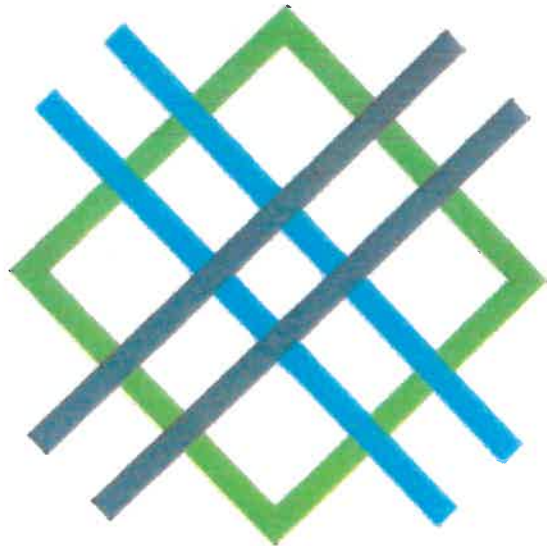


CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)

2020 Program Year, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The City of Springdale is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement City and received \$812,974 in CDBG funding in program year 2020 with a carryover of \$355,847.83 from the prior year's funding. The City's continued the initiative of e Housing Rehabilitation of owner- occupied single-family dwellings within the city limits. Decent housing is one of the three objectives of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Maintaining the affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation is an outcome of the decent housing objective. This allows LMI homeowners to stay in their homes by bringing the homes up to city code and making them more energy efficient. Twenty (20) homes received housing rehabilitation services in the Program Year 2020 at the cost of \$559,013.83. This cost included some funds spent in 2020 to finish up (10) ten houses shown on the 2019 CAPER.

The City also provided funding for (6) six public service project that provides direct services to low-moderate income residents. The City also completed the purchase of a building in Luther George Park as part of an overall revitalization and expansion of the park.

During the 2020 program year, the pandemic greatly hindered material availability and delivery and the ability to complete these affordable housing projects. Prior to 2020 a rehabilitation project could be completed within 30 days from start to finish. The current situation has extended the time period to 90 days to get a dwelling completed with the major problem being the delivery of windows. This has resulted in the number of completed project down from (30) thirty to around (20) twenty projects. Adjustments have been made which has resulted in the completion of more emergency repair projects.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expect – Progra Year
General Program Administration	Administration	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	500	100	20.00%	1
Housing Services	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	150	150	100.00%	30

Public Service Program	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5000	1920	38.40%	10000
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Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The City's highest priority includes the Housing Services Program, made up of a Housing Rehabilitation Program, an Emergency Repair Program, a Paint Program, a Lead- Based Paint Program and the required clearances to complete the activities. Priority is given to homes built in 1978 or earlier with all but (3) home meeting that requirement in the current program year.

The Housing Services Program spent, \$421,014 for Housing Rehabilitation (51%); Public Facility \$226,000 (27%) for a public structure in Luther George Park, to be razed and replaced with green space; \$90,960 (11%) Public Service, for direct services by (6) six nonprofit organizations; and, \$75,000 (11%) for Program Administration.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	46
Black or African American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	46
Hispanic	70
Not Hispanic	0

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

All individuals and families assisted were low-to-moderate income. The racial and ethnic status was determined by the individuals applying for assistance.

According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, the racial/ ethnic composition of Springdale is 62.6% White, 2.6% Black/ African American, 2.3% Asian, 0.7% American Indian/ Alaskan Native, and 6.4% Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander. In addition 3.0% identify as two or more races. The 2013-2017 American Community Survey indicates that 36.5% of the Springdale population is Hispanic.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	917,974	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City wide	100		Housing Services
Low-income individuals and families	100		Individuals and families that meet eligibility requirements for CDBG funding in Springdale

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

None of the available funding was allocated geographically. The 2020 funds provided direct benefit to low-income, single family dwellings whose income fell at or below 80% of the median family income.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Homeowners are required to pay a share of the cost for any maintenance type work that was required to be performed on their home in order for the contractor to pass the final inspection. This inspection is required to be performed by the City's Building Inspection Department.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	30	20
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	30	20

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Delays in the receipt of 2020 Program Year Entitlement Grant affected the City's ability to meet program goals. However, the one-year goal was exceeded in the rehabilitation of existing homes. During the pandemic, delivery of ordered of material such as e windows has increased to 60-90 days instead of a 30 day turn around previously.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The later the City receives the Entitlement Grant, the shorter the timeframe the City has to complete its objectives. During the 2020 Program Year, the City hired two staff members to cover the program administration, but the pandemic caused material delivery times for rehabilitation project to triple.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	4	0
Low-income	4	0
Moderate-income	7	0
Total	15	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

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

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

There were no specific objectives set to reduce or end homelessness in the 2020 Program Year Action Plan

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City is in the development, review and approval process to build a transitional housing facility in partnership with a community development organization and private developer. CDBG funding be used for the installation of a pedestrian bridge to provide residents of the project access to a nearby trail connecting to the downtown area, shopping, amenities and other community services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

There were no specific objectives in the 2020 Program Year Action Plan to address these needs.

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

There were no specific objectives in the 2020 Program Year Action Plan to address these needs.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

No actions were taken to assist the Springdale Housing Authority with Public Housing.

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

The Springdale Housing Authority holds meetings with its tenants to encourage home ownership.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Springdale's Housing Authority is not a troubled housing authority.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City's Planning Department works to ensure that public policies do not create barriers to affordable housing.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

No actions were taken during the 2020 Program Year.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All owner-occupied, single-family dwellings built before 1978 are qualified for the Housing Services Program were tested for the presence of lead-based paint.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

No specific actions were taken during the 2020 Program Year. The City completed 20 housing rehabilitation projects for low-income homeowners. This program helps to provide stable living environments as well as helps the lower homeowner's utility bills by making the homes more energy efficient.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City continuously looks for ways to improve the institutional structure.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The public and private housing agencies along with social service agencies have requested public meetings be held during normal business hours. The CDBG Manager is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care organization. This organization consists of the majority of the housing and social services agencies in Northwest Arkansas. Ideas from surrounding cities are obtained to help enhance the coordination in Springdale.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City encourages families on the east side of Springdale to apply for the Housing Rehabilitation program if they are low-income and in need of housing rehabilitation assistance.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Public Service Activities- Agencies that receive public service funds from the Entitlement Grant are monitored by the CDBG Program Administrator at least two times during the duration of the agreement.

Housing Programs- All housing rehabilitation projects follow bidding procedures and requirements. A contract is signed between the homeowner and the contractor. The Housing Rehabilitation Specialist monitors the work done on the homes twice a day when the contractor/ subcontractor are working. Once the housing rehabilitation projects are completed, the City inspects all homes and determines if the homes meet code requirements.

Lead Based Paint- Frank Terry of Lead Technologies does all of the Lead-based paint spot checks using a RMD LPA-1 X-ray fluorescent analyzer (XRF) machine to detect the presence of lead paint. If lead paint is detected, Lead Technologies does the comprehensive assessment and does the clearance test once the home is rehabilitated.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

On the City of Springdale website contains a link to a site just for the CDBG. An e an application is available on the site for a homeowner who is interested in the program to fill out the paperwork. Staff developed Action Plan, CAPER and Con Plan, a published in the local newspaper for two weeks to inform them of comment periods.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its

experiences.

There are no current plans to revise the objectives of the program; the priority will continue to be the rehabilitation of owner occupied single family dwelling units to maintain current housing stock and retention of affordable housing units.

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