

City of New Orleans
Office of Community Development
2012-2016 Consolidated Plan

2015 Annual Action Plan

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Mitchell J. Landrieu, Mayor

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Office of Community Development (OCD) is committed to improving neighborhoods and the quality of life for the residents of New Orleans by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities. The programs that are administered through this office are focused on low-moderate income persons and neighborhoods. To increase the effectiveness and to leverage resources, OCD implements a Place-Based Area Neighborhood and Promise Zone Strategy. The PBA and Promise Zone Neighborhood Strategy directs community development resources to neighborhoods where other public and private investments have been targeted. OCD's funds are supported and leveraged with public infrastructure and capital improvement projects.

Housing assistance is provided to meet the needs of existing homeowners, renters, new homebuyers and homeless individuals. The housing programs are designed to reduce blight in neighborhoods while restoring and preserving the City's historic stock. A comprehensive approach is used to improve neighborhoods by addressing the housing needs and allocating resources to fire and police stations, community centers, and parks and recreation. These facilities and the services they provide are vital to sustain our neighborhoods.

Economic opportunities are provided to the unemployed and the under-employed by connecting job seekers to employment and training. Organizations applying through OCD's competitive selection process are strongly encouraged to apply Section 3 Business requirements and to support Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in development projects. These programs provide economic opportunities for low and very low income persons, contributing to the overall positive growth and stability of the City's neighborhoods.

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 programs that are a part of this Consolidated Plan play a vital part in the City's efforts to sustain and rebuild our neighborhoods. Expenditure of these funds will be guided by the Place-Based Area and Promise Zone Neighborhood Strategy designed to focus and leverage resources in areas with the greatest need. OCD's Place-Based & Promise Zone Areas span citywide displaying rebuilding progress and neighborhood sustainability. Implementation of the Place-Based & Promise Zone Area Neighborhood Strategy approach magnifies the impact of the program funds, resulting in outcomes that contribute to the revitalization of neighborhoods and creation of opportunities for its residents.

In an effort to better coordinate HIV service delivery throughout the New Orleans area, HOPWA awards will be made through OCD's competitive NOFA process and in addition, consideration of other sources of funding for HIV services in the New Orleans area including Ryan White CARE Act Titles I and II, Shelter Plus Care, UNITY of Greater New Orleans HOPWA, and the State of LA - HIV/AIDS Program.

The City is utilizing a performance-based framework for its 2015 Annual Action Plan implementation that is consistent with the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan activities. This outcome measurement system allows the City and its citizens to track the progress of its goals and objectives. It also enables HUD to report program accomplishments on a local and a national level, enhancing the budget process.

The accomplishments of each HUD-Funded Program are measured, based on a combination of National Objectives and Outcomes guides the 2015 Action Plan:

Objectives:

- **Provide Decent Housing.**
- **Create Suitable Living Environments**
- **Expand Economic Opportunity**

Outcomes:

- **Availability & Accessibility**
- **Affordability**
- **Sustainability**

The rebuilding efforts of New Orleans have been at a robust level, moving into a phase where major initiatives are underway: jobs being created, infrastructure being restored, rebuilding housing stock and population growth. In many of the Place-Based Area Target Areas there is a significant decline in the number of blighted houses in our neighborhoods. In many instances, blighted houses are being demolished and replaced by new infill houses or *Community Gardens: Providing Fresh Local Produce to Residents*. There is a significant number of Owner-Occupied Rehabilitated, Rental Rehabilitated and Homebuyer Projects in all of the Place-Based Areas, as well as, throughout the City of New Orleans. Many newcomers are relocating to New Orleans bringing energy and vitality to the Place-Based Areas, and the entire city. The accomplishments and progress of the City of New Orleans are visible and apparent.

A minimum of 70% CDBG funds will be allocated to serve low-moderate income families and neighborhoods.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

- The 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP) consistent with the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan made a concerted effort to involve the public and stakeholders in the planning process. The first of two Public Hearings, as well as, phone calls, e-mails and meetings with stakeholders took place to fully engage everyone in the development of the 2015 AAP. Full advantage has been utilized to engage the public and stakeholders to provide input through a *2015 AAP Questionnaire* to identify priority needs. Intense evaluation from the City itself on past performance has adopted a lessons learned approach. As stated in the Consolidated Plan, agencies will receive additional training on what is expected regarding performance measures and outcomes. Specific emphasis on providing technical assistance on the 2013 HOME Final Rule will be provided. Accountability will continue to be the City's priority for non-performing agencies that cannot fulfill their agreement with the City.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Office of Community Development initiated various mechanisms to engage community members in the 2015 Action Plan process, initiated as part of its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)

and consultation process. The Mayor's community budget meetings cited the need for improved infrastructure services, including roads, streetlights and activities for youth and senior citizens.

Citizen Participation Process for 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

The City of New Orleans through the Office of Community Development (OCD) follows a detailed Citizen Participation Plan and consultation process that is in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations governing the consolidated strategy and plan regulations. The Office of Community Development initiated various mechanisms to engage community members through its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and consultation processes as part of the 2015 Action Plan.

- Community Members & Citizens play active role in the participation mechanism initiated for AAP through two public hearings providing input. The first is to receive input on what the priority areas should be in the AAP, and the second meeting informing the public the substance of the plan.
- AAP Working Group Steering Committee Members: Community Representatives/Stakeholders, Elderly, Youth, Persons living with HIV/AIDS, Homeless, Low-income Residents and Special Needs Advocates. AAP Working Group engages in participatory input through telephone, e-mail, and meetings through OCD staff.
- AAP Steering Committee: Charged with reaching out to the larger community for feedback.
- Public Hearings for the 2015 AAP are advertised in the *Times Picayune Newspaper*.
- Invitations to the Public Hearings are sent to OCD's Registry of Community Organizations, City Council Members and City Department Heads, as well as, collaborating agencies and stakeholders.
- *2015 Action Plan Questionnaires* seeking recommendations on priority areas and the identification of gaps in services are provided to meeting participants, the libraries, and by e-mail to non-profit organizations on OCD's Registry.
- AAP Steering Committee: Review Public Drafts prior to finalization.

Feedback from the public through the Consultation Process is extensive and ongoing during the thirty (30) day Draft Annual Action Plan review. Meetings with AAP Steering Committee Members face-to-face, telephone/conference calls, and e-mails provide active engagement, ongoing dialogue, and valuable insight contributing the AAP CPP and consultation process. Members of the AAP Steering Committee reach out to the larger community, expanding input on the AAP CPP. Feedback from the public, including OCD's *2015 Action Plan Questionnaire* results will be incorporated into the final document, in appendix C. Participants in the development of the 2015 AAP include in part: Unity of Greater New Orleans, Volunteers of America, Capital One Bank, NO/AIDS Task Force, CHANGE Coalition, Providence

Community Housing, Harmony Neighborhood Development, Project Homecoming, PRC, Job 1, Economic Development & NORD.

Summary of Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) & Consultation Process Action Plan (AP) CDBG Hurricane Isaac Recovery Program:

The CNO through OCD follows a detailed Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and consultation process that is in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations governing the consolidated strategy and plan regulations. OCD initiated various mechanisms to community members and the public regarding the AP for the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program as part of its CPP and consultation process.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process cont.

- Community Members and Citizens play an active role in the participation mechanism for AP through meetings, e-mail and telephone with the Office of Community Development staff.
- The AP reached out to the larger community for feedback through advertisement in the *Times Picayune Newspaper*.
- The AP was available for public review and comment at the City of New Orleans Website: <http://nola.gov/community-development.gov>. The public was encouraged to review and provide comments on the AP. All comments were due no later than the close of business on May 12, 2015.

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 engages in an active Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) providing the public the opportunity to provide input on the AAP process. The feedback from public comment at public hearings, the consultation process and questionnaires/comments was extensive. The following comments provided by the public's response from the two (2) public hearings, consultation process and questionnaires/comment cards feedback were identified as needs in the following categories:

Housing Needs: The availability of more affordable housing, as well as, the acquisition and redevelopment of blighted properties are identified as priority housing needs.

- Public comment at one of the Public Hearings included inquiry on whether the City would initiate a similar program like the Soft-Second Mortgage Program (SSMP) to

facilitate needed affordable homeownership to stabilize neighborhoods. There should also be more production of rental and owner housing units.

- The Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) believes meeting housing demand through the redevelopment of the existing housing stock, and fostering livable neighborhoods should be classified as the highest priority. A Housing Plan can address all of these things and prioritize them based on data. It can also help establish goals and strategies to inform funding and policy decisions.
- A complaint at the public hearing was made about Section-3 and the CNO's efforts to provide more information encouraging community participation.
- More incentives should be provided offered to develop vacant lots to produce rental housing, as well as, resources providing funding in rental assistance.
- Priority housing need is the rehabilitation of rental units to address housing demand and blight reduction.
- The second housing need is owner-occupied rehabilitation, addressing housing demand and blight reduction.
- More rental assistance is needed to prevent homelessness.

Housing Needs Special Population: The availability of affordable housing, as well as, access to supportive services is identified as priority housing needs for the special needs population (*Mentally Challenged Individuals, Physically Challenged Individuals, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Population, & Elderly Individuals*):

- A few pressing housing problem identified for the special needs population on fixed incomes are high energy bills, low utility allowances for those on fixed incomes, Housing displacement from Gentrification and access to supportive services, as well as, supportive home buyers training.

Continuum of Care Needs (COC): Increased affordable housing opportunities, as well as, gaps in supportive services were identified as priority COC needs.

- Priority should be given to the need for homebuyer education training, to prevent homelessness.
- Priority should be given to more 24 hour beds, transitional units, services for permanent supportive housing and property management.
- Additional funding should be provided to tie in other resources and services.

CDBG Community Development Needs: Acquisition and the redevelopment of blighted properties, as well as, neighborhood stabilization were identified as priority CDBG needs.

- Public comments from the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) believes meeting housing demand through redevelopment of the existing housing stock, and fostering livable neighborhoods are the highest priority. A housing plan can address all of these things and prioritize them on based data. I can also help establish goals and strategies to information funding and policy decisions.
- Homebuyer education prior to acquisition of a home is very important, as well as, funding for homebuyer counseling agencies.
- Comments from the Coalition of HIV/AIDS Nonprofits and Governmental Entities (CHANGE) urge the City to base priorities and funding decisions on updated data and to continue to meet the needs of clients with a full range of housing options including maintaining current services levels.
- Comments from CHANGE strongly support the continuation of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance for People Living with HIV/AIDS through HOPWA and any other available funding stream, such as HOME.
- CHANGE –
- Urges the City to allocate part of its CDBG or HOME funds towards developing more affordable housing units for low income individuals with disabilities.
- CHANGE urges the City to use part of its CDBG allocation and its additional HOPWA allocation to fund supportive services to support low income individuals with disabilities so they can remain stably housed. This might include housing-specific case management services or legal services specifically targeted to helping clients apply for social security benefits and employment opportunities to achieve housing stability.
- CHANGE urges the City to base priorities and funding decisions on updated data and to continue to meet the needs of clients with a full range of housing options including maintaining current service.

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

All comments are accepted.

7. Summary

Questionnaires are widely distributed to the public to provide input on the validity of the City's goals and objectives, as well as, provide comments on how to prioritize the various activities to reach those goals and objectives. The comments extend to areas of public safety, juvenile justice and health care, among other things. All comments received will be given careful review and will be taken into account when decisions are made about the City's housing and community development programs.

Monitoring

The compliance standards required by the specific HUD program funding source, as well as the standards required by other applicable federal requirements have been universally adopted by those City agencies administering HUD funds. Agency staff is charged with the responsibility of assuring that all recipients of funding from the particular administering agency carry out their program activities in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. In carrying out this responsibility, Agency staff has been directed to identify problems early in program implementation, isolate the causes and assist in corrective measures. These monitoring activities are conducted in a positive, assistance-oriented manner and, when feasible, deficiencies are corrected on-site through technical assistance. Funding applications, regulatory agreements, reporting forms and audit formats have been established by each State agency which makes compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations a "threshold" responsibility. To ensure that the goals and objectives set forth in this Consolidated and Action Plans are met program monitoring and evaluation by OCD of sub-recipients consists of three (3) major functions: Education; Ongoing evaluation and assistance; On-site assistance.

The primary source of OCD monitoring of subrecipients are through the monthly programmatic report which agencies submit to OCD and the fiscal cost control statements which are submitted to the City's Monitoring and Prompt Payment System Unit and copied to OCD. It is through the latter office that subrecipients are reimbursed for eligible costs. These reports are due from the subrecipients to the respective offices on the fifth working date of each month.

Periodic on-site visits are also undertaken to ensure that the subrecipient's program is operating in accordance with the contract and that all necessary records and bookkeeping are in order. The monitoring of housing construction activities is: The City will inspect properties assisted with federal funds in accordance with applicable program regulations: HOME-assisted rental projects - On-site inspections will be performed in accordance with §92.504 of the HOME regulations, which requires periodic inspections at intervals dictated by the total number of units in the project, in order to insure compliance with property standards: Annually, for projects with 25 or more units; Bi-annually for projects with 5 to 24 units; Tri-annually for projects with 1 to 4 units. The inspections will be done on a sample basis of at least 20 percent of the units. If a high number of units fail the inspection, the sample size will be increased to determine if the lack of maintenance is a widespread problem or just limited to a few units. A list of deficiencies will be compiled and sent to the project owner with a deadline for compliance and re-inspection. The deadline will be dependent upon the nature and severity of the deficiencies. Any hazardous structural, electrical, plumbing or fire-safety issues must be corrected immediately. Lesser deficiencies will have to be corrected within 30 days.

A host of regulations are followed including the Fair Housing Act, The Davis-Bacon Act and Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 concerning minority business enterprise and 12138 concerning women's business enterprise.

Monitoring Cont.

The Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) oversees certification, compliance, training, outreach and capacity building for the City of New Orleans' Equal Business Opportunity Programs. Anchored to the Network for Economic Opportunity, the City's Equal Business Opportunity Programs are designed to mitigate the effects of past and present social disadvantage, economic disadvantage and discrimination by increasing the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the procurement of goods and services by the City of New Orleans.

In 2014, Mayor Landrieu launched the Mayor's Economic Opportunity Strategy to connect disadvantaged job seekers and businesses to new opportunities. As part of the strategy, he created the Network for Economic Opportunity to implement tactics that help improve access to job training and procurement opportunities for the most vulnerable jobseekers across the city.

The City is focused on ensuring that existing and emerging DBE firms are equipped with the necessary knowledge to achieve substantial growth and success. Through the Office of Supplier Diversity, our goal is to remove obstacles that have prevented the inclusion of DBEs in local contracting opportunities; create and retain jobs; and increase DBE business growth.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	NEW ORLEANS	
CDBG Administrator	NEW ORLEANS	Office of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		Office of Community Development
HOME Administrator		Office of Community Development
ESG Administrator		Office of Community Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

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

1. Introduction

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

The lead agency overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the City’s Office of Community Development (OCD). This department includes the Office of Neighborhood Stabilization which is composed of Planning and Resource Development which develops this Plan; Neighborhood Services and Facilities which develops contracts and monitors non-housing community development and continuum of care programs; and the Office of Housing which consists of the Affordable Housing Unit which develops contracts and monitors housing programs, the Intake Unit, Construction Bureau, and the Environmental Review Unit which ensures environmental compliance for all projects. OCD also includes the Office of Administrative Support which oversees the operations and financial administration of the Office and monitors labor compliance issues. The Director of Community Development oversees the Offices of Neighborhood Stabilization and Administrative Support. OCD is under the supervision of one of the five Deputy Mayors named by Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu.

OCD conducts the AAP public hearings and included are the Stakeholder’s Committee members, an advisory group consisting of elected officials, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, financial institutions, and representatives from the local universities and private sector. There are 2 public hearings held, the first to receive input and an update on the priority areas set in the five (5) year Consolidated Plan; and the second hearing informing the public of the elements of the one year Plan.

The public hearings are advertised in the daily newspaper and on the City’s website. Invitations are also e-mailed to all entities that are on OCD’s Registry of Community Organizations as well as City Council members and departmental heads and persons contacting via telephone or walk-ins requesting program information. The Registry of Community Organizations consists of housing and public service organizations, For-profit organizations, those who serve persons with special needs and all of those who have participated in past application funding rounds. Active HOPWA agencies and those who are members of the New Orleans area organization CHANGE (Coalition of HIV/AIDS Non-Profits and Governmental Entities) regularly provide input on the components of the plan dealing with AIDS-related issues.

Questionnaires, seeking recommendations on priority areas and the identification of gaps of services, are handed to participants at the Public Hearings as well as included in the e-mail invitations. A copy of the Questionnaire and the results are included in this 2015 Annual Action Plan document.

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 Continuum of Care through Unity of Greater New Orleans and many of its member agencies and the City collectively determined the best means to allocate ESG funds. The City regularly reviews its performance standards and how it evaluates proposals and projected outcomes with the Continuum of Care. With the development of the 10 year plan to end homelessness, partnerships with member agencies, the Data Committee, the New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness (NOICH), VIA LINK, and UNITY have been developed and agencies funded to maintain data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The ESG Program Interim Rule, establishes new requirements for ESG recipients, related to consultation with community partners and CoCs in their plans for spending ESG funds. Specifically, all ESG recipients must now consult with all CoCs in their geographic area in preparing both their homelessness strategy and plan for allocation of resources to address the needs of homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. This includes collaboration on the development of performance standards for, and evaluating outcomes of, projects and activities assisted by ESG funds.

On April 30, 2014 the City of New Orleans convened a meeting with UNITY of Greater New Orleans, the lead Agency of the Continuum of Care and representatives of the Agencies of the Continuum of Care to consult on the following:

- What should the allocation of ESG resources look like –amount/percentage; type of activity; and subpopulation preference.
- What the performance measures should include for evaluating ESG grants.
- A review process for evaluating ESG proposals
- How the CoC and ESG can collaborate on policies and procedures for HMIS reporting

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

same as above.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITY OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City adapted the recommendations of the group

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness	The New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness (NOICH), established in 2012 to oversee the implementation of the New Orleans Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness is modeled after the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). The NOICH is a diverse interdisciplinary comprised of leaders from homeless service agencies, Veterans Administration, UNITY, Workforce Investment agencies, government, health/mental health care, business, neighborhood and philanthropic sectors. There is also significant homeless constituent representation on the council. Meetings of the NOICH take place quarterly with established committees meeting monthly and reporting back to the full NOICH

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

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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 Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	A total of 13 persons attended the first public hearing and 7 the second public hearing; Stakeholder members & General Public were in attendance.	See Appendix A for public comments.	See Appendix A for summary of public comments	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				

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)
4	emails	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following is the amount anticipated for the fourth year of the Plan in addition to prior year resources and an estimate of the remaining year. The "other" sources of funds are funds used by the Office of Community Development which may impact some of the decisions reached in how to use the formula grants.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	11,321,170	0	0	11,321,170	33,747,968	These Funds cover program delivery including blight eradication efforts, public facilities and public service activities.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,857,185	0	0	1,857,185	5,721,804	The programs funded through this category are designed to assist extremely low income individuals & families thus ensuring they have a decent and affordable place to live. TBRA (100%) will assist individual & families who are homeless.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	3,911,848	0	4,623,036	8,534,884	4,575,791	These funds assist persons and their families who have AIDS or are HIV requiring a form of Short-term assistance, Long-term assistance, Service Enriched Housing or Other Housing supports.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	1,009,639	0	1,678,649	2,688,288	2,923,324	These funds provide housing for homeless individuals and all organizations receiving these funds must provide 100% match.
Other	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities	264,809	0	0	264,809	1,059,236	The Base Realignment and Closure funds are designed to convert former military bases for community uses and needs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Permanent housing placement	585,972	0	0	585,972	2,538,628	Shelter Plus Care provides funds for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program. S=C will assist 60 Chronically Homeless individuals/ families preference for PLWA.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - state	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance STRMU Supportive services Transitional housing	250,000	0	0	250,000	2,441,248	This program will provide outreach, emergency shelter, and homeless prevention services.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - local	Homeowner rehab Services	1,299,736	0	0	1,299,736	47,493,544	NHIF Funds will be used to aid in blight eradication through housing inspections, court hearings, grass cutting, and demolition. It will also be used to increase accessibility for persons with disabilities by removing barriers from the home that discourage mobility. Wheelchair ramps and other improvements to the homes will be provided. Outreach to the special needs community will be done by the Advocacy Center.

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

- HOME funds will be leveraged with Low Income Tax Credit Investment Rental Projects.
- NHIF funds and match eligible equity from project developers will be used as match for HOME funds.
- ESG match requirement is satisfied with a one-to-one award value from allowable costs incurred by the subgrantee of non-Federal funds, cash donations from non federal third parties and/or the value of a third party in-kind contributions. Each pay request submitted to CNO indicates match amount and what approved line item was used as match.

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

As of **April 8, 2015**, The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) controls **2,286** properties. **1,983** of these properties were acquired through the Road Home Program with **563** of those pending sale through various means. Of the **3,205** properties previously sold, **1,323** or **41%** were sold via the Lot Next Door Program, **1,132** or **35%** were auctioned, **733** or **23%** were sold via a Request for Proposals for the purpose of redevelopment, and **17** were sold via Alternate Land Use. In addition to this inventory, NORA controls **303** properties that it acquired through donation and expropriation

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation	2012	2016	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 75 Household Housing Unit
2	Affordable Rental	2012	2016	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Rehabilitation of rental units		Rental units constructed: 60 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 140 Household Housing Unit
3	Code Enforcement	2012	2016	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$2,248,402	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 3000 Household Housing Unit
5	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	2012	2016	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Special Needs Assistance	HOPWA: \$3,894,224	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 150 Households Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 200 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Homeless Assistance	2012	2016	Homeless	Citywide	Rental Assistance Chronic Homelessness Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention	ESG: \$902,406	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 150 Households Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 3595 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 150 Persons Assisted
7	Infrastructure and Capital Projects	2012	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Neighborhood Stabilization Public Services	CDBG: \$1,600,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6 Persons Assisted
8	Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Blighted Properties	2012	2016	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Acquisition and Redevelopment Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 20 Household Housing Unit Other: 1000 Other
9	Homebuyer	2012	2016	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Production of new owner units		Homeowner Housing Added: 40 Household Housing Unit
10	Public Service	2012	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$1,699,031	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2100 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	A percentage of \$1,453,308 in HOME funds will be allocated to the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program.
2	Goal Name	Affordable Rental
	Goal Description	A percentage of \$1,453,308 in HOME funds will be allocated to the Affordable Rental program.
3	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Homeless Assistance
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Infrastructure and Capital Projects
	Goal Description	

8	Goal Name	Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Blighted Properties
	Goal Description	The City has coordinated its efforts to remediate blight, redevelop vacant properties and stabilize neighborhoods with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA.) NORA will address these priority needs through disposition, interim nuisance abatement, inspections and alternative land use.
9	Goal Name	Homebuyer
	Goal Description	A percentage of \$1,453,308 in HOME funds will be allocated to the First-time Homebuyer program.
10	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

Based on the results of affordable housing programs of previous years for rental properties approximately 550 households will be 0-30% of the area medium income (AMI); 350 households will be 31-50% AMI; and 100 will be 51-80% AMI.

For homeowner activities, 105 households will be 0-30% AMI to 50-80% AMI.

For homebuyer households will be 0-30% AMI to 51-80% AMI.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of New Orleans, through the Office of Community Development, is submitting its 2015 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a one (1) year document based on Community participation which addresses how current year four HUD formula grants will be expended. The five year Consolidated Plan identifies priority needs for each of the formula grants and this one (1) year document serves as the application for 2015 to address the identified needs.

It is important to note that the goal outcome indicators listed in the chart below represent the target numbers for program year 2015. Many of these accomplishments will occur because of prior year funding.

#	Project Name
1	Operations / Administration
2	Project Delivery - Intake & Construction
3	Public Service - NORD
4	Public Service - Senior Services
5	Job 1
6	Housing Code Enforcement
7	Demolition
8	New Orleans Redevelopment Authority - NORA
9	Public Facilities - DPW Streets
10	HOME Administrative
11	HOME Projects / Programs
12	Emergency Solutions Grant - HESG
13	2015 City of New Orleans OCD Admin
14	2015 Project Lazarus (PL)
15	2015 Brotherhood, Inc. (BH)
16	2015 Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers (CCFBA)
17	2015 Shelter Resources, Inc. (SR)
18	2015 Responsibility House (RH)
19	2015 NO/AIDS Task Force (NATF)
20	2015 HOPWA To Be Determined TBD

Table 8 – Project Information

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

To attain a suitable living environment for residents, blight eradication activities are funded. The City's Office of Code Enforcement inspects properties and cites those that are in violation of the housing codes and also conducts hearings. The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority will acquire vacant and abandoned properties and place them back into commerce. In weak or low-demand housing markets, a priority is getting pre-storm homeowners back in their homes.

Because crime is a major problem in New Orleans it is important to give young people the opportunity to escape the generational cycle of unemployment and low wages. Thus, CDBG funds will be allocated to JOB1 to train and place over 1,200 young people in various summer jobs. The New Orleans Recreation Development Commission will also provide Kiddie Camps and Teen Camps for recreational and educational activities.

Housing rehabilitation is necessary in a city with older homes (44% were built before 1950) so funds were allocated for owner and rental rehab. New production of units will also be undertaken for pre-storm homeowners on their lots and for new homebuyers. Homebuyer programs will also be funded to assist with downpayment assistance and those individuals interested in leased to purchase option.

The Needs Assessment demonstrated the large gap in short-term and long-term assistance thus HOPWA funds will be dedicated to short-term rental, utilities, and mortgage assistance and tenant-based rental assistance. A large percentage of PLWHA experienced nights spent homeless without a place to sleep during the past 6 months so funds will be used for transitional and permanent housing. The elderly will receive funds for operation of senior centers.

The City's infrastructure is aging and many roads and sidewalks are in need of repair. In keeping with the revitalization efforts occurring in the place-based areas, funds are dedicated to road overlay in concert with other community improvements.

There are needs that are beyond the scope of the City or these funds that are obstacles to such as the high cost of insurance premiums and higher tax assessments for prospective homebuyers.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Operations / Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,197,501
	Description	Costs for staff salaries: Neighborhood Services & facilities, Planning, Monitoring & Prompt Payment System, Financial & Fiscal Affairs.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Staff salaries and office operations.
	Location Description	Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras St., NOLA 70112
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Project Delivery - Intake & Construction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	

	Funding	:
	Description	Administrative costs and salaries for Intake (\$83,571.00) and Construction (\$1,076,262.00)staff.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras St., NOLA 70112
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Public Service - NORD
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Job Training Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,183,992
	Description	Youth activities; Summer Enrichment program.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1200 low to moderate youth.
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Broad range of summer enrichment activities providing youth with job training.
4	Project Name	Public Service - Senior Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$388,955
	Description	Provide enrichment activities to Senior participants which will enhance daily living.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 250 seniors.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Field Trips, transportation and meals.
5	Project Name	Job 1
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Job Training Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	Provide funding for salaries
	Target Date	12/31/2015

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	pay staff at enrichment camps.
6	Project Name	Housing Code Enforcement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,981,770
	Description	Code Enforcement staff salaries.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Enforce code regulations and perform inspections.
7	Project Name	Demolition
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization

	Funding	CDBG: \$1,600,000
	Description	Fund allocated to demolish structures that have been declared imminent danger of collapse or is beyond repair.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Demolish code violated properties.
8	Project Name	New Orleans Redevelopment Authority - NORA
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000
	Description	Management of Disposition activities,, alternative land use, active green space, Interim Nuisance Abatement, Inspections
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	NORA will conduct interim nuisance abatements as well inspections of properties disposed of by NORA.
9	Project Name	Public Facilities - DPW Streets
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure and Capital Projects
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,684,119
	Description	Department of Streets will rehabilitate, restore and enhance roadway segments.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility projects are Area benefite to low / moderate families.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	HOME Administrative
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$185,718
	Description	Affordable Housing Unit administrative costs
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Pay staff salaries.
11	Project Name	HOME Projects / Programs
	Target Area	Pontchartrain Park CENTRAL CITY Gerttown Seventh Ward Hollygrove Mid City BW Cooper St. Roch Lower Ninth Ward Riverview/Landry N.O. East
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Affordable Rental Homebuyer
	Needs Addressed	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Rehabilitation of rental units Production of rental units Neighborhood Stabilization
	Funding	HOME: \$1,671,467

	Description	Funds allocated via the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to Organizations addressing substantial Owner occupied Rehab, Affordable Rental Housing assistance and Homebuyer Assistance.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	funds will assist low /moderate income families
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	To fund Non-profit Organizations through a competitive process to provide safe affordable housing to low / moderate income program participants.
12	Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grant - HESG
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
	Funding	ESG: \$1,678,649
	Description	The ESG Grant provides funding to :1. engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; 2. improve the number and quality of individuals and families; 3. help operate shelters; 4. provide essential services to shelter residents; 5. rapidly re-house homeless prevent families/ individuals from becoming homeless. Prior year funds totaling \$1,678,648.81 will be available for homeless services.
	Target Date	12/31/2015

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeless individuals and families living on the street.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	2015 City of New Orleans OCD Admin
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOPWA: \$117,355
	Description	3% Admin; This activity is used to fund allowable administration costs for the project. The remaining \$3,794,493 will be allocated to 7 Project Sponsors.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	2015 Project Lazarus (PL)
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$8,000,000
	Description	Program operating cost and administrative expenses to address the housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 65 persons with AIDS and related diseases.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The agency agrees to provide residential care. the geographic area served is Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. tammany oarishes.
15	Project Name	2015 Brotherhood, Inc. (BH)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$345,000
	Description	Program operating cost and administrative expenses to address the housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families.
	Target Date	12/31/2015

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	at least twelve (12) HIV/AIDS infected residents at Trinity House. The residents are low to moderate income.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
16	Project Name	2015 Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers (CCFBA)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$850,000
	Description	Program operating cost and administrative expenses to address the housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Forty-one low (41) low or no-income individuals and approximately 5 families living with AIDS.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	2015 Shelter Resources, Inc. (SR)
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$650,000
	Description	Program operating cost and administrative expenses to address the housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	approximately forty-five (45) clients living with HIV/AIDS and related disases.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	2015 Responsibility House (RH)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,000,000
	Description	Program operating cost and administrative expenses to address the housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families.
	Target Date	12/31/2015

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Twelve (12) individuals infected with AIDS
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	2015 NO/AIDS Task Force (NATF)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,100,000
	Description	Program activities such as; administrative expenses, housing information services, housing placement, rental and short-term mortgage utilities assistance.
	Target Date	12/31/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assistance for 500 clients: TBRA for 100 clients, PHP for 100 clients, and STRMU assistance for 300 individuals infected with HIV/AIDS.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Agency agrees to provide HOPWA services focusing on housing coordination assistance for 100 clients. The geographic area served is Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany parishes.
20	Project Name	2015 HOPWA To Be Determined TBD

Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
Needs Addressed	Rental Assistance Homeless Prevention Special Needs Assistance
Funding	HOPWA: \$608,953
Description	Balance of Grant awards TBD to address Program operating cost and administrative expenses for housing and supportive service needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families. 2013 = \$608,953.47 & 2014 = \$4,014,083.00
Target Date	12/31/2015
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Six hundred seventy-five (675) families and individuals receiving transitional/permanent supportive housing, short-term rental, mortgage & utilities payments and TBRA.
Location Description	
Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The development of the Place-Based / Promise Zone Strategy and of 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan relied heavily on community participation and reflects the views and opinions of individuals and community based organizations from across the City. The 2015 HUD allocations for CDBG, HOME, ESG, & HOPWA will be distributed citywide with an emphasis on approved applications, through the NOFA process, effectively providing neighborhood revitalization in Place Based and Promise Zone Areas.

Organizations applying for funds through the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) are required to submit a Registry of Community Organizations application and an application. The purpose of the Registry is to ensure that applicants meet minimum eligibility requirements to receive federal and state grant funds through OCD. Placement on the registry does not ensure NOFA funding; however, it does allow the organization to complete an application and compete for the limited resources available. OCD's procedure for the NOFA is a public information process that is time driven to ensure that deadlines are met in accordance with HUD regulations. Registry and NOFA applications are available on the CNO's website and hard copies available at OCD, during the time period advertised for deadlines associated with the NOFA.

The Technical Review Team consisting of OCD staff, reads, evaluate, scores and ranks submitted applications utilizing OCD's NOFA Rating form. The NOFA applicants are asked to provide detailed information describing their project. Funding Awards are based on the following performance indicators identified on the rating form: **Fundamental** soundness, community need, target population and external data measuring demographic risk factors related to needs. **Leveraging** of non-federal funds, as well as, financial accountability is measured. Desired **Outcomes** include a detailed planning process for services delivered, outreach plan including management of services for target population, including number of people served.

The Technical Review Team finalizes the NOFA application process to present to the Selection Review Committee which consists of OCD's Executive staff, as well as, representatives of collaborating agencies. The Selection Review Committee makes their recommendation of NOFA Awardees. NOFA Awardees and conditionally selected applicants are notified by a letter signed by the Mayor.

Essentially, this strategy is a context-driven way of setting development policy, implementing programs, applying public funds, and building Capital Projects that leverage multiple initiatives in areas to achieve holistic outcomes.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Pontchartrain Park	
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION	
CENTRAL CITY	
Citywide	
Gerttown	
Seventh Ward	
Hollygrove	
Mid City	
BW Cooper	
St. Roch	
Lower Ninth Ward	
Riverview/Landry	
N.O. East	

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City's goal is to leverage investments in the eleven Place Based Areas (PBA's) and Promise Zone by partnering with various agencies to target the multiple issues affecting the areas. This approach will help neighborhoods thrive across a range of specific characteristics found in New Orleans while contributing to the redevelopment of the entire city. The continued goal is to stabilize these PBA's and Promise Zone, over the remaining period of this five (5) year Consolidated Plan and to reach a point where people will return and invest in these neighborhoods for desired residential and commercial space.

The eleven PBA's and Promise Zone targeted have multiple projects with investments from many different agencies. The City is working horizontally to maximize the influence of these investments. Allocating investments geographically perfectly aligns to address the unmet needs creating a holistic approach.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

The number of homeless does include emergency and transitional housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	2,662
Non-Homeless	192
Special-Needs	675
Total	3,529

Table 11 - 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	105
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	105

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

The City of New Orleans’ goal is to provide a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program, formerly funded with HOME funds, is now funded with HOPWA funds and is administered by the N.O.AIDS Task Force.

One Hundred five (105) units will be rehabilitated or newly constructed through an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program and an Affordable Rental Program. A portion of these units will be developed as Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for homeless individuals. The program will be funded with HOME and Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

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

HANO's active and planned projects include:

Harmony Oaks / C.J. Peete: Residential redevelopment at Harmony Oaks was completed in 2013. The portion of the site fronting Claiborne that was sold for commercial development, Magnolia Marketplace, is now open for business with national retailers.

Lafon School: The site of the former Lafon School is in the middle of Harmony Oaks. HANO and the Orleans Parish School Board have a tentative agreement to transfer ownership of the site to HANO. HANO will ground lease the parcel to the Harmony Oaks development entity and the site will be developed as greenspace for the Harmony Oaks residents.

Columbia Parc / St. Bernard: Residential redevelopment and an early-start facility at Columbia Parc were completed in 2013. The developers, a partnership between Columbia Residential and the Bayou District Foundation, are moving forward with plans to provide a health center, YMCA, pharmacy, charter school, and a grocery onsite, including the final portion of infrastructure work to complete the site.

Faubourg Lafitte: Two phases of residential construction were underway by early 2015 including the elderly building (100 units) and the market rate rental component (89 units). The renovation of the final historic building and the on-site market rate homeownership phases are in predevelopment.

Marrero Commons / B.W. Cooper: All 410 of the Phase 1A and 1B units are complete and occupied. Demolition of the remaining traditional public housing units is expected to be complete at the end of 2015. Redevelopment at the remainder of the site is in the planning stages and HANO works with the Orleans Parish School Board on a land swap transaction that includes a portion of the undeveloped Cooper site to be used by the rebuilt Booker T. Washington High School.

Iberville / Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI): Demolition work is complete. Phase I (152 units), Phase II (75 units), and Phase III (105 units) are underway. The first units in Phase 1 are expected to be occupied in the second quarter of 2015. The development team continues the effort to acquire properties for redevelopment adjacent to the Iberville site and within the CNI boundaries. HANO exercised the option to purchase the Winn Dixie property and will complete the sale in April 2015. HANO continues to pursue project-based voucher opportunities in the neighborhood for replacement housing, including the renovation of two schools – Bell and Mondy. The development team rehabilitated the former Texaco building into 112 units of senior housing that accommodate project-based vouchers and serve as Iberville replacement units.

Guste: The Guste III project includes 155 residential units and is self-developed by HANO through its non-profit entity, Crescent Affordable Housing Corporation. The project is funded with bonds and 4% LIHTC, FEMA funds and HANO Capital funds and will include public

housing units and project-based Section 8 units. Construction began in 2013, and completion is expected in late 2015.

Florida: HANO is self-developing 51 public housing units, an office space, and a greenspace on a portion of the Florida site. Construction is underway and leasing activities are expected to begin in the second quarter of 2015. Demolition of foundations and townhouses on the remainder of the site is underway and expected to complete in 2015.

OPSB Land Swaps: While the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between HANO and the Orleans Parish School Board to negotiate a swap of large-parcel properties expired at the end of 2014, the two agencies continue to work together to identify properties that can be exchanged. HANO sites for potential swap include Christopher Park, a portion of the B.W. Cooper site and a portion of the Fischer site. OPSB sites include Bell School, Mondy School, and Lafon School.

Scattered Sites: HANO received demolition/disposition approval from HUD SAC for its remaining 123 vacant units in August 2014. HANO is reevaluating the development potential of the scattered site portfolio. An RFQ for development partners was completed in early 2015, and HANO will begin the process of grouping properties for the qualified partners to submit more specific development proposals in 2015.

Other Planned Projects: HANO continues modernization efforts at the Guste High Rise, including several HVAC upgrades. Modernization projects at the Fischer development include addressing occupancy issues with unit rehabilitation and addressing water infiltration issues with flooring repairs.

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

Collaborating with partnering entities as well with community agencies, HANO's Client Services Department assists residents in becoming self-sufficient through a continuum of social services, career training, educational development, financial fitness, recreation, health, and wellness programs. The agency's Homeownership and Family Self-Sufficiency Programs assist residents to become first-time homeowners, providing support through all phases of the homebuyer process. These collective efforts are reinforced by three core strategies: partnering with economic development groups and employers to increase economic opportunity; maximizing Section 3 and local hiring for HANO projects and contracts; and providing funding to support job training.

Since the Homeownership Program's inception in 1999, HANO has helped to facilitate 340 closings for first-time homebuyers. While HANO is very proud of the progress made thus far, we recognize there are still many challenges faced by our residents. There is an extremely limited supply of decent homes for sale that are affordably priced for our clients. Also, with skyrocketing insurance rates and other escalating property expenses, many residents are faced with high mortgage premiums. HANO will collaborate closely with policymaking bodies and partners in all sectors to confront these challenges while assisting families on the path to

homeownership. We will also use our Scattered Site inventory as an important resource to create more affordable homeownership opportunities for New Orleans families.

With respect to management involvement, HANO continuously engages residents in developing its agency plans, shaping public housing and voucher policies, and in implementing its redevelopment and revitalization initiatives. Venues include Resident Advisory Board meetings, public hearings, community and neighborhood meetings, as well as master planning forums, working teams, and design charettes associated with HANO's various redevelopment initiatives.

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

HANO has undergone major recovery and is no longer designated as a troubled agency. Extensive operational and fiscal reforms were instituted and HANO is now on strong financial footing, advancing from "troubled" to "standard performer" status under HUD's Public Housing and Section 8 assessment systems. New partnerships were created and ties re-established with the larger New Orleans community. With this foundation now firmly in place, efforts are underway to transition HANO back to local control.

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

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City has retooled its homeless Crisis Response System to coordinate services and reorient programs to a Housing First approach that emphasizes rapid connection to permanent housing, while mitigating the negative experience of homelessness. Action items for this process were to expand centralized intake to increase access to services, working with UNITY and the agencies of the Continuum of Care to identify constituents living on the streets or in abandoned and unsafe dwellings, address needs and services specific to identified sub-populations of homeless constituents, and ensure unsheltered clients establish immediate linkages to low barrier transitional shelters, safe havens, and emergency shelters, while also connecting them with permanent housing resources.

The New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness is implementing the Mayor's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The Council is in the 4th year of implementation and has assisted in ending Veterans homelessness along with the CoC and its partnering agencies in the City of New Orleans. Among the Council's goals is the targeted use of data to coordinate services toward performance-based outcomes. The Council uses data to assess the needs of the homeless community, to evaluate the manner in which we are addressing those needs, and to realign services towards the most effective and efficient means to that end. Through its NOFA process, the City of New Orleans will require cross-sector collaboration in order to provide the necessary wraparound services (e.g. job training, using Medicaid and other sources of income to pay for client services) that are essential for long lasting housing outcomes. The City has established a coordinated intake and a universal assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) that will allow us to do progressive engagement, which will allow us to better target the use of federal funds.

Goals

1. Decreasing the number of unsheltered homeless
2. Decreasing the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness by facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to permanent supportive housing and affordable housing units. Utilize Homelessness prevention for individuals and/or families that are in imminent danger of becoming homeless.
3. Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

New Orleans is one of the few cities in the U.S. in need of additional emergency shelter beds. Through use of its ESG funds, the City will invest in maintaining the beds that are currently available and will use other resources such as private philanthropic dollars to bring additional low barrier transitional and shelter beds online.

Consultation with the Continuum of Care recommended the following priorities to meet goals based upon the community needs:

1. Shelter Operations: 40 to 60% of ESG Funding to assure continued operation of existing shelter beds
2. Rapid Rehousing and homelessness prevention: 40 to 60% of ESG funding to be used for:
 - Rapid Rehousing: financial assistance to bridge the move from shelter or streets to permanent housing.
 - Prevention: short –term rental and utility assistance : legal assistance to prevent eviction
3. Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) 10% of ESG funding

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

The City uses the Emergency Solutions Grant and State Emergency Solutions Grant to fund Rapid Re-housing activities, which are activities to help homeless individuals and families move into permanent housing. These funds minimize an individual’s time between the street and a voucher to move into housing. They also help individuals develop the resources to maintain permanent affordable housing. In conjunction with these efforts, the City is increasing the availability of permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and exploring opportunities to reorganize existing housing stock to better serve the needs of homeless constituents.

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

The City's priority is to re-house homeless clients living on the streets or in shelters. Through HUD, the City of New Orleans provides Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and State Emergency Solutions Grant (SESG) funding to sub-recipients to provide case management services and outreach services to homeless persons living on the streets of Orleans Parish. The outreach workers and case managers develop Individual Service Plans for the homeless, which aids in meeting their needs and the ultimate goal of obtaining permanent housing. ESG and SESG grants also fund the operation of shelters. The shelters provide case management services to their residents and assist the clients in meeting their needs (permanent housing and supportive services). Those clients who are threatened with homelessness due to an eviction or utility disconnect notices are aided with ESG and SESG funds. These clients are eligible for homeless prevention services which include rent/utility assistance as well as legal intervention services. The City is retooling its discharge planning to prevent people being discharged from public institutions into homelessness. Toward the goal of economic security, the City is linking homeless constituents with resources across local, state, and federal systems, including particular focus on income-related benefits, developing capacity for job training among provider agencies via collaboration with the City Workforce Investment Board and the business sector.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (1)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	300
Tenant-based rental assistance	100
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	20
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	155
Total	575

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

Introduction

The City will continue its successful efforts to affirmatively further fair housing throughout the City. The City administers its programs in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Virtually all the funds applied for under this application are devoted to activities which benefit low and moderate income persons and families.

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

In order to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing, the City of New Orleans has gathered a task force of citizens, non-profit organizations and community leaders to address its Analysis of Impediments. This task force has been meeting and has developed a set of Guiding Principles to address those policies which act as barriers to affordable housing. These Guiding Principles address: duties of working members to develop an updated AI; format of meetings; working document format of the AI; dispute resolution within the task force and the task force's ultimate relationship with the City.

Currently, a draft of this document is being reviewed by the task force.

Discussion

The City will continue to review project marketing and continue outreach to special needs organizations as part of the marketing effort for all projects. It will also continue to ensure compliance with Section 3 and DBE requirements and provide appropriate training and technical assistance to funding applicants and recipients and program administrative staff.

The City will utilize City funds to finance the retrofitting of homes of low income persons with disabilities in order to enable them to remain in their homes.

The City will continue to administer programs such as the Soft Second Homebuyer Assistance program in a manner that enables low income renters to build equity and become homeowners anywhere in the City.

The City will work with the City Planning Commission to provide input and comments on amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance on issues affecting housing for persons with disabilities.

The City will continue its NOLA for Life initiative which is designed to enhance public safety through justice and police reforms and by creating jobs and opportunities for disadvantaged youth and dedicating resources to revitalizing neighborhoods.

The City will continue to prioritize and encourage the development of housing for persons with special needs by providing additional points to applicants for funding who include housing for persons with special needs.

The City will prioritize activities that improve occupied housing conditions for low income renters and homeowners.

The City will enhance its citizen education and outreach efforts to make citizens aware of their rights and remedies under the Fair Housing Laws.

The City will continue its efforts to provide job training and provide recreational activities and leadership programs for disadvantaged youth.

The City will continue its efforts to eliminate homelessness by 2022 through the efforts of the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The City, with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will open and operate a services “drop in center” for homeless persons to provide comprehensive medical and social services and referrals at a single site.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The largest obstacle to reaching the underserved is the City's economic structure which makes it difficult to provide jobs with wages high enough to support a family. While there has been a recent trend of high tech opportunities, most job opportunities for those at the opposite end of the jobs spectrum remain in the low-wage service industry.

OCD's Neighborhood Services and Facilities Unit administers and monitors a variety of programs that build social support for the young, elderly and at-risk populations. These programs are designed to meet increasing demands for service.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

OCD will promote and preserve homeownership through its homebuyer and owner-occupied housing rehab program. The rental program is geared toward those who are extremely low income thus ensuring that they have a place to live in which is decent and affordable. OCD will continue to monitor those properties which have received HOME funds in the past to make sure they continue in compliance with current housing codes.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

OCD will continue to use its lead-based policy of ensuring that every house that is rehabbed under its auspices is free from lead-based paint contamination

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Job 1 initiative should have an impact on young people as they learn about the world of employment and all that it requires and entails. The work of the homeless agencies in housing people and providing them with supportive services is a large and necessary first step in getting a person on the road to financial independence.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

OCD will strive to ensure that all funding recipients and those who apply for funding understand that these limited resources must be used carefully and wisely. OCD will stress in all of its communications the goals that the Fundamentals, Leveraging, and Outcomes of each project will be weighed not only during the application and selection process but after funds are awarded. Those organizations that cannot fulfill their contractual duties will lose their funding. It is also incumbent upon OCD to ensure that organizations completely comprehend

what is expected of them and must make agencies aware of any training opportunities that may arise in addition to providing training on either a one-on-one basis or its periodic group sessions.

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

The continuation of the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan Steering Committee will assist in the providing continual input into the action plan/strategic plan process. The process of developing this report has opened the dialogue between OCD, its non-profit partners, financial institutions, for-profit organizations, other governmental units, and citizens by allowing everyone to understand the rationale behind the formation of priority needs and goals and objectives. The limitations of city government both financial and legal have been discussed.

Organizations will receive training to expand their capacity and specific activities such as the development of a new Analysis of Housing Impediments will lead to further discussions and possible solutions.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(1)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(1)(2)

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

Not applicable. The CNO does not currently use other forms of investments outside of those identified in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Under HOME funding, the CNO ensures and provides Affordable Housing for low-income households for an appropriate “period of affordability”. Through HUD required options, “Resale”: HOME-Assisted household sold prior to the period of affordability, property must be re-sold to low-income household or “Recapture”: the property can be sold without income eligibility, with a portion or all of the funds used to subsidize the purchase of another HOME-Assisted eligible household.

The amount of funds subject to recapture is the direct subsidy received by the homebuyer. This includes down payment assistance, closing costs, or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer and/or the difference between the fair market value of the property and a reduced sales price attributable to HOME development assistance. Development subsidies cannot be subject to recapture since the homebuyer did not realize a direct benefit from the funds. Additionally, “direct subsidy” needs to be defined within the policy.

Upon review, CNO determined that the “Recapture” provision meets the needs of the community, fostering a greater degree of economic integration within neighborhoods and provide the greatest choice of assisted housing for low income households. By comparison, the “Resale” option requires that an assisted property always remain available to low income households, limiting neighborhood diversity.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The following definitions describe guidelines for “Resale” or “Recapture” that ensures affordability of units acquired with HOME funds for CNO implementation:

- **Net Proceeds:** The sales price less the amount to pay off all loans secured by the property that prime the CNO’s Loan plus closing.
- **Earned Second Mortgage Subsidy:** The CNO’s loan is reduced according to the following formula: The CNO’s loan shall be reduced on the last day of each calendar month by a

fractional amount the numerator of which shall be one (1) and the denominator shall be the result of multiplying the number of years of the Period of Affordability times twelve (12). For example, if the Period of Affordability is fifteen (15) years, the fraction shall be one (1) over fifteen (15) times twelve (12), or one (1) over one hundred eighty (180), *i.e.*, 1/180th.

- **Recapture Amount:** The amount necessary to repay the loan made by the CNO to Borrower reduced by the Earned Second Mortgage Subsidy and the CNO's right to recover and be paid such amount. The right of recapture shall accrue in favor of the CNO in the event the Property ceases to be the principal residence of the Borrower for the duration of the Period of Affordability through private or public sale or otherwise.
- **Homeowner Investment:** The total amount of the Borrower's down payment and capital improvement investment made subsequent to the purchase of the Property.
- **HOME Contract Provisions:** The following specific provisions apply and are incorporated in the CNO's Contracts which requires signature of Borrower: The Borrower shall maintain the Property as his or her principal place of residence for the entire Period of Affordability assigned to the Property. The Period of Affordability for the Property is 5-15 years.

In the event the Borrower becomes in default of any other terms and conditions of this mortgage or any mortgage which primes this mortgage, the City shall be paid the full Net Proceeds of any private or public sale of the Property up to the original principal balance of the Loan from the City to the Borrower without any reduction of the principal balance by the Earned Second Mortgage Subsidy.

In the event (i) the Property ceases to be the principal residence of the Borrower as a result of the sale of the Property by the Borrower during the Period of Affordability and (ii) the Net Proceeds are adequate to repay the City's Loan reduced by the Earned Second Mortgage Subsidy plus enable the Borrower to recover the Homeowner Investment, the City shall be paid the full recapture amount out of the Net Proceeds of such sale.

In the event (i) the Property ceases to be the principal residence of the Borrower as a result of the sale of the Property by the Borrower during the Period of Affordability and (ii) the Net Proceeds are not adequate to repay the City's Loan reduced by the Earned Second Mortgage Subsidy plus to enable the Borrower to recover the Investment, the Net Proceeds shall be divided proportionally as set forth in the following mathematical formulas:

HOME Investment _____ X Net Proceeds = HOME amount to be
recaptured

HOME Investment +Homeowner investment

Homeowner investor _____ X Net Proceeds = amount to homeowner

HOME Investment +Homeowner investment

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

This is an eligible activity but the City has no plan to do refinancing options on HOME funded multi-family rental projects in 2014.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(1)(4)

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

Service providers will deliver ESG-funded re-housing services to homeless residents of the City of New Orleans. Those households will be assessed for eligibility and barriers to housing as a part of eligibility determination. Required documentation will be collected at time of intake. Services will be delivered and documented in accordance with standards set forth in statute, rule and contracted requirements.

1.) *Standard policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under ESG.*

- The City of New Orleans will contract for re-housing services aimed at households which fit the category 1 definition of homelessness under the HEARTH Act. Providers will be expected to first target families with dependents and youth (ages 18-24) who are living on the streets of Orleans Parish.

- Providers will be asked to obtain required documentation, by first attempting to get third-party verification of homelessness status; the second option for verification would be a case manager verification of homelessness status; and the third option would be a self-report verification of homelessness along with a justification of the efforts made and the reasons for a lack of success in obtaining third-party or case manager verification of homelessness status.

- Verification of resources will also be required to determine the level of need of service applications. Households with income that are at or below 30 percent of area median income will be the primary targets for these re-housing services. Eligibility determination will take place during the intake process of the homeless service providers awarded funds to administer this program on prescribed forms developed by OCD.

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

The City of New Orleans along with the CoC utilized a centralized system for assessing the housing and service needs of homeless people for HPRP. The City will collaborate with the lead CoC to develop a centralized approach to servicing clients for the new ESG.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City of New Orleans plans to release request for proposals through the Super NOFA process for the second ESG allocation. It will be publicized via advertisement in the Times Picayune Newspaper, on City website, announced at New Orleans Interagency council meetings and emailed to all prior year sub-recipients, as well as any other agencies that express an interest. Prospective sub-recipients will have approximately 1 month after notification to apply. The General Packet for the NOFA will include all the pertinent information contained in the new ESG guidelines and regulations, the definition, type of services and target population to be served with the funds. Copies of the proposal will be provided to the ESG review committee, who will review and score all applications. The ESG committee will forward the award recommendation to the Selection Committee who approval the awardees based upon their score, experience and capacity to administer the services according to the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Rule. The selection committee consists of the following members:

1. The City's Chief Financial Officer or a designee
2. The First Deputy Mayor-Chief Administrative Officer, or a designee
3. The employee who will manage and monitor the contract
4. The manager of the User Entity requesting the service, or a designee
5. A professional from within local government who possesses expertise in the relevant field

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Sub-recipients will be required to meet the participation requirement in § 576.405(a). It can be a formerly homeless person on their board of directors or currently working within the organization. Sub-recipients must show proof of the participation requirement. Also formerly homeless participation is achieved through the New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness governance committee. The NOICH has two seats for formerly homeless persons.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The development of standards is a collaboration of the CoC's input. Within the New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness there is a Data Committee coming up with these standards as well as a performance measure system for the entire CoC. The goal is to reduce homelessness and will include:

- Timely and accurate collection of both required and optional HMIS data
- Targeting those that need the assistance the most using a standard coordinated assessment
- Proposed versus actual number of individuals & families served
- Outcomes such as increasing housing stability, shortened stays in emergency and/or transitional shelters, facilitated access to affordable permanent housing.

HOPWA NOFA Process

Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Process:

The City of New Orleans (CNO) through the Office of Community Development (OCD), announces the availability of funds to community based, not-for-profit and faith-based organizations that implement programs and/or projects addressing housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. Funding available for the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) grant and is advertised in the Times Picayune newspaper. Organizations applying for HOPWA funds are required to submit a Registry of Community Organizations application and NOFA application. The purpose of the Registry is to ensure that applicants meet minimum eligibility requirements to receive federal and state grant funds through OCD. Placement on the registry does not ensure NOFA funding; it does allow the organization to compete for the limited resources available. OCD's procedure for the NOFA is a public information process that is time driven to ensure deadlines are met in accordance with HUD. Registry and HOPWA NOFA applications are available on the CNO's website or hard copies available at OCD, during the time period advertised for deadlines associated with the NOFA.

Hard copies of the Registry and HOPWA NOFA applications are required to be delivered to: The Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000, New Orleans, LA 70112 no later than the deadline date advertised in the NOFA, to be considered for funding. OCD's HOPWA NOFA application review and selection process is consistent to Executive order MJL 10-05 using technical review evaluators and a selection review committee. The Technical Review Team consisting of OCD staff, reads, evaluate, scores and ranks submitted applications utilizing OCD's HOPWA NOFA Rating form. HOPWA NOFA applicants are asked to provide detailed information describing their project. Funding Awards are based on the following performance indicators identified on the HOPWA Rating form: **Fundamental** soundness, community need, target population and external data measuring demographic risk factors related to HOPWA needs. **Leveraging** of non-federal funds, as well as, financial accountability is measured. Desired **Outcomes** include a detailed planning process for services delivered, outreach plan including management of services for target population, including number of people served, and overall neighborhood impact that address the housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Technical Review Team finalizes the HOPWA NOFA application process to present to the Selection Review Committee which consists of OCD's Executive staff, as well as, representatives of collaborating agencies working with HOPWA. The Selection Review Committee makes their recommendation of HOPWA NOFA Awardees. HOPWA NOFA Awardees and conditionally selected applicants are notified by a letter signed by the Mayor. Multi-Year Contract letters are prepared for

organizations funded by OCD on timely expenditures of existing HOPWA NOFA funds, as well as, ability to meet deliverable goals. Those applicants not selected are notified by letter and encouraged to participate in future HOPWA NOFA's. The dollar amount listed on the contract is subject to change. HOPWA NOFA Awardees work closely with OCD's Neighborhood Services and Facilities Project Managers' to ensure contract obligations are met. Failure to comply may result in the termination of a HOPWA NOFA contract with OCD. OCD's HOPWA NOFA process is the vehicle used to generate the implementation of programs and/or projects addressing housing needs for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

APPENDIX A

Summary of 2012-2016 CP 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Public Hearings, Questionnaire Results & Public Comments

2012-2016 Consolidated Plan (CP) Summary 2015 Action Plan

Introduction

The City of New Orleans through the Office of Community Development (OCD) follows a detailed Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and consultation process that is in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations governing the consolidated plan strategy regulations. The Office of Community Development with the assistance of citizens, community and faith based organizations, financial institutions, social service providers, and others, developed the City's 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan (CP). The CP is a three or five-year housing and community development plan which serve as a planning document; an application for HUD's formula grants; a strategy used to implement HUD programs; and an action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance.

The CP is the planning and application process for four formula grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA). The 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan identified the following priorities and target populations.

Priorities

Housing

- Homeownership for low to moderate income families
- Availability of affordable and viable rental housing
- Provide owner-occupied rehabilitation to low- to moderate income families
- Increased public awareness of laws which affect impediments to fair housing

Community Development

Youth, Senior Services Activities, Public Facility Center Improvements, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Economic Development for Job training, Creation and Retention.

Continuum of Care

Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Supportive Services, Permanent Housing

Target Populations

The programs that address the above priority needs are targeted to the following populations:

- Low-to-moderate income households
- Homeless families with children
- Single-parent households (particularly households moving from welfare to work)
- Elderly households
- Persons with Disabilities

Annual Updates/Action Plans

The CP is a community-based process that requires review, monitoring, and updates. Each year the City must submit an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan identifies the proposed funding and activities for the next program year.

The public is encouraged to participate in the process. Each year, there are public hearings to discuss the CP.

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Location, Summary and Questions: City of New Orleans 2015 Annual Action Plan Public Hearings:

1. Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center
2200 Lafitte Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119
Wednesday April 1, 2015 5:00-6:30pm (1st Public Hearing)
2. Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center
2200 Lafitte Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119
Wednesday April 14, 2015 5:00-6:30pm (2nd Public Hearing)

The City of New Orleans held two Public Hearings for the 2015 Annual Action Plan (APP) to receive public comments for the City's Housing and Community Development Plan, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive federal housing and community development funds. The general public, as well as, representatives from the business, housing, educational, social service, non-profit, and faith-based communities were invited and encouraged to attend. The two 2015 Annual Action Plan Public Hearings provide an opportunity for the Citizens of New Orleans to provide their views on funding in areas such as housing, community development, youth, senior citizens, homelessness and other programs. Citizens present provide input for the development of the City of New Orleans' 2015 Annual Action Plan which serves as a component of the 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan.

Summary 1st Public Hearing:

The first public meeting opened with City Staff greeting everyone in attendance, for the 2015 Annual Action Plan, held at Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center April 1, 2015 from 5:00-6:30pm. As attendees entered, they were asked to sign-in and were given handouts of the meeting's agenda and a copy of the Power Point presentation, information about Section-3, and the 2015 AAP Questionnaire. Citizens in attendance at the meeting totaled two (2). The City's Office of Community Development (OCD) Staff included: Mr. Anthony M. Faciane Sr., Director of Neighborhood Stabilization, Ms. Jeanette Thomas-Allen, Planning & Resource Development Manager, Ms. Donna Jones-Pearson, Planning & Resource Development Manager, Ms. Adrienne

K. Rochon, Planning & Resource Development Manager, Ms. Tyra Johnson-Brown, Homeless Coordinator and Ms. Sonia A. Oliva, Disadvantaged Business Development (DBE) Compliance Officer (Ms. Ellen M. Lee, Director of Housing Policy and Community Development not in attendance due to traveling). Following OCD staff introductions, attendees introduced themselves and stated their roles as stakeholders in the community. The City shared information on the role of the Office of Community Development (OCD) regarding the 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP), as well as, the importance of the Citizen Participation Process (CPP). The City proceeded with a detailed description of “*What is the Annual Action Plan?*” From that focal point, a description of the one (1) Year Planning Document based on Community Participation was described, including how the 2015 Annual Action Plan will be required to access four formula grants which addressed how current year HUD Program funds will be expended. Mr. Faciane provided an explanation of OCD’s responsibility as a grantee, explaining how the allocation will be expended. Ms. Pearson further explained how the one year AAP fits within the process and its consistency with the entire 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan (CP).

Ms. Thomas-Allen explained the purpose of the CP and AAP’s components, providing a statement of OCD’s goal “to build and rebuild vibrant sustainable neighborhoods throughout the City”, as well as strategies which will be employed to achieve these goals. Prime among implementation of these goals are the Place-Based Areas (PBA) and Promise Zone Strategic neighborhood areas, which link resources to neighborhoods with existing assets magnifying the impact of program funds. In addition, Ms. Allen provided an explanation of the “Promise Zones” and its boundaries, referring to how these areas were introduced in 2014, connecting to the revitalized public housing developments to concentrate the impact of funds. The one (1) year AAP’s presented information on expansion and preservation of affordable housing, preservation through rehabilitation of existing properties and Rental Assistance for those with Special Needs , as well as, OCD activities to aid in homeless prevention, rapid rehousing and foreclosure was also a topic discussed at the Public Hearing. The 2015 Allocation Amounts for the four formula grants (CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA) for the City of New Orleans were displayed on a Power Point Presentation, as well as, all of the key components addressed in the 2015 Annual Action Plan accompanied by verbal dialogue. Detailed information accompanied by the Power Point Presentation also included what constitutes eligible and ineligible activities.

Ms. Oliva presented information on the DBE, providing qualification and registration criteria. The City’s goal is 35% participation for DBE’s in City contracts and new companies are certified monthly. The City also conducts in-house activities to assist smaller DBE’s with making the necessary connections to resources and other businesses. Special note was made of the City receiving recognition for its achievement of being the first major city in the nation to end homelessness among veterans as part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s *Mayors’ Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness*. As part of this initiative two hundred twenty-eight (228) veterans were housed in thirty days. Ms. Johnson-Brown then detailed some of the 2014 accomplishments related to ending homelessness through utilization of grant funds to provide emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homeless prevention assistance to prevent evictions, and AIDS housing assistance for up to twenty weeks. Mr. Faciane detailed how grant funds had been utilized for Code Enforcement activities in 2014, which led to renovation and blight reduction, as well as, cleared lots, resulting in safer more sustainable neighborhoods. In addition, Mr. Faciane discussed how funds had been leveraged by the Rental Housing Program, the Homeownership Program, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) and Home Modifications.

A review of the HUD allocation amounts presented by Ms. Thomas-Allen indicating the City will receive a total of \$18,009,842 for its four (4) formula grants in 2015 (\$18,181,107 allotted in 2014). The breakdown of the four (4) formula grants are as follows: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$11,321,170, Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME): \$1,857,185, Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Grant (HOPWA): \$3,911,848 and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): \$1,009,639. Overall, the City is experiencing decreases in the CDBG (-.05%), HOME (-4.16%), and HOPWA (-2.5%). ESG will experience an increase of 11.88%. A breakdown of the City Council approved budget followed, including information that the budget included prior years funding. Explanations for how funding would be applied to programs operated by the City and by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) was also presented.

Mr. Faciane discussed the importance of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and consultation process to evoke open discussion engaging the public to identify priorities for the use of funds addressing housing and community development needs. The City's outreach to engage public feedback for the CPP and consultation process is publically advertised in the Times Picayune, on the CNO's website: <http://new.nola.gov/community-development>, as well as, at the New Orleans Main and Branch Public Libraries.

The City provided information and copies of the 2015 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire asking citizens to provide their input on what they perceived as community priority needs and forward completed Questionnaires no later than May 11, 2015 COB to OCD via mail or electronically to Donna Jones-Pearson at dmpearson@nola.gov. The 2015 APP Questionnaires were distributed at the meeting and sent out via e-mail to community stakeholders, Registry of Community Organizations, the New Orleans City Council, as well as, CNO Department Heads following the first Public Hearing. Ms. Thomas-Allen provided information on the Registry of Organizations & Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Process. The timeline was provided for the availability of when the Draft 2015 Annual Action Plan would be available for public review. The Draft 2015 Annual Action Plan will be available for a 30 day comment period April 10, 2015 thru May 11, 2015. Delivered to the New Orleans Public Libraries, as well as, placed online for public review and comment, a Public Notice was placed in the Times Picayune Newspaper advertising with six (6) run dates notifying the public of its availability. Throughout the presentation, the citizens in attendance provided input that led to a valuable discussion that provided insight regarding the 2015 Annual Action Plan, addressing the City of New Orleans' priority needs.

Questions & Answers at 2015 Annual Action Plan 1st Public Hearing:

- Q: An attendee asked what the term "non-duplicative person" meant.
A: Tyra Johnson-Brown, Neighborhood Services and Facilities, fielded this question by explaining how, once a homeless person receives services from an agency their case is entered and tracked in the Homeless Information System (HMIS), to ensure that a person who receives multiple services, once counted by the system is not duplicated when he/she receives additional services.
- Q: The next comment related to a vacant apartment complex in New Orleans East on Wright Road and how the issue of maintaining affordability is addressed when the compliance period ends.
A: Mr. Faciane responded that no City funds were invested in that project and therefore, the City has no decision making responsibility over the disposition of the property.
- Q: An attendee, who is a realtor, complimented the Soft-Second Mortgage Program (SSMP) and inquired if the City would initiate a similar program to facilitate home ownership?
A: Mr. Faciane addressed this by informing the attendee that the program was highly successful and enabled over 880 clients to become homeowners. He let the audience know that the SSMP had been funded through Disaster CDBG funding which would not be renewed.
- Q: Whether supplements/incentives would be offered to develop vacant lots for rentals?
A: This was addressed by Mr. Faciane: Currently, the City works with developers to alleviate the cost-burden to ensure units are accessible and affordable.
- Q: A complaint was made about the City's Section 3 selection process.
A: Mr. Faciane and Ms. Thomas-Allen let the attendee know that HUD is in the process of clarifying language on Section 3, but that the City does address Section 3 issues in its Registry of Community Organizations, which includes information and applications. Additionally, the City includes the HANO

Section 3 list in its Registry.

Concluding Remarks: "Next Steps" by Ms. Thomas-Allen were announced including where the public would be able to have access to the Draft 2015 AAP: available via the City website, the lobby of City Hall, the public library branches citywide, the Finance Authority of New Orleans, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), and the Office of Community Development (OCD). The start of the 30 day Draft 2015 AAP Public Comment Period is April 10, 2015 to May 11, 2015 COB. The 2nd Public Hearing was announced to be held on April 14, 2015 at Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center 5:00-6:30pm. The final 2015 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD (May 15, 2015).

Summary 2nd Public Hearing:

As attendees entered the 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2nd Public Hearing, they were asked to sign-in and were given handouts of the meeting's agenda, a copy of the Power Point presentation, minutes from the first meeting, information about Section-3, and the 2015 AAP Questionnaire. Citizens in attendance at the meeting totaled six (6). The public hearing began at 5:15 PM, with a brief welcome and introduction by Ms. Ellen M. Lee, Director of Housing Policy and Community Development. Ms. Lee introduced the Office of Community Development's (OCD) staff in attendance: Mr. Anthony M. Faciane, Sr., Director Neighborhood Stabilization, Ms. Jeanette Thomas-Allen, Planning & Resource Development Manager, Ms. Donna Jones-Pearson, Planning & Resource Development Manager and Ms. Adrienne K. Rochon, Planning & Resource Development Manager. Ms. Lee reiterated the statutory reasons for the meeting and its central goal of community engagement on effective utilization of the City's formula grants: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Home Investments Partnership Grant (HOME); the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Grant (HOPWA).

Ms. Lee then handed the podium to Ms. Thomas-Allen who began the review of the Power Point presentation, and how this is year four of the five year cycle in the consolidated planning process. She narrated the Power Point presentation which described the purpose of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan's Components, the City's goals and objectives for expenditure of the funding, and the City's strategy of focusing on the Claiborne Corridor "Promise Zone" neighborhoods.

The boundaries of the Claiborne Corridor "Promise Zone" were given, which prompted a question from a representative of the District E Councilperson regarding the omission of New Orleans East. Ms. Lee addressed this question by letting the questioner know that the designation, by statute, was made to areas where the area mean income (AMI) was at 30% or lower. Discussion then ensued which reviewed the history of the Promise Zone and how the goal is to maximize resources for greater impact. As the presentation continued, reference was made to City activities and how Section 3 participation is encouraged for organizations contracting with the City. Attendees were reminded that the handout provided included about Section 3 included information and an application. Note was made that the City will link its list of Section 3 participants with the much larger HANO list.

While no staff from the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) were available to attend the meeting, it was noted that all entities with contracts of \$15,000 or greater must have a DBE plan. At present, the City's DBE participation rate is 35%.

As the review of 2014 accomplishments began, particular note was made of the following accomplishments: New Orleans is the first major city to end homelessness among veterans; the City has successfully completed its Soft Second Mortgage Program, which provided purchase and closing cost assistance to over 880 first-time home buyers from the grant of \$52 million; through a contract with the Advocacy Center, 21 Home Modifications were completed for handicapped individuals, through collaboration with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) Code Enforcement has dramatically increased the number of vacant lots

being cleared and maintained. 2014 also saw Code Enforcement reaching the greatest number of hearings since the implementation of more rigorous title search procedures in 2012.

Ms. Lee provided a review of the HUD allocation amounts as follows: the City will receive \$18,009,842 for its formula grants in 2015 (\$18,181,107 allotted in 2014), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$11,321,170, the Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME): \$1,857,185; Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Grant \$3,911,848; and for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): \$1,009,639 Overall, the City is experiencing decreases in the CDBG (-.05%), HOME (-4.16%) and HOPWA (-2.5%) grants, but an increase in the ESG of 11.88%.

This was followed by a power point slide with the summary of the budget which was approved by the City Council in November 2014. Brief explanations were made of how allotted funding would be utilized. A slide of the HOME ESG and HOPWA allocations was presented which highlighted how the administrative costs of these programs were kept to the statutory limit. An attendee posed a question: How could the dollar amounts be set so early? It was then explained that the amounts were projections, and the Action Plan must be approved by HUD. At this point, the floor was opened for questions from attendees.

Questions & Answers at the 2015 Annual Action Plan 2nd Public Hearing:

Q: How is the formula broken down, i.e. how are amounts determined?

A: Ms. Lee addressed this question by explaining how the City allocation is based upon various factors including population and the area's poverty rates, as well as needs identified. She pointed out that the City's allocation is half of what it has been due to loss of population. In order to maximize available funding, Ms. Lee pointed out that not only is leveraging a requirement of HUD, but through effectively partnering with non-profit entities and efficiently leveraging resources, the City is able to make the best use of the funding it does receive.

Q: Someone wanted to know what a "Promise Zone" is?

A: Ms. Thomas-Allen explained that the goal of this concept is to concentrate resources in a specific area in order to derive for maximum impact from funding.

Q: Why isn't New Orleans East a part of the "Promise Zone"?

A: Ms. Lee explained that one criteria for the "Promise Zone" was the presence of a concentration of poverty census tracts and that was not a characteristic of the area. Although the area is not part of the "Promise Zone" part of the area is designated as one of the City's "place-based areas."

Q: An attendee wanted to know if Dryades is included in one of the "Promise Zone".

A: This response required the map of the area to be displayed, and based on the census tracts; Dryades Street is a boundary of the "Promise Zone".

Q: An audience member wanted to know what current the status of the New Orleans Council to End Homelessness will be held.

A: Ms. Lee informed the attendee that given the success of the Veterans initiative, the Council would probably meet at the end of June and identify a new focus population based upon the results of the point-

in-time homeless survey to be conducted at earlier in the month.

Q: A question was posed as to how the Action Plan addressed housing for persons with “special needs”?

A: Ms. Lee explained how various needs are addressed through the NOFA process (Notice of Funding Available) and how community entities—typically non-profit-- are funded to address the established needs.

Concluding Remarks: “Next Steps” were announced including how the public would continue to be able to have access to and comment on the Draft Plan (available via the City website, at public library branches citywide, the Finance Authority of New Orleans, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), the Office of Community Development (OCD) office) through the end of the Public Comment Period on May 11, 2015 COB. During the comment period, all citizen comments will be accepted and addressed in the AAP. When the final plan is complete, it will be submitted to HUD on May 15, 2015 for final approval. Attendees were then thanked for their time and attendance and were encouraged to give feedback.

Concluding Summary for 2015 Annual Action Plan Public Hearings:

The 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Public Hearings were informative, providing citizens an opportunity to be included in the planning process regarding the allocation of funds for the CNO’s four formula grants. Citizens left with a feeling of inclusion and knowledge that the CNO was headed in a positive direction towards neighborhood development, as well as, addressing the needs of our citizens. The 2015 Annual Action Plan Questionnaire available to the public to provides citizen input regarding housing and community development needs. The 2015 AAP Questionnaire sparked the opportunity to discuss issues of concern within the neighborhoods of the city, as well as, discuss funding allocation for the four formula grants. The Draft 2015 Annual Action Plan, Power Point Presentation, as well as, the Questionnaire was e-mailed to OCD’s Stakeholders, OCD’s Registry of Community Organizations, Community Leaders, the New Orleans City Council, the general public, as well as, the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA). GNOHA is a coalition of non-profit and for profit housing builders, community development corporations and advocates who are working to rebuild the Greater New Orleans housing stock since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. GNOHA has sixty (60) active members that engage in a full range of housing development that benefits the citizens of New Orleans through Affordable Housing opportunities including homeownership, rental, as well as, scatter sites and multi-family development. Outreach efforts to organizations such as GNOHA cast a wide net of distribution to include everyone interested in the planning process of the 2015 Annual Action Plan. Everyone is encouraged to provide comments and input contributing to the collaborative process of the AAP. Staff from OCD’s Planning & Resource Development Department distributed the Draft 2015 Annual Action Plan accompanied with Comments Cards to all area Public Libraries throughout the CNO, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), City Hall Lobby 1300 Perdido St., OCD Lobby 1340 Poydras St. 10th Floor. General Comments for the Draft 2015 Annual Action Plan were submitted and accepted during the 30 day public comment period: April 10, 2015 thru May 11, 2015 COB. There were no comment cards submitted from the New Orleans Public Main & Branch Libraries, City Hall Lobby, OCD Lobby and HANO. Public comments electronically submitted for the 2015 Annual Action Plan and are included following the Questionnaire Results section. Following this summary is the Questionnaire, as well as, the Questionnaire Results, provided by public feedback and input for the 2015 Annual Action Plan.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2012 – 2016 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2015 Action Plan
Questionnaire

Housing Needs:

The City's 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan Identified, Affordable Rental Units, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Program, as priority housing needs. Please rank the top five housing priority needs in your community (1 = highest need).

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Production of New Rental Units | Rental assistance |
| Production of New Owner Units | Rehabilitation of Rental Units |
| Owner Occupied Rehabilitation | |

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What are your recommendations to improve housing in New Orleans?

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2012 - 2016 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2015 Action Plan

QUESTIONNAIRE

Housing Needs - Special Population:

What do you believe are five (5) pressing housing problems for the following special needs populations?
Mentally Challenged Individuals, Physically Challenged Individuals, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Population, Elderly
Individuals

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

What are some of the “gaps” in our current systems to address these problems?

What are some suggestions for enhancing the current services with special needs?

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
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2012 - 2016 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2015 Action Plan

QUESTIONNAIRE

Continuum of Care Needs:

1. The City's 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan identified the following services as priority homeless needs. Please list "gaps in services" that you feel are present in the Continuum of Care Needs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Shelters (24 Hours) | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Supportive Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Re-housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs Assistance |

Comments: _____

2. What are your top four (4) suggestions for enhancing the current services for homeless individuals and families?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

City of New Orleans
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2012 - 2016 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2015 Action Plan
QUESTIONNAIRE

CDBG - Community Development Needs

1. The City's 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan identified the following services as priority community development needs. Please rank the top five services you feel are needed in your community (1 = highest need).

Basic Eligible CDBG Activities

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Acquisition and Redevelopment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Facility Improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Infrastructure Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> | Neighborhood Stabilization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> | Job Training |

Comments: _____

I. Housing

1. Priority Housing Needs:

- Ranked #1: Rehabilitation of Rental Units
Ranked #2: Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
Ranked #3: Rental Assistance
Ranked #4: Production of New Rental Units
Ranked #5: Production of New Owner Units

2. Recommendations for Improving Housing in New Orleans:

- Rehabilitation of Rental Units addresses housing demand & blight reduction.
- GNOHA: Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance Housing Plan should be implemented, as well as, blight reduction strategies.
- Reinstatement of a forgivable mortgage program (Soft-Second Mortgage Program).
- Increased housing access for elderly/veterans & permanent supportive housing (PSH), as well as, more rental assistance.
- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation addresses improved housing & blight reduction to stabilize quality of life in New Orleans neighborhoods
- Rental assistance will help reduce long waiting lists for housing, as well as, address more demanding needs like homelessness.
- Production of New Rental Units.
- Production of New Owner Units.
- Tear down blighted non-historic houses, create garden greenspace areas.
- Continue Funding for Soft Second Mortgage Direct Homebuyer Assistance Program: Provide sufficient additional gap funding to allow homeowners to purchase or rebuild such as soft second mortgages.
- A Housing Plan should be developed and implemented to improve housing in New Orleans.
- A Rental Registry & Landlord Training should be developed and implemented to improve housing in New Orleans.
- More funding should be available for homebuyer education training. First-time homebuyers need to be educated on financial literacy, credit counseling, and foreclosure prevention, prior to purchasing a home.
- Homebuyers should have greater access to first-time homebuyer education training.
- Blight Reduction Strategies should be expanded and implemented to improve housing in New Orleans.
- Developers should be required to implement better efficiency and water conservation standards.
- More preservation and restoration of historical properties throughout New Orleans.
- Provide vouchers, subsidies, or alternative rental assistance programs to ensure that affordable, accessible housing is readily available for people with disabilities. A person who must rely on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for his income receives only \$733 per month. Rental subsidies are crucial to providing safe, decent housing for people with disabilities. Strongly encourage HANO to enforce rental property inspections regarding landlords who accept housing voucher recipient tenants. The establishment of a Housing Trust Fund and a Community

Land Trust Fund should be investigated as ways to increase affordable housing options across the city. Also, establishing inclusionary zoning practices would help to improve housing in New Orleans, as would prioritizing programs that promote and support aging-in-place.

II. Housing Needs - Special Population

2. Most Pressing Housing Problems:

- Expand and continue the support of Tenant Based Rental Assistance for People Living with HIV/AIDS through HOPWA and any available funding stream, such as HOME, as it is the most pressing Housing problem.
- The lack of availability regarding permanent supportive housing (i.e., housing with wrap-around services)
- Rental Assistance.
- The lack of availability regarding affordable, accessible housing
- The lack of vouchers, subsidies, or rental assistance (a waiting list is not a service)
- Trying to navigate a complex, fragmented system that is fraught with waiting lists
- Housing, particularly rental housing, that is in unsafe neighborhoods and/or in unsafe/unlivable conditions.
- The City is urged to allocate part of its CDBG or HOME funds towards developing more affordable housing units for low income individuals with disabilities, as this continues to be one of housing's pressing problems.
- High Energy Bills, Low Utility Allowances for those on fixed incomes continue to be a pressing housing problem.
- Displacement from Gentrification.
- Access to Supportive Housing services.
- Access to supportive home buying training.
- Inadequate care for low income, elderly and special needs population, as well as, continued funding and support for future housing needs for the special needs population.

3. Gaps in Service

- Limited or no access to Transportation continues to be a challenge for Housing Needs for the Special Population.
- Funding services & lack of transportation.
- More funding for supportive services are needed to assist in the housing needs for the special population.
- Fragmented, compartmentalized service delivery that restricts and prohibits the effective use of what limited resources are available
- Decreases in funding allocations for community programs that serve this population, which increases their risks for institutionalization
- Insufficient # of affordable, accessible units being built
- Lack of adequate mental health services
- Lack of support services that are needed by those eligible for permanent supportive housing.
- Need for homebuyer education counseling funding, as well as, first-time homebuyer education training.
- Quality of Life programs needed.

4. Enhancing Current Services

- HUB of Services Coordination.
- Efficient systems, as well as, community engagement (outreach & availability).
- Establishing a one-stop housing services system that is easy to understand and to navigate
- Ensuring that affordable housing is available in areas with ready access to public transit,
- including ensuring that city facilities, like sidewalks, are accessible
- Improving para-transit system
- Promoting universal design in housing to promote aging-in-place

- Provide better quality services for special needs population.
- Community Engagement (Outreach & Visibility)
- Provide matching funding for housing and work force training to enhance social service activities for special needs population.
- Develop Quality of Life Programs to enhance current services for Special Needs Population.

II. Continuum of Care Needs

1. Gaps in Service

- Chronic Homelessness is identified as having a gap in services.
- More services for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Transitional Units, as well as, needed property management.
- Rapid Re-Housing is identified as a gap in services.
- Need for more 24 Hour Beds through ESG identified as gap in services.
- More Homeless Assistance is needed is identified as a gap in services.
- Special population needs assistance is identified as a gap in services.
- Lack of transitional housing units identified as gap in services.
- Rapid Re-Housing: There is a huge gap in finding housing in a timely manner for all homeless and special needs cases.
- Permanent supportive needed is identified as a gap in services.
- More attention to developing Quality of Life Services to develop talent skills and talent for Special Needs Population.
- Many, if not all, re-housing programs require that an individual first stay a specified amount of time in a homeless shelter before he can receive assistance. This seems counter-productive and a waste of limited resources. In addition, this requirement can be dangerous for some segments of the population. Moreover, since some shelters refuse to accept or accommodate an individual who uses a wheelchair, this discriminatory requirement renders him disqualified and ineligible for re-housing programs.

2. Top Suggestions for Enhancing Current Services for Homeless individuals & families

- 1 More funding needed to tie in other services, linked to supportive services.
- 2 Stop incarcerating homeless individuals who have mental illness
- 3 Fund an integrated mental health system
- 4 Make adjustments to policies that require individuals to vacate shelters during the day, as this means that some of the most vulnerable segments of the homeless population are in dangerous, unsafe circumstances for extended.

- 5 Provide more ESG services.
- 6 Develop and implement a Housing Plan and Homebuyer Education Training.
- 7 More educational and employment training programs, pay for all utilities.

Community Development Needs Ranked the top five services felt are needed in
Community 1=highest, 5=lowest. Most pressing needs listed along with number of responses.

3.

Most Pressing Needs	1	2	3	4	5
Public Facility Improvements	*			**	***
Neighborhood Stabilization		****		*	*
Infrastructure Improvements		*			*****
Public Services		*	**	***	*
Job Training			***		***
Acquisition & Redevelopment	*****		*		

COMMENTS:

- While all of the CDBG needs ranked are important, the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) believes meeting housing demands through redevelopment of existing housing stock, and fostering livable neighborhoods are the highest priority. A Housing Plan can address all of these things and prioritize them based on data. It can also help establish goals and strategies to inform funding and policy decisions.
- The St. Bernard Project supports the data driven Housing Plan created by the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA). Meeting important housing demand through redevelopment of existing housing stock, providing subsidies to low to moderate income families, as well as, first-time homebuyers is needed. Incentivizing low-income rental redevelopment will help foster more livable neighborhoods.
- The allocation of CDBG funding should focus on Neighborhood Stabilization, Acquisition & Redevelopment within the designated Place Based Initiative areas. CDBG funding should also go towards neighborhood stabilization that includes community gardens and more greenspace.
- Public facilities must be upgraded in order to increase or maintain physical access to individuals with disabilities. While the entire community benefits from improvements to facilities like sidewalks, streets, bus stops, and schools, for a person with disabilities, improvements to these facilities will in some cases decide whether that person can cross the street safely, get to work, vote in his neighborhood polling place, or attend his child’s school performance. Functional, well-maintained facilities are crucial to the overall integration of people with disabilities into the community. Individuals providing public services to the community must be better equipped to work with people with disabilities and to understand the requirements of the federal laws that protect people with disabilities, particularly those related to the provision of reasonable accommodation, which can arise in the context of virtually any public service. Services that would effectively and expediently reduce and/or eliminate blighted properties would help reduce crime in neighborhoods. In addition, this would help promote neighborhood pride and stabilization. Job training is important; likewise, attention needs to be focused on producing a better educated, employment-ready workforce to meet the demands of today’s and tomorrow’s careers.

2015 Annual Action Plan Consideration of Public Comment:

The 2015 AAP represents the culmination of public engagement which started with the development of the City's 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan. The City regularly engages with its stakeholders on an ongoing basis. The 2015 AAP continues the City's efforts to meet the goals that are consistent with the Consolidated Plan. The distribution of the four (4) formula grants: CDBG, HOME, HOPWA & ESG display housing and community service funding allocations for the City of New Orleans. Through the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and Consultation process, OCD is able to identify priorities for the use of funds to address housing and community needs through constructive feedback.

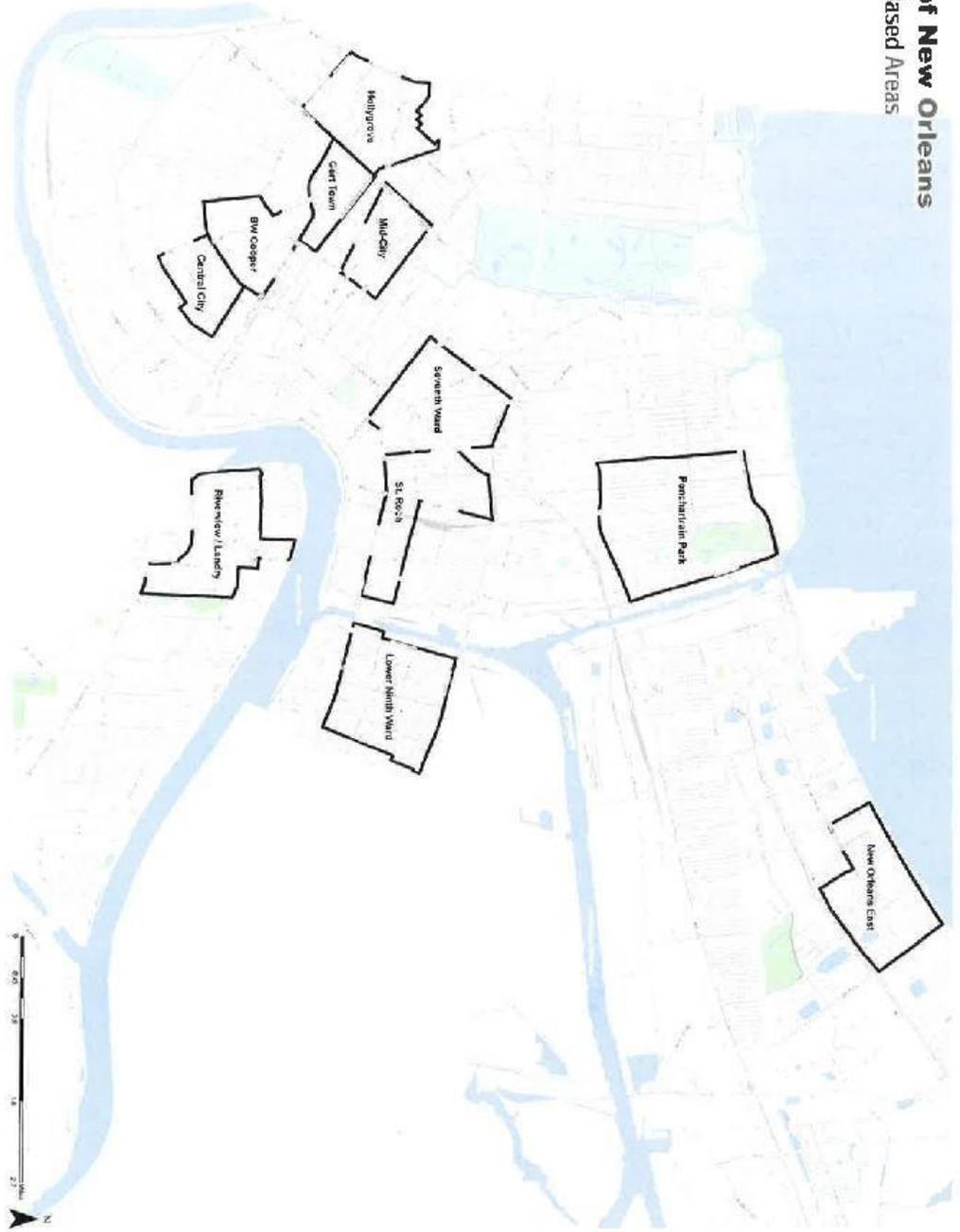
The Mayor begins the budgeting process in August every year by holding community forums in every Council District (City's annual budget process). Citizens are invited to ask questions, make comments and state their complaints about City programs and services. The Mayor Budget recommendation reflects the comments heard at those meetings and become enacted as law only after full consideration by the City Council who conducts their public meetings to receive and consider public comments on the City's budget. The Citizen's comments and concerns were nearly identical across the board at all district meetings: fight and reduce crime, acquire and remove blighted houses from neighborhoods, fix streets & street lights, support senior services and create jobs for youth. The CDBG allocation is dedicated to those needs.

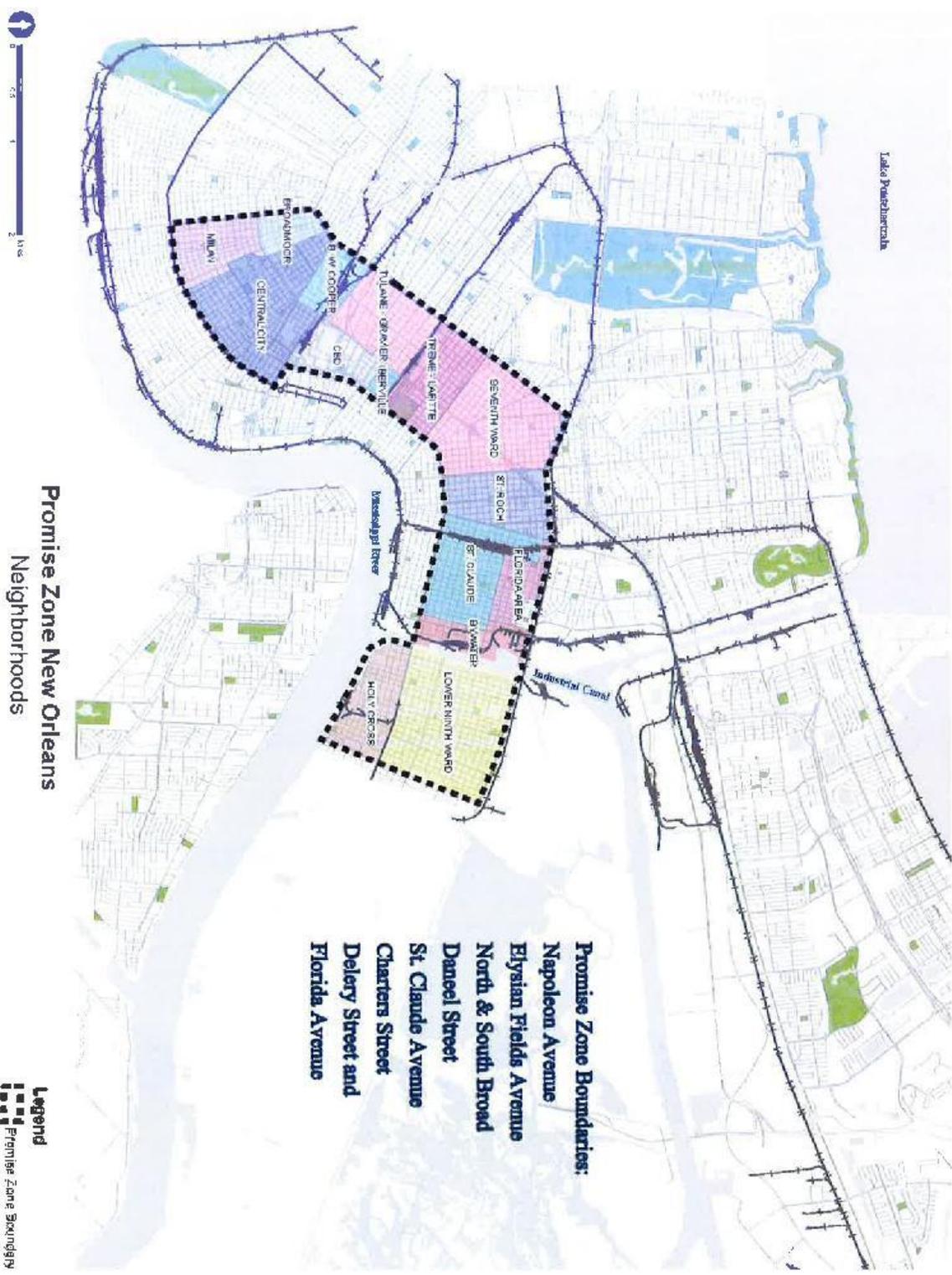
All public comments received are included in the 2015 AAP 'Appendix A'. OCD has reviewed all of these comments. Some of the recommendations and concerns are currently being addressed in the 5 year 2012-2016 Consolidated Plan (CP); such as prioritizing resources for the homeless population and assisting persons living in substandard housing. Recently, the Mayor accepted and met the White House challenge to end Veterans' Homelessness by the end of 2014. This effort was successful and New Orleans will continue its efforts to reduce the persons experiencing homelessness every night. The City will continue its efforts to facilitate creative uses of its limited funds and seek out new ways to leverage private funds to address the needs of citizens in providing decent affordable housing and community services.

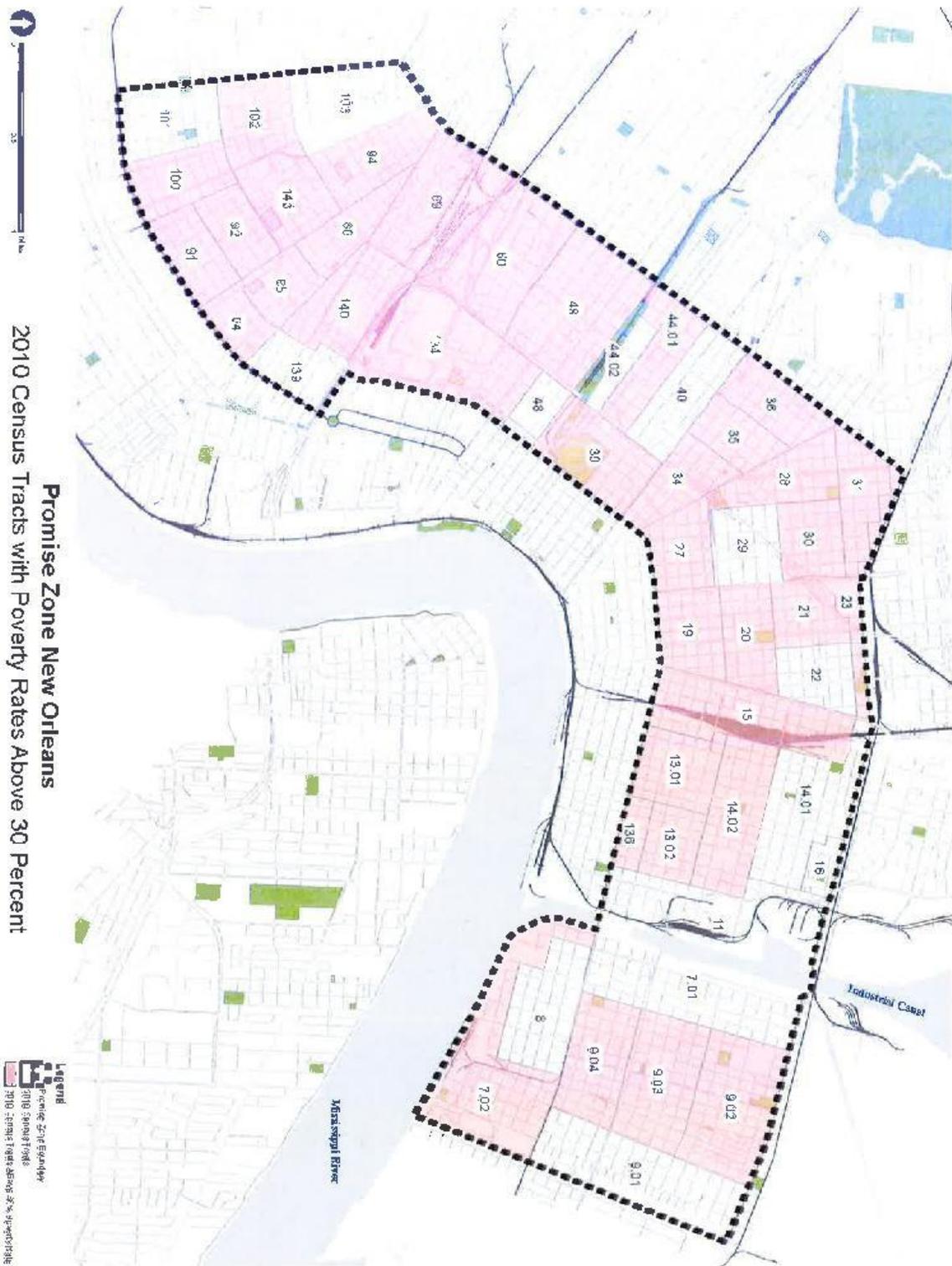
APPENDIX B
Place-Based Areas and Promise Zone Maps

City of New Orleans
Place-Based Areas

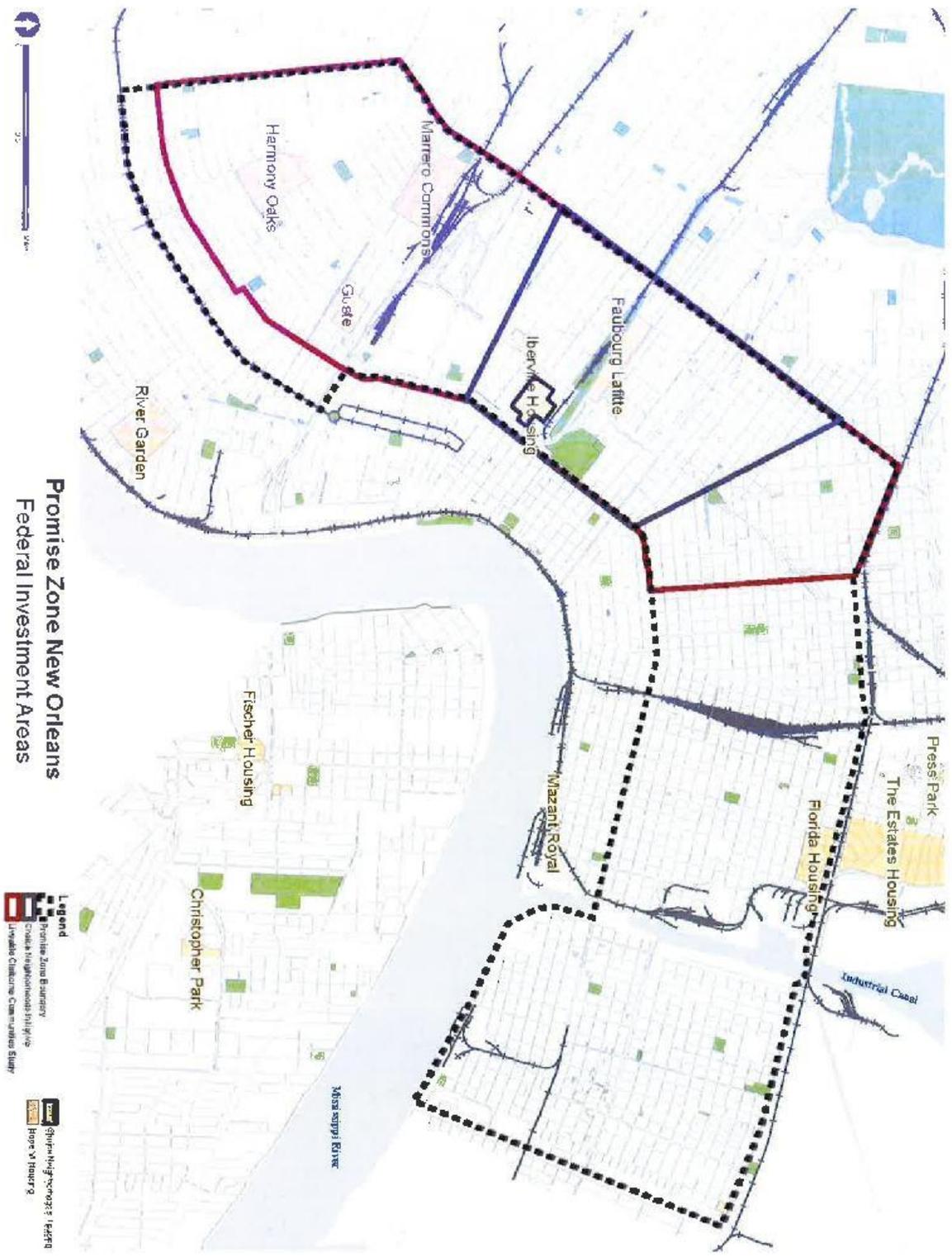
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 - Water Bodies
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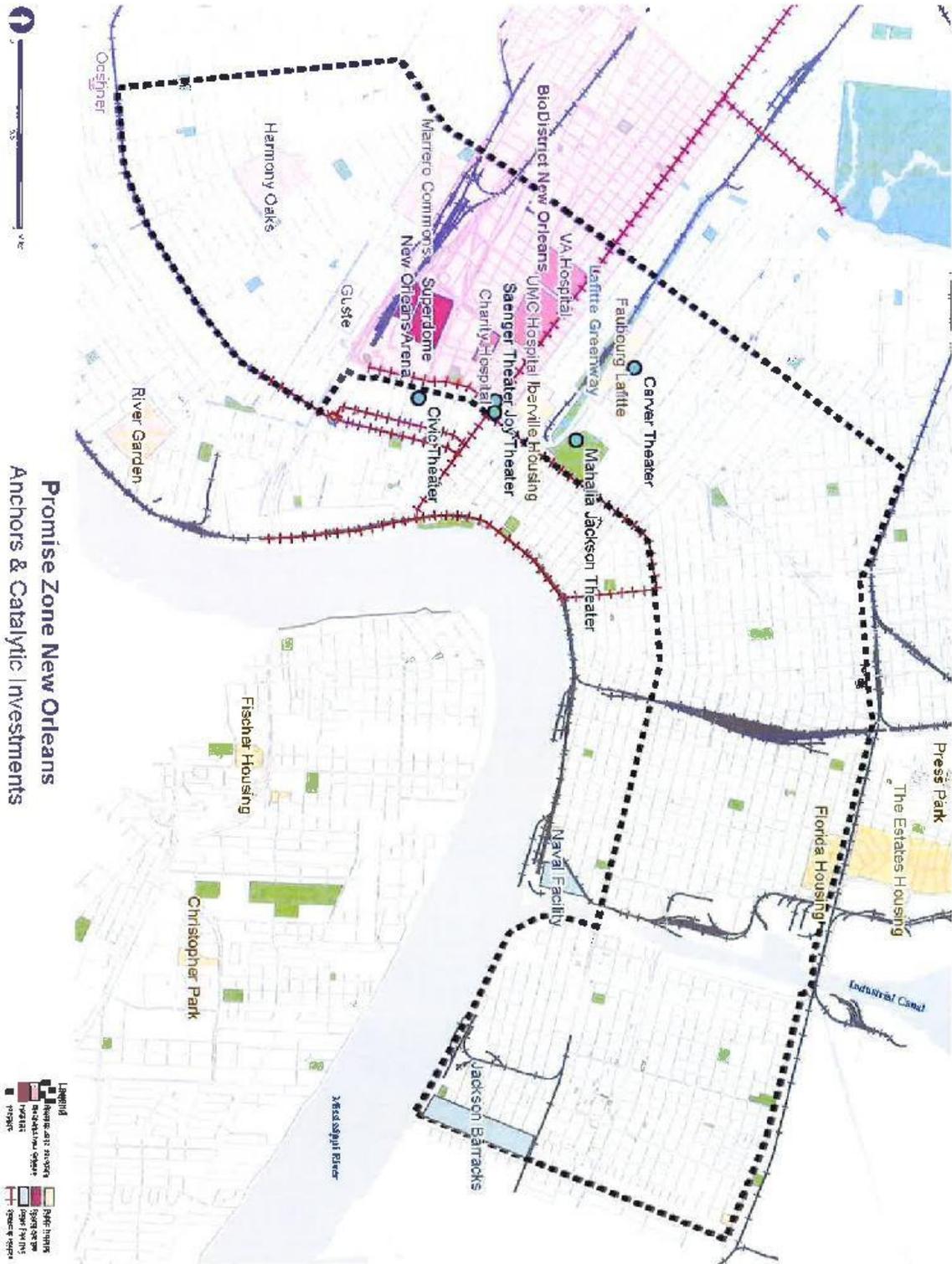






Promise Zone New Orleans
2010 Census Tracts with Poverty Rates Above 30 Percent





**Promise Zone New Orleans
Anchors & Catalytic Investments**

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)



SF 424

The SF 424 is part of the CPMP Annual Action Plan. SF 424 form fields are included in this document. Grantee information is linked from the ICPMP.xls document of the CPMP tool.

SF 424

Complete the fillable fields (blue cells) in the table below. The other items are pre-filled with values from the Grantee Information Worksheet.

Date Submitted	Applicant Identifier	Type of Submission	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application
Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information			
Jurisdiction City of New Orleans		UOG Code	
Street Address Line 1 1340 Poydras Street		Organizational DUNS 08-360-5688	
Street Address Line 2		Organizational Unit Mayor	
City New Orleans	State Louisiana	Department Office of Community Development	
ZIP 70112	Country U.S.A.	Division Planning & Resource Development	
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		County Orleans	
72-6000969		Program Year Start Date (01/01/2013)	
Applicant Type:		Specify Other Type if necessary:	
City Government		Specify Other Type	
		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Program Funding			
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
CDBG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s) Orleans Parish	
\$CDBG Grant Amount \$11,321,170	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)			
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s) Orleans Parish	
\$HOME Grant Amount \$1,857,185	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	

\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS		14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s) Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, Plaquemines Parishes	
\$HOPWA Grant Amount \$3,911,848	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program		14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s) Orleans Parish	
\$ESG Grant Amount \$1,009,639	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of Applicant Districts LA-02		Project Districts A-01, LA-02, LA-03	Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EC 12372 process for review on DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review
Person to be contacted regarding this application			
First Name Mitchell	Middle Initial J	Last Name Landrieu	
Title Mayor	Phone 504-658-4900	Fax 504-658-4938	
eMail mjlandrieu@nola.gov	Grantee Website www.nola.gov	Other Contact	
Signature of Authorized Representative 		Date Signed	

CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

1 No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2 If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3 It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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



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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

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

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

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

1 **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2 **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

3 **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

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

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

Excessive Force --It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

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

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

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



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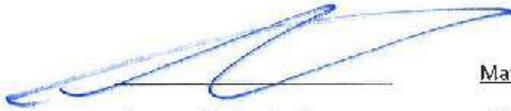
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OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION CDBG

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

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



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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance --If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

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

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



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ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities --Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building --Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

- 1 For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
- 2 For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

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