

2023

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 2023 calendar year will be the City of Rome's 19th 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-/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 2023 grant award for the City of Rome is \$460,368.00.

CDBG focuses on three facets within the low-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 2023.

Following are the proposed 2023 projects & activities:

- Public facilities and improvements- Banty Jones Park
- Public facilities and improvements- Spring Creek St. & 14th Street sidewalks
- Public facilities and improvements- Floyd Training Center
- Grant administration and planning

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 is continuing the program in 2023 utilizing previous unexpended CDBG funds. This program was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2019, 2020 and 2021, which caused the available funds to remain unspent. To move the program forward, it was changed to the Exterior Paint Program and Roof Repair Program for low-income homeowners. The Housing Rehabilitation Program meets a need in the low-income community and helps older individuals remain in their homes for a longer period. Nine homeowners received assistance for exterior painting and roof repairs in 2022. The City will continue to market the program and recruit eligible homeowners.

The sidewalk improvement program will continue to be funded in future CDBG Entitlement Program years. The sidewalks that have been replaced to date have made a tremendous positive impact in certain low-/mod- income neighborhoods. Improvements included handicap accessible curbs and brick inlays. The sidewalks currently provide safe access for pedestrians and allow them to have access to area resources.

The City facilitated improvements at Rebecca Blaylock Child Development Center, which serves 64 children who primarily come from low-income households. Improvements included replacing the roof, installing new flooring, and repairing existing windows. The children's bathroom was renovated to provide more stalls for the children to use. A separate bathroom for the teachers was renovated as well. These improvements will allow the center to continue serving children in a safe and sanitary environment. The non-profit center would not have been able to afford these repairs on its own.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Regular updates on the CDBG program were made at the Community Development Services Committee (CDSC) meeting that was normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Carnegie Building in downtown Rome. The CDBG program will now report to the Community Redevelopment Committee (CRC) which meets the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Sam King Room in downtown Rome. These meetings are open to the public with an agenda posted in advance. 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.

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 budget was presented to the CRC on March 1, 2023, for discussion and review. This meeting was advertised prior to being held. It was open to the public.

A public hearing was held on March 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. to receive further input. This hearing was advertised prior to it being held. It was open to the public.

The Action Plan was completed and put out for a 30-day comment period from April 11, 2023-May 11, 2023.

No comments were received.

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

No comments have been received during the public input process.

7. Summary

Based on the needs assessment, market analysis, consultations with public agencies, City of Rome staff, and community stakeholders, the City determined that the most appropriate use of its CDBG allocation during the 2023 program year is for Public Facilities and Improvements at Banty Jones Park, Floyd Training Center, and sidewalks along Spring Creek Street & 14th Street. All these projects are located in a low-income census tract in East Rome. Grant administration and planning will also be undertaken as a project. These are 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 CRC and the CDBG Entitlement program. These commissioners are 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. Due to the timing of CDBG release of funds from Congress each year, this process is often delayed until the Spring of the current program year, as was in this 2023 CDBG Action Plan- program year.

This plan was development 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 GICH Team
- Rome-Floyd Planning Department
- Rome-Floyd Building Inspection Department
- Northwest Georgia Housing Authority (NWGHA)
- South Rome Alliance (SRA)
- Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Department
- Non-profit providers & community stakeholders

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 and agencies in Rome. This team was formed in 2009 as part of a State of Georgia housing initiative called the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH). The City's GICH team has been active and has been classified as an alumni team. This allows the team to continue updating the housing plan and attend on-going trainings. The GICH team is made up of City and Floyd County staff, realtors, mortgage lenders, Habitat for Humanity, NWGHA, SRA, United Way, and non-profit and for-profit

housing developers. This team continues to stay in contact and meets on average two times a year 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 falls within the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) staffs the Continuum of Care 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 DCA. There is a competitive process, and they 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 Rome, Hospitality House for Women, Salvation Army, and Living Proof Recovery 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	Agency/Group/Organization	Northwest Georgia Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The 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	Agency/Group/Organization	South Rome Redevelopment Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Education Planning organization Non profit Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Early Education efforts

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

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	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 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

The proposed budget was presented to the CRC on March 1, 2023. The budget was reviewed and discussed. This meeting was advertised, and the public was invited to participate. The meeting agenda was posted prior to the meeting. No one from the community attended this meeting. No comments from community members were received.

A public hearing was held on March 21, 2023, to review and discuss the proposed budget. This hearing was advertised, and the public was invited to participate. No one from the community attended this public hearing. No comments from community members were received.

Public notice for 30-Day Comment Period published in Rome-News Tribune on April 11, 2023. The notice was also posted on the City of Rome's website.

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	CRC meeting on March 1,2023. 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	Public hearing on March 21, 2023. City staff was in attendance.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community				

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 2023 for the selected CDBG projects will be CDBG funds. These funds will be used for 3 major projects. The design and construction of park and public facility improvements to Banty Jones Park in East Rome, facility improvements at the Floyd Training Center, sidewalk improvements in East Rome are the projects to be undertaken by the City. The planned projects will occur within Census Tract 16. The City of Rome will also use funds for planning/administration 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	460,368	0	0	460,368	0	The City of Rome estimates receiving approximately \$425,000+ each year in CDBG funds to allocate to approved projects. There were unexpended funds from previous years due to the on-going pandemic.

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 2023, CDBG funds will not be leveraged with other City, State, or Federal funds. There are no matching or leveraging 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 improvements will take place in a public park owned by the City of Rome. The proposed sidewalk improvements will be for a stretch of sidewalks along Spring Creek Street & 14th Street. Banty Jones Park, Spring Creek Street, and 14th Street are both located in East Rome in Census Tract 16.

Discussion

For 2023, CDBG funds will not be leveraged with other City, State, or Federal funds. There are no matching or leveraging 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	Public Facility Improvements	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	51% and greater LMI Census Tracts	Public Facility and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$370,368	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
2	Grant Planning and Administration	2019	2023	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development CV-Public Services	City-wide Effort	Public Facility and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$90,000	Other: 4 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facility Improvements
	Goal Description	

2	Goal Name	Grant Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The one-year 2023 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. 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 2023 along with their respective funding sources and allocations.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Banty Jones Park Improvements
2	Administration and Planning
3	Sidewalk Improvement Project
4	Floyd Training Center Building Improvements

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	Project Name	Banty Jones Park Improvements
	Target Area	51% and greater LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	This project will provide much needed park improvements and new amenities to the Banty Jones Park located in census tract 16 on Maple Ave. The improvements will include a SPLASH pad, new playground equipment, restrooms, pavilions, landscaping, etc.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This project will provide much needed park improvements and new amenities to the Banty Jones Park located in census tract 16 on Maple Ave. The improvements will include a SPLASH pad, new playground equipment, restrooms, pavilions, landscaping, etc.
2	Project Name	Administration and Planning
	Target Area	City-wide Effort
	Goals Supported	Grant Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure Housing Rehabilitation Economic Development Activities Unsafe Structures Demolition Program
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	These funds assist the Community Development department with staff costs (salaries) in the administration of the current and on-going CDBG funded projects.
	Target Date	12/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Sidewalk Improvement Project
	Target Area	51% and greater LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,000
	Description	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.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	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.
4	Project Name	Floyd Training Center Building Improvements
	Target Area	51% and greater LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,368
	Description	The project will assist with building improvements, such as window replacement and floor replacement as identified.
	Target Date	12/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The project will assist with building improvements, such as window replacement and floor replacement as identified.

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 80% of the 2023 CDBG funds will be used in the low- income census tracts in the City of Rome for improvements at Banty Jones Park and the Floyd Training Center in East Rome. The sidewalk improvements will occur along Spring Creek Street and 14th Street, which is also located in East Rome. East Rome is in Census Tract 16.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
51% and greater LMI Census Tracts	80
City-wide Effort	20

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The majority of local need for these type services fall within neighborhoods that are located in 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 housing 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. Since the program's inception in 2007, approximately 125 homeowners have received assistance with home repairs.

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

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	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 through the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The current program will be funded with unexpended CDBG funds from prior years. The City will also partner with and support agencies, such as the Rome Floyd Landbank Authority, where possible in the creation of affordable housing. The City will also support agencies in the creation of affordable housing through their obtaining funding from the state through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Rome does not plan to undertake capital improvements in 2023 that directly affect public housing. The City and NWGHA were awarded a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant in the fall of 2019. This grant provides funding for planning and creating a transformation plan for the targeted neighborhood in East Rome (located in census tract 16). The public housing complex to be addressed is John Graham Homes.

The City and NWGHA have actively worked together since 2019 to create a transformation plan that will benefit everyone living in the target East Rome neighborhood. The plan will hopefully spur further change and encourage other community stakeholders to work towards revitalizing the area. There will hopefully be the opportunity for implementation funds after the planning period is completed and the final transformation plan is submitted.

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

There are no specific actions planned during 2023 to address the needs for public housing. NWGHA does a great job at assessing and addressing these needs. The face and perception of public housing in Rome and Rockmart, Georgia, has changed drastically in the past decade due to NWGHA's efforts.

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. NWGHA manages 669 public housing units. NWGHA offers a Family Self-Sufficiency Program, which assists residents in becoming self-sufficient and purchasing homes. NWGHA and Appalachian Housing Counseling Agency also offers First Time Homebuyers Education workshops throughout the year.

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 NWGHA continue to support each other's efforts as redevelopment opportunities in 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:

- Helping low-income families avoid becoming homeless;
- Reaching out to homeless persons and assessing their individual needs;
- Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons; and
- 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 continue to coordinate efforts with other agencies to address the city’s homelessness issue. The City has no plans to undertake this issue by itself.

The Interagency Council on Poverty and Homelessness was formed in 2019 thru a partnership between the City of Rome and the United Way. Each agency contributes local funds towards the salary for one part-time worker. This worker helps to update the Ten (10) Year Plan and acts as a resource for individuals who may need services. During 2023, the City would like to meet with the Council and local service providers to identify continued gaps in services and analyze what is being done to end homelessness.

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

United Way, Salvation Army, William S. Davies Homeless Shelter, Action Ministries Rome, Good Neighbor Ministries, Tallatoona CAP, South Rome Alliance, 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 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 funding allocations to address homelessness.

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

Introduction:

There is a lack of affordable housing in Rome for a variety of reasons. Some reasons are the public zoning policies that are currently in place. These policies include having a minimum lot size and set back restrictions. The fees associated with permits in addition to the zoning restrictions make it difficult and expensive to build affordable housing in Rome. There are no waivers available for the construction of affordable housing.

There are ongoing discussions on how to incentivize the construction of affordable housing and rehabilitation of Rome's current affordable housing stock. The City will continue to facilitate discussions and research ways to increase its affordable housing stock.

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

Community Development will continue to facilitate discussions with other City departments, developers, and community stakeholders about affordable housing and other impediments identified in the 2018 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI). Rome's Unified Land and Development Code (ULDC) is currently being reviewed and rewritten. This process will take several months and require substantial community involvement.

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
- Enhance coordination

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Rome will continue to partner with NWGHA in a combined effort on the implementation of the transformation plan using the 2019 Choice Neighborhood Planning grant for revitalization of John Graham Homes and the surrounding neighborhood. John Graham Homes will be demolished, and new affordable housing will be constructed. There is approximately \$1 million dollars set aside for approved action activities. Additional funds will be used to carry out other activities discussed in the transformation plan.

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, NWGHA, and developers
- Support letters to nonprofit agencies who apply for funding under Georgia's Continuum of Care for homeless and other special needs populations
- Support letters to developers who apply for LIHTC funding for their projects
- Continued review of local ordinances and processes to ensure that these do not pose a barrier to the 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 employs a certified staff in the Rome Floyd Building Inspection Department as a Lead Based Paint Risk Assessor. 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 housing rehabilitation program were built prior to 1978.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Rome has no specific plans to directly reduce the number of families living at the poverty level during PY 2023. It will offer support to other agencies and community resources that actively work towards this goal.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Rome's current institutional structure includes many agencies including NWGHA, Habitat for Humanity, Action Ministries Rome, United Way, William S. Davies Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, Highland Rivers, Hospitality House, Good Neighbor Ministries, Tallatoona CAP, South Rome Alliance, and the Community Kitchen. Rome believes the current structure is strong and sufficient for community needs. 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 the Interagency Council on Poverty and Homelessness, Rome/Floyd GICH Team, Habitat for Humanity, Appalachian Housing and Redevelopment Corporation, South Rome Alliance, Action Ministries Rome, and NWGHA. The majority of the agencies identified are members of the local GICH 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 NWGHA partnered together to complete the AI 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 Racially & Ethnically Concentrated Area of Poverty (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 Hispanic

households are less likely to own their homes than their Caucasian counterparts, and continued homeowner counseling and down payment 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 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 AI identified several opportunities to increase housing opportunities for and better address the needs of disabled persons in Rome. The ULDC 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, NWGHA, and 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 reporting complaints. 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 year 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 2023 projects will be CDBG funds. These funds will be used for improvements at Banty Jones Park, Floyd Training Center, Spring Creek Street and 14th Street sidewalks, and planning/admin of the CDBG Programs. No other activities will be undertaken with the 2023 allocation.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

N/A

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments



SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION 2023 Action Plan

PUBLIC MEETING- The budget was presented to the CRC on March 1, 2023. The budget was reviewed and discussed. This meeting was advertised, and the public was invited to participate. The meeting agenda was posted prior to the meeting. No one from the community attended this meeting. No comments from community members were received.

PUBLIC HEARING- A public hearing was held on March 21, 2023, to review and discuss the proposed budget. This hearing was advertised, and the public was invited to participate. No one from the community attended this public hearing. No comments from community members were received.

PUBLIC NOTICE/NEWSPAPER AD- The Action Plan was put out for a 30-day comment period from April 11, 2023-May 11, 2023. No comments from community members were received.

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and 2023 Action Plan

2022 CAPER

The City of Rome will hold a Public Hearing to discuss accomplishments completed during the 2022 Community Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program year. CDBG funds must be used to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Entitlement CDBG-funded projects completed during program year 2022 included:

- Housing rehabilitation activities completed on nine owner-occupied homes through the Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Sidewalk and street improvements along Maple Avenue
- Public facility improvements, including replacing the roof, installing new floors, and repairing existing windows, at the Rebecca Slaylock Child Development Center
- Emergency rental and utility assistance provided to sixteen individuals, who were in jeopardy of being evicted or having their utilities disconnected, through the Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Grant (ERUG) Program

2023 ACTION PLAN

The City of Rome is seeking public input on proposed projects for the upcoming 2023 Action Plan period. The Annual Action Plan outlines the implementation of annual funding, which is developed through significant public input, analysis, and planning from both stakeholders and citizens. Proposed activities for 2023 include:

- Sidewalk and street improvements along Spring Creek Street
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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 the public hearing listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PROCESS

The 2022 CAPER and 2023 Action Plan are available for a 15-day public review and comment period from March 10, 2023, and ending at the close of business on March 24, 2023. These items can be found online at the City's website at: www.rome.ga.gov/163/Block-Grant-CDBG. Copies can be prepared for those interested in receiving them by calling 706 236 4177 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Community Development Department is located at 607 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia 30161. Citizens wishing to submit written comments may email them to: btox@rome.ga.us or mail them to: Community Development, Attn: Bekki Fox, P.O. Box 1433, Rome, GA 30162 1433.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Community Development Department staff will conduct a public hearing on March 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Carnegie Building Training Room. The Carnegie Building Training Room is located at 607 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia 30161. The public hearing will provide a chance for staff to answer any questions and receive comments concerning the CAPER or proposed Action Plan. Comments can be submitted during the public hearing or no later than the close of business on March 24, 2023, at the address listed above.

Persons with special needs relating to disability access, vision impairment, hearing impairment, and/or language barriers should contact the department prior to the hearing. Individuals with hearing impairments may use the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0056.

Para obtener información sobre el programa CDBG de la ciudad de Roma, Acción Plan, o la próxima audiencia pública, comuníquese con el departamento de desarrollo de la Comunidad al 706 236-1477.





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**Public Hearing for
2022 CAPER & 2023 ACTION PLAN**

March 21, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Carnegie Training Room

AGENDA

- Welcome & introductions

- Review of 2022 CAPER- *draft*
 - Discuss grant award amount
 - Funds expended
 - Projects completed or near completion

- Discussion of 2023 Action Plan activities
 - Park Improvements at Barty Jones Park
 - Sidewalk and street Improvements
 - Public facility improvements at Floyd Training Center
 - General administration & planning

- Questions & Discussion

- Adjourn



CDBG PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

2022 CAPER & 2023 Action Plan

March 21, 2023

4:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT

Molly Majestic - City of Rome staff

Amanda Carter - City of Rome staff

MINUTES

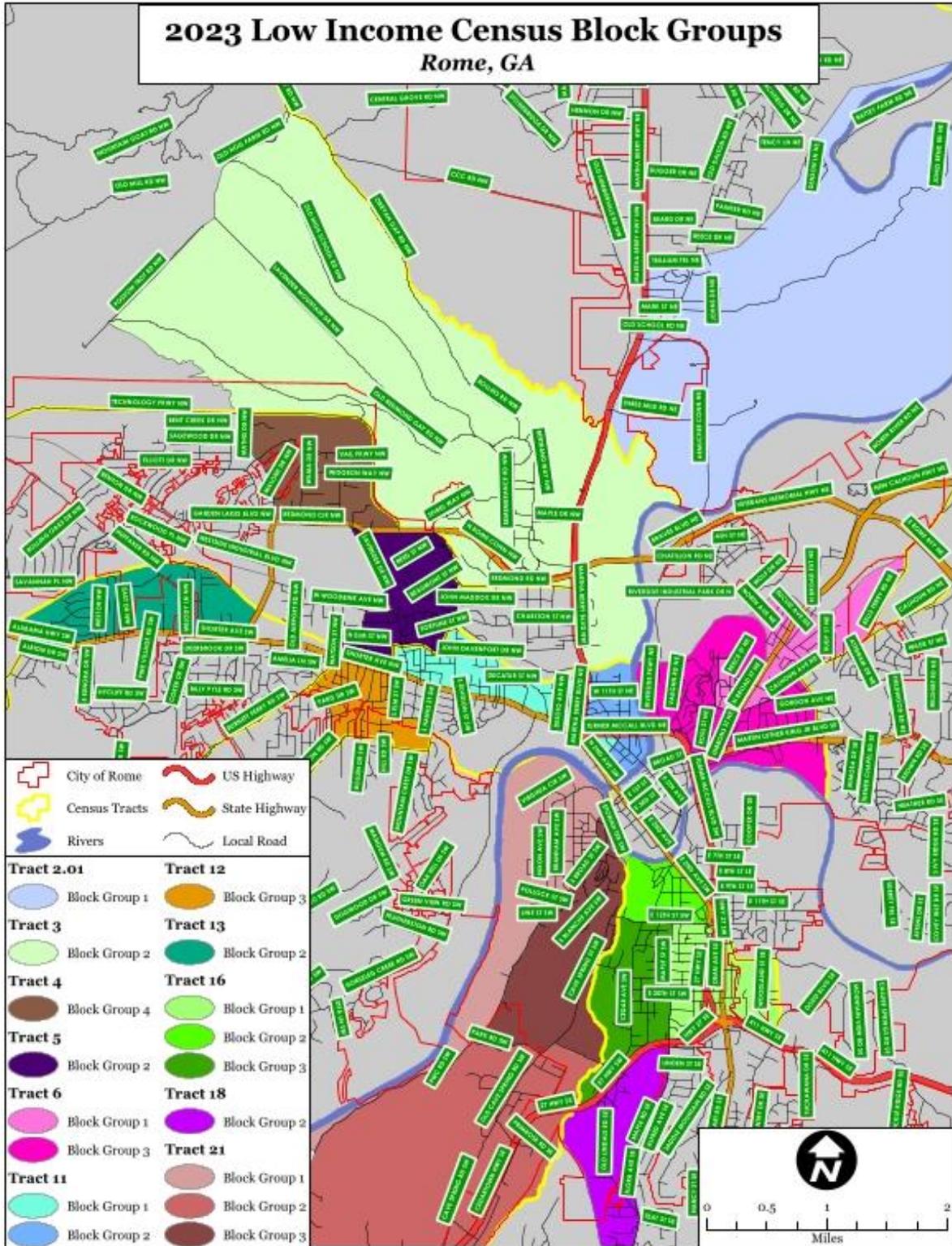
The public hearing to address the proposed 2022 CAPER, 2023 Action Plan, and current on-going activities was called to order at 4:00 p.m. There were no public attendees. No comments were received during the hearing. The hearing was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Majestic".

Molly Majestic
CDBG Coordinator

City of Rome Community Development



Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4845-0047
Expiration Date: 10/31/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
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3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="05/15/2023"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
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b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="38-8300453"/>		c. U.S.: <input type="text" value="0758365100"/>
d. Address:		
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Street 2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text" value="Evans"/>		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
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* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA"/>		
* Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text" value="31101-1433"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Bosch"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Bosch"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
* Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Community Development"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="706-236-1077"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="bbosch@omega.us"/>		

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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment </div>	
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Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Add Attachments Delete Attachments View Attachments </div>	

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17. Proposed Project:	
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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<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.	
Authorized Representative:	
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Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Lorenson"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor, City of Row"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="502-277-6674"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="sundia@row.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="05/15/2021"/>

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. §§4726-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of CHPI's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (50 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 handicap; (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 nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-615), 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. §§280 dd-3 and 290 cc-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. §§8601 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 7524-7528) 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. §§327-333) 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) Institution 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. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1966, 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. §4701-FOIA 1593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
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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 subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Esom	DATE SUBMITTED 07/14/2023

SF-22/D (Rev. 7-97) 5/01

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-112, "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. 1701a) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


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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 578.

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) 2021, 2022, 2023 [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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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

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


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