areas of greater opportunity: For many low-income households in Rome, opportunities to move to a range of neighborhoods within the city are hampered by lack of affordable housing, inability to find a rental unit that will accept housing choice vouchers, moving costs, and lack of information about available housing. Public housing and housing choice voucher holders tend to be concentrated in R/ECAP census tracts and neighborhoods in South and East Rome. While many residents desire to remain in these neighborhoods, others may wish to move to other parts of the city or Floyd County, and should be supported in doing so. Additionally, homeownership rates indicate that African American and Latino households are less likely to own their homes than whites, and continued homeowner counseling and downpayment assistance would expand

housing opportunities for these households.

2. Focus community development activities in disinvested neighborhoods: This study identified one area including parts of downtown and West Rome as a Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Area of Poverty (R/ECAP). Additionally, block groups in the South Rome and East Rome neighborhoods have populations that are more than 50% people of color and poverty rates of over 40%. Stakeholders note that deteriorated and abandoned properties and code enforcement issues are more prevalent in these neighborhoods than in other parts of the city. They also identify the need for public investment in these areas, and continued revitalization efforts to improve economic opportunity and jobs access, and reduce poverty.

3. Support new construction of affordable housing in high opportunity areas: Over 40% of households in Rome face one or more housing needs, the most common of which is affordability. Continued development of new affordable units in areas with access to quality schools, job opportunities, and other critical community resources will expand housing opportunities for these households and increase affordability in high opportunity areas of the city.

4. Increase accessible housing options for people with disabilities: The AFH identified several opportunities to increase housing opportunity for and better address the needs of disabled persons in Rome. The Rome-Floyd County Unified Land Development Code should be reviewed and amended to treat personal care homes that meet the ordinance's definition of a household in the same manner as other single-family housing. Additionally, spacing requirements that specify a distance of at least 1,500 feet between personal care homes with more than two persons should be eliminated.

5. Provide fair housing education and outreach to protected classes: The City of Rome and NWGHA (including through the Appalachian Housing Counseling Agency) have made progress in developing educational materials and programs about fair housing over the last few years. However, many residents, landlords, and social service providers still lack information about fair housing rights, responsibilities, and where to report a fair housing complaint. The City can improve its fair housing education efforts by developing targeted curriculums for specific groups (such as residents, landlords, or city staff) and planning to hold at least one fair housing education event or presentation per quarter in cooperation with various community organizations.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

The City anticipates that the only funds available for the 2020 projects identified will be CDBG funds. These funds will be used for the design and construction of new sidewalks and/or rehabilitation of existing sidewalks in the low/mod income census tracts of Rome; the Housing Rehabilitation program; and for Planning/Administration of the program.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

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

N/A

## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

### Citizen Participation Summary/Attachments

- Public Hearing (input):
  - The proposed budget was presented to the Community Development Services Committee (CDSC) on February 11, 2020 for discussion and review (these meetings are advertised and open to the public).
  - A public hearing was held on March 6, 2020 to receive further input and the budget was presented to CDSC again on March 10, 2020 for final approval.
  - The 2020 corrected allocation amount was discussed with the Community Development Services Committee and the proposed budget corrected. HUD notified the City of Rome regarding an error of -\$86.00 and it was corrected on all documents prior to the comment period. This meeting took place on December 9, 2020 via ZOOM.
- Public Comment Period:
  - The Action Plan was completed and put out for an expedited 5-day comment period from 12/15/20 through 12/21/20.
- **No public comments were received.**



City of Rome  
Carnegie Building- 607 Broad Street, Rome, GA  
TRAINING ROOM

Public Hearing for 2019 CAPER and 2020 Action Plan  
Friday, March 6, 2020  
4:30 PM

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Accomplishments during the 2019 program year
  - Discuss grant award amount
  - Funds expended
  - Projects completed or near completion
- CDBG (proposed) Activities for 2020 Action Plan
  - Housing Rehabilitation
  - Sidewalk Improvements within Choice Neighborhood Planning area
  - General Administration/Planning
- Questions and Answers/Comments
- Adjourn

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Training Room- Carnegie Building  
607 Broad Street, Rome, GA 30161

March 6, 2020  
4:30 PM

**Public Hearing**

**PRESENT**

Public  
None

Staff/Other  
Bekki Fox  
Suzanne Parris

**MINUTES**

The Public Hearing to address the proposed 2019 CDBG CAPER, 2020 Action Plan and current ongoing activities was called to order at 4:30 PM.

Since there were no public attendees, the public hearing was closed at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Parris  
Administrative Program Assistant  
City of Rome Community Development





**CITY OF ROME**  
**2019 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program**  
**Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)**

**2020 Action Plan Public Input**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Rome will hold a Public Hearing to discuss accomplishments completed during the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program year. These funds must be used to primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is available for public review on the City website:

<http://www.rome.ga.gov/departments/community-development> and in the Community Development Department at 607 Broad Street, Rome, GA. Public comments will be accepted for 15 days, reviewed and addressed. The CAPER will be submitted to HUD by March 31st. Public comments can be sent to the Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1432, Rome, GA 30161-1433 or emailed to: [plm@rome.ga.gov](mailto:plm@rome.ga.gov).

\*During this same meeting, staff will discuss proposed projects for the upcoming 2020 Action Plan period and receive additional citizen input.

Undertaken CDBG-funded projects completed during program year 2019 include:

- 7 low/mod. income homeowners received assistance to make minor repairs within homes through the Minor Repair Program;
- Total completion of the Maple Ave. Paving & sidewalk project, from 5th Street to E. 12th Street on the east side;
- Construction of 400 sq. yards of curbs in center tracts 5, 16 and 21;
- Demolition of five blighted structures.

More specific details regarding eligible activities, plans to assist displaced persons (if any), and the amount of funds used for activities to benefit low and moderate income persons will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at the **Carnegie Building Training Room, 607 Broad Street – on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.**

The purpose of this hearing will be to educate the public and receive citizen input regarding the activities funded by the CDBG Program during calendar year 2019, and 2020 Action Plan. An update of ongoing activities will be provided. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility, hearing disabilities, visual impairment or those with a language barrier should contact Heidi Felt at (706) 336-4177 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, prior to Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact us using the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (VOICE) 1-800-255-0135.

**PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL SOBRE EL REPORTE ANUAL (CAPER) DEL PROGRAMA CDBG DE LA CIUDAD DE ROME POR FAVOR COMUNICARSE CON EL DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO AL (706) 336-4177.**



CITY OF ROME  
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Entitlement CDBG-funded projects completed during program year 2019 include:

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- Total completion of the Maple Ave Phase 1 sidewalk project, from E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street to E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the east side.
- Concentrated Code Enforcement efforts in census tracts 6, 16 and 21.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Planned Activities for the 2020 CDBG Program Year**

The Rome City Commission is contemplating the Statement of Specific Annual Objectives for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. The Annual Statement will become part of the Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan and is presented in summary form below to describe how the City will use these funds for specific objectives meant to address priority needs as described in the five-year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan will be delivered to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before December 22, 2020 in order to access these funds as soon as they are made available by HUD.

Prior to delivering these plans to HUD, the City will provide them for an expedited public review and public comment for a period of five (5) days beginning December 15, 2020. They are available online at the City's website, <https://www.romefloyd.com/departments/community-development> and at the Community Development Department offices, 607 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia 30161. Copies of the plans can be prepared for those interested in receiving them by calling (706) 236-4477 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Comments concerning the plans will be received until close of business on December 21, 2020.

**City of Rome  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Annual Action Plan  
For the 2020 HUD Entitlement Grant**

The City of Rome anticipates receiving \$438,553 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as its Entitlement funding allocation for Program Year 2020 under the Community Development Block Grant Program. This will be the total amount of formula funding available from the CDBG grant and program income for the program year 2020.

CDBG funded activities must meet one of three National Objectives, which are:

- 1. Benefit to low and moderate income persons.
- 2. Addressing of slum or blight.
- 3. Meeting a particular urgent need that cannot be addressed by other means.

The following activities will meet or exceed the requirement that 70% of overall program funds must benefit low and moderate income persons during a two-year period of 2017 and 2018.

Proposed activities and projects for Program Year 2020 are:

**Housing Activities.....\$120,000**

This activity will continue to address housing needs of the low to moderate income and the elderly homeowners through housing rehabilitation. The funds will be used by the City of Rome to continue a

housing rehabilitation program for homeowners. The National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

**City-wide sidewalk Program.....\$234,553**

The City-wide sidewalk program will look to improve, rehab and/or replace sidewalks in the low income census tracts of Rome. This could also include the installation of new sidewalks in areas that need them along with curb cuts for handicap accessibility. The census tracts that will be targeted are 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 16. The National Objective is to benefit low and moderate income persons.

**Administration.....\$84,000**

This activity will pay for portions of the costs of the Community Development Department in the oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the activities shown above.

**Total Expenditures.....\$438,553**

**"PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL SOBRE EL PROGRAMA CDBG DE LA CIUDAD DE ROME, EL PRESUPUESTO DEL PLAN DE ACCION DE CDBG 2016 O LA PROXIMA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA POR FAVOR COMUNICARSE CON EL DEPARTAMENTO DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO AL (706) 236-4477."**

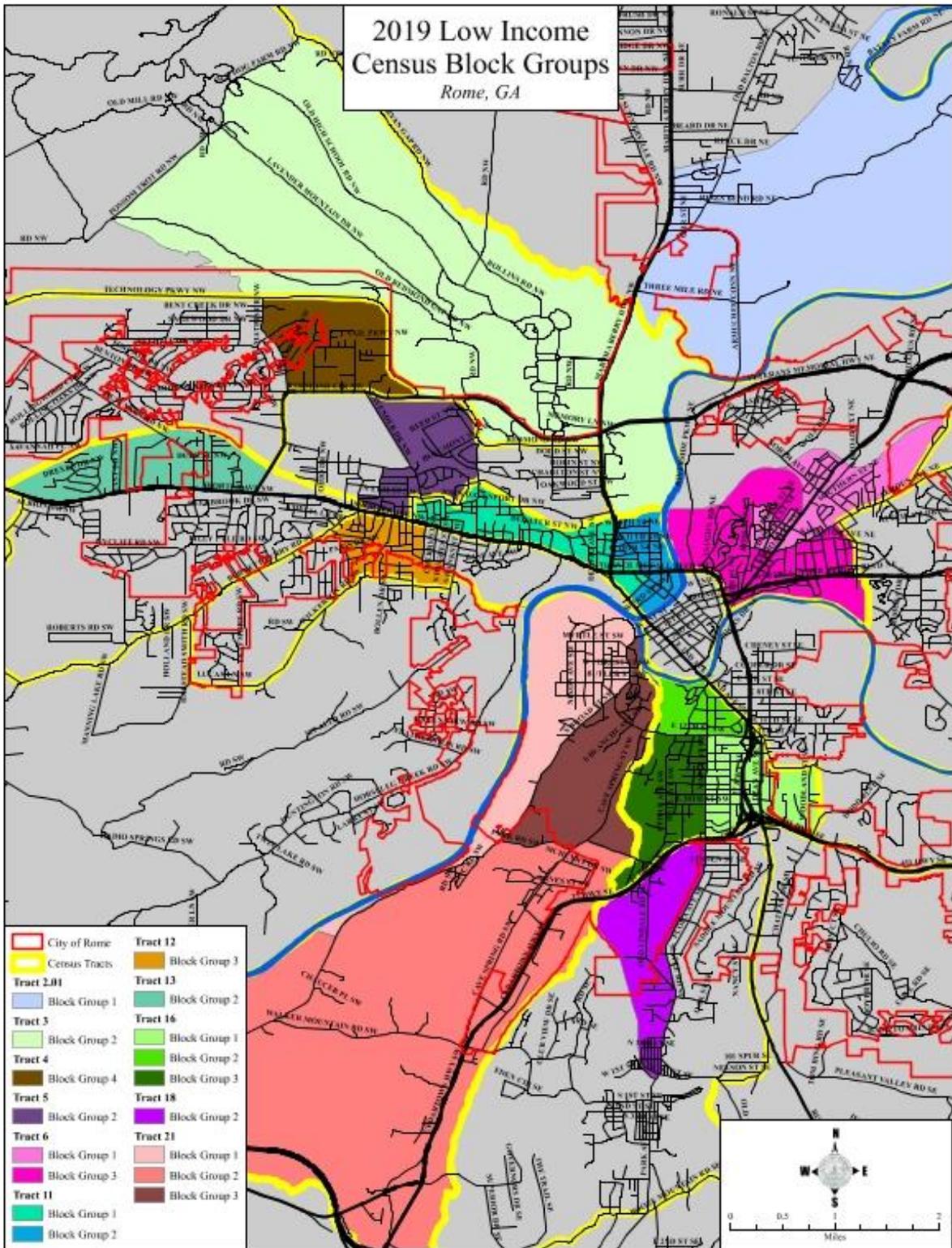
For additional information, contact Bekki Fox, City of Rome Community Development Department at (706) 236-4477.



**Grantee Unique Appendices**

Low Income MAP and Rome Demographic Information

CDBGUOG	CDBGNAM	STATUS	CDBGTY	STATE	COUNTY	COUNTYNAME	TRACT	BLKGRP	LOWMOD	IWMODUN	LOWMODPCT	MOE_LowmodPct	GEOID
132814	Rome	GA	51	13	115	Floyd County	000201	1	860	1,420	60.56%	+/-39.37	15000US131150002011
132814	Rome	GA	51	13	115	Floyd County	000201	3	335	2,420	13.84%	+/-9.59	15000US131150002013
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132814	Rome	GA	51	13	115	Floyd County	000300	2	235	390	60.26%	+/-33.59	15000US131150003002
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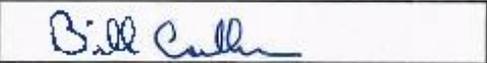


Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4045-0044  
 Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

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State Use Only: * 7. Date Received by State: [Empty Field]      * 8. State Application Identifier: [Empty Field]		
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Logo Name: City of Rome, Georgia		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 00-0000000		* c. Organizational JUNS: 000000000000
<b>d. Address:</b>		
* Street 1: P.O. Box 1475 Street 2: [Empty Field] City: Rome County/Parish: [Empty Field] * State: [Empty Field]      ISO: Georgia Province: [Empty Field] * Country: [Empty Field]      CTRY: UNITED STATES * Zip/Postal Code: 30152-1129		
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Prefix: [Empty Field]      * First Name: Bob Middle Name: [Empty Field] * Last Name: Fox Suffix: [Empty Field]		
Title: Director, Community Development		
Organizational Affiliation: [Empty Field]		
* Telephone Number: 706-236-1377		Fax Number: [Empty Field]
* Email: bfox@romeq.org		

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* f. Program Income:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL:	<input type="text" value="438,000.00"/>
<b>* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12872 Process?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12872 Process for review on <input type="text"/> . <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12872 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12872.	
<b>* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," provide explanation and attach: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
<b>21. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms. If I accept an award, I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances or an Internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
<b>Authorized Representative:</b>	
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Bill"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Cullin"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="734 235 4074"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="bcullin@romega.us"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="2/22/2020"/>

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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

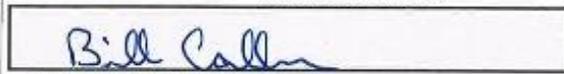
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give 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 employees 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 1685-1686), 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 Offense and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to non-discrimination 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 non-discrimination 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 ed-3 and 290 ed-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.) as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other non-discrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply in 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 official employer 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. §§278a to 278a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §270c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction agreements.
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) inhibition 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 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1651 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, 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).
16. 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 106 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. §§468a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 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 108(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 subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Rock Springs	1/22/2021

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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-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraphs 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.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

12/23/2021  
Date

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### 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) 2019, 2020 [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.

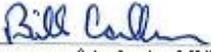
**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

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. 2000d) 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.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

12/22/2020  
Date

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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.