

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In 2015, the City of Longview developed a five-year Consolidated Plan to serve as a general guide for the use of grant funds to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is in compliance with HUD regulations and involves the following grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The City of Longview fiscal year begins October 1, and the Consolidated Plan covers fiscal years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

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 Community Development Office, a division of Community Services, insures that the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grants are administered efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with applicable laws, in order to principally benefit low and moderate income persons.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Longview has identified and given special attention to five affordable housing priorities in its Consolidated Plan. In previous years, approximately 20% of CDBG expenditures and 70% of HOME expenditures were targeted directly to priority affordable housing activities (i.e., rehabilitation/reconstruction/repair/adaptation/home ownership). Every effort is made to address households with worst case needs, unfortunately, due to the cost of lead based paint testing and

removal, aging housing stock and reduced CDBG and HOME funding often the household maladies cannot be fully addressed with the grant assistance limits available. The City of Longview has developed a rehabilitation program to meet this need. Additionally, public service expenditures were targeted toward priority non-housing community development activities, the majority of which were aimed at assisting facilities involved in activities identified as priority community development activities (i.e., child care, homeless prevention, job training). HOME expenditures were concentrated on affordable housing rehabilitation, new construction, and site/acquisition/clearance activities. In general, affordable housing activities met or exceeded projected goals.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizens were encouraged to attend five (5) formal opportunities to provide input regarding community needs and resources prior to the development of the Consolidated Plan. Community Development (CD) staff held four citizen meetings in CDBG target areas in an effort to provide the greatest accessibility to local residents. Notice of the meetings was broadcast on the local cable Public Access Channel, posted in City facilities, and advertised in the Longview Website. CD staff briefed and led a discussion on past and current programs and issues of perceived interest to those present at the meetings. Citizens were requested to complete a Community Needs Survey to be used as part of the development process for the Consolidated Plan. The nonprofit agency/citizen survey results are attached. Minutes and citizen comments from the City Council Meetings and Public Hearings are included in the Appendix. The draft FY16 CDBG/HOME budgets were posted for availability to the public for comment on April 18, 2016. The draft budgets were also available for citizen comment in the Longview Housing and Community Development Department on April 18, 2016. Citizen comments were received by the City of Longview during the 45 day and longer comment period following the April 15, 2016 Council Meeting. On July 14th, 2016 the Public Hearing was held prior to final approval by City Council for the FY15 Consolidated Action Plan. There were no additional citizen comments at this Public Hearing. The Citizen Participation Plan is included in the Appendix. Accompanying newspaper articles and published/posted notices are available upon request.

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.

Please see appendices

Survey

The City of Longview should use HUD money to help provide: Weight of importance % of Comm. Interest Ranking

Home repair or reconstruction for people who already own their home. 110 66% 5
 Adaptation of housing for elderly and/or disabled. 171 100% 1
 Cleaner neighborhoods. 143 84% 3
 Temporary housing for people with special needs. 148 87% 2
 Places for the homeless to live. 127 75% 4
 Money to help 1st time homebuyers pay closing costs and down payments. 98 59% 8
 New houses for first time homebuyers. 70 44% 11
 "New or repaired public transportation shelters, benches, and equipment." 97 59% 8
 "New or repaired parks, playgrounds, community and senior centers." 90 55% 9
 "New or repaired streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines." 106 64% 6
 "Job training, job creation, and help for small businesses." 100 60% 7
 "Preservation of historic buildings, including the downtown area." 56 37% 12
 Tenant Based Rental Assistance 87 53% 10
 Other (be specific): 2 1% 13

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

All the comments have been reviewed and thought of during the process of creating this action plan. We believe the majority of comments and concerns are received and a part of one or more activities the City has available either administratively or by the sub-recipients.

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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	LONGVIEW	Community Development Department
HOME Administrator	LONGVIEW	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Community Development Division is responsible for the administration of CDBG and HOME Funds and fund raising. Two full time staff is dedicated to administering and monitoring both programs.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Longview consulted with area agencies (health services, housing services, social services and homeless services), non-profit organizations, adjacent government jurisdictions, state and county representatives, financial institutions and citizens at-large as an integral part of the development of the City of Longview's Five Year Consolidated Plan. Many of these organizations were consulted independently. Local nonprofit organizations were surveyed collectively at a general needs assessment meeting to provide input regarding the needs of the nonprofit sector as well as of the City as a whole. The City consulted with the following organizations that provide housing and supportive services to special needs populations regarding the elderly, disabled, persons with HIV/AIDS and the homeless: Community Healthcore MHMR, Special Health Resources for Texas, the Salvation Army, Highway 80 Rescue Mission, Hope Haven, House of Hope and Eden Place.

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 of Longview works closely with local non-profits through an exchange of information regarding HUD applications for funds, grant information and training programs offered by other social service agencies. Longview also cooperates with the East Texas Council of Governments and the City of Marshall, Texas in developing funding applications and in the exchange of information regarding state policies and funding. The City has partnered with Gregg County to facilitate improvement of the tax structure and share funding information. The Longview I.S.D. and the City of Longview combined efforts, which resulted in a park at a school in a CDBG target area. The City cooperated with local medical providers, financial institutions and the United Way to fund a survey/study of community needs. Summary brochures are available upon request or a complete copy of the study is available for viewing at the Longview Public Library.

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 Northeast Texas Homeless Consortium meet regularly to discuss homeless issues and develop a cohesive Continuum of Care strategy to address the issues associated with the Homeless and Special Needs population.

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

N/A

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	LONGVIEW
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development 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?	The City of Longview and the Longview Housing Authority work closely throughout the year to support each other to help meet the goal set.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY HEALTHCORE (FORMERLY SABINE VALLEY)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development 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?	Community Healthcore receives Public Service funding from the City to help support their mission. They are also in many of the community groups we also attend that has helped in forming our strategies for this year.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	LONGVIEW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Longview Habitat for Humanity serves as the CHDO for the City of Longview. Through the coordination of the two Longview Habitat will continue to build new homes for Low Income Homeowners and support our efforts in Critical Home Repair.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Regional Community Connections One, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regional Community Connections serves as a one stop shop for many families and persons looking for assistance in many ways. Throughout the year the various agencies that utilize the Community Connections Facility will help more than just one agency could alone.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City of Longview did not consult with all local non-profits but works closely with these local non-profits through an exchange of information regarding HUD applications for funds, grant information and training programs offered by other social service agencies. Longview also cooperates with the East Texas Council of Governments and the City of Marshall, Texas in developing funding applications and in the exchange of information regarding state policies and funding. The City has partnered with Gregg County to facilitate improvement of the tax structure and

share funding information. The Longview I.S.D. and the City of Longview combined efforts, which resulted in a park at a school in a CDBG target area. The City cooperated with local medical providers, financial institutions and the United Way to fund a survey/study of community needs. Summary brochures are available upon request or a complete copy of the study is available for viewing at the Longview Public Library.

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	City of Longview Housing Authority	The City of Longview Housing Authority and the Community Development work diligently to complement each other in the goals and planning of those goals each year.

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

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No Response was recieved	None were received during the Public Hearing Meetings	N/A	

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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	None were recieved	None were received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Speaking at Hosing Authority Briefing Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>I think the budget should be spent on making the members independent from credit, education and purchasing a home. Transportation is very important. Please put care into the low income. Do you all show people how to do small repair or flooring? Thank you. Great Program for elderly and low income people. More things for children in summer time things in neighborhoods that don't cost for people that don't have a lot of money, more activities and things for them to do in summer time. I think HUD should help every one</p>	<p>The city of Longview believes we are for addressing the majority of these comments either directly or indirectly with services the Community Development is Administering or by those sub-recipients we fund with CDBG and HOME Funds.</p>	<p>The above are all comments received</p>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The development and implementation of the plan is a coordinated effort with neighborhood groups, private sector contractors, developers, non-profit organizations, city departments, neighboring jurisdictions, and regional planning groups.

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	584,468	0	327,186	911,654	0	The Grantee has in place many new initiatives and strategies to best utilize the funds granted to them to meet the national objective and help the community become more self-sufficient in the process.

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	215,965	0	68,381	284,346	0	The Grantee has in place many new initiatives and strategies to best utilize the funds granted to them to meet the national objective and help the community become more self-sufficient in the process.

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

The City of Longview provides HOME matching funds through waiving permit fees and charges for HOME Rehabilitation/Reconstruction grants and CHDO activities. Longview Habitat for Humanity (CHDO) provides HOME-matching funds through the costs of donated construction materials and volunteer labor associated with its new construction activities. To date, the combination of these sources has proven to be more than adequate in meeting the City’s matching funds requirement.

The City of Longview is helping local businesses in eligible areas improve their curb appeal with the store front/Facade Improvement Program. The City of Longview provides money through this grant process to commercial property owners or business owners (with property owner approval) to encourage restoration projects of building facades and to enhance the building and overall exterior appearance. The grants are funded by the City of Longview Community Development using Community Development Block Grant money. The money is from federal funds

made possible through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Only properties located in South Longview Initiative Program (SLIP) area as shown on the attached map will be eligible for incentives under this program. Its purpose is to facilitate and providing funding assistance to improve and rehabilitate building facades in the SLIP area. Grant funds will be made available on a reimbursement basis with original proof of payment(s). Funds will be released upon satisfactory completion, inspection, and acceptance of all work. Work must begin within 30 days and be completed within 180 days from date of agreement. The total reimbursement per application and project will not exceed 50% of the total project cost up to a maximum of \$10,000.00 or as otherwise noted. The grant cannot pay for work that is currently in progress or has been completed.

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 has created programs, such as the South Longview Incentive Program. This is intended to encourage the redevelopment of blighted and neglected residential properties in the City. The City created programs for recycling or placing residential lots or parcels of real property which have been foreclosed for delinquent and ad valorem taxes or for other reasons and have not been redeemed by their owners in accordance with state law. These lots have been into a pool for use by designated home building entities for the construction or rehabilitation of single family residential houses, thereby alleviating said blight, removing said property from the pool of properties maintained by the City and enhancing the tax base for the Taxing Entities by fostering the construction and rehabilitation of single family residential homes, and generally improving the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

Discussion

None

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	2015	2020	Affordable Housing	SLIP City of Longview	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$95,000 HOME: \$183,570	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 26 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 0 Households Assisted
3	Public Services Activities	2015	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public Services Activities	SLIP City of Longview	Public Service Activities	CDBG: \$87,670	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 116 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6 Households Assisted
4	Public Facility	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	SLIP City of Longview	Public Facilities Special Needs/ Homeless	CDBG: \$127,670	Businesses assisted: 4 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Neighborhood Encouragement	2015	2019	Neighborhood Encouragement	SLIP	Neighborhood Encouragement	CDBG: \$170,000 HOME: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 34 Households Assisted Other: 0 Other
6	Administration	2015	2019	Administration	City of Longview	Neighborhood Encouragement	CDBG: \$161,798 HOME: \$32,395	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Planned activities are designed to produce measurable impacts at the neighborhood level and include FTHB homeownership opportunities, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, Critical Home Repair, new owner-occupied housing, homelessness prevention.
3	Goal Name	Public Services Activities
	Goal Description	Planned activities are designed to produce measurable impacts at the level of persons served and include Child care, Elderly/Disabled, homelessness prevention, and access to job training and educational services.

4	Goal Name	Public Facility
	Goal Description	Planned activities are designed to produce measurable impacts at the neighborhood and business level and include SLIP Facade, community connections activity.
5	Goal Name	Neighborhood Encouragement
	Goal Description	Public Works Water main projects.
6	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Upon completion of a thorough analysis of the housing market, the severity of the housing problems and the housing needs of very low/low/moderate income persons, the City of Longview has assign priorities for allocating investment in the Action Plan based on several major points. These projects for allocating investment are based previously discussed priorities.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Admin
2	HOME Admin
3	Fair Housing
4	Elderly/Disabled/Mental Health Public Service
6	Child Care- Public Service
7	Technical Job Training
9	First Time Homebuyer Program
10	Public Works
11	Public Facilities
12	Critical Home and Emergency Repair
13	Habitat Operating (CHDO Administration)
14	Habitat Construction
15	HOME Rehab
16	Rehab Delivery

Table 7 - Project Information

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

There is a need for activities to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to small and minority businesses to create opportunities for business growth and new business start-ups. The following obstacles could exist in meeting underserved needs: It is often difficult for small businesses to secure financing. Funding for developing businesses, expansions and capital for new business start-up is considered risky and the availability is limited. The ability to provide business grants to small and minority businesses for working capital and technical assistance to support business development is

essential to support small and Micro-Enterprise businesses and revitalize South Longview an area of the city that has been experiencing economic decline for many years.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Admin
	Target Area	City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Encouragement
	Funding	CDBG: \$113,680
	Description	Funds will provide for staffing and office expenses associated with CDBG program planning, management, and activities such as the following: prepare HUD required reports (Consolidated Plan, ERR, Analysis of Impediments, Annual Action Plan), provide for attending required HUD training, and provide for Fair Housing Activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1202 N. 6th Street, Longview Texas
	Planned Activities	Funds will provide for staffing and office expenses associated with CDBG program planning, management, and activities such as the following: prepare HUD required reports (Consolidated Plan, ERR, Analysis of Impediments, Annual Action Plan), provide for attending required HUD training, and provide for Fair Housing Activities.
2	Project Name	HOME Admin
	Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$21,596
	Description	Funds will provide for staffing and office expenses associated with HOME program management and activities, financial bookkeeping, inspections and environmental reviews.
	Target Date	9/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1202 N. 6th Street, Longview Texas
	Planned Activities	Funds will provide for staffing and office expenses associated with HOME program management and activities, financial bookkeeping, inspections and environmental reviews.
3	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,214
	Description	City will provide/participate in activities to increase awareness of Fair Housing Laws and provide technical assistance to entities/persons who believe they are involved in a housing discrimination case.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	1202 N. 6th Street, Longview Texas
Planned Activities	City will provide/participate in activities to increase awareness of Fair Housing Laws and provide technical assistance to entities/persons who believe they are involved in a housing discrimination case.	
4	Project Name	Elderly/Disabled/Mental Health Public Service
	Target Area	City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Public Services Activities
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Activities Special Needs/ Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$26,300
	Description	Assist in paying the salary of caseworkers to supervise mentally ill.
	Target Date	9/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Nineteen Persons
	Location Description	Arc of Gregg County- 107 E. Tyler St., Longview Texas Community Healthcore(Pegues Place)- 801 Pegues Place, Longview Texas
	Planned Activities	Assist in paying the salary of a caseworker to supervise mentally ill or disabled
5	Project Name	Child Care- Public Service
	Target Area	City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Public Services Activities
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Activities
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,603
	Description	Provide scholarships for child care at licensed Childcare facilities.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One Hundred (103) Families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	SeeSaw - 1450 West Fairmont Dr., Longview Texas Longview Child Development- 1230 S. High St., Longview Texas DORS- Multiple Location at License Childcare Facilities within the jurisdiction of Longview Texas.
	Planned Activities	Provide scholarships for child care.
6	Project Name	Technical Job Training
	Target Area	City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Public Services Activities
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Activities
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,767
	Description	Scholarships for students for low/moderate income.
	Target Date	9/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Eight (8) Students (Persons) will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Multiple Educational Facilities that will benefit low/mod income students living within the jurisdiction of Longview.
	Planned Activities	To provide funds for tuition assistance to low/moderate income technical job training college students
7	Project Name	First Time Homebuyer Program
	Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,619
	Description	Down payment and closing cost assistance to low/moderate income first time home buyers.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four (4) Families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Multiple locations within the jurisdiction of the City of Longview.
Planned Activities	Down payment and closing cost assistance to low/moderate income first time home buyers	
8	Project Name	Public Works
	Target Area	SLIP
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Encouragement
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Encouragement
	Funding	CDBG: \$485,567
	Description	Replace water mains on in CDBG designated area to help support the growth and need of new and improved water and sewer needs in the South Longview and CDBG Designated area.
	Target Date	9/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Thirty Four (34) Families will benefit from this activity on this direct street. However the Water, Sewer maintenance will enhance the availability to all in the Low/Mod Income Block Group.
	Location Description	Replace water mains in CDBG Designated Area.
	Planned Activities	Replace water mains on in CDBG designated area to help support the growth and need of new and improved water and sewer needs in the South Longview and CDBG Designated area.
9	Project Name	Public Facilities
	Target Area	City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Public Facility
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	This project is for energy efficient windows for the east facing windows of the annex. These windows are old. Many of them are cracked and/or broken. They have been covered with siding to try to keep out the cold northeast wind, but we still have very cold rooms on that side of the building.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One Hundred Families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	501 Pine Tree Rd. Longview, TX 75604
Planned Activities	This project is for energy efficient windows for the east facing windows of the annex. These windows are old. Many of them are cracked and/or broken. They have been covered with siding to try to keep out the cold northeast wind, but we still have very cold rooms on that side of the building.	
10	Project Name	Critical Home and Emergency Repair
	Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs/ Homeless

	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Critical Home Repair activities consist of materials of and to repair elderly/disabled occupied houses with a failing major system or roofs.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	17 Low/Mod income households
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Critical Repair Program provides repair services to elderly and disabled homeowners that are unable to afford the cost of home repair. Applications are accepted year round and subject to funds availability. Recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low to moderate household income as defined by U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines • Own and reside in the home for which repair is requested • Reside within the city limits of Longview, Texas
11	Project Name	Habitat Operating (CHDO Administration)
	Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$10,798
	Description	Operating expenses for the CHDO.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Operating expenses for the CHDO.
12	Project Name	Habitat Construction
	Target Area	SLIP
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$60,000
	Description	CHDO set aside for construction costs including project delivery of new in-fill housing for very low-income owner occupied housing in the South Longview Incentive Area.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 Houses
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	CHDO set aside for construction costs including project delivery of new in-fill housing for very low-income owner occupied housing in the South Longview Incentive Area.
13	Project Name	HOME Rehab
	Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Encouragement
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000 HOME: \$191,952
	Description	Through the HOME Rehab Program we intend to alleviate poverty and blight at the structural level in the slip area for owner occupied single family dwellings.
	Target Date	9/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We expect to Rehabilitate a minimum of 5 homes of owner occupied houses that have Code Related or Health and Safty Issues that need to be addresses including Lead Based Paint.
	Location Description	Multiple locations inside the jurisdiction of Longview
	Planned Activities	The activity will help the community by alleviating poverty and blight at the structural level in the SLIP area long term viability of the neighborhoods in which thy are located in is achieved
14	Project Name	Rehab Delivery

Target Area	SLIP City of Longview
Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Encouragement
Funding	CDBG: \$44,904
Description	Direct delivery budget that provides Community Development services for individuals receiving assistance to rehabilitate the owner occupied home.
Target Date	9/30/2017
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	1202 N. 6th Street, Longview Texas
Planned Activities	The City will use these CDBG funds to pay the salaries and benefits of staff to administer the HOME funded HOME Rehabilitation Program. In addition, the funds will pay for the staff that will inspect the properties.

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

Many older neighborhoods in south Longview or other CDBG target areas have become predominately rental. Historically, 75% of the First Time Home Buyer program participants have purchased homes in these areas. Home ownership stabilizes these neighborhoods and encourages new businesses in the areas. Approximately 1,250 substandard houses have been demolished in south Longview since 1985, the majority of which were in the area now identified as the SLIP area. Some of the vacant lots resulting from the demolitions have become code enforcement problems with high grass, brush, litter, and rodent infestation. There is a need to build in-fill housing on these lots, and concurrently provide additional affordable home ownership opportunities. In order to encourage new construction in the SLIP area, development of additional CHDOs and continued support for Habitat for Humanity.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
SLIP	75
City of Longview	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Longview will utilize Land Bank property to the greatest extent feasible for new construction. The rehabilitations/reconstructions can be performed anywhere, with the exception of a floodplain, within the City of Longview if the owner meets the CDBG/HOME income guidelines. FTHB assistance will be available to low/moderate income households purchasing homes within the Longview city limits or building new infill housing in the SLIP area. The tenant-based rental assistance may be used anywhere within the City of Longview and extending into the extraterritorial jurisdiction. This means that participants in the rental assistance programs are not restricted to reside in specific areas.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Many older neighborhoods in south Longview or other CDBG target areas have become predominately rental. Historically, 75% of the First Time Home Buyer program participants have purchased homes in these areas. Home ownership stabilizes these neighborhoods and encourages new businesses in the areas. In order to encourage home ownership in these areas and promote home ownership for low-income families in all areas of Longview.

Approximately 1,250 substandard houses have been demolished in south Longview since 1985, the majority of which were in the area now identified as the SLIP area. Some of the vacant lots resulting from the demolitions have become code enforcement problems with high grass, brush, litter, and rodent infestation. There is a need to build in-fill housing on these lots, and concurrently provide additional affordable home ownership opportunities. In order to encourage new construction in the SLIP area, development of additional CHDOs and continued support for Habitat for Humanity.

The distribution and the cost of rental housing are the most important factors. Most small rental units can be found in non-minority Census Tracts whereas most large rental units can be found in tracts with a minority concentration.

Throughout the next year the grantee and sub-recipients of HOME and CDBG Funds will be assisting low/mod households in a number of ways. At least six participants from homelessness, ultimately to living in their own dwelling using TBRA assistance in the form of grants helping with security deposits and utility deposits to secure the apartment for the participants.

Each of the assisted tenants shall be income eligible individuals or families. Income eligible is defined as individuals or families whose gross annual income does not exceed eighty (80%) percent of median income for the area as defined by HUD. Each unit must, at a minimum, meet the Housing Quality Standards and Longview Building Code requirements.

Habitat for Humanity or CHDO will be utilizing HOME Funds to help 4 families, 13 individuals by building them a new home of their own through the Habitat For Humanities Home Building Program. These units as well must, at a minimum, meet the Housing Quality Standards(HQS) and Longview Building Code requirements.

There will also be funding available with HOME Funds for a Full Rehabilitation Program for owner-occupied households living substandard dwellings. These dwellings do not meet minimum HQS and

Longview Building Code requirements. Once completed the dwelling will meet HQS and Longview Building Code requirements.

Habitat For Humanity is also administering a Critical Home Repair Program using CDBG Funding.

The Critical Home Repair grants to low and/or moderate income households with a major housing system, accessibility or roof failure. A single household that meets eligibility criteria may receive a maximum grant amount of \$5,000.00.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	12
Non-Homeless	33
Special-Needs	13
Total	58

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	3
Rehab of Existing Units	26
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	29

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

Discussion

The Community Development Department will continue to be responsible for the administration of the rehabilitation/reconstruction program. The City will support any organization wishing to apply for funds toward this priority.

The City of Longview will be responsible for administering the HOME Full Rehab Program as well as continue to be responsible for administering rental assistance through the Longview Housing Authority Programs. New tenant-based rental vouchers will be initially leased according to the HUD approved schedule submitted with the application. The City will support any organization wishing to apply for funds toward this priority.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Longview recognizes that with apartment complexes almost fully leased, rental property owners are able to demand premium prices for their units. For outreach to families who might not otherwise apply, the Housing and Community Development Division uses various means to advertise the availability of grants and rental assistance. The means undertaken include notices in the local newspaper, public service announcements on radio and television, and speaking engagements by staff members. Applications and forms are available in both Spanish and English.

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

Continue to actively conduct outreach efforts to attract new potential voucher landlords.

Continue to work with Habitat for Humanity, non-profit and for-profit builders to produce new affordable housing.

Continue to promote and encourage new affordable housing construction in the Slip Area (South Longview).

Continue to focus funding toward the maintenance/reconstruction of affordable housing in Longview.

Continue to work with the four Independent School Districts and the County to provide tax lien properties to non-profit/for-profit builders interested in building affordable housing.

Support the City's One-Stop Shopping Program, created to consolidate the building permit/inspection requirements to make it easier for developers and builders to do business in Longview.

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

The Housing and Community Development Division furnishes educational materials in both English and Spanish for First Time Home Buyer program. Written information concerning the FTHB assistance is also furnished to members of the Longview Board of Realtors.

The City utilizes all types of community meetings and event booths to provide information regarding rehabilitation/reconstruction grants including, but not limited to, the City Celebration of Excellence; Unity Day; Job Fairs; Cinco de Mayo; Alley Fest; Special Health Resources of Texas Information Day;

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration; All in the Family Health Fair; Net and Non-Profit Coalition meetings; Housing briefings and landlord meetings; and first time homebuyers and lenders meetings.

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

N/A

Discussion

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

Introduction

Longview lacks enough supportive housing for individuals with special needs and their families. There are 1,093 elderly owner-occupied households that are low/very low income. Fifty-one percent have a cost burden of at least 30%. An alternative to a long-term care facility is remaining at home, however, their houses need modifications to make them more accessible to elderly/disabled homeowners.

Three Hundred Eighty Two (382) sheltered homeless were counted by the Gregg Harrison Homeless Consortium Point-In-Time analysis as needing transitional and permanent housing. Services for those with special needs are limited, since MHMR service providers cannot house persons after their medication has been stabilized, often leaving the disabled person homeless. For other homeless living in specialty shelters such as the Women's Center or Substance Abuse Treatment and Psychiatric Inpatient Facilities, limited facilities are available after emergency care is complete. Additional transitional living facilities are needed for special-needs groups because many may become homeless upon leaving emergency shelters.

Unsheltered special sub-populations include the severely mentally ill, those with alcohol or other drug addictions, those with both mental illness and an addiction, and those with AIDS.

In an effort to end chronic homelessness, the City of Longview continues to administer the Shelter Plus Care program which makes rental assistance available to persons in eligible categories who are homeless and have a mental disability or HIV diagnosis as identified by the service providers. In addition, Wellness Pointe administers the Project Success transitional housing program (part of Continuum of Care SHP). The project serves women who are heads of a household that have come from family violence shelters, inpatient and residential substance abuse treatment programs, area homeless shelters and from the streets, and chronically homeless women. The goal is to help them become self-sufficient, employable, and obtain permanent housing. Funding accommodate eight (8) rental units, four units for single homeless women and four for women with one or two children. Collaboration between Community Healthcore Center, Special Health Resources for Texas, Inc., Wellness Pointe and Newgate United Methodist Mission implemented the Piney Woods project to address the needs of chronically homeless persons by providing wrap around treatment services for homeless persons with co-occurring disorders and at high risk due to chronic homelessness; repeated state hospital admissions; and HIV/AIDS, and by providing comprehensive assistance in obtaining SSI disability benefits and other mainstream assistance.

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 of Longview will support/assist in planning and development of a centralized resource center that could provide on site and mobile intake and assessment on a 24/7 basis; and could make referrals either through a networked computer system or by telephone to all homeless and allied service organizations.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will support emergency shelter providers in developing the ability to provide access to an array of employment services/supports including but not limited to the following: job readiness and job search skills, job placement services, mentor services and vocational skills training. The City intends to provide technical assistance to nonprofit organizations for applications funding transitional living facilities for persons with special needs. The City will support Community Healthcare and Wellness Pointe as well as DORS, efforts to develop and maintain transitional housing in Longview.

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

The City plans to advise non-profits of available funding from Federal, State, and local sources.

Persons with mental disabilities have substantial supportive housing needs. They need to be stabilized with medication and/or counseling. They also need training to care for themselves and job skills to achieve complete self-sufficiency. If skills do not yield ample income, rental assistance may be needed to prevent a severe cost burden.

The City of Longview will continue to make contacts within other agencies, both public and private, to facilitate a user-friendly social service network. The Community Development Department is a member of the North East Texas Homeless Consortium and the Longview Nonprofit Coalition, organizations of over fifty nonprofit entities that are designed to encourage networking and training. The City will also assist non-profits and public agencies to access funding sources outside of Longview. The City will consider joint applications between itself and mental health, social service, and special needs providers.

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.

Support the provision of temporary emergency assistance, such as, but not limited to utility and rental assistance, medical services and prescriptions, meals-on-wheels to low-income families citywide, as well as, budget counseling and additional resource identification to help these families in crisis situations, such as job loss, recent disability, illness, divorce, stretch their limited budgets.

Promote and support the use/operation of neighborhood/community centers serving low-income neighborhoods as well as, the citizens of the Greater Longview area, and to provide the needs of economically disadvantaged citizens.

Support citywide provision of job placement, job-skills/life-skills programs, computer training, literacy and English as a 2nd language, math/writing instruction to low income, homeless and welfare recipients.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

Housing Choice Rental Assistance can be used anywhere within the City of Longview and the extraterritorial jurisdiction which extends two (2) miles beyond the city limits, but not into another jurisdiction. The City does not intend at this time to dedicate a percentage of funds to any certain target area(s).

The Housing Program will continue to be responsible for administering tenant-based rental assistance. The new vouchers will be initially leased according to the HUD approved schedule submitted with the application. The City will support any organization wishing to apply for funds toward this priority.

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

The City of Longview recognizes that with apartment complexes almost fully leased, rental property owners are able to demand premium prices for their units. For outreach to families who might not otherwise apply, the Community Development Division uses various means to advertise the availability of grants and rental assistance. The means undertaken include notices in the local newspaper, public service announcements on radio and television, and speaking engagements by staff members. Applications and forms are available in both Spanish and English. The Housing and Community Development Division furnishes educational materials in both English and Spanish for the First Time Home Buyer program. Written information concerning the FTHB assistance is also furnished to members of the Longview Board of Realtors. The City has created programs, such as the South Longview Incentive Program, intended to encourage the redevelopment of blighted and neglected residential properties in the City. The City further intends to create programs for recycling or placing residential lots or parcels of real property which have been foreclosed for delinquent ad valorem taxes or for other reasons and have not been redeemed by their owners in accordance with state law, into a pool for use by designated home building entities for the construction or rehabilitation of single family residential houses, thereby alleviating said blight, removing said property from the pool of properties maintained by the City. Enhancing the tax base for the Taxing Entities by fostering the construction and rehabilitation of single family residential homes, and generally improving the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Longview will continue to make contacts within other agencies, both public and private, to facilitate a user-friendly social service network. The Community Development Department is a member of the North East Texas Homeless Consortium and the Longview Nonprofit Coalition, organizations of over fifty nonprofit entities that are designed to encourage networking and training. The City will also assist non-profits and public agencies to access funding sources outside of Longview. The City will consider joint applications between itself and mental health, social service, and special needs providers.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Longview is committed to providing technical assistance to these agencies in identifying and pursuing available funds. The City of Longview is currently accepting applications for rental assistance from only the elderly and handicapped that live and/or working in Longview. The current backlog of other applications demonstrates the need for additional rent assistance and affordable housing.

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The City of Longview, coupled with local non-profits, intends to provide avenues for individuals to improve their education and employability, access jobs at a livable wage, access transportation to get to the jobs, access sound affordable housing and provide social and educational enhancements for their children.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

A major obstacle to meeting the housing needs of the underserved continues to be insufficient Housing Choice Vouchers. With an extensive waiting list, it is impossible to provide subsidized housing to all in need. The City of Longview is currently accepting applications for rental assistance from only the

elderly and handicapped that live and/or working in Longview. The current backlog of other applications demonstrates the need for additional rent assistance and affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

A possible hindrance to the effectiveness of the aforementioned policies might be that members of the community might continue to be unaware of their existence. The City intends to continue to educate the community about policies such as these that could enhance their way of life.

- The City continues Lead Based Paint risk assessment and clearance testing activities, awareness of LBP, and technical assistance/training for contractors to be certified in abatement techniques.
- Participants in the homebuyers assistance and housing rehabilitation programs are provided with information as well as results of lead based paint risk assessments, and clearance testing.
- Staff will continue to attend environmental training and EPA workshops to learn additional methods and procedures to reduce lead-based hazards.
- The City contracts with a certified Lead Based Paint contractor for risk assessments and clearance testing.
- Lead based paint testing and interim controls or abatement (if required) must be satisfactorily completed prior to approval of applications for home ownership grant funds.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

- The City of Longview supports the Experience Works Employment Program - Once successfully employed for six months through this program, Experience Works employees can apply for other city positions as an internal applicant, giving them preference over applicants from the general public.
- The City offers the Family Self Sufficiency Program to fifty-five Housing Choice Voucher Rental recipients. Participants are provided life skills training to help them become independent of the welfare system.
- The City is in support of efforts such as that of Kilgore College and the East Texas Literacy Council to provide pre-certified CNA (nursing) training, ultimately allowing ESL students to attend Kilgore College Nursing School.
- The City supports Region VII Education Center in its efforts to provide Headstart to low-income children in Longview and Gregg County.

The City supports local nonprofit organizations providing services that facilitate employment such as the following: low income childcare, job skills training, and elderly/disabled support.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Two major gaps in intergovernmental and institutional cooperation are the lack of knowledge regarding

functions of locally based state agency offices and the lack of cooperation by private industry. State agencies with offices in Longview offer many services to the community including child protection and food stamps. A volunteer effort by the private sector has provided services for specially planned events. However, there has not been an ongoing commitment to improve other local conditions. The City of Longview cooperates with nonprofit and other governmental agencies to prepare grant applications such as the following: Shelter Plus Care, Pineywoods Project, and SAMHSA's Services in Supportive Housing. The City will continue to gather information about other public offices in Longview, leading to an improved and more efficient service system.

The City will encourage input from local industry. One way to accomplish this will be to communicate with the business community regarding the strategic intent of the City and how it will affect them. In addition, the City will continue to make contacts within other agencies, both public and private, to facilitate a more user-friendly social service network. The City will also continue to assist non-profits and public agencies to access funding from outside of Longview. The City will continue to initiate joint applications between itself and mental health, social service, and special needs providers.

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

The City will continue to provide information through various departments to non-profits regarding grant information and training programs. This information enables organizations to apply for, and receive, program funding. The City works closely with non-profits in their application process to HUD for funds. Due to the Consolidated Plan certification requirement, non-profits now inform the City of their future plans, thus allowing the City to better prepare for upcoming developments in the community.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Longview administers an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program that is available to very low- to moderate- income homeowners who live within the city limits of Longview.

Support SLIP Program to Encourage New Construction in South Longview; (SLIP Area): In an effort to stem the population outflow, which is diminishing the market size for area businesses, quality housing in a mixture of price categories must be developed. New construction of low/moderate income affordable housing as well as middle and upper income housing is essential to reverse the aforementioned trend. There is an adequate supply of suitable land for infill housing in the area.

A Community Housing Development Organization – CHDO will be eligible for the City of Longview’s 15% mandatory CHDO set aside provided they obtain and maintain the following:

Qualifying Criteria:

Legal status: CHDO must possess a tax exempt ruling for the IRS under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Organizational Structure:

Board must be composed as follows:

- 1/3 low-income resident or representative.
- 1/3 unrestricted – (ex. Business professional, lenders, service providers, etc.)
- 1/3 public officials or employees of the PJ.
- CHDO must have at least one year’s experience serving the community.
- CHDO must be committed to housing.
- CHDO’s must have the capacity to undertake and complete projects within 12 months of the HOME project commitment.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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.	75.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

United Way is expected to fund local shelters. (Homeless Assistance and Prevention). Donations and fund-raisers are expected to raise funds for many services not covered by the above resources. This activity is rehabilitation, acquisition, new construction, homebuyer assistance, rental assistance, and homeless assistance and prevention.

Texas Department of Health and Human services expects to fund childcare services for low-income households through local nonprofit service providers.

Texas Department of Mental Health & Mental Retardation expects to fund a local MHMR for transitional housing costs. The activity is homeless assistance and prevention.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs expects to allocate funds to non-profits to carry out a variety of housing activities.

East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) Area Agency on Aging provides the following services in Longview: congregate meals, home delivered meals, legal assistance and awareness to seniors on Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, nursing home resident rights, temporary in home care following hospital discharge, minor home repairs. The Workforce in ETCOG administers job training and subsidized employment opportunities for the aged through their Experience Works Program.

Gregg County Association for Retarded Citizens (GCARC) expects to receive funding for vocational training for persons who are multi-handicapped, physically handicapped and/or have mental retardation. They also expect funding for Hope Cottage Developmental Center, which serves children referred by TDHS for neglect and abuse, age's birth to five (5) years. Other projects include Project Star, a vocational training program and the Gregg County Special Olympics. In addition, advocates are provided upon request from the Community Healthcore MHMR Center.

Community Healthcore acts as the host agency for the local Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECI). It is funded through the Texas Early Childhood Intervention Interagency Council. ECI programs are funded through both state and federal funds. Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education account for 50% of the projected annual budget. The remaining 50% is derived from state general revenue funding. The ECI program is an entitled program through Part C of Individual's With Disabilities Education Act. Services are provided at no cost to families in Texas for infants/toddlers through age two (2) who have delays in their development and the families of these children.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

If there were sufficient equity at the time of the sale, the grantee would recapture the full amount of the initial HOME contribution to the homebuyer. However, the HOME program recognizes that this may not always be possible. Even if the sale price cannot support a return of the full HOME investment, at a minimum, the "net proceeds" of the sale are returned to the HOME program. Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus repayment of any outstanding debt and closing costs associated with the sale of the property.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City of Longview will recapture only subsidy amounts up to the original market value of the property. However, if the purchase price is reduced below market value to make the unit affordable, the difference between the purchase price and the fair market value is subject to recapture.

Because of recapture rules, grant and deferred loans that are forgiven during the affordability period are not allowable. Program rules that forgive the loan after the end of the affordability period are acceptable. If the original first time homebuyer retains ownership of the property for the full period of affordability, no resale restrictions will apply. If however, the owner sells the home at some point during the affordability period, if net proceeds allow, a portion of the loan must be recaptured.

A loan may be forgiven after the affordability period, but the homeowner must repay the HOME investment if he or she sells the home before then.

For Homebuyer and rental project activities, the length of the affordability period depends on the amount of the HOME investment in the property.

1. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

This jurisdiction does not have interest at this time to use HOME Funds for this type of activity.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is

rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Longview does not use HOME funding for multifamily units.

