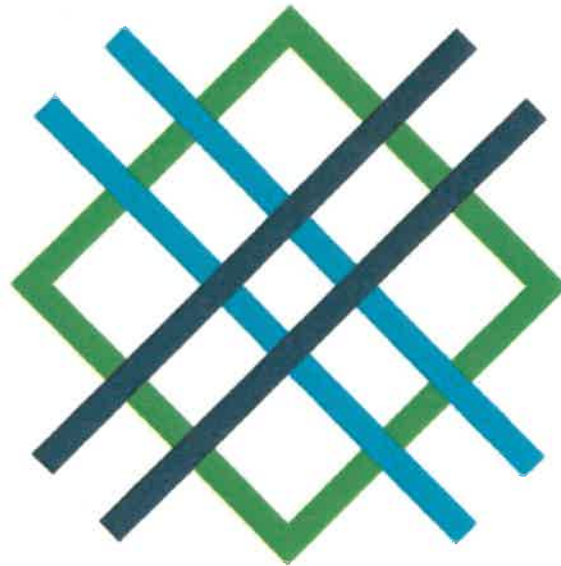


CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

Community Development Block Grant Program

2019 Action Plan



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Action Plan covers the second year of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan.

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 City's priority continues to be improving existing owner-occupied single-family dwellings. The objects being: (1) Creating Suitable Living Environments (2) Decent Affordable Housing. The outcomes being: (1) Availability and-or Accessibility (2) Affordability and (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.

In the past, the Housing Services Program has made a significant impact in not only low-income neighborhoods but in the City overall. The City continues to make the Housing Services Program a priority.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City always places two ads in the local newspaper encouraging its residents and other agencies to provide input during the development of the Action Plan and to comment on the final Action Plan.

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.

Public meeting was held on May 22nd from 5:00pm-7:00pm. There were no comments.

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

7. Summary

Even after placing ads in the local newspaper, attendance at the public meetings are very low.

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	SPRINGDALE	
CDBG Administrator	SPRINGDALE	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City's Planning and Community Development Department has a full time staff person responsible to administer the Community Development Block Grant Program and a full time housing rehabilitation specialist to administer the housing services program.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For information about the Community Development Block Grant Program contact Starr Wilson, Community Development Block Grant Program Manager: Phone 479-750-8175 or Email: cswilson@springdalear.gov. Visit the city's website www.springdalear.gov.

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

1. Introduction

The City consulted with the city council, residents, housing providers, homeless agencies and other public service agencies in the development of this plan.

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

The Community Development Block Grant Program Manager has display ads placed in the local newspaper notifying residents, housing providers and public service agencies about upcoming meetings and encouraging residents and others to attend and provide input into the development of the Action Plan and to comment on the final development of the Action Plan.

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

The City is a member of the Continuum of Care and the Community Development Block Grant Program Manager attends the local meetings.

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

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	NWA Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	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?	Community Development Block Grant Program Manager will attend all CoC meetings as well as Youth Council meetings to become more involved in improved coordination between the City and the organization.

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		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The Community Development Block Grant Program committee held a meeting on February 18, 2019 at 5:30pm to discuss and authorize the funding to non-profits for public service activities. A public meeting was held on May 22, 2019 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm to accept comments in regards to 2019 Action Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Low income	No one came to the meeting and no responses were given.	No comments were received.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 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	812,275	0	250,000	1,062,275	2,436,825	The City was notified it would receive \$812,275 for the 2019 program year. We will have an estimated \$250,000 carried over from PY 2018. We anticipate no program income to be carried over from PY 2018.

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

Funds from the Community Development Block Grant will not be used to leverage additional federal resources. Homeowners are required to pay a portion of the cost for any maintenance-type related work required to be performed on their home if the work is required to pass the final building inspection required by the City.

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

No public land or property within the City will be used to address any needs identified in this plan.

Discussion

Homeowners pay a portion of any maintenance-type related work required to be performed on their home and for any additional work they may want to have performed while a contractor is on site.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Services	2018	2022	Affordable Housing	Low-income individuals and families City wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$441,275	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Service Program	2019	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Low-income individuals and families City wide	Public Service Program	CDBG: \$96,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Facilities	2019	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Low-income individuals and families City wide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$200,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted
4	General Program Administration	2019	2020	Administration	Low-income individuals and families City wide	General Program Administration	CDBG: \$75,000	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Services
	Goal Description	Housing Administration and provide housing rehabilitation assistance and emergency repairs to low-income homeowners.
2	Goal Name	Public Service Program
	Goal Description	Assist public service organizations in serving the community. These programs serve foster children, adults recently released from being incarcerated, and families with food insecurity.
3	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve Springdale Recreation Center by adding ADA accessibility.
4	Goal Name	General Program Administration
	Goal Description	Cost associated with the general administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City will carry out four projects during the 2019 program year.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing Services
2	Public Services
3	General Program Administration
4	Public Facilities

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Services
	Target Area	Low-income individuals and families City wide
	Goals Supported	Housing Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$441,275
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 - low/mod income families
	Location Description	City of Springdale
	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation of single family, owner-occupied homes
2	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Low-income individuals and families City wide
	Goals Supported	Public Service Program
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Program
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000 low/mod income families
	Location Description	City of Springdale
	Planned Activities	Assist public service organizations in serving the community. These programs serve foster children, adults recently released from being incarcerated, and families experiencing food insecurity.

3	Project Name	General Program Administration
	Target Area	Low-income individuals and families City wide
	Goals Supported	General Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	General Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City of Springdale
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Public Facilities
	Target Area	Low-income individuals and families City wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000 mostly low/mod income families
	Location Description	1906 Cambridge St. Springdale, AR 72762
	Planned Activities	Renovate Springdale Recreation Center to make it ADA accessible

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 City does not allocate funds to any specific area of the city but focuses on low/mod income homes. The Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program is available city-wide to any extremely-low to moderate income household that qualifies for the program.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Low-income individuals and families	100
City wide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

None

Discussion

The City's priority is the housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family dwellings built before 1978.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Maintaining the existing older affordable housing stock is the City's priority.

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

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	30
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	30

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

Discussion

The City's priority is the housing rehabilitation of the existing older housing stock.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Funds from the City's entitlement grants will not be used to address public housing.

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

No actions will be taken.

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

The housing authority holds regular meetings with its residents and encourages them to become homeowners as soon as they can.

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City does not have any specific goals or actions in this Action Plan to reduce or end homelessness. We will continue our partnership with Continuum of Care to address the needs of the homeless in our area. The goal of NWA Continuum of Care is to end homelessness by 2025. The Continuum of Care is currently establishing a committee to address youth homelessness in our area as well.

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

NWA Continuum of Care realizes the homeless need to be identified before the problem can be addressed. In January 2019, they were working on a point in time count to determine the number of homeless people in our community. The Continuum of Care is represented by agencies that specifically target the homeless and assist individuals with accessing mental health and chemical dependency services. Part of this outreach is education of both the service providers and the communities to assist in eradicating homelessness. The number of (non-veteran) individuals experiencing homelessness is increasing month after month. Inflow is consistently outpacing system outflow. In the calendar year between March 2018 and February 2019, the system added 1,190 individuals, an average of 100 persons per month, while 'removing' 530 persons from the list (housed: 303 or moved to inactive: 227), which is an average of 44 per month over the same period.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City has no goals or actions in this Action Plan to address emergency shelter or transitional housing needs of the homeless at this time.

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 will continue to support and be involved with the Continuum of Care to meet the goals of moving homeless persons to permanent housing with rapid re-housing assistance and see that our veterans and their families are assisted with permanent housing. As of 5/28/19, the total unsheltered/chronic veterans was at 41 veterans; the total unsheltered/chronic non-veterans was at

548. According to the Continuum of Care, there has been a 60% reduction in Veteran Homelessness since reaching a high of 131 households in September 2018 to 55 households in April of 2019. This reduction was accomplished by housing more individuals (outflow) than those newly experiencing homelessness (inflow). The system housed 117 Veterans in the one-year period between March 2018 and February 2019. There is only a 10 percent difference between the number of unsheltered individuals in the 2019 Point in Time count (529) and the number of persons actively experiencing homelessness on the By-Name-List. This reflects the community's diligence in identifying and placing persons on the By-Name-List, as well as the diligence in effectively counting those persons during PIT count day. In the one-year period between March 2018 and February 2019, the NWA Homeless Service Providers "housed" 303 households.

There has been a high percentage of exits from shelter to homelessness. In FY2017, only 26% of individuals enrolled in housing programs, including shelter, exited to permanent housing. This number went up from the prior year (18%) and we hope it continues to go up. A low percentage in this category indicates individuals who are returning to homelessness following a housing intervention and represents an inflow in that period of 141 persons.

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 is giving funds to a non-profit program that assists previously incarcerated men and women re-entering into the workforce. This is one of the public services we are giving to. Public service funds are also given to CASA. The National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, together with its state and local member programs, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so every abused or neglected child in the United States can be safe, have a permanent home and have the opportunity to thrive.

The path to increased housing resources is a long-term process accessible through coalition building, resource development and a collective impact model among all stakeholders.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

The City's public policies do not affect affordable housing within its jurisdiction.

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

The City will loosen or remove any negative effects public policies may have as barriers to affordable housing within its authority.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City's priority is maintaining the existing affordable housing stock.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City currently does not have any projects that will address meeting underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City has allocated 54% of the 2019 Entitlement Grant to maintain and improve the existing older housing stock under the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will have all homes qualified for the Housing Services Program tested for the presence of lead-paint before any housing rehabilitation work will be performed. Any materials found with lead paint will be removed if possible or covered.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

No actions in this plan to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will begin holding some public meetings during normal working hours and more frequently.

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

The City will start sending invites to public and private housing and social service agencies by email notifying them of upcoming public meetings regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Attachments