

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2017 Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Federal resources are critical in addressing local housing and community development needs. All strategies and activities planned under the Consolidated Plan contribute to promoting economic opportunities in our jurisdiction by providing many very-low, and low to moderate-income persons and households with access to services, financial stabilization, and affordable housing. These funds also result in collective efforts that include partnerships with many local nonprofit organizations. Many of these strategies and activities cannot be implemented without the anticipated resources listed in this section.

Priority Table

Table 5

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,172,323	0	0	1,172,323	\$2,344,646	

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

Every reasonable effort is made to leverage financial support from other sources in addition to using federal funds to complete the projects undertaken. CDBG sub-recipients must document as part of the application process the attempt to seek funding from other sources before applying for CDBG funding. As part of the project selection, CDBG applicants receive bonus points if the funding sought from CDBG was used to leverage other dollars.

Most programs use other funds to leverage the limited state and Federal funds. The SHIP program offers down-payment and closing cost assistance, with lender's mortgage funds providing the bulk of the housing investment. Community Development Block Grant funds are usually used in conjunction with other funding.

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

Not applicable, however, we are working with the cities of Leesburg and Eustis to provide support for the implementation of their individual infill development projects.

Discussion

Lake County also administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) under which \$3,058,526 are utilized annually to provide rental subsidies to low income households in Lake County. In addition, Shelter Plus Care funding in the amount of \$97,857 is utilized to help chronically homeless individuals with permanent housing and supportive housing.

As referenced above, the State of Florida SHIP program has awarded Lake County \$1,404,582 which is going to be targeted for affordable housing development, down payment assistance, affordable housing preservation and housing counseling. New activities under SHIP include rental assistance for homeless households and security deposit assistance for utilities and rent.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Improvement	2017	2018	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Leesburg Minneola Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County Tavares	Community Improvement	CDBG: \$365,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
2	Community Improvement	2017	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Leesburg Minneola Unincorporated Lake County Tavares	Community Improvement	CDBG: \$504,682	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5200 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1650 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Administration	2017	2018		Leesburg Eustis Groveland/Mascotte Minneola Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County Tavares	Community Improvement	CDBG: \$234,465	Other: 300000 Other
4	Public Services	2017	2018	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Leesburg Eustis Groveland/Mascotte Minneola Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County Tavares	Community Improvement	CDBG: \$68,176	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1215 Households Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Table 6 – Goals Summary

1	Goal Name	Housing Improvement
	Goal Description	Provide emergency repairs for low/mod families to assist in extending the life of the home and create/maintain a suitable living environment. Provide mobile home replacements for families living in dilapidated mobile homes to improve the quality of living and create a suitable living environment. Provide mobility ramps and removal of architectural barriers for persons with a physical disability.
2	Goal Name	Community Improvement
	Goal Description	Working with our Urban County Partners to create neighborhood center, improve a community center, road improvements, and access to sewer.
3	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration and planning for program.
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide for a community healthcare worker to assist persons with language barriers and other high risk populations access mainstream resources for the primary benefit of health and wellness.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

It is estimated that 3 extremely low-income, low-income and moderate-income families will be provided with new mobile homes. It is also estimated that a minimum of 3 families will be assisted with mobility ramps.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following section outlines the proposed projects and activities to be accomplished in F 2017-2018. Each project includes Consolidated Plan goal(s) to be supported and priority needs to be addressed by the proposed project and associated activities, as well as its funding source, target completion date, and estimated number of persons or households to benefit from the proposed activities.

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

Lake County's housing stock consists of a high percentage of mobile homes and low value owner-occupied homes. Mobile homes account for 37% of all housing units in unincorporated Lake County. Owner occupied homes valued at \$50,000 or less represent 24% of the county's housing stock. According to the US Census Bureau there are 3,760 housing units build prior to 1950 with 26% of the estimated population of children residing in those units.

A key obstacle to addressing the underserved needs is that the need far outweighs the available funding.

In identifying priorities, the County uses a ranking system to determine needs as low, medium, high, or no need. In ranking needs within the community the County take into consideration information from the Needs Assessment, Lake County Housing Element – Data, Inventory & Analysis – Planning Horizon 2030, Housing Market Analysis, citizen participation process and agency consultation.

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#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Mobile Home Replacement
3	Emergency Home Repair
4	Community Health Care Coordinator (CHW)
5	Leesburg Neighborhood Center
6	Umatilla Community Center Improvements
7	Tavares Urban County
8	Minneola Urban County
9	Mobility Ramps

Projects

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Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Leesburg Eustis Groveland/Mascotte Mineola Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County Tavares
	Goals Supported	Housing Improvements Quality of Life Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Emergency Mobile Home Repairs Rental and Supportive Housing Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Infrastructure Public Services
	Funding	CDBG \$234,465
	Description	Provide program administration and planning for CDBG funds
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

2	Project Name	Mobile Home Replacement
	Target Area	Groveland/Mascotte South Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County
	Goals Supported	Housing Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG \$255,000
	Description	Provide low/mod families Mobile home replacements for units that are unsuitable for living
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We will provide a minimum of 3 families assistance with mobile home replacements this year.
	Location Description	Unidentified
	Planned Activities	

3	Project Name	Emergency Home Repair
	Target Area	Leesburg Tavares Howey-in-the-Hills Mascotte Minneola Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County
	Goals Supported	Housing Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Home Repairs
	Funding	CDBG \$100,000
	Description	Provide emergency repairs for low/mod families to a minimum of twenty homeowners this year.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We will provide a minimum of 10 families with assistance this year.
	Location Description	Unidentified
	Planned Activities	

4	Project Name	Community Health Care Coordinator (CHW)
	Target Area	Leesburg Eustis Groveland/Mascotte Minneola Umatilla Unincorporated Lake County
	Goals Supported	Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG \$68,176
	Description	Provide support for a community healthcare outreach worker to provide assistance to high risk families and families with language barriers in accessing healthcare, financial, and food assistance.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will assist at least 1200 families annually
	Location Description	Throughout Lake County
	Planned Activities	

5	Project Name	Leesburg Neighborhood Center
	Target Area	Leesburg
	Goals Supported	Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG \$200,000
	Description	Partner with the City of Leesburg to build and develop a neighborhood center for the Carver Heights area.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit 700 families living in the immediate Carver Heights area.
	Location Description	Carver Heights, Leesburg
	Planned Activities	

6	Project Name	Montverde
	Target Area	Montverde
	Goals Supported	Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG \$32,500
	Description	Provide updates on the Community Center for the Montverde area residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Montverde neighborhood has approximately 250 household that will benefit from this center
	Location Description	Montverde Community Center
	Planned Activities	

7	Project Name	Tavares Urban County
	Target Area	Tavares
	Goals Supported	Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG \$75,000
	Description	Provide street paving in targeted area
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will support activities for approximately 350 families living in the immediate impacted area.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

8	Project Name	Minneola Urban County
	Target Area	Minneola
	Goals Supported	Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG \$75,000
	Description	Provide assistance for sewer for low/mod income residents
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide assistance for up to 75 households living in a low/mod area that is being upgraded from septic to sewer.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

9	Project Name	Mobility Ramps
	Target Area	Leesburg Eustis Groveland/Mascotte Minneola Umatilla Unincorporated lake County
	Goals Supported	Housing Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Mobility Ramps
	Funding	CDBG \$10,000
	Description	Provide emergency repairs for low/mod families to a minimum of 3 homeowners this year.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 families will be assisted with this program
	Location Description	Unidentified
	Planned Activities	

10	Project Name	Community Projects – Uncommitted Funds
	Target Area	TBD
	Goals Supported	TBD
	Needs Addressed	TBD
	Funding	CDBG \$122,182
	Description	TBD
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	TBD

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

Lake County and its Urban County Partners, which include the Cities of Tavares, Leesburg and Minneola, receive CDBG funding. The Cities of Eustis and Groveland receive their own allocations of CDBG dollars through the State of FL Small Cities CDBG program. All funds expended by Lake County in the unincorporated areas and the participating cities are targeted toward low-income areas, many of which have a high minority population percentage. The City of Leesburg has the highest percentage of minority population within the targeted low mod census tracts as illustrated on **the maps below**. The Cities of Leesburg, Eustis, and Groveland primarily fund activities benefitting **census block groups 14.01 (2) and (3), census tracts 17 and 18, and census tract 20.02**, which have above average levels of minorities and/or low income residents.

Geographic Distribution

Table - 10

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Leesburg	17
Eustis	
Groveland/Mascotte	
Minneola	8
Umatilla	2
Unincorporated Lake County	65
Tavares	8

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

There are three census tracts considered Areas of Minority Concentration (more than 50% minority representation) for Lake County and the three areas are located respectively within the city limits of Eustis, Leesburg, and Mascotte/Groveland. The census tracts **are 206 (54.29% minority), 205 (86.01% minority), and 503 (70.95% minority)**. Some of Lake County's CDBG funds are expended within the unincorporated areas of Lake County on public facilities for agencies or services that would increase the quality of living for those residents. The Cities of Eustis and Groveland receive CDBG dollars through the Florida Small Cities program.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In FY 2017, Lake County will improve the housing stock using CDBG funds by providing housing emergency repairs, mobile home replacements, and mobility ramps. In addition, the County will provide housing rehabilitation assistance, purchase assistance, and demolition/construction of housing with State of FL SHIP funds. All recipients must complete the application process and meet income requirements. Homeowners are served on a first come first ready basis.

Table 11

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	23
Special-Needs	10
Total	33

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

Table 12

One Year Goals for the Number of Households by Support Type	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	33
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	33

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

Discussion

Lake County will also utilize SHIP funding to partner with agencies to create 10 additional affordable housing units through an infill development strategy; operate the REACH program to assist persons at risk with accessing housing with utility and security deposits, and provide rental subsidy for up to 20 homeless families.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Eustis Housing Authority manages approximately 2,142 subsidized rental units, including USDA units in two developments as well as continuing to manage approximately 485 vouchers. The Lake County Housing Authority is the only agency in the County to receive Section 8 housing assistance program funding. The purpose of the Housing Choice Voucher Program is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and a suitable living environment free from discrimination. Rents associated with the federal developments are in accordance with HUD regulations and are 30% of the total income of the household. This is monitored through a yearly income verification to determine any income changes. Eligible applicants are those whose income is within the limits as determined by HUD.

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

Lake County will continue to support and work cooperatively with the Eustis Housing Authority to ensure their clients remain in compliance in order to maintain their affordable housing.

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

The Lake County Housing Authority is managed by Lake County Housing and Community Development (H&CD) and has implemented a program to increase self-sufficiency of families receiving services through the Section 8 program. This program is designed to assist the parents and children with developing personalized goals, such as educational, vocational, or homeownership and coordinate services to help those families achieve the desired goals. Lake County Housing Authority implemented its first project-based voucher program in partnership with the City of Leesburg and Lifestream Behavioral Center, Inc. to introduce value added enhancements to the subsidized housing assistance available to the participants. These services include but are not limited to life skills classes, parenting classes, homeownership classes, youth summer job club, rental and utility assistance, credit counseling, college outreach, and homeownership counseling.

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

Lake County will attempt to verify that the Eustis PHA is not troubled by researching public records within the County Clerk's public documents database and the State's regulatory agencies. Any assistance provided by Lake County to the clients' of the PHA will be done so within the limits of available funds and/or services.

Discussion

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

Introduction

As reported by the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition 2017 Point in Time Count, Lake County was recognized with 242 unsheltered individuals thus confirming that the housing needs of homeless persons and families cannot be completely met by emergency shelters and transitional housing due to a lack of capacity. Emergency shelters, transitional housing programs and permanent supportive housing programs have too few beds and are full almost year round with the already homeless or recently homeless population.

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.

In 2018, the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition will address some of this lack of capacity by utilizing Lake County's SHIP utility and deposit assistance program to move individuals and families who have secured an income and reacquired life skills into their own housing units by providing security and utility deposits. Each time Lake County H&CD is able to do this it frees bed space in a shelter for another needy individual or family to begin the process of coming off the streets and into a future home of their own.

Concurrently, H&CD works with Lake County Community Services to leverage County funds awarded to faith-based agencies and local non-profits for the purpose of supporting the "Open Door" a homeless drop-in facility operated by the county's non-profit mental health provider, LifeStream Behavioral Center. The overarching goal of the "Open Door" is to offer direct assistance to the homeless and to link them to programs and services that help them reintegrate back into society. They provide their clients with immediate needs such as showers, laundry and food, as well as access to healthcare, income benefits, identification, clothing, computers, child care, employment and housing resources.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Lake County H&CD continues to search for resources from other sources to help move individuals and families out of homelessness. During 2017, H&CD funded and supported an additional 20 transitional housing beds to assist with housing homeless families. An existing significant identified and unmet need is for additional housing for homeless families that does not require separation of the family unit during this period in their lives. Family sheltering remains problematic, and the larger the family, the more difficult it is with obtaining sheltering without requiring family separation.

County is continuously working with community partners in the effort to create additional transitional beds.

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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.

Lake County H&CD has established a homeless prevention strategy in our Local Housing Assistance Plan to assist individuals and families who are currently homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless with utility and rental assistance for up to one year. The purpose of the program is to decrease at-risk families from becoming homeless and/or to assist families to be able to transition from homelessness or hotel/motel housing or “house-couching” into permanent affordable housing. The goal of this program is to relieve these individuals and families of the financial burden of paying for housing and utilities for up to one-year to allow them to gain self-sufficiency by obtaining and maintaining training, education and/or stable employment.

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.

With the advent of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Intake, Assessment and Referral System it should become easier for extremely low income families and individuals to access the services needed to avoid becoming homeless. The CoC has several agencies that can provide assistance to very low income families and individuals on a one time basis who have suffered a non-recurring hardship and will be financially sustainable and able to remain housed after receiving assistance. However, long term assistance for such assistance for such families and individual is severely limited. Lake County H&CD is expected to be re-funded through the CoC to support 15 households in the Shelter Plus Care Program. Shelter Plus Care is designed to promote permanent housing with supportive service to persons with disabilities coming from the streets and emergency shelters. Lake County H&CD has partnered with LifeStream Behavioral Center to develop 35 units of affordable housing, 50% of which will be earmarked to assist clients with disabilities meeting the criteria for Shelter Plus Care services.

Providing services to those being discharged from publicly funded institutions and system of care (health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities and corrections

programs and institutions) is difficult since these institutions are not funded for assisting these individuals and their families. Faith-based organizations have stepped forward to help assist those in need but it remains to be seen if the additional assistance and resources they can provide will fill the gaps.

The Mid Florida Homeless Coalition has continued to expand the CoC for the homeless and near homeless by placing the Coordinated Intake, Assessment and Referral System on-line thus putting all available resources under a single contact point which optimizes their resources and better serves the residents of our community.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The Lake County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) was formed by the Lake County Board of County Commission by Resolution 1992-11 on November 24, 1992. Pursuant to Chapter 420.9706 F.S. and Board of County Commission, the AHAC is made up of appointed and ad hoc members representing a cross-section of the affordable housing development community. Chapter 420.9706 F.S. requires the establishment of an affordable housing advisory committee to recommend monetary and nonmonetary incentives as part of an affordable housing incentive plan. All AHAC meetings are advertised as required by the Sunshine Law and open to the public. In addition to the hours spent together at these meetings, AHAC members spent many additional hours reviewing materials including studies and reports from other jurisdictions for the purpose of developing recommendations for the County Commission to consider.

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 AHAC is vested in continuing to serve as an active board by helping to draft implementing legislation and by continuing to monitor the demand for affordable housing and the ability of, and restrictions on, the development community in meeting those needs. Recommendations included:

- Eliminate or reduce impact and development fees for new construction to households at or below 80% MFI,
- Establish a separate fund to assist with the cost of school, water & sewer fees for housing to families at or below 80% MFI;
- Establish a lien mechanism to recapture these fees if the house is sold within 10 years;
- Waive property taxes on land donated to non-profit organizations for five years with the requirement that the property must be developed for affordable housing within that time period; and
- Create a new zoning classification specifically for affordable housing that allows development on 40' lots.

Further, to assist in reducing barriers to affordable housing, the County has implemented various programs targeted towards low-and moderate-income households. The County creates homeownership opportunities, brings homes up to code through rehabilitation efforts, and demolishes and replaces homes when necessary. These programs also assist in eliminating barriers to affordable housing by

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providing economic opportunities and minimizing overall household expenses. The County also will update its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. In addition to the activities undertaken by the County, the Cities of Eustis and Leesburg are working in tandem with the County to acquire and donate lots for infill development for affordable housing activities.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

There are various elements that produce obstacles to meeting needs within the community. Addressing all housing, homeless, and community developments needs is an impossible task due to restricted funding. However, the County utilizes all possible resources and continues to seek leveraging sources to meet as many underserved needs as possible. The current housing market and economic environment also serve as barriers to meeting needs. The lack of high wage jobs adds to the number of families and individuals needing access to services, and many times the capacity to fund and implement existing or additional programs is limited. Also, the cities of Leesburg and Eustis have identified land in high risk neighborhoods that can be utilized to construct affordable housing. The County and its Urban County Partners will continue to utilize CDBG funds to the fullest extent to assist in meeting underserved needs. Leveraging efforts with public and private funding agencies will also be made to supplement federal funds and increase the resources available to address community needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is inadequate resources. The jurisdiction receives Supportive Housing Program funds, FEMA funds and financial resources from the Department of Families and Children to assist Lake County residents with rent and utility assistance. These funding sources can only address a small portion of the homeless needs in the County. With dramatic cuts in state funding and decreases in private donations, local non-profit homeless service providers are having a difficult time meeting the needs of the growing homeless population. In addition, programmatic requirements for other HUD competitive grants do not always coincide with determined local needs.

However, Lake County continues to work with agencies to build support and advocacy for needy populations and areas that are underserved. The County will continue to focus the funding efforts on populations and areas of high need.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Lake County continues to foster and maintain relationships with non-profits and developers to increase affordable housing opportunities.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lake County consults with the Lake County Health Department to review lead data, educate the public and mitigate housing units in which lead has been found. From 2010-2014 there were 19 confirmed cases of lead poisoning in Lake County, 2 of which were acquired out of state. Of the 19 confirmed cases, 8 were for persons under the age of 18. According to the U.S. Census Bureau there are 3760

housing units built prior to 1950 with 26% of the estimated population of children residing in those units. Property statistic reports are pulled for all housing projects to determine year of construction. If the year is 1978 or prior, an inspector certified in lead paint assessment completes the testing for the presence of lead and provides the homeowner with the EPA Lead Awareness brochure. To date, none of the housing projects in Lake County have tested positive for lead.

All rehabilitation activities follow HUD regulations concerning lead-based paint assessment and interim controls if necessary. The first step is counseling, informing the rehabilitation client of the danger of lead-based paint when they apply for assistance. Staff determines at this interview whether there is heightened risk due to young children in the household.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County recognizes the interrelationship between housing and economic opportunities and the need to pursue both in order to assist households with attaining self-sufficiency. The county also recognizes while it has defined priority strategy areas, they are not separate or isolated strategies. The County believes these strategies are inter-related and impact, reinforce and contribute to each other to achieve the common goal of a viable, vibrant community.

The health of the County, its special needs populations and the community at large cannot be artificially separated as they are an integral part of the whole. The betterment and improvement of any part inevitably contributes to the betterment of the other segments of the community. The county believes the implementation of the housing and neighborhood revitalization activities outlined in the Consolidated Plan will help reduce the number of households in poverty. All of the programs outlined in the Consolidated Plan are intended to provide benefits to Lake County residents who are considered low income and/or fall below the federal poverty level.

The County is committed to eliminating the effects of poverty among its residents. The County recognizes that it may not be possible to end poverty all together, but is dedicated to better understanding its causes and finding a way to reverse the cycle of poverty. The County, the Community Action Agency, and the City of Leesburg CRA provide housing rehabilitation to assist in maintaining affordable housing and reduce household costs. Programs are coordinated when possible to assist in reducing poverty and to continue support of subsidized housing providers incorporating programs and services that promote tenant transition to self-sufficiency. Various federal, state, and local agencies are engaged to leverage funding sources for the development of economic opportunities when possible.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Lake County's Consolidated Plan will be carried out through a combination of public, private and non-profit organizations, many of which participate in the citizen participation process. The County staff will continue to play active roles in supporting local non-profit organizations dealing with homelessness – Mid Florida Homeless Coalition – children's issues – Children's Services Council – mental health – LifeStream Behavioral Center, Inc. – Veterans Services and Elder Affairs. The Lake County H&CD Division will continue to partner with CHDOs, Veterans Services, the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Housing in Partnership, USDA Habitat, Florida Specs, and other local non-profits on affordable housing projects.

The H&CD Division will consult with the Eustis Housing Authority concerning consideration of public housing needs and any planned grant program activities. This consultation will ensure and provide a better basis for the certification by the Lake County Board of County Commission that the Consolidated Plan is consistent with the County's assessment of low-income housing needs. This type of consultation will help insure that any proposed activities that are directed towards increasing affordable housing, neighborhood improvement and any program or services funded by the Eustis Housing Authority that will increase the quality of life are in sync with the efforts of all participating parties. Those funded programs covered by the Consolidated Plan will be fully coordinated to achieve comprehensive community development goals. Both the county and cities will continue to seek additional funding sources for housing and community development activities when possible.

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

Several steps are taken to ensure coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies during the program year. Each of these steps will help facilitate information exchange between the county, city, and those providing public services. A technical assistance workshop is held at the beginning of each grant year to educate our Urban County Partners on the grant funds, application process, eligible uses, and additional requirements when utilizing these funds and long-term conditions on their use.

Additionally, the County's Human Services grant program collaborates and coordinates with H&CD to target the self-sufficiency areas most in need so that public funds can be utilized by the county's non-profits to assist those most in need.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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

- | | |
|--|------|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. | 75% |
| 2. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 2017 |

Discussion

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