

City of Hagerstown, Maryland



Annual Action Plan

Program Year 2024

City Fiscal Year 2025

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Hagerstown, Maryland has prepared the FFY 2024 Action Plan to provide the framework and strategy for implementing federal programs to fund housing, community development, and economic development activities within the City.

Action Plan Description

The Action Plan is complemented by The City's Five Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2021-FY 2025 (PY 2020-2024), which provides long term direction to address the needs of the City related to both housing and non-housing activities using the Community Development Block Grant (hereafter referred to as CDBG) Program.

The Annual Action Plan will serve the following functions:

- An **application** for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs, and
- An **action plan** that provides a basis for measuring performance.

The national goals of the housing and community development programs covered by the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan are:

- to provide decent housing;
- to establish and maintain a suitable living environment; and,
- to expand economic opportunities for every American, particularly for low and moderate income persons.

The Action Plan furthers the achievement of these goals through the implementation of a variety of housing and community development activities outlined hereafter.

The FFY 2024 Action Plan was developed in accordance with Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act and pursuant to the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Oversight of the Program

The Department of Community and Economic Development of the City of Hagerstown is responsible for the administration of the CDBG program. The City utilizes a number of non-profit service providers to carry out certain public service activities, while maintaining its status as responsible agency.

The Five Year Consolidated Planning process and the FFY 2024 Action Plan is a collaborative effort of the City of Hagerstown, the community at large, social service agencies, City officials, housing providers, community development agencies, and economic development groups. The planning process was accomplished through a series of public meetings, stakeholder interviews, resident surveys, statistical data, and review of previous community development plans.

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.

The following six (6) priorities and subsequent goals/strategies were identified for the Consolidated Planning period of FFY 2020 through FFY 2024 to be implemented by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The specific objectives and outcomes addressed by the FFY 2024 Action Plan that contribute to the goals are listed in the chart at the end of this section.

HOUSING PRIORITY - (HIGH PRIORITY)

Priority Need: There is a need to provide all Hagerstown residents with a range of housing options that offer them safe, decent, appropriate, secure and affordable housing.

HS-Goals:

HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation: Preserve and upgrade the existing housing stock through programs that assist with rehabilitation and resale of owner and rental housing, including emergency repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility modifications.

HS-2 Homeownership: Promote homeownership by assisting lower-income homebuyers to purchase a home with down payment and closing cost assistance.

HS-3 Fair Housing: Affirmatively further fair housing choice through education, outreach and housing counseling services.

HS-4 Anti-Poverty: Eliminate “pockets of poverty” and impacted areas by deconcentrating assisted housing and services.

HOMELESS PRIORITY - (LOW PRIORITY)

Priority Need: There is a need to protect Hagerstown residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

HO-Goals:

HO-1 Continuum of Care: Collaborate in the development of a CoC delivery system which helps residents who are homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless to achieve dignity, well-being, and self-sufficiency by working to end homelessness and creating a viable urban community.

HO-2 Housing Support: Support programs that help residents to retain their housing and to live independently.

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS PRIORITY - (LOW PRIORITY)

Priority Need: There is a need to protect Hagerstown residents with other special needs.

SN-Goals:

SN-1 Special Needs Housing: Work to ensure that residents have a range of housing options that offer safe, decent, appropriate, secure and affordable housing for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs through programs that assist with residential rehabilitations and making reasonable accommodations to existing housing.

SN-2 Social Services: Support public services that help residents who are elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs to achieve dignity, well-being and self-sufficiency.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY - (HIGH PRIORITY)

Priority Need: Hagerstown residents should have livable, sustainable neighborhoods, and be assured of safety and quality of life in their neighborhoods, their homes, and have the necessary community supports to thrive.

CD-Goals:

CD-1 Public Facilities: Improve public facilities and public infrastructure to foster livable neighborhoods and access to public amenities through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.

CD-2 Public Services: Improve and enhance public services that help residents achieve dignity, well-being and self-sufficiency, including programs for youth, the elderly and the disabled throughout the City.

CD-3 Deconcentration of Housing: Reduce the isolation of income groups within areas through spatial de-concentration of housing opportunities for lower income persons and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods.

CD-4 Neighborhood Revitalization: Make strategic investment to improve low-income neighborhoods and other areas exhibiting conditions of slums and blight.

CD-5 Accessibility and Visitability: Improve accessibility and visitability of community facilities and infrastructure.

CD-6 Public Safety: Enhance health, safety and quality of life by improving public safety facilities and equipment.

CD-7 Code Enforcement - Continue a systematic code enforcement program to ensure that the existing housing stock will be decent, safe, and sanitary.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY - (HIGH PRIORITY)

Priority Need: Hagerstown needs a healthy economy to provide residents with access to livable wage jobs, to education and training that would qualify them for those jobs, to entrepreneurship opportunities, and for supports necessary to access those opportunities.

ED-Goals:

ED-1 Employment: Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, and employment and job training services for unemployed and under employed residents.

ED-2 Downtown Revitalization: Support downtown revitalization efforts which enhance the urban core through the Maryland Main Street Program and the Community's City Center Plan.

ED-3 Redevelopment: Plan and promote the development and redevelopment of vacant commercial and industrial sites and facilities.

ED-4 Financial Support: Support business and commercial growth through expansion, new development, and rehabilitation.

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT PRIORITY - (HIGH PRIORITY)

Priority Need: There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.

AM-Goals:

AM-1 General Administration/Coordination: Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

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 Hagerstown continues to perform effectively with HUD. The City regularly meets the performance standards set by HUD. The City prepares its Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and submits it within ninety (90) days after the start of each program year. Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the Department of Community and Economic Development, 14 N. Potomac Street, Suite 200A, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

The FFY 2022 CAPER (the most recently completed report) was the third CAPER for the FFY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and was approved by HUD in November 2023. In the FFY 2022 CAPER, the City of Hagerstown expended the requisite 70% minimum of its available CDBG funds to activities that benefit low-to-moderate income persons. In addition to this funding, the City expended 10.9% of its funds on public services (below the statutory maximum of 15%) and 13.5% of its funds on Planning and Administration (below the statutory maximum of 20%). During this reporting period the City was also in compliance with the required 1.5 drawdown ratio.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizens are vital to creating vibrant and sustainable programming and are encouraged to participate in the planning process. The City of Hagerstown has followed its Citizen Participation Plan in the planning and preparation of the FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan. The City held its first public hearing on the needs of the community and its residents on Thursday, November 30, 2023. This provided the residents, agencies, and organizations with the opportunity to discuss the City's CDBG Program and to provide suggestions for future CDBG Program priorities and activities.

The City's Department of Community and Economic Development maintains a contact list for its CDBG Program and sends out copies of its public hearings notices and meetings related to the CDBG Program. Notices are also sent to all agencies and individuals who have participated in previous programs and activities.

A copy of the "Draft FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan" was placed on public display for review by the general public agencies and organizations in the community. A newspaper notice announcing that these

documents would be placed on public display was published on April 29, 2024 in "The Herald-Mail", the newspaper of general circulation in the area. The "Draft FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan" was on public display at the following locations:

- City of Hagerstown, Department of Community and Economic Development, 14 North Potomac Street, Suite 200A, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
- City of Hagerstown, City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 1 E. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
- Online at <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/1175/CDBG-Plans-Reports>

A second public hearing will be held on May 9, 2024 to provide citizens with the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan. A more detailed analysis and description of the citizen participation process is contained in section PR-15, "Citizen Participation."

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 City of Hagerstown held its First Public Hearing on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Comments received at that public hearing are included in the attachments at the end of the FFY 2024 Action Plan.

The FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan was placed on public display from April 29, 2024 to May 29, 2024. A Second Public Hearing is to be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024. All comments received during either the Second Public Hearing or the display period will be included in the attachments at the end of the FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan.

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

All comments and suggestions that were received have been accepted and incorporated into the planning document.

7. Summary

The main goals of both the City of Hagerstown's Five Year Consolidated Plan and the FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan are to enhance the living conditions of all residents in the city, create a suitable and sustainable living environment, and to address the housing and community development needs of the City's residents.

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

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

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

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| CDBG Administrator | HAGERSTOWN | Community and Economic Development |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Department of Community and Economic Development of the City of Hagerstown is responsible for the administration of the CDBG Program.

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

1. Introduction

While preparing the Five Year Consolidated Plan, the planning document that provides the framework, strategies, and priorities for the FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Hagerstown consulted with the Hagerstown Housing Authority, social services agencies, housing providers, and members of the Washington County Continuum of Care. An online survey was created for stakeholders and residents to complete which then allowed staff to identify needs, gaps in the system, and programmatic goals for the next five years. Input from the meetings and surveys were used in the development of specific strategies and priorities for the Five Year Plan.

While preparing the FFY 2024 Action Plan, the City of Hagerstown held a public meeting where various social services agencies, housing providers, members of the Washington County Continuum of Care, and residents were consulted and encouraged to provide comments or feedback. These groups were also consulted after the draft plan was developed. Any comments or feedback have been incorporated into the plan.

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 Hagerstown works with the following agencies to enhance coordination:

- Hagerstown Housing Authority - The Mayor of the City of Hagerstown appoints the Hagerstown Housing Authority's commissioners.
- Social Services Agencies - The City provides funds to improve services to low and moderate income persons. Staff also meet regularly with agencies to discuss community needs and coordination of services.
- Housing Providers - The City provides funds to rehabilitate and develop housing and provide housing options for low-and-moderate income households.

Each year, as part of the CDBG application planning process, local agencies and organizations are invited to submit proposals for CDBG funds for eligible public service activities. These groups participate in the planning process by attending public hearings and informational meetings.

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 Hagerstown is one of many community partners that participates in the Washington County Continuum of Care, also known as the Washington County Homeless Coalition or CoC. The goal of this group is to address homelessness by identifying and developing a framework to deliver safe and affordable housing and supportive services to both homeless individuals and individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless.

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

Emergency Shelters coordinate their planning and service delivery with themselves, other agencies, and the City through monthly meetings of the Washington County Homeless Coalition. The Coalition's member agencies include: CASA, Inc., City of Hagerstown Department of Community and Economic Development, Washington County Community Action Council, Inc., Department of Social Services, Hagerstown Housing Authority, Legal Aid Bureau, REACH, Inc., The Salvation Army, St. John's Shelter for the Homeless, Inc., Social Security Administration, Turning Point of Washington County, Washington County Commissioners, Washington County Health Department, the Washington County Mental Health Authority, Soul Haven, Tri-State Community Health Center, Walnut Street Family Practice, QCI Behavioral Health, Priority Partners, Meritus Medical Center, Veteran's Outpatient Clinic, Gatekeepers, Celebration Ministries, One-Stop Job Center, and Welcome Home Veterans Program.

Members meet monthly to coordinate activities, to better cooperate in the provision of services, and to collect data regarding the number of homeless persons served and any unmet needs. They work together to learn about programs that can be utilized in the community and, from time to time, take public positions on affordable housing proposals at the state and local level. The CoC also works through a committee structure to determine how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities. City Staff participate in various aspects for the strategic process.

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

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Habitat for Humanity of Washington County |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services-Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and application for funding to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Hagerstown. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Regional organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and application for funding to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Hagerstown. |

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| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | Hagerstown Home Store |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and application for funding to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Hagerstown. |
| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Women's Club |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Education Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and application for funding to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Hagerstown. |

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| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | SENIOR LIVING ALTERNATIVES, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and applications for funding to ascertain the housing and elderly service needs of the City of Hagerstown. |

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| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims CoC Lead Agency |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy CoC Lead Strategy |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and applications for funding to ascertain the housing and other needs of the City of Hagerstown. |
| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | Bester Community of Hope |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Child Welfare Agency Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and applications for funding to ascertain the housing and other needs of the City of Hagerstown. |
| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | Community Free Clinic |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency |

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| <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> | <p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy</p> |
| <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p> | <p>The organization was consulted through a combination of public meetings and application for funding to ascertain the health service needs of the City of Hagerstown.</p> |

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| 9 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Hagerstown |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Grantee Department |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Economic Development |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through public meetings to ascertain the housing and economic development needs of the City of Hagerstown. |

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| 10 | Agency/Group/Organization | Office of the Public Defender |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - State |
| | 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 Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through public meetings to ascertain the needs of the City of Hagerstown. |

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| 11 | Agency/Group/Organization | Washington County Family Center |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through direct outreach to ascertain the public housing needs of the City of Hagerstown. |
| 12 | Agency/Group/Organization | Hagerstown Housing Authority |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing PHA Services - Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The organization was consulted through direct outreach to ascertain the public housing needs of the City of Hagerstown. |

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

All known agency types were consulted with and their input was incorporated in this plan (see the City of Hagerstown Five Year Consolidated Plan for a complete list of agencies surveyed and consulted through the planning process).

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? |
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| Continuum of Care | Washington County Homeless Coalition | They are compatible. |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of Hagerstown's Department of Community and Economic Development is the administering agency for the CDBG program. Close coordination is maintained with the other City departments. CDBG projects are coordinated with the Department of Planning and Code Administration, Engineering Department, the Department of Finance, the Police and Fire Departments, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Public Works Department, and the Utilities Department. The City regularly communicates with adjacent units of local government on projects and planning across departments.

During the consolidated planning process, the City of Hagerstown works with the Maryland Department of the Environment to provide lead hazard reduction for all units offered through the City's Homeownership programs. The state does not identify specific locations of housing units where lead-based paint is present. The Maryland Department of the Environment has provided statistics on the incidence of lead-based paint poisoning in youth.

Washington County Department of Social Services was contacted and included in the consolidated planning process, along with the Washington County Health Department and Children in Need, to determine the health care and childcare needs.

Development policies are promoted by the City Administrator with approval and oversight by the Mayor and City Council.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City has followed its adopted Citizen Participation Plan to develop its FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan.

The FFY 2024 Annual Action Plan has many components that require, encourage, and broaden citizen participation. These components are the following: requests for proposals (RFP's) for CDBG funding from agencies/organizations; meetings with agencies/organizations on how to complete the RFP; interviews and roundtable discussions with various stakeholders and government officials; a public needs hearing; and a public hearing to gather comments on the draft plan on public display.

All of these comments are included in the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan in the Exhibit Section. The City uses citizen input to develop how the plan will serve the low-and-moderate income population to reach the goals set forth in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

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 Hearing | Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing | The City of Hagerstown held its first Public Hearing on November 30, 2023. Meeting minutes and any public hearing comments are included in the attached Citizen Participation packet. | See public hearing comments in exhibits sections of the plan. | All comments were accepted and incorporated into the plan. | |
| 2 | Public Hearing | Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing | The City of Hagerstown held its second Public Hearing on May 9, 2024. Meeting minutes and any public hearing comments are included in the attached Citizen Participation packet. | See public hearing comments in exhibits section of the plan. | All comments were accepted and incorporated into the plan. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 3 | Newspaper Ad | Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing | None. | None. | None. | |
| 4 | Internet Outreach | Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing | None. | None. | None. | |

| 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) |
|------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 5 | Social Media Outreach | Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing | None. | None. | None. | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Hagerstown will receive \$831,982 in CDBG funds for FFY 2024. This is a slight increase in funding from FFY 2023, but a substantial reduction from \$1,004,945 in FFY 2010.

The program year spans July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The following represents the City’s anticipated resources for future years:

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 | 831,982 | 165,000 | 0 | 996,982 | 0 | Five years of funding at 5% reduced level each year. |

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

The City of Hagerstown will leverage the following sources of funds to address the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan:

- The State Community Legacy Fund will be used to address issues of homeownership and to carry out the City Center Plan.
- The Open Space Program Funds from the State of Maryland will tie into the implementation of the City Center Plan.
- The Hagerstown Housing Authority uses Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher resources to provide housing assistance to low- and moderate-income households in the City of Hagerstown.
- In 2020, the Hagerstown Housing Authority received \$525,328 in Capital Fund grants to improve the physical condition of the Housing Authority's properties.
- In 2023, the Hagerstown Housing Authority (with City as Co-Applicant) was awarded the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant of \$500,000. Three of the Housing Authority's affordable housing communities are located within the designated Choice boundary and will be part of the revitalization strategy.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

With limited resources available to address the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City works cooperatively with private, public, and non-profit partners to address the identified needs.

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 | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing | Citywide | Housing Strategy | CDBG: \$306,982 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 96 Household Housing Unit |
| 2 | HS-2 Homeownership | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing | Citywide | Housing Strategy | CDBG: \$0 | Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 1 Households Assisted |
| 9 | CDS-1 Public Facilities | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Community Development Strategy | CDBG: \$150,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4000 Persons Assisted |
| 10 | CDS-2 Public Services | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Community Development Strategy | CDBG: \$140,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2650 Persons Assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|---|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| 12 | CDS-4 Neighborhood Revitalization | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Community Development Strategy | CDBG: \$100,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9000 Persons Assisted |
| 15 | CDS-7 Code Enforcement | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Community Development Strategy | CDBG: \$35,000 | |
| 16 | EDS-1 Employment | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Economic Development Strategy | CDBG: \$35,000 | Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted |
| 20 | AMS-1 General Administration/Coordination | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | Citywide | Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy | CDBG: \$230,000 | Other: 2 Other |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Goal Description | Preserve and upgrade the existing housing stock through programs that assist with rehabilitation and resale of owner and rental housing, including repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility modifications. |

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| 2 | Goal Name | HS-2 Homeownership |
| | Goal Description | Promote homeownership by assisting low-to-moderate income homebuyers to purchase homes through downpayment and closing cost assistance. |
| 9 | Goal Name | CDS-1 Public Facilities |
| | Goal Description | Improve public facilities and public infrastructure to foster livable neighborhoods and access to public amenities through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction. |
| 10 | Goal Name | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Goal Description | Improve and enhance public services that help residents achieve dignity, well-being, and self-sufficiency, including programs for youth, the elderly, and the disabled. |
| 12 | Goal Name | CDS-4 Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | Goal Description | Make strategic investment to improve low-income neighborhoods and other areas exhibiting conditions of slum and blight. |
| 15 | Goal Name | CDS-7 Code Enforcement |
| | Goal Description | Continue a systematic code enforcement program to ensure that the existing housing stock will be decent, safe, and sanitary. |
| 16 | Goal Name | EDS-1 Employment |
| | Goal Description | Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, and employment and job training services for unemployed and under-employed residents. |
| 20 | Goal Name | AMS-1 General Administration/Coordination |
| | Goal Description | Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. |

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Hagerstown proposes to undertake the following activities with the FFY 2024 CDBG funds:

Projects

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | Accessibility Ramps |
| 2 | City Sidewalk Construction |
| 3 | Commercial Microenterprise Assistance Program |
| 4 | Public Service: REACH Bridge to Change Program |
| 5 | Public Service: Girls Inc. Kids' Cafe |
| 6 | Public Service: HARC - Micah's Backpack |
| 7 | Public Service: BCH - Community Solutions for Families |
| 8 | Public Service: Literacy Council - Tutors Needed |
| 9 | Public Service: Goodwill Breakfast Outreach and Homeless Resource Ctr |
| 10 | Public Service: RW Johnson Comm Ctr Youth Summer Enrichment Program |
| 11 | Public Service: America's Hauling for Hope Helping Hands Senior Outreach |
| 12 | Public Service: You Hold the Key Residential Transitional Home |
| 13 | Public Service: Senior Living Alternatives Vital Meal Program |
| 14 | Commission on Aging - Home Repair Grant Program |
| 15 | Habitat for Humanity - Brush with Kindness |
| 16 | Code Administration |
| 17 | Residential Single-Family Emergency Repair Grant Program |
| 18 | Single Family Homeownership Program |
| 19 | Single Family Rehabilitation Administration |
| 20 | General Program Administration |

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City of Hagerstown has allocated its CDBG funds for FFY 2024 based on which activities will principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons. The Public Facilities Improvements activities are located in either a low-to-moderate income census area or have a low-to-moderate income service area

benefit or clientele over 51% low-to-moderate income.

The Public Services activities are for social service organizations with low-income clients in the City.

The proposed activities under the FFY 2024 CDBG Program Year are located in areas with the highest percentages of low-to-moderate income persons and those block groups with a percentage of minority persons above the average for the City of Hagerstown.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

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| 1 | Project Name | Accessibility Ramps |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-1 Public Facilities |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$100,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be utilized for the installation of ADA-accessible curb ramps at various intersections throughout the City of Hagerstown. Specific sites will be determined based on planning needs and neighborhood impact. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 9000 individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Various locations throughout the City of Hagerstown. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Area, 570.208(a)(1)(1). The HUD Matrix Code is 03L Sidewalks, 570.201(c). |
| 2 | Project Name | City Sidewalk Construction |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-1 Public Facilities |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$150,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be used to construct sidewalks for improved access to Fairgrounds Park. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 4000 individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Construction will take place on the north side of Security Blvd, between Brookline Avenue and Cleveland Avenue. |

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| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Area, 570.208(a)(1)(1). The HUD Matrix Code is 03L Sidewalks, 570.201(c). |
| 3 | Project Name | Commercial Microenterprise Assistance Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | EDS-1 Employment |
| | Needs Addressed | Economic Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$35,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to provide microenterprise grants of up to \$5000 each for low-to-moderate income business owners. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 7 individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Various locations within the City of Hagerstown. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 18C Economic Development Microenterprise Assistance, 570.201(o). |
| 4 | Project Name | Public Service: REACH Bridge to Change Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$23,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a program that provides workforce training and case management services to homeless individuals. The project will be undertaken by the subrecipient, REACH of Washington County. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 42 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |

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| | Location Description | 140 W. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05Z Other Public Services Not Listed in 03T and 05A-05Y, 570.201(e). |
| 5 | Project Name | Public Service: Girls Inc. Kids' Cafe |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$12,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to provide healthy after-school snacks and hot nutritious meals to low-to-moderate income youth. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, Girls Inc. of Washington County. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 120 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 626 Washington Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05D Youth Services, 570.201(e). |
| 6 | Project Name | Public Service: HARC - Micah's Backpack |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$15,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a program that each week provides a bag with weekend meals and snacks to school students identified as at risk of food insecurity. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC). |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 440 low-to-moderate income schoolchildren will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 130 W. Franklin Street, Hagerstown MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05D Youth Services, 570.201(e). |
| 7 | Project Name | Public Service: BCH - Community Solutions for Families |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$10,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support an activity and outreach program encouraging residents of the South side/Bester community to participate in neighborhood groups, events, and service activities to strengthen the community. This program will be administered by the subrecipient, San Mar Childrens' Home/Bester Community of Hope. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 1045 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 356 Mill Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05Z Other Public Services Not Listed in 03T and 05A-05Y, 570.201(e). |
| 8 | Project Name | Public Service: Literacy Council - Tutors Needed |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$6,000 |

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| | Description | Funding will be utilized to purchase educational materials and supplies in support of a program that provides adults 18+ with free basic education and English language services, whether English is a primary or subsequent language. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, Literacy Council of Washington County. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 50 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 15 Randolph Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05Z Other Public Services Not Listed In 03T and 05A-05Y, 570.201(e). |
| 9 | Project Name | Public Service: Goodwill Breakfast Outreach and Homeless Resource Ctr |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$15,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a program providing a hot breakfast 3x weekly to homeless individuals. Other non-profit organizations are present during this time to provide assistance with healthcare, substance abusedisorders, case management, public assistance applications, etc. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, Horizon Goodwill Industries. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 750 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from this proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 200 N. Prospect Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05Z Other Public Services Not Listed in 03T and 05A-05Y, 570.201(e). |

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| 10 | Project Name | Public Service: RW Johnson Comm Ctr Youth Summer Enrichment Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$15,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a program providing area children ages 6-12 with basic day camp activities and educational/recreational field trips. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, RW Johnson Community Center. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 50 low-to-moderate income children will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 109 W. North Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05D Youth Services, 570.201(e). |
| 11 | Project Name | Public Service: America's Hauling for Hope Helping Hands Senior Outreach |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$14,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a program that provides a monthly food order to income-qualified seniors within Hagerstown, which are fulfilled and delivered free of charge. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, America's Hauling for Hope. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 130 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Services will be provided to City of Hagerstown residents. Subrecipient facility is located at 10703 Bower Avenue, Williamsport, MD 21795. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05A Senior Services, 570.201(e). |
| 12 | Project Name | Public Service: You Hold the Key Residential Transitional Home |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$10,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a transitional residential home for women recovering from addiction or women newly released from detention centers. This activity will be administered by the subrecipient, You Hold the Key. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 8 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Address yet to be determined. Facility will be located within City of Hagerstown corporate boundary. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05Z Other Public Services Not Listed in 03T and 05A-05Y, 570.201(e). |
| 13 | Project Name | Public Service: Senior Living Alternatives Vital Meal Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | CDS-2 Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |

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| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support a program providing 3 meals and 2 snacks daily to 15 full-time residents of Holly Place, an assisted-living care facility for low-to-moderate income seniors. The activity will be administered by the subrecipient, Holly Place. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 15 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 268 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC), 570.208(a)(2). The HUD Matrix Code is 05A Senior Services, 570.201(e). |
| 14 | Project Name | Commission on Aging - Home Repair Grant Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$25,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to provide residential repairs and rehabilitations to elderly low-to-moderate income homeowners. This project will be undertaken by the subrecipient, Washington County Commission on Aging. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 10 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Various locations within the City of Hagerstown. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Housing (LMH), 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C). The HUD Matrix Code is 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential, 570.202. |
| 15 | Project Name | Habitat for Humanity - Brush with Kindness |
| | Target Area | |

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| | Goals Supported | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$30,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to provide residential repairs and rehabilitations for low-to-moderate income homeowners. This project will be undertaken by the subrecipient, Habitat for Humanity of Washington County. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 5-10 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | 100 Charles Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Housing (LMH), 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C). The HUD Matrix Code is 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential, 570.202. |
| 16 | Project Name | Code Administration |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation CDS-7 Code Enforcement |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$35,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support the administrative costs associated with a code inspector. This activity focuses on nuisance conditions and vacant structures in the core of the city with all areas of inspection being located in low-to-moderate income census tracts. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 400 low-to-moderate income housing units will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Various locations within the City of Hagerstown. |

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| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Housing (LMH), 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C). The HUD Matrix Code is 15 Code Enforcement, 570.202(c). |
| 17 | Project Name | Residential Single-Family Emergency Repair Grant Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$136,982 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to provide emergency repair grants of up to \$15,000 to low-to-moderate income homeowners for various repairs and rehabilitations. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that 10-15 low-to-moderate income homeowners will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Various locations within the City of Hagerstown. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Housing (LMH), 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C). The HUD Matrix Code is 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential, 570.202. |
| 18 | Project Name | Single Family Homeownership Program |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation HS-2 Homeownership |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$115,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be used to support a program to purchase, rehabilitate and re-sell single family homes to low-to-moderate income-qualified homebuyers. |
| | Target Date | |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated that one to two low-to-moderate income households will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Specific site(s) within the City of Hagerstown to be determined on a per-project basis, based on evaluation and availability of properties. |
| | Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Housing, 570.208(a)(3). The HUD Matrix Code is 14A, Rehabilitation; Single Unit Residential. |
| 19 | Project Name | Single Family Rehabilitation Administration |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Needs Addressed | Housing Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$50,000 |
| | Description | Funding will be utilized to support administrative expenses incurred for employee costs associated with single family rehabilitation under CDBG or Maryland DHCD programs. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | 14 N. Potomac Street, Ste 200A, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| Planned Activities | The National Objective is Low/Mod Housing (LMH), 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C). The HUD Matrix Code is 14H Rehab; Administration, 570.202(b)(9). | |
| 20 | Project Name | General Program Administration |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | AMS-1 General Administration/Coordination |
| | Needs Addressed | Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$180,000 |

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| Description | Funding will be utilized to support employee and operating costs associated with the general administration of the CDBG program. |
| Target Date | 6/30/2025 |
| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| Location Description | 14 N. Potomac Street, Ste 200A, Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| Planned Activities | The HUD Matrix Code is 21A General Program Administration, 570.206. |

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The following information provides a profile of the population, age, and racial/ethnic composition of the City of Hagerstown. This information was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau website, <http://data.census.gov>. The 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates were used to analyze the social, economic, housing, and general demographic characteristics of the City of Hagerstown. The 5-year estimates are the most recent data available for the City. The 2010 U.S. Census data is included where possible.

Population

Key points are:

- Between 1980 and 2010, the population increased by approximately 16.2%
- The City population was 43,527 in 2020

Age

Key points are:

- Median age in Hagerstown is 35.9 years old
- Youth under age 18 account for 25.6% of the population
- Seniors age 65 or over are 14.6% of the population

Race/Ethnicity

Key points are:

- 19.9% are Black or African American
- 62.8% are White
- 2.1% are Asian
- 4.5% are Some Other Race
- 10.7% are Two or More Races
- 9.8% are Hispanic or Latino

Income

The Median Income for a family of four (4) in the Hagerstown, Maryland HMFA is \$48,481 for 2022. The

following is a summary of income statistics for the City of Hagerstown:

- At the time of the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, median household income in the City of Hagerstown was \$48,481 which was much lower than Washington County (\$73,017), and significantly lower than the State of Maryland (\$98,461).
- 30.1% of households have earnings received from Social Security income.
- 6.5% of households have earnings received from public assistance.
- 19.1% of households have earnings received from retirement income.
- 22.9% of female-headed households were living in poverty.
- 34.4% of all youth under 18 years of age were living in poverty.

Low/Mod Income

The low-to-moderate income profile for the City of Hagerstown is a measurement of the area's needs. The City of Hagerstown has an overall low-and-moderate income percentage of 57.14% according to summarized block data obtained through the HUD Exchange website.

Economic Profile

The following illustrates the economic profile for the City of Hagerstown based on 2016-2020 American Community Survey data:

- 19% of the employed civilian population had occupations classified as management, business, science, and arts.
- 15.6% of the employed civilian population had occupations classified as sales and office.
- 23.3% were in the service sector.
- 22.9 % were employed in the education, health, and social service industry.
- 5.1 % of workers were considered in the government class.
- 14.1% of workers were employed in construction, manufacturing, transportation, warehousing, and wholesale/retail trade.

According to State of Maryland DLLR and US Department of Labor, the unemployment rate for Hagerstown in February 2024 was 3.7%. This rate is slightly higher than Washington County's (3.3%), and the State of Maryland's (2.4%) unemployment rates for February 2024.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Citywide | 100 |

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City is not only attempting to meet the needs of the community but also affirmatively further fair housing. It is essential to engage in not only community building activities and fund needed improvements in low and moderate income areas but to also provide opportunities for residents to live in non-impacted areas.

Discussion

The City of Hagerstown will allocate its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low-to-moderate income. At least 70% of all the City's CDBG funds that are budgeted for activities will principally benefit low-to-moderate income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG funds will be used during the FY 2021-2025 (FFY 2020-2024) Five Year Consolidated Plan:

- The public services activities are for social service organizations whose clientele have a low income or, in certain cases, a limited type of clientele with a presumed low-and-moderate income status.
- The public facilities activities are either located in a low-and-moderate income census tract/block group or have a low-and-moderate income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low-and-moderate income.
- The acquisitions and demolition of structures are either located in a low-and-moderate income census area or these activities are eligible by preventing or eliminating slums and blight on a spot basis or area basis.
- The housing activities have income eligibility criteria, therefore the income requirement directs funds to low-and-moderate income households throughout the City.
- Economic development projects will either be located in a low-and-moderate income census tract/block group, or a poverty tract greater than 20%, or part of a redevelopment plan or making 51% of the jobs available to low-and-moderate income population.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Hagerstown will utilize its CDBG funds to rehabilitate decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing units. The City will also use CDBG funds to assist low-to-moderate income households in the purchase of a home. The one year goals for affordable housing in the City of Hagerstown for FFY 2024 are the following:

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
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| Homeless | 0 |
| Non-Homeless | 21 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 21 |

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 | 20 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 1 |
| Total | 21 |

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

Discussion

The City of Hagerstown will fund the following projects with the FFY 2024 CDBG funds to address housing issues:

- CD-2024-14: Commission on Aging Home Repair Grant Program
- CD-2024-15: Habitat for Humanity Brush with Kindness Program
- CD-2024-16: Code Administration
- CD-2024-17: Residential Single Family Emergency Repair Grant Program
- CD-2024-18: Residential Single Family Homeownership Program
- CD-2024-19: Single Family Rehabilitation Administration

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Hagerstown Housing Authority is the public housing agency that serves the City of Hagerstown. The mission of the Hagerstown Housing Authority is: “The Hagerstown Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable housing in a safe environment. Through partnerships with our residents and other groups we will provide opportunities for those we serve to become self-sufficient.”

The Hagerstown Housing Authority owns and operates ten (10) affordable housing communities. There are a total of 1,186 public housing units in affordable housing communities. Roughly half of the public housing units are reserved for the elderly. The Housing Authority also manages 131 Rad Project Based Voucher Units.

In addition, the Housing Authority administers 943 Housing Choice Vouchers for low- to moderate-income households for rental units in the City. Those Housing Choice Vouchers include 59 Veterans Assisted Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers. The Housing Authority also administers 16-Mod Rehab Vouchers in the City.

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

The City of Hagerstown has been exploring the possibility of partnering with the Hagerstown Housing Authority on the provision of housing for low-to-moderate income residents.

The physical improvement needs of public housing units have been identified by the Hagerstown Housing Authority in its Capital Fund Plan. The Hagerstown Housing Authority has also identified housing needs for the entire Hagerstown community. The CDBG funds are limited and the Housing Authority has Capital Funds to undertake physical improvements to their communities. The City’s funds are limited to a first come first served basis and used to improve and rehabilitate the physical housing stock throughout the City of Hagerstown.

In PY23 the City partnered with the Hagerstown Housing Authority as co-applicant for the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, which was awarded in the Fall of 2023. This planning grant targets a defined residential and commercial area within the City and includes three of the Housing Authority's communities. Community non-profit organizations and residents have partnered with the Housing Authority and the City as task force members identifying needs in the areas of housing, people, and neighborhoods to develop a strategy for revitalization of the Choice community. Completion of the Plan for this grant is expected in the fall of 2025.

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

participate in homeownership

The Hagerstown Housing Authority's Resident Services Department actively works with residents to increase involvement in the Housing Authority as well as address the needs of residents. The Housing Authority also operates Resident Associations and Resident Advisory Boards which are avenues for residents to provide input and feedback to the Housing Authority.

The City of Hagerstown, as a government agency, does not use any of its CDBG funds for public housing activities. However, the Housing Authority recognizes the importance of participating in activities that encourage and promote the ability of its residents to control their own lives through initiatives such as resident management and home ownership. The Housing Authority seeks consultation from its residents for both new and updated policy provisions as well as development activities throughout the year. The Authority also provides counseling and other services to encourage first-time home ownership by eligible low-income households.

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

The Hagerstown Housing Authority is rated a "high performer" agency and has not been designated as a "troubled" Housing Authority.

Discussion

The Authority has the razing and redevelopment of Noland Village. The redevelopment effort replaces 250 functionally obsolete public housing units with 250 public housing LIHTC, market rate, and homeownership units. Phase I of the 4 phase development was approved by DHCD on March 16, 2017. Phase I includes 61 subsidized units and 7 market rate units, in addition to homeownership units. Phase I is located at the intersection of Hopewell Road and MD Route 144. This location will help deconcentrate poverty within Noland Village and place the residents in an Area of Opportunity.

Under the redevelopment plan, 110 units at the existing Noland Village will be rehabilitated and 140 units will be demolished. These 140 public housing units will be transferred to the new mixed-income community site known as McCleary Hill. All residents will be relocated in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation Act and those that are eligible will have the opportunity to return to the revitalized site.

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

Introduction

The Five Year Consolidated Plan is to serve as a planning document, an application, and a strategic plan for the City of Hagerstown, MD. The following goals and objectives for the City of Hagerstown's Homeless Strategy were identified for the five year period of FY 2021-2025 (FFY 2020-2024):

- HO-1 Continuum of Care – Collaborate in the development of a CoC delivery system which helps residents who are homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless to achieve dignity, well-being, and self-sufficiency by working to end homelessness and creating a viable urban community.
- HO-2 Housing Support – Support programs that help residents to retain their housing and to live independently.

In order to achieve these goals, the City of Hagerstown will cooperate with the Washington County Continuum of Care, the Hagerstown Housing Authority, and various private and non-profit housing developers to combat issues of homelessness in the City.

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

Events discussed below are coordinated through the CoC's Project Committee.

Street Outreach Events – semi-annual events were introduced in 2014 to provide specific relationship-building and resources sharing events for those individuals living on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation. Activities include the distribution of water or other supplies, discussion of current needs of unsheltered individuals, and/or networking to address current needs.

Homeless ID Days – events held 2-3 times per year which coordinates getting photo identification for homeless individuals. CoC works with the health department and MVA to allow for same day applications. CoC member agencies coordinate transportation, payment for identification documents, and volunteer assistance at MVA, health department and meet-up points to assist clients.

Homeless Resource Day – annual event that provides one-stop provision of services for households that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Households seeking services are guided through area services provider vendor tables by trained volunteers. Applications for many kinds of assistance are provided onsite. The event serves about 150 people each year, bringing medical assistance, employment services,

GED programs and more under one roof.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

CoC-funded programs provide permanent supportive housing to 112 homeless households with disabilities, spending \$294,468 on a Balance of State project (formerly Shelter Plus care project), \$186,149 on single room occupancy, and \$38,383 on family occupancy supportive housing in FFY 2022.

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

Intensive case management services will ensure a holistic approach to the needs of the household. This is accomplished by linking the client to health and human service agencies, focusing on increasing the client's income in an effort to improve their budgeting skills. The Washington County Homeless Coalition also identified a need to assist the chronic homeless in becoming self-sufficient by providing the needed mainstream resources.

The CoC supports three permanent supportive housing programs that can accommodate those who were previously homeless as they are exiting institutions, depending on the status of the wait list for each program. One program specifically supports adults with developmental disabilities through intensive adult foster care homes. The other programs provide for support of a broader range of mental and physical health disability.

Other strategies to assist the chronically homeless include a permanent day resource center at REACH of Washington County.

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 Mental Health Authority, Washington County's Core Service Agency, is responsible for assisting adults with mental illnesses who are being discharged from State Mental Health Institutions or long

term care facilities. Social Workers at the State Prison develop a plan to ensure that adults leaving correctional facilities have a housing plan in place prior to their discharge; and the Washington County Department of Social Services is responsible for assisting clients who have turned 18 and are now exiting the state foster care system with locating housing.

Clients are normally screened for program eligibility by the individual service providers in the Community. This screening occurs as part of the existing agency's referral process that has evolved over years of working together to meet client needs.

The Continuum has achieved a more coordinated system by working with the public institutions to prevent homelessness. The Continuum has seen an increase in communication and education between the public institutions and the service providers about the services available and what agency to refer client to for services. Clients are being referred to the appropriate agencies for housing and service needs. Individual agencies work with the clients and link them to mainstream resources in an attempt to stabilize the client's housing situation.

Discussion

Despite the excellent service provided by the City of Hagerstown, Washington County, and social service agencies, there still remains a need for permanent supportive housing for the homeless outside the downtown areas. The concentration of homeless facilities downtown does not promote community involvement and opportunities for residents to live outside of impacted areas.

The City has a number of services and programs that offer assistance to individuals, families and those with chronic disabilities. The City does address the priority housing and supportive service needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive houses. The elderly population and senior citizen activities are assisted through the City's social service programs while many senior activities are facilitated by the Commission of Aging. Special needs services that are not directly provided by the City such as housing for persons with HIV/AIDS, foster care programs, mental health disorders, and substance abuse are addressed by the City through coordination with a network of social service providers and through funding via CDBG, and General Revenue to non-profit agencies to assist in the provision of those services.

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

Introduction:

The City of Hagerstown’s 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice has identified five (5) impediments along with the goals and strategies to address those impediments. Two of these impediments address issues of affordability:

- **Impediment 2: Quality of Rental Housing vs. Affordability:** The City of Hagerstown has a large supply of rental housing that does not meet the minimum property standards. About 30.5% of all households are on limited incomes from social security, 4.5% receive supplemental security income, and 2.2% with a cash public assistance income. Furthermore, 50.5% of the total rental households are cost over burdened by 30% or more of their monthly income for housing cost.
- **Impediment 3: Continuing Need for Affordable Housing for Homeowners:** The median value and cost to purchase and maintain a single family home in Hagerstown that is decent, safe, and sound is \$281,000, which limits the choice of housing for lower income households. Approximately 35.2% of homeowners in the City are cost overburdened by more than 30% of their household income and 50.5% of renters are cost overburdened by more than 30% of their household income.

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

Impediment 2: Quality of Rental Housing vs. Affordability:

Goal: Promote the development of affordable, safe, sound, and decent rental housing throughout the City.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- 2-A: Continue to support and encourage landlords to participate in the City’s Rental Rehabilitation Programs.
- 2-B: Continue to enforce local codes and ordinances, as well as continue the rental registration program.
- 2-C: Partner with the Hagerstown Housing Authority to offer Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders the option to convert to homeownership.
- 2-D: Promote new rental housing and the rehabilitation of rental housing outside impacted

areas.

Impediment 3: Continuing Need for Affordable Housing for Homeowners:

Goal: Promote the development of additional housing units for lower income households through new construction, in-fill housing, and rehabilitation of vacant houses, throughout the City of Hagerstown.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- 3-A: Continue to support and encourage plans from both private developers and non-profit housing providers to develop and construct new affordable housing.
- 3-B: Continue to support and encourage the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of existing housing units to become decent, safe, and sound housing that is affordable to lower income households.
- 3-C: Partner with non-profits and local banks to provide financial assistance in the form of down payment assistance and low interest loans to lower-income households to become homebuyers.
- 3-D: Continue to support homebuyer education and training programs to improve homebuyer awareness and increase the opportunities for lower-income households to become homebuyers.
- 3-E: Promote homeownership opportunities for renters to provide a housing choice.
- 3-F: Continue to provide financial support for the rehabilitation of owner occupied housing.

Discussion:

The greatest barrier to housing choice is the high cost of rental and homeownership housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Hagerstown has developed the following actions which addresses obstacles to meeting underserved needs, fosters affordable housing, reduces lead-based hazards, reduces the number of impoverished families, develops institutional structures, and enhances coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Despite City and service provider efforts, there remains a significant number of obstacles to meeting underserved needs. The following are obstacles to meeting these needs in Hagerstown:

- Continued population growth creating a housing shortage;
- Tight rental housing market and escalating rental rates for very low income residents;
- Imbalance in the ratio of homeowner to renter households; and
- Aging in-place population.

The City of Hagerstown plans to address these obstacles through programming targeted to increase homeownership, provide funding for repairs to elderly homeowners to help them age in place, and funding to increase the amount and quality of affordable rental housing.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

To foster and maintain affordable housing, the City of Hagerstown proposes to carry out the following activities:

- HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation: Preserve and upgrade the existing housing stock through programs that assist with rehab of owner and rental housing, including emergency repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility modifications.
- HS-2 Homeownership: Promote homeownership by assisting lower-income homebuyers to purchase a home with down payment and closing cost assistance.
- HS-3 Fair Housing: Affirmatively further fair housing choice through education, outreach and housing counseling services.
- HS-4 Anti-Poverty: Eliminate “pockets of poverty” and impacted areas, by deconcentrating assisted housing and services.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Hagerstown will undertake activities to reduce the number of lead-based paint hazards in residential properties. The risk of lead-based paint hazards is very high in the City of Hagerstown due to

the number of housing units constructed prior to 1978. It is presumed that all housing units constructed before 1978 contain lead-based paint. 69.4% of houses in the City of Hagerstown fall into this category.

The City also requires contractors to follow HUD's lead-based paint regulations for construction and rehabilitation projects funded through the CDBG program. The City assists landlords, non-profits, and homeowners with lead hazard reduction primarily through state grants and rehabilitation loans.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, approximately 22.2% of Hagerstown's residents live in poverty. Female-headed households with children are particularly affected by poverty at 22.9%, and 34.4% of all youth under the age of 18 were living in poverty. This information is taken from the U.S. Census "2016-2020" ACS Five Year Estimates. The City's goal of reducing the extent of poverty is 5%, based on actions the City has control over, or actions in which the City will cooperate with outside agencies.

The City's anti-poverty strategy is based on attracting a range of businesses and supporting workforce development, including job-training services for low income residents. In addition, the City's strategy is to provide supportive services for target income residents.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Washington County area has long supported its homeless and at-risk population through a strong and committed service provider network. Our community continues to witness an increase in demand for services and with the implementation of new welfare reform legislation, the needs among local individuals and families will further increase.

The Washington County Continuum of Care (CoC) is dedicated to streamlining and strengthening the current service delivery system through even greater collaborative planning, partnership and program execution. The CoC membership is made up of Government entities, elected officials, non-profit organizations, financial institutions, businesses, housing developers, churches, health care providers, neighborhood associations, educators, the media, homeless as well as formerly homeless persons and others. It is the vision of the Continuum of Care to create a seamless, comprehensive system of services that:

- Prevents and ends homelessness;
- Supports the emergency as well as ongoing supportive needs of the homeless and at-risk population;
- Provides the tools necessary to sustain needs of the homeless and at-risk population; and
- Leads to permanent self-sufficiency.

The Washington County Community Action Council is the lead agency for the Washington County

Continuum of Care and provides administrative support for its committees and functions.

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

The City of Hagerstown is a member of the Washington County Continuum of Care. The Washington County Continuum of Care is the network for all social service providers in the region. They include the housing authority, health department and other agencies. City staff also hold regular outreach meetings with social service providers, housing providers and the faith community.

Discussion:

Not Applicable.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Hagerstown receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds. Since the City receives this Federal allocation, the questions below have been completed as they are applicable.

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.

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| 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 | 165,000 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 165,000 |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 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% |

The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons over a three-year period covering the City's Program Years 2023, 2024, and 2025 is 100% of funds. For FFY 2024, 100% of eligible CDBG funds will be allocated to activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

