

RESOLUTION 2023-010

PASSED: JANUARY 23, 2023

APPROVING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS) FOR PROGRAM YEAR 30 (APRIL 1, 2023, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024).

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb (the "City") is a home rule unit of local government and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2022, the Community Development Block Grant 2023 Annual Action Plan for Program Year 30 (April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024) was published to the City Council and the general public for review; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, the City Council held a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant 2023 Annual Action Plan for Program Year 30 (April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The City's corporate authorities adopt and approve the CDBG 2023 Annual Action Plan (One Year Use of Funds) for Program Year 30 (April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024) in the same or substantially similar form as Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "CDBG 2023 Plan"), subject to such changes as shall be acceptable to the Mayor and City Staff, pursuant to applicable regulations, and further authorize and direct the City Manager to take all necessary actions to effect the CDBG 2023 Plan..

SECTION 2: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois at a Regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of January 2023 and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. Passed by an 8-0 roll call vote. Aye: Morris, Larson, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre. Nay: None.




COHEN BARNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruth A. Scott, Executive Assistant



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

August 21, 2023

The Honorable Cohen Barnes
Mayor of DeKalb
164 East Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL, 60115

**SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Agreement Transmittal
DeKalb, IL**

Dear Mayor Barnes:

The Chicago Field Office would like to thank you for your continued partnership in providing quality affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons through HUD programs. On Thursday, June 10, 2021, the Department published an interim final rule with a request for comments, titled: *Requesting Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications* (86 Fed Reg 30779). The effective date for the interim rule is July 31, 2021, and you are encouraged to review the interim rule in developing your programs.

One Grant Agreement is attached for each program awarded as follows:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	\$395,328.00
Total FY 2023 Award	\$395,328.00

Plan Approval

Transmittal of a grant agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your Consolidated Plan. You are reminded that you, as grantee, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and your agency.

Please note the special conditions attached to each Funding Approval/Agreement, including CDBG.

Environmental Review Requirements

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

Build America, Buy America (BABA)

On November 15, 2021, the Build America, Buy America Act (the Act) was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Pub. L. 117-58. The Act establishes a domestic content procurement preference, the Buy American Preference (BAP), for Federal programs that permit Federal financial assistance to be used for infrastructure projects. In Section 70912, the Act further defines a project to include “the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States” and includes within the definition of infrastructure those items traditionally included along with buildings and real property. Starting May 14, 2022, new awards of Federal financial assistance (FFA) from a program for infrastructure, and any of those funds obligated by the grantee, are covered under the Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions of the Act, 41 U.S.C. 8301 note. The waiver, published March 15, 2023, establishes a phased implementation schedule for application of the BAP to covered materials and HUD programs.

The BAP is applicable **now** to iron and steel used in covered CDBG projects, i.e., for projects using funds obligated on or after November 15, 2022. For CPD, the BAP will apply next to iron and steel used in covered Recovery Housing Program (RHP) projects for funding obligated on or after August 23, 2023. The Phased Implementation waiver established the following implementation schedule for HUD programs:

BAP will apply to...	Iron and Steel	Specifically Listed Construction Materials	All Other Construction Materials	Manufactured Products
CDBG Formula Grants	All funds obligated on or after November 15, 2022	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY24 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations
Choice Neighborhood, Lead Hazard Reduction, and Healthy Homes Production Grants	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after February 22, 2023	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024
Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Grants	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2023	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY24 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations	As of the date HUD obligates new FFA from FY25 appropriations

All HUD FFA except HOME, Housing Trust Fund, and Public Housing FFA used for maintenance projects	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after February 22, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024
All HUD FFA	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024	New FFA obligated by HUD on or after August 23, 2024

Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/general_counsel/BABA.

Executing the Grant Agreement

Please execute each Grant Agreement with electronic signature and date and return to this office to the attention of Donald Kathan, Director, Community Planning and Development. Please ensure the Chief Elected Official and/or authorized designee electronically signs the CDBG grant agreement in the box directly across from the HUD CPD Director's signature. The CDBG Grant Agreement should **not** be electronically signed in box 12c. Maintain a copy of each agreement with your original signature on-site in your program files.

For additional information and guidance on grant-based accounting, please refer to the HUD Exchange at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/grant-based-accounting/>.

To establish a Line of Credit for Fiscal Year 2023 grant funds, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of each Grant Agreement. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055), notarize, and return to this office. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

HUD congratulates the City of DeKalb on your grant award, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your programs goals. If you have any questions or need further information or assistance, please contact Hanna Henscheid at hanna.e.henscheid@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

**DONALD
KATHAN**

Digitally signed by: DONALD KATHAN
DN: cn = DONALD KATHAN C = US
O = U.S. Government OU =
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, Office of Community
Planning and Development
Date: 2023.08.21 16:28:31 -0600

Donald Kathan, Director
Office of Community Planning and Development

Enclosures

Funding Approval/Agreement

Title I of the Housing and Community
Development Act (Public Law 930383)
HI-00515R of 20515R

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Community Planning and Development
Community Development Block Grant Program

OMB Approval No. 2506-0193
exp 1/31/2025

1. Name of Grantee (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424) City of Dekalb	3a. Grantee's 9-digit Tax ID Number 366005843	3b. Grantee's 9-digit DUNS Number JQUIRY4VN2B6 (UEI)
2. Grantee's Complete Address (as shown in item 5 of Standard Form 424) 164 East Lincoln Highway Dekalb, IL 60115	4. Date use of funds may begin 04/01/2023	
	5a. Project/Grant No. 1 B-23-MC-17-0034	6a. Amount Approved \$395,328.00 (by this action)
	5b. Project/Grant No. 2	6b. Amount Approved

Grant Agreement: This Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the above named Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.). The Grantee's submissions for Title I assistance, the HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 570 (as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time), and this Funding Approval, including any special conditions, constitute part of the Agreement. Subject to the provisions of this Grant Agreement, HUD will make the funding assistance specified here available to the Grantee upon execution of the Agreement by the parties. The funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval may be used to pay costs incurred after the date specified in item 4 above provided the activities to which such costs are related are carried out in compliance with all applicable requirements. Pre-agreement costs may not be paid with funding assistance specified here unless they are authorized in HUD regulations or approved by waiver and listed in the special conditions to the Funding Approval. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to Section 104(g) of Title I and published in 24 CFR Part 58. The Grantee further acknowledges its responsibility for adherence to the Agreement by sub-recipient entities to which it makes funding assistance hereunder available.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (By Name) Donald G. Kathan		Grantee Name (Contractual Organization) City of Dekalb	
Title CPD Director		Title <i>Mayer</i>	
Signature <i>Donald G. Kathan</i> ASSIGNED BY: 380CF433...	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 8/21/2023	Signature <i>Colin Ban</i>	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 8/29/23
7. Category of Title I Assistance for this Funding Action: Entitlement, Sec 106(b)		8. Special Conditions (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached	9a. Date HUD Received Submission (mm/dd/yyyy) 9b. Date Grantee Notified (mm/dd/yyyy) 9c. Date of Start of Program Year 04/01/2023
		10. check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Orig. Funding Approval <input type="checkbox"/> b. Amendment Amendment Number	
11. Amount of Community Development Block Grant			
		FY 2023	
a. Funds Reserved for this Grantee			
b. Funds now being Approved		\$395,328.00	
c. Reservation to be Cancelled (11a minus 11b)			

12a. Amount of Loan Guarantee Commitment now being Approved
N/A

12b. Name and complete Address of Public Agency

Loan Guarantee Acceptance Provisions for Designated Agencies:

The public agency hereby accepts the Grant Agreement executed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the above date with respect to the above grant number(s) as Grantee designated to receive loan guarantee assistance, and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, applicable regulations, and other requirements of HUD now or hereafter in effect, pertaining to the assistance provided it.

12c. Name of Authorized Official for Designated Public Agency

Title

Signature

X

HUD Accounting use Only

Batch	TAC	Program	Y	A	Reg	Area	Document No.	Project Number	Category	Amount	Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	F
	153											
	176											
			Y					Project Number		Amount		
			Y					Project Number		Amount		
Date Entered PAS (mm/dd/yyyy)		Date Entered LOCCS (mm/dd/yyyy)		Batch Number		Transaction Code		Entered By		Verified By		

8. Special Conditions.

- (a) The period of performance and single budget period for the funding assistance specified in the Funding Approval ("Funding Assistance") shall each begin on the date specified in item 4 and shall each end on September 1, 2030. The Grantee shall not incur any obligations to be paid with such assistance after September 1, 2030.
- (b) The Recipient shall attach a schedule of its indirect cost rate(s) in the format set forth below to the executed Agreement that is returned to HUD. The Recipient shall provide HUD with a revised schedule when any change is made to the rate(s) described in the schedule. The schedule and any revisions HUD receives from the Recipient shall be incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement, provided that the rate(s) described comply with 2 CFR part 200, subpart E.

<u>Administering Department/Agency</u>	<u>Indirect cost rate</u>	<u>Direct Cost Base</u>
	_____ %	_____
	_____ %	_____
N/A.	_____ %	_____
	_____ %	_____
	_____ %	_____

Instructions: The Recipient must identify each agency or department of the Recipient that will carry out activities under the grant, the indirect cost rate applicable to each department/agency (including if the de minimis rate is used per 2 CFR §200.414(f)), and the type of direct cost base to which the rate will be applied (for example, Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC)). Do not include indirect cost rates for subrecipients.

- (c) In addition to the conditions contained on form HUD 7082, the grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS); the System for Award Management (SAM.gov); the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act as provided in 2 CFR part 25, Universal Identifier and General Contractor Registration; and 2 CFR part 170, Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information.
- (d) The grantee shall ensure that no CDBG funds are used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use. For the purposes of this requirement, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities. Any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures

designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfield as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

- (e) The Grantee or unit of general local government that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act.
- (f) E.O. 12372-Special Contract Condition - Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, no funds provided under this agreement may be obligated or expended for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities until receipt of written notification from HUD of the release of funds on completion of the review procedures required under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 52. The recipient shall also complete the review procedures required under E.O. 12372 and 24 CFR Part 52 and receive written notification from HUD of the release of funds before obligating or expending any funds provided under this agreement for any new or revised activity for the planning or construction of water or sewer facilities not previously reviewed under E.O. 12372 and implementing regulations.
- (g) CDBG funds may not be provided to a for-profit entity pursuant to section 105(a)(17) of the Act unless such activity or project has been evaluated and selected in accordance with Appendix A to 24 CFR 570 - "Guidelines and Objectives for Evaluating Project Costs and Financial Requirements." (Source - P.L. 113-235, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Division K, Title II, Community Development Fund).
- (h) The Grantee must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable to the Grantee's infrastructure project. Pursuant to HUD's Notice, "Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance" (88 FR 17001), any funds obligated by HUD on or after the applicable listed effective dates, are subject to BABA requirements, unless excepted by a waiver.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: 2023
PROGRAM YEAR 30**

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN: 2020-2024
YEAR 4**

**PREPARED BY:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
JENNIFER YOCHER, COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR**

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This is the 2023 Annual Action Plan is being shared with the public for public comment. It includes the 2023 CDBG allocation of \$395,328 in CDBG Entitlement Funds plus the reallocation of unallocated funds from prior years. For Program Year 2023, the City estimates it will have a total of \$778,170 of available CDBG funds for 2023 projects.

The 2023 Action Plan contemplates the continuation of several activities. Funding will continue to support community-based Public Services, Public Facilities Improvements in low-/moderate income residential neighborhoods, housing rehabilitation for owner-occupied dwellings, and Administration for oversight of all programs and activities. In addition, Economic Development will utilize carry-over funding from the previous year to support the goals of the Annie Glidden North Revitalization Plan and other activities in the city.

The 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan provides the framework necessary to coordinate priorities for the use of CDBG funds with other funds for housing and community development activities. While the city strives to achieve all objectives, due to funding and resource shortages, not all objectives can be met. The objectives are community-wide and require coordination and partnerships with citizens, other governmental agencies, social service providers, and other private entities.

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 Consolidated Plan:2020-2024 was drafted based upon the analysis of community needs and a citizen input process which encouraged all residents and service providers to participate. Objectives were identified in six categories including Affordable Housing, Non-Housing Community Development- Public Facilities and Improvements, Demolition, Non-Housing Community Development Special Needs - Public Services, Economic Development, and Administration. Each objective included 5-year and 1-year annual goals which are structured to support the needs of the community. Based on the HUD Performance Measurement process, the City further assigned HUD Objectives and Outcomes for each of the activities to be funded through the CDBG grant. The City requires all sub-grantees who receive CDBG funds to incorporate performance-based standards in their programs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The goals and objectives for the 2022 Action Plan were based on the priority needs identified in the Amended 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan. Numerous activities were funded that resulted in substantial improvements to the lives and neighborhoods of low-/moderate-income residents of the City.

Funds were allocated for the following programs:

- Housing Rehabilitation for low-/moderate-income individuals and families
- Public Services funding to agencies that provide a variety of programs and services to support the special needs of residents.
- Public Facilities Projects to repair distressed infrastructure in low-/moderate-income residential areas of the City.
- Demolition of abandoned condemned structures in residential areas to remove blight, increase safety, and support enhanced property values.
- Administration to support the identification, planning, and funding of target activities and the management, oversight, and monitoring of programs.

The residents of the city continue to transition and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools reopened and social service agencies started receiving people in office instead of via remote access. Childcare centers continue to practice limited daily census of children for safety measures and the shortage of staff. Employment struggles continue for residents. Lost employment from the pandemic due to businesses closings, lack of childcare, transportation issues, lost work hours and health related issues hurt many residents of the community. While the community is rebounding post-pandemic, many residents continue to struggle.

The city successfully completed a large Public Facilities project in the North Annie Glidden Corridor. Additionally, a few smaller street projects were also completed. The city looks forward to continuing to revitalize the northwest corridor of the city.

The city will continue surge forward with improvements in the city.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The city seeks input from the citizens of the community for direction on the planning process for the Annual Action Plan. Resident participation is critical to the programs and objectives to develop ideas and projects for the benefit to the largest numbers of residents.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The Draft Action Plan was open for Public Comment. No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

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

There were no comments received during the public comment period or at the Public Hearing. Therefore, no responses can be provided.

7. Summary

The City continues to strive to provide it's residents a community where they feel safe, they can find suitable employment, affordable housing, and a community which is thriving.

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
CDBG Administrator	DEKALB	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The 2023 Annual Action Plan outlines the activities which will be undertaken during the program year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, using Federal funds granted to the City of DeKalb by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Programs and activities described in the plan are intended to primarily benefit low- to moderate-income residents of the City.

The City of DeKalb Community Development Department is responsible for the preparation and administration of the CDBG Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The Community Services Coordinator prepares the Plan, which is published for public comment and reviewed and approved by City Council and oversees the administration of the programs and activities to meet the goals stated in the Plan.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For information on the 2023 Annual Action Plan, please contact:

Jennifer Yochem - Community Services Coordinator, 164 E Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, IL 60115 or via email jennifer.yochem@cityofdekalb.com

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

1. Introduction

The City meets with a variety of agencies within the community seeking input of current needs and a public hearing was held. The City requested feedback from the community to ensure the activities identified in the Plan are in alignment with available information about current needs.

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 City works with local social service agencies including the local housing authority as well as the largest privately owned subsidized housing complex within the City of DeKalb. The City acts as a liaison for the social service collaborative at the largest HUD-subsidized property within the City to monitor funding and ensure the services provided are in alignment with identified resident needs. Through CDBG funds and General Revenue funds, the City can support local service agencies. City staff attends monthly meetings for the regional Continuum of Care and holds a board position for the CoC. The Community Services Coordinator actively participates in numerous community outreach groups which address the needs of people of low-income, the elderly, the disabled, food security, families, diversity, and inclusion and other community needs.

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 new Community Services Coordinator for the City is actively participating as a new board member for the regional Continuum of Care in addition to the subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion. The City and County are part of the regional IL-501 CoC with the City of Rockford and Boone and Winnebago Counties. The Community Services Coordinator, the Executive Director of the local housing authority, the Executive Director of the local homeless shelter and the Executive director of the local domestic violence shelter are participants within the Coc attending meetings, committees, and the activities of the CoC. The DeKalb representatives work with the larger CoC to simultaneously address the regional and local needs of homeless persons including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, persons at risk of homelessness and other at-risk populations.

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

As previously stated, the new Community Services Coordinator plus three ranking service providers actively participate in the CoC. These individuals sit of the Board of the CoC and participate in making decisions regarding the allocation of ESG funds, the creation of performance standards, the evaluation of outcomes, and funding, policies, and procedures for the 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	ELDER CARE SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff met with the Executive Director of Elder Car Services to identify and address unmet needs within the city. The city is lacking in affordable senior only housing.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOPE HAVEN OF DEKALB COUNTY, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff meet with the agency for the annual on-site monitoring visit. During this visit discussion was had on community successes and current challenges. Hope Haven's location within the city is a densely populated area of low-income individuals and families. The crime rate is significant within this area as compared to other areas of the city. Hope Haven staff would direct the city to focus future projects on additional security projects within their neighborhood. Additionally, the city should seek projects outside of the North Annie Glidden Neighborhood. Revitalization of the downtown city is moving along well but further work is needed. More affordable housing is needed for elderly members of the community.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	SAFE PASSAGE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Survivors of rape and/or domestic violence
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Safe Passage was consulted as part of an on-site monitoring visit. The shelter is recovering from the loss of approximately 40% of their staff over the course of COVID. The hiring process has been difficult; finding the right people to work in a highly demanding and difficult environment has been taxing. The staff is seeing significantly more mentally ill clients then previously. They are developing new programs to aid in the care and treatment of their clients. The city is limited in mental health providers and substance abuse services for low-income individuals. They find transportation is a challenge as the bus routes are fixed and the travel time can be lengthy. While there are few on-demand services such as Uber & Lift the cost can be prohibitive. Safe Passage has a well-developed relationship with the Housing Authority including six (6) project-based vouchers, six (6) grant funded units at the PHA's multifamily site as well as monthly meetings between their clients and the Housing Authority to provide support. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to work with local agencies and providers to address the needs identified by Safe Passage to improve client outcomes.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	DeKalb County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - County Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

<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>Community Service Coordinator spoke with several Housing Authority staff members to review and listen to issues related to affordable housing in the County. The HA administers several housing programs within the county and the city. The struggle to lease Housing Choice Voucher program participants within the city continues to be difficult. Staff hopes the new Source of Income Protections state law will suppress the segregation of market rate tenants and subsidized tenants. The Housing Authority works in concert with many local agencies to adequately support their applicants and tenants. However, there has been an uptick in clients experiencing untreated mental illness and substance abuse. The community has limited resources to assist those with such malaises. Amendments to the State Public Housing Act limits the look back period for the Low-Income Public Housing Program allowing the PHA to house more applicants with a challenging past. The outcome of the consultation is for the City and Housing Authority to maintain a cooperative relationship and continue to develop strategies to meet the needs of the community.</p>
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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	Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition	Staff is an active in the local CoC as a member of the Board and the DEI subcommittee. Through CDBG funds and funds from the City's General Revenue Funds, the city supports local agencies provide continued support to the homeless.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Annie Glidden North Revitalization Plan	Opportunity DeKalb	The city designated the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood as a target area for revitalization in the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This plan lays the groundwork for the resurgence of this troubled sector of the city.
University Village Collaboration	Family Service Agency	University Village is a large federally subsidized housing complex with 534 units in the city. The property was sold several years ago and as a facet of the sale, a local social service provider would establish a presence within this property. The Collaborative group has approximately 20 social service agencies facilitating programs within this sector of the Annie Glidden North area of the city. This group works with the residents and strives to improve the dynamics of area.

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 City of DeKalb reached out to the citizens for comment. Regretfully, there was no citizen participation or comments received.

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)
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1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A press release was sent to all local media outlets on December 21, 2022, to invite the public of the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2023 Annual Action Plan. This information included where residents could review the material including the City website, in City Hall, and at the DeKalb Public Library and how to provide comment on the Plan. The Public Comment period began on December 24, 2022, through January 23, 2023, where residents were invited to attend the City Council meeting to provide comment.</p>			
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published on all social media accounts held by the City detailing to residents of the Public Comment period			
3	Print Copy to Library	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff brought copies of the Annual Action Plan to the DeKalb Public Library for public review and comment on December 23, 2022 through January 23, 2023			
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The city will hold a Public Hearing at their regularly scheduled council meeting on January 23, 2023. Members of the public are invited to share their thoughts and opinions with the Council.	No comments were received from the public.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of DeKalb is fortunate to be able to use a multitude of sources to fulfill the objectives of the Annual Action Plan. The City's General Fund contributed \$200,000 to support local social services agencies in addition to CDBG funds used for activities and projects throughout the community. Additionally, the City receives transportation grants thru the State of Illinois which support transit related projects. By leveraging the transportation grant with other grant opportunities, the city can improve the quality of transportation for the citizens within the city.

In planning for the 2023 Annual Action Plan, city staff reviewed prior plans which identified uncommitted funds from previous years totaling \$382,842 which will be allocated to 2023 Public Facilities projects. The city has the intention to deplete all CDBG funds and other financial

resources to facilitate the programs as described in the Plan.

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	395,328	0	382,842	778,170	400,000	This Action Plan is based upon an estimated amount of \$395328 Funding will be adjusted once the final allocation is received.
Tax Increment Financing	public - local	Housing Other	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Public Improvements Other	0	0	0	0	0	

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

In addition to CDBG funds, the City can contribute General Revenue Funds, grant funds from state and local sources and alternative city revenue sources to leverage CDBG funding and support that meet the requirements known within the Plan. The city works congruently with local non-profit agencies and alternative service providers to complement the lives of local residents.

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 owns several parcels within the jurisdiction because of the demolish of dilapidated properties from previous demolitions. There are five (5) parcels within the North Annie Glidden Neighborhood which may be the main target of future revitalization efforts. Over the course of the last 18 months, the city has held discussions with the community to learn how the land should be developed to best meet the needs of the community. The city continues to seek and coordinate with potential partners to develop the parcels to best serve the needs of the residents in this food desert to improve the health and living environments.

Discussion

The city works diligently to access additional funding sources. Public Services receives additional funding through the City's General Fund. Public Facilities projects receive additional funding from the City's General Revenue Fund, the Water Fund, and the Motor Fuel Tax Fund in addition to other available funding opportunities through state and local grants to achieve the objectives within the Plan. CDBG funds are used to address identified needs through targeted programs. The City uses a multitude of resources to execute the programs as detailed within the Plan and leverages investments from a variety of funding opportunities.

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	Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City Wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$19,766	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facilities/Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development Acquisition	City Wide	Non-Housing Community Development/Public Improveme	CDBG: \$620,040	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services Program	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide	Non-housing Community Development/Public Services	CDBG: \$59,299	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Administration/Planning	2020	2024	Administration	City Wide Annie Glidden North	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development/Public Improvement Demolition Non-housing Community Development/Public Services Homelessness Transportation Services Workforce Job Skills Training Optional Relocation Assistance	CDBG: \$79,065	Other: 100 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to assist low to moderate income residential property owners with repairs such as electrical upgrades, plumbing repairs, furnace replacement, water heater replacement, repair or replacement of damaged sewer/water lines, roof replacement, new soffits, fascia, and/or gutters window replacements, and energy efficiency improvements.

2	Goal Name	Public Facilities/Improvements
	Goal Description	The acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of public facilities and improvements in LMI residential areas within the city which support the sustainability of troubled neighborhoods and increase resident access. A portion of the 2023 funds will supplement the funding of the allocated in 2022 to repave a section of residential streets and create a traffic pattern to reduce and calm the traffic flow in the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood.
3	Goal Name	Public Services Program
	Goal Description	Public Services for the coordination of emergency shelter, transitional housing with the compliment of supportive services and permanent supportive housing for homeless adults, families with children as well as survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking as they navigate through their circumstances and locate safe, decent, affordable housing. In conjunction with the housing piece, coordinating the necessary social services for persons with special needs by funding the providers who with these targeted populations to ensure a continuum of care for the elderly and of targeted populations.
4	Goal Name	Administration/Planning
	Goal Description	Program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Planning activities to address targeted special needs in the City.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City has identified a number of projects to address priority needs of the community. Affordable housing is a priority need specifically for the elderly population. The City supports the preservation of the existing stock of affordable housing throughout the city through the Homeownership Revitalization Program. Funding for public services covers many of the non-housing needs of the community, including services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, and services for the homeless and services which meet the needs of the low-to-moderate income population in the city. The Plan covers many of the city's non-housing needs, including Low to moderate income population city-wide. The city's need for infrastructure and accessibility improvements is addressed through public facilities programs. Programming and management activities are offered throughout the city, with a particular focus on projects supporting the Annie Glidden North Revitalization plans.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2023 Public Facilities/Improvements
2	2023 Public Services
3	2023 Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
4	Administration/Planning

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City's CDBG Program is relatively small. The most impactful use of 2023 funds is to allocate resources to projects and activities that yield a greater return on the investment. These projects include the Owner Occupied Residential Rehabilitation Program, the Public Services Program, the Public Facilities Program and Administration. This program of projects assists the City in addressing the priority needs of the community with a portion reserved for the administration, oversight, and project management.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2023 Public Facilities/Improvements
	Target Area	City Wide Annie Glidden North
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development/Public Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$620,040
	Description	The acquisition, construction, redevelopment, or installation of public facilities and enhancements in LMI residential areas within the City which encourage the long-term viability of the community and broaden access for the residents. A significant portion of the 2023 funds will be appropriated for the repaving and reconfiguring a section of residential streets in the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood to reduce and clam the traffic flow. Other identified projects will receive the remaining funds as requirements are determined.
	Target Date	3/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City estimates 1000 households will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The City will use a portion of these funds for resurfacing project to repair deteriorated street surfaces in the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood. The remaining funds will be allocated to projects as needs are identified.
2	Planned Activities	Public Facilities and infrastructure improvements designed to support the sustainability of LMI neighborhoods ad increase resident access and safety.
	Project Name	2023 Public Services
	Target Area	City Wide Annie Glidden North
	Goals Supported	Public Services Program
	Needs Addressed	Non-housing Community Development/Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$59,299

	Description	The city funds nonprofit organizations that manage the necessary social services through grants to support the non-housing needs of the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, at-risk children, and people of low-to-moderate income within the city.
	Target Date	3/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The city estimates 400 low-to-moderate income residents will benefit by the Public Services funded agencies.
	Location Description	Public Services are available to all residents citywide. Funded agencies provided quarterly updates detailing the total number of LMI residents who received services.
	Planned Activities	The city funds a variety of public services, such as childcare transportation, services for the elderly and frail elderly, services for the homeless, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, and food security services for the elderly, the homebound, elderly, and the disabled populations.
3	Project Name	2023 Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City Wide Annie Glidden North
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,766
	Description	Provides grants and/or loans to LMI homeowners to make necessary exterior and interior safety repairs to their homes.
	Target Date	3/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City estimates 8 households will be served by this program.
	Location Description	This program is available city-wide to Low-to-moderate income owner-occupied single occupancy homes or residential duplex propertie where the owner occupies one of the units in the duplex.

	Planned Activities	The program is designed to assist with basic home repairs including roof replacement with new gutters and downspouts if needed, water heater replacement, furnace replacement, repair/replace of damaged sewer lateral or incoming waterline, minor plumbing and electrical repairs, and window replacement to increase energy efficiencies in owner-occupied single occupancy homes or residential duplex property owners where the owner occupies one of the units in the duplex. Modifications to allow accessibility in both owner-occupied and rental units. Assistance with replacement of the owner's portion of lead water service lines when the water department is making improvements in residential areas.
4	Project Name	Administration/Planning
	Target Area	City Wide Annie Glidden North
	Goals Supported	Administration/Planning
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development/Public Improvement Demolition Non-housing Community Development/Public Services Homelessness Transportation Services Workforce Job Skills Training Optional Relocation Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$79,065
	Description	Funding to support the planning, management, monitoring and oversight of all CDBG programs and projects.
	Target Date	3/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The number and type of families benefiting from the administration is the total number of all the projects and activities included in the Plan. In addition, the Community Services Coordinator provides support and information and counseling services to approximately 100 residents.
	Location Description	The Community Services Coordinator's assistance and services are available to all city wide residents and businesses.

	Planned Activities	The administration of the CDBG Program provides staff support for the planning, management, monitoring, and oversight of all projects and activities as detailed in the Plan. Additionally, community outreach and education about the programs and services funded using CDBG funds.
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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

In 2023, the city will continue to direct a significant portion of CDBG fund investments to one district. This area is known as the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood and is in the northwest corridor of the city. The city will allocate about 50% of 2023 CDBG funds to support the revitalization of this neighborhood by investing in street improvements and other priority projects in this densely populated residential area. The remaining balance of funds will be used throughout the city to support public services that benefit all city residents, Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, the management all programs and activities and support other projects.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City Wide	50
Annie Glidden North	50

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The city remains focused on a specific neighborhood as a target area for the use of CDBG funds. It is the result of a large-scale community collaboration to examine the issues and needs of the northwest part of the city, known as Annie Glidden's North Neighborhood. This area has the lowest income population and is the most densely populated area of the city. It is also the section of the city with the most public safety calls. The population structure of the region has changed in recent years. What used to be considered a university area has now become an area inhabited by impoverished individuals and families. The area is not designed to meet the needs of a changing population. The city contracted for a study of the area and invited several community stakeholders to help analyze the neighborhood's challenges and opportunities. As a result of the collaboration, a plan for the revitalization of Annie Glidden North was completed. The city will continue to allocate certain CDBG funds to the area to make improvements that support the revitalization goals of the plan.

This year's plan includes a quarter of the funds earmarked for public street improvements in the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood. The remaining funds for public facilities and improvements will be allocated to projects as needed as projects are identified. New projects may or may not be in the target area, depending on the city's priorities.

Discussion

The city views the needs of the city as a whole and is committed to fulfilling those needs for all the residents in the city. The CDBG funds will be used to maximize the objectives of the Annie Glidden North

Revitalization Plan with the balance of funds to be depleted with other projects within the city limits.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City has determined that one of the most effective ways to support the preservation of affordable housing is to invest CDBG funds in existing low/moderate income housing. This improves the quality of life for residents and increases the sustainability and desirability of low/moderate income neighborhoods. The Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation programs help low/moderate income residents secure the repairs they need to maintain a safe, decent and affordable place to live.

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	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	8

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

Discussion

The Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Renovation Program directly supports affordable housing by providing LMI residents with the resources to make necessary repairs to their homes. The purpose of the aid is to give individuals or families who do not have sufficient funds or who cannot obtain the necessary loan at a reasonable price, the opportunity to make repairs that improve the quality and durability of their home. The program helps maintain more stable neighborhoods with safe, affordable, and accessible housing for low-income people. The size of the city's CDBG grant limits additional opportunities to support affordable housing. The city works closely with the local housing authority to monitor the level of need and participates in discussions to support the development of additional affordable housing in the city.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City works closely with the local Housing Authority to coordinate efforts to align goals and activities associated with affordable housing. The City is diligent of the practice of Fair Housing and is working on an update of the previous Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for the city which will be used as a guide to ensure fair housing practices are being adhered to.

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

The local Housing Authority is extremely diligent with their properties; the properties are well maintained and have high occupancy and utilization rates. As a HUD designated High Performer, the agency is exploring future opportunities for affordable housing within the city with a focus on the elderly and disabled population based upon their 2020 housing analysis. Additionally, the City coordinates with the local Housing Authority fair housing educational presentations with HOPE Fair Housing and Prairie State Legal Services to local residents and landlords to ensure they understand their rights.

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

Resident involvement with management is essential to the HA's success. The Housing Authority actively encourages its residents to participate in activities including resident councils, annual review of PHA staff and services as well as the Resident Advisory Board. Additionally, the housing authority has a resident commissioner on their Board of Commissioners. The Housing Authority does not have a program to encourage homeownership. However, it encourages residents to participate in social service programs to achieve and maintain their highest level of self-sufficiency.

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

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The Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb is a HUD designated high performer. Additionally, the HA was awarded 17 Emergency Housing Choice Vouchers in July of 2021 and by the end of September

all 17 EHV's were being utilized.

Discussion

The city is fortunate to have a local housing agency with the mission of compassionately delivering healthy, safe, affordable, quality housing options. HA is a HUD Designated High Performing Agency which maintains high occupancy rates in its public housing properties and high utilization rates in its Housing Choice Voucher programs. HA addresses the need for affordable housing in the city. The city will continue to work with HA and other local organizations to promote best practices for increasing the supply of affordable housing

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

Introduction

Activities for the homeless and other special needs are supported by the CDBG Public Services funding and the City of DeKalb Human Services Funding. While homeless services are supported by the two programs above, most of the funding for these services goes directly to shelters through the Continuum of Care and other sources. City funds are used to augment these resources and support activities that provide services to the homeless. There is also substantial community support for local agencies that provide services to the homeless. The city, other social service agencies, homeless shelters, and the housing authority work together to ensure these needs are met.

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

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

The city has a very low number of unsheltered people. Hope Haven Homeless Shelter and the DeKalb City Police Department regularly reach out to identify and assist homeless individuals and families in the community. Relevant local agencies and residents contact Hope Haven directly when unsheltered homeless are observed to notify the shelter of their location and request nearby assistance. Some of these calls refer to people refusing to help. When this happens, Hope Haven continues to reach out to help and encourage them to come to the shelter.

Homeless people are connected to a CoC coordinated point of entry for shelter and emergency services that provide lasting solutions to prevent future homelessness. Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking are referred to Safe Passage, a local shelter for domestic violence victims that provides emergency shelter, supportive services, and transitional housing. Homeless youth under the age of 18 are referred to the Family Service Agency's Youth Program and CoC for safe placement.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The primary role of emergency shelter is to provide immediate access to services that meet basic needs and to move homeless individuals to permanent housing as quickly as possible. The city works with homeless shelters, the housing authority, and other local service providers to ensure that the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of the homeless individual or family's needs are met. The City supports these services through the utility portion of the CDBG fund and the City's human services fund.

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 local homeless shelter, Hope Haven is rich with services and partnering with other local agencies to assist and serve their clients to aid in the prevention of recurrent homelessness. The shelter provides the Emergency Shelter Program, Rapid Re-housing, Life Skills Training which includes psychiatric care, counseling, wellness programs, daily living, skills, vocational programs, meals, home visits, referrals and follow up. Additionally, Hope Haven partners with the local housing authority to provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals who have not been successful in the traditional housing programs. The City supplements Hope Haven through CDBG funding as well as funds the City's General Revenue fund with a Human Services grant.

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 community as a whole work together to address the needs of low-income individuals and families and the extremely low-income individuals and families who are at-risk of becoming homeless following the discharge from publicly funded institutions of care by supporting the work of Hope Haven, the Continuum of Care agencies, Elder Care Services, and the local housing authority as well as the other social services providers. These agencies help navigate the process to establish stability through permanent housing and achieve employment, education, and wellness.

Discussion

The City of DeKalb is rich in resources and has strong relationships with service providers to assist in meeting the needs of homeless and other individuals with special needs within the community. Together these agencies and the city staff coordinate their services to assist homeless individuals, homeless families, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking and those at risk of being homeless.

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

Introduction:

Low-income subsidized housing is available within the city. The local housing authority has 213 units for low-income individuals and families plus six (6) project-based vouchers at the local domestic violence shelter within the city. Additionally, there is a large privately owned subsidized housing complex located in the Annie Glidden North corridor. The Housing Choice Vouchers are distributed more widely however nearly half of all vouchers issued are leased in two neighborhoods located in the Annie Glidden North corridor. Regretfully, many of the larger properties allow only a limited number of voucher participants to lease at their properties and some strictly deny voucher holders to lease. It is the hope of city staff new legislation in the State of Illinois allowing income protection to the voucher holders.

The City has building codes in place to ensure high standards for life safety of all new construction. These costs might cause additional expense to the builder which could be impactful to additional affordable housing, the codes are only one element that impacts the construction of affordable housing and residential improvements. The recent change in the lot size for newly constructed homes from 4,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet or more, limits the number of lots available for small affordable homes. Much of the city is zoned for Single Family Residential (SFR) which limits the probability of multi-family units. There are also occupancy restrictions within the code that limit the number of unrelated individuals living together and sections that limit the density of housing to no more than twelve units per acre.

The Building Code & Compliance Department routinely inspects rental properties annually and recommends repairs in order to meet applicable codes.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

In December 2020, the Housing Authority (HA) conducted a housing study for the County including the City of DeKalb. The study confirmed the shortage of affordable housing for specific populations within the city. In the next seven to 10 years there will be a shortage of affordable housing for the hardest to house populations. The rising cost of materials to build or rehabilitate aged properties was duly noted in the study. DeKalb's aging population may choose to sell a larger less accessible home in favor of renting senior favorable units. There is a projected demand for over 400 additional units for those aged 65 and over across DeKalb.

The City is taking the following steps as continuing endeavors:

The City continues to support redevelopment projects in the downtown area with tax increment

financing as well as funds from the General Fund through the Architectural Improvement Program and the TIF district.

- The City continues to encourage the maintenance, improvement, and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock and residential neighborhoods particularly in the more aged sections of DeKalb.
- The City will promote equal opportunity to secure safe, decent, and affordable housing for residents in the city regardless of discriminatory factors.
- The City of DeKalb will continue to pursue available and appropriate state and federal funding sources to support efforts to rehabilitate existing housing to meet the needs of lower-income households.
- The City will partner with the local HA to ensure the hardest-to-house populations, including single-parent households with children, persons with disabilities, large families, and seniors, have access to affordable housing options.
- The City will continue to work with landlords and property managers to improve conditions of existing affordable housing stock including subsidized and non-subsidized through effective code enforcement and timely response to complaints of poor housing conditions.
- The City will continue to support the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb (HACD) in its administration of their Voucher Program which will include the distribution of program information and application in the Community Services Office, as well as the distribution of program information to rental property owners, annual meetings with HACD to discuss actions the City can take to encourage to engage greater participation in the HCV Program by rental property owners.

The local HA is eager to create more affordable housing for the chronically homeless specifically elderly and disabled individuals and families. The project was put on hold due to COVID-19 but is presently in discussion by their board. The City will actively assist the HA in this endeavor.

The City's Human Relations Commission exists to safeguard locals from discrimination. Its job is to make sure that no citizen is subjected to discrimination based on their sexual orientation, marriage status, marital status, race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, or ancestry. All complaints of discrimination are accepted by the HRC, which also looks into claims of violations of fair housing laws, redlining, guiding, unfair rental practices, and discriminatory lending or financing activities.

Discussion:

The City recognizes the need for affordable housing and supports the renovation of the city's housing stock of affordable housing. The rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family homes through the Owner-Occupied Residential Rehabilitation Program is greatly supported by the city which aids in the retention of safe, decent, affordable housing for low to moderate income individuals and families. The recent acquisition of several substandard rental properties within the city was aided by funds through the City to ensure the marginally cared for properties would be go through extensive renovations to

revitalization properties and improve the quality of life of the residents.

The city works diligently with the community for diversity, acceptance, and respect. The city has made several changes recently and continues to make these changes to promote equity and eliminate the stigma associated with subsidized housing and poverty. The City continues to strive to create solid relationships and promote open discussions to further this goal.

The City of DeKalb is committed to Fair Housing practices. The Human Relations Commission plays an important role in discouraging illegal and unethical housing practices by promoting and encouraging fair housing to all. It is the objective of the Commission to ensure that all people have a fair and equal opportunity to purchase, own, lease, or occupy housing within the City of DeKalb without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation or legal sources of income.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City actively supports community-based actions that address identified needs. Entitlement communities can claim 15% of the CDBG Entitlement Grant for Public Service programs. Annually these funds are dedicated to address residents' needs. Additionally, funding from the City in way of Human Services Funding supplements these needs. City staff works closely with the recipients of the funds through quarterly reports and annual site visits for verification of program compliancy and effectively meeting the needs of the underserved and low-to-moderate income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Addressing the needs of the community and making the community aware of the available programs has been troublesome. The Owner-Occupied Residential Rehabilitation Program will be continually marketed to the residents as well as other programs and services available to those who are eligible. Digital marketing is one method of broadcasting services within the city. Information will be uploaded to the city's website as well as social media on continual basis. Identifying the needs of residents and referring residents to programs and services to address areas where assistance is needed. Staff actively participates in several service provider groups and committees as well as participating in community fairs and events.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to fund the Owner-Occupied Residential Rehabilitation Program to address the needs of low/moderate-income homeowners in maintaining a safe, affordable place to live. The City will also continue its collaboration with the Housing Authority and other housing providers to advocate for the creation of new affordable housing and the maintenance of existing affordable housing within the City.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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The City will continue to provide information on lead-safe housing rehabilitation practices by distributing "The Lead-Safe Guide to Renovate Right" to every homeowner who participates in the Owner-Occupied Residential Rehabilitation Program. Every participant is educated about the risk of lead paint in older housing and methods to mitigate that risk when working on their homes. The City will continue to use lead-safe practices in its housing rehabilitation program and will ensure each property passes a lead clearance test when rehabilitation activities disturb painted surfaces in excess of de minimus levels.

DeKalb County Health Department is the lead agency that addresses cases of elevated blood

levels (EBLs) in children and works with state and federal programs to remediate lead risks. The City will coordinate efforts with the Health Department to assist with any identified needs for lead abatement activities in the homes of children with an EBL when needed.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The city has made strides to bringing several large-scale businesses to improve the economic development of the community. These businesses provide more livable wages to those seeking to these employment opportunities. The City also supports the maintenance and creation of transportation options which provide services to from low/moderate income areas of the city to areas of higher paying jobs. City staff actively participates in community meetings and committees to address the systems and practices that keep families in poverty and deny access to the services and supports that can help families become self-sufficient and not self-reliant.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The investment of CDBG Public Facilities funding in LMI neighborhoods to improve the infrastructure will enhance the quality of life, enable better access to necessary services, increase property values, and maintain a suitable living environment for low-to-moderate income residents.

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

The city is actively engaged in the Continuum of Care, local service networking groups, and special initiatives like the University Village Collaborative to help identify and improve the quality of life for the residents within the community. City staff works hand-in-hand with the Housing Authority to identify the housing needs of the community.

Discussion:

The City is highly invested in meeting the needs of its residents. Staff network, collaborate, and coordinate services to obtain the best possible outcomes for residents in need. Staff will continue to investigate alternative sources of funding for programs and services to address needs that cannot be met through CDBG funding. Communication with stakeholders will be prioritized to maximize the provision of housing, social services, and neighborhood improvements for low- and moderate-income residents.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City's CDBG program is relatively small and depends on annual entitlement funds to support local projects. Additional funds from local and state grants and City revenues are used to fund activities in support of the Plan. The City does not receive any program income at this time and does not have Section 108 loan guarantees, urban renewal settlements, funds returned to the line of credit, or float-funded activities.

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.

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

The City does not receive income or funding from the above cited resources. An initial period of three years was used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds will be used to benefit the low-/moderate income population during 2021, 2022 and 2023.

