

**2022 City of Poughkeepsie
Community Development
Block Grant
Annual Action Plan**

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City of Poughkeepsie
Division of Social Development
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2020-2024 Dutchess County and City of Poughkeepsie Consolidated Plan (CP) is a comprehensive document promoting a coordinated approach to housing and community needs, and fostering the coordination of all programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Plan outlines the priorities by which the County and the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program will be invested over the next five (5) years.

The 2022 City of Poughkeepsie Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a comprehensive document detailing the specific activities the City will administer and carry out in accordance with the Consolidated Plan's priorities and goals. This document outlines the specific projects the City will undertake using CDBG funds to achieve the objectives in the Consolidated Plan. These projects cover the first year of a five (5) year Consolidated Plan period. The City of Poughkeepsie is an entitlement community eligible to receive HUD funding through the CDBG program on an annual formula basis.

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 current Consolidated Plan priorities for the 2020-2024 plan include:

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS – Support the use of CDBG funding for public facilities and improvements that include but are not limited to the following: repairs and improvements of city facilities, roads, sidewalks, crosswalks, sewer lines, public water and wastewater lines, fire department equipment and facilities, code enforcement/ anti-blight task force vehicles, equipment and salaries, anti-blight task force demolition projects, parks and recreation areas including playground equipment and handicapped accessibility improvements. Support eligible projects and activities that connect the waterfront to the Central Business District. The City of Poughkeepsie will support and fund the maintenance and improvements to related infrastructure regarding the above mentioned to ensure the continued availability of safe and reliable systems and facilities.

PUBLIC SERVICES - PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES - Support the use of CDBG public service funds for activities that specifically benefit and address the issues of housing, homelessness, homelessness

prevention, housing rehabilitation, eviction assistance, utility assistance, food assistance, youth counseling, youth education, youth job mentoring, youth internships, youth educational/after-school programs, youth training, youth activities, family services, rape counseling, substance abuse programs, domestic violence programs, crime prevention, gun violence education, senior citizen services, transportation, and various programs that provide community socialization to seniors within the community.

HOUSING - RENTAL HOUSING - Support creation of new rental housing through new construction, rehabilitation of existing residential buildings, and adaptive reuse of commercial or industrial properties.

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING - Volunteer rehabilitation programs such as Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity as part of specific efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and expand fair housing choice. Implementation of the City of Poughkeepsie’s Distressed Properties Initiative and Anti Blight Task Force within the City’s Code Enforcement Department.

HOMELESS – TRANSITIONAL OR PERMANENT HOUSING - Permanent or transitional housing for the homeless.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Support the activities of the Middle Main Revitalization by a non-profit housing provider and encourage positive development of the Main Street corridor. Promote public/private partnerships to create street level retail space and affordable rental units on upper floors. Support the promotion of The Walkway over the Hudson and its economic impact to improve the economic health of the City. Support remediation of waterfront parcels for commercial, residential, recreational and green space.

The following chart summarizes the Consolidated Plan goals, objectives and outcomes that will be addressed with 2021 City of Poughkeepsie CDBG funds.

The City of Poughkeepsie will follow three (3) HUD objectives when utilizing CDBG funds:

- DH – Decent, Affordable Housing
- SL – Suitable Living Environment
- EO – Economic Opportunity

The City of Poughkeepsie will strive to implement three (3) HUD outcomes when utilizing CDBG funds:

- 1 – Availability/Accessibility
- 2 – Affordability
- 3 – Sustainability

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City has been successful in utilizing CDBG funds to improve public infrastructure in low to moderate income neighborhoods. Some of these projects include but are not limited to repairing and improving sidewalks and streets located throughout the City, necessary and imminent sewer repairs and improvements, demolition of various structures in blighted neighborhoods throughout the City, and repairing and improving City pools and parks. The City has also been successful in providing funds to numerous non for profit agencies throughout the City that assist low to moderate income families through various youth/adult programs, activities, and projects. The City has been able to remove and replace various trees throughout the City of Poughkeepsie to further improve and beautify streets.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City held a public meeting where residents could learn about the draft Action Plan, program priorities and requirements, as well as ask questions regarding the program. Applications were announced via email, public notice in the Poughkeepsie Journal, and on the City's website. Applications were posted on the City's website at www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com. Technical assistance was available during the application cycle. Applications were reviewed by City Administration, Economic Development Director, and the Social Development Director. After careful review of the submitted applications, both Infrastructure applications submitted by various City Departments and Public Service Agency applications, final recommendations were made to the City Administrator and the Mayor. The draft Action Plan was made available on the City's website for review by the public.

The Social Development Director and the Administration reserves the right to increase or decrease project funding during the program year and to reallocate that funding based on a number of factors in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. These factors include but are not limited too, emergency needs, program or project continued eligibility, and program or project's performance in a timely manner.

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.

Several residents contacted the Division of Social Development to inquire about the public service agency application process and the selection of funded projects. The Social Development Director assisted each public service agency applicant.

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

There were no summary of comments or views not accepted.

7. Summary

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| CDBG Administrator | POUGHKEEPSIE | Division of Social Development |
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Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Poughkeepsie has two public housing agencies, the Poughkeepsie Housing Authority and the City of Poughkeepsie Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Through the Dutchess County Continuum of Care (CoC), as a member, the City of Poughkeepsie works to enhance coordination between these housing providers and health, mental health and service agencies.

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)).

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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.

In Dutchess County the Continuum of Care is known as the Dutchess County Housing Consortium (DCHC). DCHC's mission is to prevent and end homelessness by facilitating collaboration, planning, education, and advocacy efforts and by promoting the development and preservation of needed resources.

The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development (DCDPD), author of the Consolidated Plan in coordination with the City of Poughkeepsie Office of Social Development, is co-chair of the DCHC, and the coordinator of the CoC's annual program funding application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), known as the NOFA. As such, they have an intimate knowledge of the goals and objectives of the CoC and access to all of the CoC data. This includes data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Point-in-Time Count (PIT), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), Homeless Data Exchange (HDX), and the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). Through this relationship with the DCHC, the City of Poughkeepsie can ensure that CoC goals are integrated into the Plan, and the CoC is informed of all funding opportunities under the programs covered by the Plan.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate

outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Department's Community Development Administrator is a co-chair of the Dutchess County Continuum of Care (CoC). On behalf of the CoC, the Department reviews and issues a CoC consistency certifications for potential Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) applications which insures that ESG applications are consistent with CoC goals. ESG performance standards are reviewed and approved by the CoC, and ESG performance is evaluated as part of the larger CoC performance review process which the Department also coordinates.

The Department is also the local point of contact for the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). In 2014, the Department coordinated the transfer of the HMIS system to a new provider (CARES), and acts as the primary link between CARES and HMIS agencies. The Department coordinated the HMIS Committee which reviews and approves policies and procedures, and HMIS administration and data. Through this linkage the Consolidated Plan has access to the most recent homelessness data and trends so Plan policies can reflect current needs.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Poughkeepsie - Pulaski Park Lifeguard Program |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Other government - Local Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | City Youth Service |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | Family Services, Inc. SNUG Program |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Neighborhood Gun Violence & Education |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |

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| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Nubian Directions II |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Youth Service - Education & Employment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | Catholic Charities Community Services of DC |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | Finish Strong Wellness Center |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Youth Services & Education/Mentoring Program |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | Dutchess Outreach |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Anti-poverty Strategy Food & Essential Items Support & Distribution |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |

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| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | Rebuilding Together Dutchess County, Inc. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Neighborhood Revitalization & Assistance |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 9 | Agency/Group/Organization | The Art Effect of the Hudson Valley, Inc. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Youth Services - Education & Employment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie. |
| 10 | Agency/Group/Organization | Hudson River Housing |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-homeless Neighborhood Organization |

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| <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> | <p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p> |
| <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p> | <p>Consulted with the Social Development Director and submitted an application as a Public Service Agency recipient for the Community Development Block Program in Poughkeepsie.</p> |

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 | Dutchess County | In Dutchess County the Continuum of Care is known as the Dutchess County Housing Consortium (DCHC). DCHC’s mission is to prevent and end homelessness by facilitating collaboration, planning, education, and advocacy efforts and by promoting the development and preservation of needed resources. The City of Poughkeepsie relies heavily on Public Service Agencies located throughout the County and City to achieve the goals set forth. |

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City conducts extensive outreach during the development of an Annual Action Plan. Outreach is conducted via the internet, newspaper legal advertisements, and public meetings. The prime method for public comments is public meetings which are conducted during the application period and upon release of the draft Action Plan. Organizations and the public are also able to submit oral or written comments to the City at any time prior to the submission of the Plan to HUD.

Outreach for public meetings was conducted via the internet, newspaper legal advertisements, and posting in public locations. The City maintains an extensive Consolidated Plan e-mail list containing municipal officials, public service agencies, government agencies, economic development officials, advocacy groups and concerned citizens. A special effort is made to reach out to minorities with individualized outreach to minority advocacy groups, and advertising in the Poughkeepsie Journal. All outreach and meeting notices are posted on the City website.

Citizen Participation Outreach

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Internet Outreach | Non-targeted/broad community | | | | |
| 2 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | | | | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 3 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | All comments and recommendations were considered and made a part of the draft Action Plan. | | | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 836,364 | 0 | 0 | 836,364 | 0 | CDBG Funds are allocated to Administrative Expenses, City Infrastructure Projects, Economic Development, Public Services, and City Planning. |

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The federal funding listed above is funding which is received annually to support activities outlined in this Plan. Although there are no

guarantees of this funding, particularly in the current budget environment, the City has historically received these funds and expect to for the period covered by this Plan.

The City has a variety of resources to fund community development type projects. The most significant resource is local property taxes which have been under extreme pressure over the past several years. Other than CDBG funds, the City receives federal money for eligible transportation related projects. NYS also provides money to the City for infrastructure improvements through its Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). These sources provide some leveraged capital to CDBG funded infrastructure improvement projects.

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

The City of Poughkeepsie regularly review tax delinquent parcels for their ability to help address Consolidated Plan goals. The City of Poughkeepsie is currently reviewing its process for disposing of tax delinquent properties. Traditionally the City has sold the tax liens which in some cases has resulted in properties revolving through the system from one absentee owner to the next. As part of the Distressed Property Initiative the City is consider taking and holding strategic properties and looking for responsible developers who will redevelop the properties in accordance with their Distressed Property Strategy and this Plan.

When City-owned property is sold at auction, community development and owner-occupancy are priorities established to help stabilize neighborhoods. To accomplish these goals, the following guidelines were established:

- 1) All one and two family houses and building lots zoned for one and two family houses will be sold only to owner-occupants or organizations that will rehabilitate the property for the sole purpose of selling the house to an owner-occupant. Houses that need extensive rehabilitation will not be offered directly to an owner-occupant unless the prospective purchaser has previous experience and financial capacity to undertake the work.

- 2) All multi-family and commercial buildings will be sold to investor/developers who possess some combination of the following: a demonstrated history of community involvement; a record of quality real estate development; a record of good property management; capacity to undertake and complete the project in the stated time frame; and proof of financial capacity to perform; good credit history; and a clean

record with the City of Poughkeepsie.

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 | Public Facilities and Improvements | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development | City of Poughkeepsie | Public Facilities and Improvements | CDBG: \$446,364 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30000 Persons Assisted |
| 2 | Public Services | 2020 | 2024 | Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs | City of Poughkeepsie | Public Services | CDBG: \$250,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7500 Persons Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 50 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 100 Persons Assisted |
| 3 | Administration | 2020 | 2024 | Administration and Planning | City of Poughkeepsie | Administration | CDBG: \$140,000 | Jobs created/retained: 1 Jobs |

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Goal Description | Includes all improvements and facilities that are either publicly owned or that are traditionally provided by the government, or owned by a nonprofit, and operated so as to be open to the general public. This would include neighborhood facilities, firehouses, fire equipment, public schools, and libraries. Public improvements include streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer lines, flood and drainage improvements, parking lots, utility lines, and aesthetic amenities on public property such as trees, sculptures, pools of water and fountains, and other works of art. The regulations specify that facilities that are designed for use in providing shelter for persons having special needs are considered to be public facilities (and not permanent housing), and thus are covered under this category of basic eligibility. Such shelters would include nursing homes, convalescent homes, hospitals, shelters for victims of domestic violence, shelters and transitional facilities/housing for the homeless, halfway houses for run-away children, drug offenders or parolees, group homes for the developmentally disabled, and shelters for disaster victims. In the CDBG program, site improvements of any kind that are made to that is in public ownership are considered to be a "public improvement" is eligible under this category. |
| 2 | Goal Name | Public Services |
| | Goal Description | CDBG funds may be used to provide public services (including labor, staffing, consultants, supplies, materials and other costs). |
| 3 | Goal Name | Administration |
| | Goal Description | Administration includes overall program administration including but not limited to salaries, wages, and other related costs of office space, office supplies, grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. Administration and Planning also includes program planning activities, development of comprehensive plans, community development plans, energy strategies, environmental studies, area neighborhood plans, and functional plans. |

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects were identified to provide funding for infrastructure and public services to maximize the benefit to the City of Poughkeepsie.

The City's 2022 CDBG funds will be allocated as follows:

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | Public Facilities and Improvements - Sewer Repairs and Improvements |
| 2 | Public Facilities and Improvements - Sidewalk Repairs and Improvements |
| 3 | Program Administration and Planning |
| 4 | Public Service - City of Poughkeepsie Pulaski Park Pool |
| 5 | Public Service - Habitat for Humanity |
| 6 | Public Service - Family Service SNUG |
| 7 | Public Service - Nubian Directions II Youthbuild |
| 8 | Public Service - Catholic Charities Community Services |
| 9 | Public Service - Finish Strong Wellness Center |
| 10 | Public Service - Dutchess Outreach |
| 11 | Public Service - Rebuilding Together Dutchess County |
| 12 | Public Service - The Art Effect |
| 13 | Public Service - Hudson River Housing |

Table 3 – Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

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| 1 | Project Name | Public Facilities and Improvements - Sewer Repairs and Improvements |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$364,000 |
| | Description | The City Engineer, with the assistance of Barton Logiudice Engineers, conducted an Infiltration/Inflow Study to address high flow conditions in the existing sewer system that were adversely impacting the municipal Water Pollution Control Plant and Pump Stations in 2017 and 2018. A Flow Study with an Engineer’s Report was undertaken to quantify system capacities and recommend improvements for sewer infrastructure in 2019-2020. The Sewer Flow Study was completed in April 2020. In April 2022, Barton Logiudice prepared a proposal to the city to provide engineering design and construction support for the required rehabilitation work. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | This proposed activity will benefit approximately 30,000 residents in the City of Poughkeepsie. The benefit of this Infrastructure project is city-wide. |
| | Location Description | Location: Fallkill Creek/City Trunk Sewers |
| | Planned Activities | Barton Logiudice to prepare and produce a proposal to the city to provide engineering design and construction support for the required rehabilitation work at Fallkill Creek/City Trunk Sewers. |
| 2 | Project Name | Public Facilities and Improvements - Sidewalk Repairs and Improvements |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$82,364 |

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| | Description | This City of Poughkeepsie Infrastructure project entails installation, repair and/or improvements of sidewalks, streets, handicap accessibility ramps, street drains, storm drains, curbs, gutters, tunnels, bridges, traffic lights and traffic signs. This project also includes improvements such as landscaping and "streetscaping" such as the installation of trash receptacles, lighting, benches, and trees. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | This proposed activity will benefit approximately 30,000 residents in the City of Poughkeepsie. The benefit of this Infrastructure project is city-wide. |
| | Location Description | Location: TBD possibly scattered or 300 Main Street Block |
| | Planned Activities | Planned activities include but are not limited to installation, repair and/or improvements of sidewalks, streets, handicap accessibility ramps, street drains, storm drains, curbs, gutters, tunnels, bridges, traffic lights and traffic signs. This project also includes improvements such as landscaping and "streetscaping" such as the installation of trash receptacles, lighting, benches, and trees. |
| 3 | Project Name | Program Administration and Planning |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Administration |
| | Needs Addressed | Administration |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$140,000 |
| | Description | Administration includes overall program administration including but not limited to salaries, wages, and other related costs of office space, office supplies, grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. Administration and Planning also includes program planning activities, development of comprehensive plans, community development plans, energy strategies, environmental studies, area neighborhood plans, and functional plans. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 1 individual is employed in the City of Poughkeepsie in the Division of Social Development for CDBG Administration and Planning purposes. The benefit of this activity is city-wide. |
| | Location Description | Location: City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY. |
| | Planned Activities | Administration includes overall program administration including but not limited to salaries, wages, and other related costs of office space, office supplies, grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. Administration and Planning also includes program planning activities, development of comprehensive plans, community development plans, energy strategies, environmental studies, area neighborhood plans, and functional plans. |
| 4 | Project Name | Public Service - City of Poughkeepsie Pulaski Park Pool |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$50,000 |
| | Description | The operation of the City of Poughkeepsie pool and park area, namely, Pulaski Park Pool, and payment of the pool lifeguards during the summer months. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 5,500 - 6,000 residents benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Location: Pulaski Pool Park, 162 Washington St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. |
| | Planned Activities | The operation of the City of Poughkeepsie pool and park area, namely, Pulaski Park Pool, and payment of the pool lifeguards during the summer months. |
| 5 | Project Name | Public Service - Habitat for Humanity |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |

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| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$35,000 |
| | Description | This project is new construction of 13 Harrison Street, a single family home with 4 bedrooms, approximately 1,400 square feet. Activities to be completed will include: home assessment and design completed by Habitat Architect, framing, roofing, installation of doors and windows, vinyl siding, all new mechanicals including plumbing and electrical, interior remodeling including cabinetry, painting, flooring, landscaping. A habitat partner will complete the Homeownership Program and close on the home within the year with a mortgage of 29% of their household income. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The new homeowner and family as well as the surrounding neighbors and neighborhood. Approximately 20 families will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Location: 13 Harrison Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. |
| | Planned Activities | Activities to be completed will include: home assessment and design completed by Habitat Architect, framing, roofing, installation of doors and windows, vinyl siding, all new mechanicals including plumbing and electrical, interior remodeling including cabinetry, painting, flooring, landscaping. |
| 6 | Project Name | Public Service - Family Service SNUG |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$30,000 |
| | Description | SNUG is a Community Safety Program that works with individuals who have a history of gun related violence, domestic violence, or aggression in their relationships in order to help them learn a healthier approach to the people in their lives and communities. Gun and gang violence is a significant threat to youth in the City of Poughkeepsie. SNUG works to reduce gang violence by mediating conflicts, outreach workers carry caseloads of approximately 7 active participants each. |

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| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | SNUG expects to serve 35 participants annually as well as approximately 500 community members through community events and shooting responses. The benefit of this activity is city-wide. |
| | Location Description | City of Poughkeepsie, SNUG workers target specific neighborhoods where gun violence and shootings are increased. |
| | Planned Activities | SNUG works to reduce gang violence by mediating conflicts, outreach workers carry caseloads of approximately 7 active participants each. |
| 7 | Project Name | Public Service - Nubian Directions II Youthbuild |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Nubian Directions Youthbuild AmeriCorps Partnership (NDYAP) develops high quality workforce skills for low/moderate income youth between the ages of 16-24. The 12 month program provides HSE (formerly GED) and construction skills training while building a community of support and commitment to service. The program provides technology training, work readiness skills training, educational support services for youth and adults to build skill sets that enhance their ability to enter, grow, and succeed in the local workforce. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 40 individuals will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Location: Nubian Directions II, Inc., 248 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. |
| Planned Activities | The program provides technology training, work readiness skills training, educational support services for youth and adults to build skill sets that enhance their ability to enter, grow, and succeed in the local workforce. | |
| | Project Name | Public Service - Catholic Charities Community Services |

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| 8 | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | This program provides comprehensive, ongoing case management services to meet the immediate needs of the City of Poughkeepsie residents who are risk of homelessness or who have difficulty affording basic necessities such as food, rent, utilities, and medication. This program provides eviction prevention and utility assistance. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 800 households in the City of Poughkeepsie are proposed to benefit from this Public Service. |
| | Location Description | Location: Catholic Charities Community Services, 218 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. |
| Planned Activities | This program provides comprehensive, ongoing case management services to meet the immediate needs of the City of Poughkeepsie residents who are risk of homelessness or who have difficulty affording basic necessities such as food, rent, utilities, and medication. This program provides eviction prevention and utility assistance. | |
| 9 | Project Name | Public Service - Finish Strong Wellness Center |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Finish Strong Wellness Center is a youth program designed to promote optimal physical and emotional health through non-contact boxing, yoga, mental health counseling and support, development workshops for social emotional skills, academic support, mentoring and peer support, family support, and community engagement. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 80 individuals in the City of Poughkeepsie are proposed to benefit from this Public Service. |
| | Location Description | Location: Finish Strong Wellness Center, 29 N. Hamilton Street, Suite 221, Poughkeepsie, NY. |
| | Planned Activities | Finish Strong Wellness Center is a youth program designed to promote optimal physical and emotional health through non-contact boxing, yoga, mental health counseling and support, development workshops for social emotional skills, academic support, mentoring and peer support, family support, and community engagement. |
| 10 | Project Name | Public Service - Dutchess Outreach |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Dutchess Outreach Case Management and Emergency Assistance programs address homelessness through emergency housing and support services. This program provides access to food, counseling, referrals, advocacy services, and direct assistance to meet the emergency needs of homeless individuals or individuals threatened with homelessness through eviction prevention. Case managers help people find and secure suitable and affordable housing, and work with them on sustainability, household budgeting, and income strategies. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 6,700 individuals in the City of Poughkeepsie are proposed to benefit from this Public Service. |
| | Location Description | Location: Dutchess Outreach, 29 N. Hamilton Street, Suite 220, Poughkeepsie, NY. |

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| | Planned Activities | Dutchess Outreach Case Management and Emergency Assistance programs address homelessness through emergency housing and support services. This program provides access to food, counseling, referrals, advocacy services, and direct assistance to meet the emergency needs of homeless individuals or individuals threatened with homelessness through eviction prevention. Case managers help people find and secure suitable and affordable housing, and work with them on sustainability, household budgeting, and income strategies. |
| 11 | Project Name | Public Service - Rebuilding Together Dutchess County |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$20,000 |
| | Description | Rebuilding Together Dutchess County provides critical repairs and accessibility modifications for low income homeowners in the City of Poughkeepsie. This program preserves affordable home ownership, stabilizes properties, their values, and enables seniors and individuals living with disabilities to live independently, reduce their energy consumption, and addresses health and safety risks. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 5 individuals in the City of Poughkeepsie are proposed to benefit from this Public Service. |
| | Location Description | Location: TBD via an application process conducted by Rebuilding Together Dutchess County. |
| | Planned Activities | To provide critical repairs and accessibility modifications for low income homeowners in the City of Poughkeepsie. This program preserves affordable home ownership, stabilizes properties, their values, and enables seniors and individuals living with disabilities to live independently, reduce their energy consumption, and addresses health and safety risks. The proposed plan is to assist approximately 2-5 homeowners/families. |
| 12 | Project Name | Public Service - The Art Effect |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |

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| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$18,000 |
| | Description | The Art Effect's program is a youth workforce, job skills training program that addresses the needs of youth facing multiple barriers to employment through an arts based curriculum. MADLab is a Media, Art, and Design Lab that provides low income youth from the City with workforce development skills and paid compensation to incentivize attendance and ensure that they don't not have to choose between supporting their families and engaging in job training. |
| | Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 100 individuals in the City of Poughkeepsie are proposed to benefit from this Public Service. |
| | Location Description | Location: The Art Effect, 45 Pershing Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. |
| | Planned Activities | The Art Effect's program is a youth workforce, job skills training program that addresses the needs of youth facing multiple barriers to employment through an arts based curriculum. MADLab is a Media, Art, and Design Lab that provides low income youth from the City with workforce development skills and paid compensation to incentivize attendance and ensure that they don't not have to choose between supporting their families and engaging in job training. |
| 13 | Project Name | Public Service - Hudson River Housing |
| | Target Area | City of Poughkeepsie |
| | Goals Supported | Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$17,000 |
| | Description | The Gail V. Webster Memorial Shelter for the Homeless provides a safe alternative to the streets and addresses emergency needs of homeless individuals and families. The program involves existing shelters and programs for the homeless, counseling and assistance in addressing immediate needs in locating suitable housing, employment, educational/vocational training, therapy, medical assistance, financial support, and other services. |

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| Target Date | 2/28/2023 |
| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 600 households in the City of Poughkeepsie are proposed to benefit from this Public Service. |
| Location Description | Location: Hudson River Housing, Inc., 313 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. |
| Planned Activities | The Gail V. Webster Memorial Shelter for the Homeless provides a safe alternative to the streets and addresses emergency needs of homeless individuals and families. The program involves existing shelters and programs for the homeless, counseling and assistance in addressing immediate needs in locating suitable housing, employment, educational/vocational training, therapy, medical assistance, financial support, and other services. |

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Low and moderate income neighborhoods in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
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| City of Poughkeepsie | 100 |

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Investments are made in census-defined low and moderate income areas or are the type of projects which are presumed to benefit low-income populations (e.g. homeless, substance abuse, handicapped).

The primary focus for CDBG allocations is the Consolidated Plan priorities. The City makes an effort to distribute funds, to the extent practicable. Past performance of projects is also a funding consideration.

At the time of the 2022 Action Plan, HUD is using 2000 Census Tract and Block Group geographies, while providing Low-Mod population data estimates, updated in FFY2014. Thus, the map below geographic boundary lines from 2000, but relatively up-to-date low-mod data. According to the 2000 Census, the City has 10 Census tracts; however, funded activities only occur in the tracts that reflect 51% or more low-mod population. This essentially leaves the entire 2210 Census Tract out and includes the rest of the City.

According to more current data (2007-2011 ACS), the median household income in Dutchess County was \$71,125, which is in stark contrast to the median income for the City of Poughkeepsie at \$39,041.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

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

There is a longer list of activities in the Dutchess County and City of Poughkeepsie Analysis of Impediments. The following is a list of specific initiatives which have yet to be implemented which the County and City will focus on during the 2022 program year:

Impediment #1: Home Rule, Land Use Regulations and the Local Land Use Approval Process

1. Provide technical assistance to municipalities to facilitate local approvals.
2. Implement tracking system and fact sheets for goals set in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
3. Revise and implement Model Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance
4. Sponsor education and training sessions

Impediment #2: Limited Infrastructure

Water and Sewer

1. Provide subsidies, using the resources of the CDBG Program, WWA and the Partnership for Manageable Growth

Transportation

1. Utilize CDBG funds as appropriate to improve transportation services and pedestrian needs.

Impediment # 3: Local Opposition to Change/NIMBY

1. Sponsor community leadership training
2. Create website which provides links to existing articles and research on NIMBY issues

Impediment #4 - Limited Fair Housing Resources

1. Develop fair housing education, marketing, outreach and advisory capacity

Impediment #5: Limited Subsidized Housing and Assistance Programs

1. Increase availability of information on available and proposed affordable housing

Impediment #6 - High Cost of Living

1. Identify and evaluate parcels that present opportunities for affordable housing development
2. Dedicate CDBG and HOME resources to defray the cost of land for fair and affordable housing

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to support those public services which promote long-term meaningful change, whether it be permanent, stable housing, youth and work force training programs for the City's youth, daily meal programs, substance abuse programs or services for senior citizens. The obvious obstacle is declining funds for these programs, and the City will be more strategic in its application of funding in order to leverage the most benefits.

The City will maintain its role with the County and within the Continuum of Care to provide the oversight and coordination required under the HEARTH regulations.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City does not expect to lose any units from its assisted housing inventory during 2022.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead removal will continue to be addressed through the HOME Program and the County's Senior Citizen Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program. All lead-based paint is removed from substantial rehabilitation projects funded by the HOME Program. Additionally, HOME funds may be used to address lead-based paint problems in properties with a known lead-based paint problem. The County has an EPA qualified risk-assessor on retainer who is used for the County's Senior Citizen Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program. The County will notify local contractors of opportunities to become certified for the removal of lead-based paint in an effort to increase the number of contractors who can work with the program and increase general knowledge among the contracting community. Rebuilding Together conducts lead safe training for its volunteers to insure their program is in compliance with HUD regulations. It also invites outside contractors to help expand general knowledge in the community.

The City's Section 8 Housing inspector has been trained in identifying lead base paint hazards in units that are or will be occupied by households with children under the age of six.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will be more strategic in its application of funding in order to support those programs which not simply address the symptoms of poverty but address the causes of poverty. Thus, work force development, particularly among the City's youth, will be a priority, as well as supportive services for the

homeless such as locating suitable housing, educational/vocational training, and other services.

Under the CDBG program Hudson River Housing, Dutchess Outreach and Catholic Charities Homeless Prevention Case Management are just a few programs that are focused on reducing the number of poverty level families in the City. Catholic Charities provides short term financial assistance to rapidly re-house homeless families and keep those at-risk of homelessness housed. The financial assistance is provided within a longer term case management framework which seeks to address long term financial concerns and help families develop a plan for long-term financial security. The Hudson River Housing Program is focused on providing a safe alternative to the streets and addresses emergency needs of homeless individuals and families. The program provides counseling and assistance regarding locating suitable housing, employment, educational/vocational training, therapy, medical assistance, and other services. The Dutchess Outreach Program is focused on emergency food distribution, grant assistance, eviction prevention, and support services for those in need.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's Department of Planning and Development has relationships in several different spheres - government, local municipalities, private developers and businesses and public service agencies. Through these relationships it can help create bridges between these different communities which may not have much opportunity to interact. The City can introduce affordable housing developers to community and municipal leaders, it can provide advice to municipal leaders on the real impact of affordable housing and it can connect housing developers and public service providers so they can work together to address their clients housing needs. The City can introduce business developers to municipal and community leaders to work together to address the business expansion in the City. These relationships and communication between individuals should help strengthen the existing institutional structure.

The City will be working to streamline implementation of its CDBG projects and the City's standard orientation will be enhanced to provide information of HUD deadlines, Consolidated Plan priorities, and the application process.

The City will continue to use its extensive mailing list to inform all parties about the availability of CDBG resources.

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

The City will work with the CoC to increase participation by public and private housing agencies as well as critical public service agencies in CoC activities. The CoC is currently in the process of identifying these

groups and will do outreach to encourage participation in the CoC.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I) (1, 2, 4)

Introduction

The City does not include program income for potential use in the 2022 Action Plan. Any program income received is credited to the revolving loan fund and not used to supplement the proposed activities.

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

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

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 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

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

Discussion

