

City of Morgantown
Community Development Office

**Community Development Block Grant
2007 Annual Action Plan**

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Source of Funds

The City of Morgantown will receive \$566,373 to fund projects from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations require the City of Morgantown to verify that all funds are utilized within the corporate limits of the City of Morgantown, or with support agencies that provide 51% of their services to City of Morgantown residents. In addition to the entitlement, \$19,010.03 in roll over funding from Program Years 2004, 2005 and 2006 will be reprogrammed into the projects. The Morgantown Housing Authority also anticipates \$17,400 in program income \$2,610 will be utilized by Morgantown Housing for administration and \$14,790 will be programmed in the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Annual Objectives

The 2004-2009 CDBG Consolidated Plan established a number of public facility needs that are nearly accomplished. The Wiles Hill Senior Center should be occupied this year and several ADA park projects will be completed. The 2007 Action Plan places emphasis on the continuation of sidewalk improvement within the city. The High Street Streetscape project will be funded by the CDBG Grant to relocate storm drops and install curb cuts other areas of need to complete plan objectives are transportation and economic development. The 2007 Action Plan provides funding to Mountain Line for bus stop signs and Habitat for Humanity for the ReStore Project a micro enterprise project.

Description of Projects

Administration & Planning - \$83,000

CDBG Administration - \$83,000.00

Activity: Administration

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: N/A

Regulation Citation: 570.206 (a)

Project # 2007-19

CDBG Administrative costs are necessary for project management, implementation, and inspection of the non-housing community development projects. Administrative costs include, but are not limited to, staff salaries and fringe benefits for one full-time staff member and a part-time or intern position, general operating supplies, environmental inspections, postage, mileage expenses, printing, miscellaneous services and charges, legal expenses, fees, travel and training, and dues and subscriptions. CDBG

Public Service 15% Cap -- \$84,956

Caritas SHP Grant - \$4,212

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: Public Services
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)
Consolidated Plan Objective: C2
Project # 2007-20

The CDBG Grant will provide a cash match for the recently received Shelter Plus Care, Continuum of Care Grant from HUD. This grant will establish a permanent shelter for the homeless in the community.

Night Shelter Case Management Program - \$31,688

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: Public Services
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)
Consolidated Plan Objective: C2
Project # 2007-1

The Bartlett House, Inc. operates an emergency shelter/public inebriation service at the University Avenue location that currently opens at 5:00 pm and closes at 8:00 am seven days week. The Bartlett House Emergency Shelter clients receive comprehensive case management and a service plan design to break the cycle of homelessness. This program follows-up on the individual or family for a minimum of one year to ensure that the family or individual maintains an independent living status. Life Skills Training Classes and Substance Abuse Support Groups are offered on-site.

Located in the downtown area Census Tract 101.00
It is expected that this project will serve approximately 556 individuals.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) – \$6,000

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income
Eligible Activity: Public Services
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)
Consolidated Plan Objective: H1
Project # 2007-2

The mission of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) For Kids program is to help assure that children who have been abused and/or neglected are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

The CDBG grant allows CASA for Kids to assure that every child who is the victim of abuse and neglect in Monongalia County has a CASA volunteer advocating for their best interests. CASA for Kids serves child abuse victims from birth to age 18. CASA For Kids will provide quality volunteer advocates who speak-up for the child and provide to the Court additional information on the case, as well as better monitoring of each child's needs. This resource will provide and support the training of a new group of CASA volunteers to advocate for abused children.

This is a citywide project.
Expected to serve 35 children

The Mental Health Association in Monongalia County - \$4,056

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: Public Services

Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)

Consolidated Plan Objective: C2

Project # 2007-3

The Mental Health Association in Monongalia County operates the Friendship Room, a program of social support and mental health education for adults who receive or need mental health care. The Friendship Room is home to a variety of weekly sessions including Mental Health News, Innate Health, Self-Advocacy Support System, Anger Management, Peer Recovery Network (addiction recover), arts activities and other sessions as requested and available. This program will extend the availability of the Friendship Room operations each week into the weekend.

Locate in downtown Census Tract 101.00
It is estimated that 260 individuals will be served.

Milan Puskar Health Right, Inc. - \$8,500

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation

Regulation Citation: 570.202 (a) (4)

Consolidated Plan Objective: C 2

Project # 2007- 4

Milan Puskar Health Right located on Spruce Street in downtown Morgantown will continue a program to make available diabetic education and self-monitoring equipment and training to eligible clients. Milan Puskar Health Right serves the greater Morgantown Area; the Clinic Wide Participatory Program is targeted to serve low-and-moderate income individuals as well as homeless individuals within the City of Morgantown.

The physical location of the building is in downtown. Census Tract # 101
It is estimated that this project will serve 110 individuals.

Morgantown Area Youth Services Project – \$7,250

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income
Eligible Activity: Public Services
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)
Consolidated Plan Objective: H1
Project # 2007-5

The Morgantown Area Youth Services Project operates under the fiscal administration of the Monongalia County Commission. MAYSP provides intervention services to youth and families primarily from low-income households that are experiencing delinquency and substance abuse problems. The proposed CDBG funded program would expand services to reach low-income youth and families living in the City of Morgantown experiencing substance abuse and underage drinking problems.

This is a citywide project targeting low and moderate-income youth. Seventy-five youth/families will be served.

Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. -- \$6,000

Activity: CDBG Public Service Sub-recipient
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Consolidated Plan Objective: G1
Project # 2007-6

To establish a second hand store based on recycled construction products/materials, The ReStore has proven to be an effective concept in raising funds and awareness for Habitat affiliates. This project will provide another income stream for MCHFH in providing affordable housing for very low-income families in the area this project will provide employment opportunities.

This project will be located in the Greenmont area Census Tract 107.00.
This project will generate 3-4 low-income jobs.

Monongalia County Schools (Kaleidoscope) - \$8,000

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income

Eligible Activity: Public Services

Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)

Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

Project # 2007-7

Provide access to affordable after school childcare and special tutoring in math and reading classes operated by Monongalia County Schools' Kaleidoscope Program at Mountainview Elementary School to low and very low income families within the Morgantown City Limits. This project seeks to provide additional opportunities for Woodburn and Mountainview students.

Mountainview Elementary School is located in an identified low income Census Tract # 109.01.

This project will tutor 71 children.

Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers, Inc. - \$2,000

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income

Eligible Activity: Public Services

Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)

Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

Project # 2007-8

The scholarship program will assist 20 adult learners pass the GED (General Equivalency Diploma) or six adult learners pass the EDP External Diploma Program). Totals may vary based on individual learners needs. Funding is also provided for the purchase of recorded books that, includes the audio portion and the books.

The Literacy Volunteer Center is located in the City Library located on Spruce Street in Census Tract # 102.

This project is expected to serve 150 adult learners.

Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club - \$7,250

Activity: CDBG Public Services Sub-recipient

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: Public Services

Regulation Citation: 570.201 (e)

Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

Project # 2007-9

The Project Learn initiative provides after-school and summer educational enhancement and tutoring activities to at-risk students ages 6-16. The program includes homework help, tutoring services, high yield learning activities, collaboration with schools, character education, and parental involvement. Prevention Programs are offered every day including the Smart Moves prevention program and character education. The Boys and Girls Club is available to the students during non-school days and through the summer. Project Learn with the Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club serves low and very-low income children in the City of Morgantown.

Their facility is located in downtown Morgantown on Spruce Street in Census Tract # 101.00.

This project is estimated to tutor 60-100 students.

Housing Programs - \$120,000

The Housing Program is for the low-and moderate income within the corporate limits of the City of Morgantown. It is anticipated that the Morgantown Housing Authority will receive \$17,400 in program income and use 15% or \$2,610 for administration, The Housing Authority will provide \$9,492 in administration cost from other sources. Adding \$14,790 in program income to the rehabilitation projects brings the total CDBG funding to \$137,400.

The housing projects are citywide targeting low and moderate-income individuals and families.

The various rehabilitation projects will assist approximately 35 families.

Housing Programs Administration

Activity: Administration

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: N/A

Regulation Citation: 570.200 (a) (3) (i)

Project # 2007-10

Housing Program Administration costs are necessary for project management and implementation of the Housing Programs by the Fairmont / Morgantown Housing Authority, staff salaries and supplies for the utilization of ICC and HQS Certified

housing inspectors and licensed mortgage/loan brokers for loan origination and servicing. Under the Housing Rehabilitation Program Morgantown Housing Authority will provide a series of grants and low interest loans in these specific areas of need.

Home Rehabilitation Program

Activity: Housing
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Project # 2007-11

General Home Improvements

Activity: Housing
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Consolidated Plan Objective: B1
Regulation Citation: 570.202 (b) (9) (10)

Emergency Repair

Activity: Housing
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Consolidated Plan Objective: B2
Regulation Citation: 570.202 (b) (2)

Home Adaptations

Activity: Housing
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Regulation Citation: 570.202 (b) (11)
Consolidated Plan Objective: B4

Lead Based Paint Assessment/Testing and Clearance

Activity: Housing
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Regulation Citation: 570.202 (f)
Consolidated Plan Objective: F1

Down Payment Assistance Program

Activity: Housing
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Housing
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (n)
Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

General Home Improvements

Assisting low-income homeowners make modest repairs to their homes. Qualified residents could apply for up to \$20,000 at 2% interest for up to 15 years. For elderly and disabled persons, this can be a forgivable loan with 20% forgiveness rate over 5 years. These improvements could include roof replacement, heating and cooling units, electrical or plumbing upgrades, windows, flooring, sidewalks, porches, siding, etc.

Emergency Repair Program

Assisting low-income homeowners with the cost of repairs that may be viewed as emergency in nature and could threaten one's health and safety. Such conditions could include a leaking roof, busted pipes, faulty electric systems, broken furnace, etc. The Emergency Repair Program would provide a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 to make the home safe again.

Home Adaptations Program

Assisting families with the necessary modifications or adaptations that will make their home livable as needs change. Many elderly or disabled persons run the risk of moving to assisted living facilities due to failing health or physical limitations. Adaptations may include installing grab bars, handicapped showers, modifying home entryways.

Lead Based Paint Assessment/Testing and Clearance

Federal law requires lead based paint intervention on federally funded housing programs over \$5,000. Morgantown Housing Authority will do lead based paint assessments, testing and clearance for projects as needed.

Down Payment Assistance Program

The Down Payment Assistance Program will assist low-income first time homebuyers with \$2,500 grant for down payment when purchasing property in the City of Morgantown. Homebuyers will need a 3-5 % down payment from savings, which could average \$2,778 for low-income household. By removing the down payment barrier, this grant could make the difference in a family's quest for homeownership.

The Down Payment Assistance Program meets the need for Barriers to Affordable Housing section E of the Consolidated Plan

[There are several barriers to affordable housing in Morgantown. Housing cost generally exceed the 30% of gross income threshold to make homeownership or rental units affordable for the low and very-low income households. A down

payment even at 15-16% of the annual gross income is hard for lower income families to make. This is primarily due to the demand for affordable housing exceeding supply in the City. There is little developable, vacant land in the City increasing the price for the land and subsequently the house.]

Infrastructure -- \$235,879

BOPARC Wiles Hill Senior Center - \$50,000

Activity: Senior Center
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: Public Facility
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (c)
Consolidated Plan Objective: D4
Project # 2007-12

BOPARC is rehabilitating the Former Wiles Hill Elementary School into the new location for the BOPARC Senior Center and Recreation Center. The facility needs to have ADA accessible bathrooms, additional parking access, a kitchen upgrade, and fire code upgrades. The service area for the facility will include a majority of the City of Morgantown. Seniors already access the Senior Center at its current location in Sabraton for many programs. The Wiles Hill Senior Center Project will use CDBG and BOPARC Foundation funding to rehabilitate the Wiles Hill School into a senior center.

BOPARC Wiles Hill Senior Center Fire Escape - \$3,000

Activity: Senior Center Additional Fire Escape
Source: CDBG Entitlement
National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: Public Facility
Regulation Citation: 570.201 (c)
Consolidated Plan Objective: D4
Project # 2007-13

A 2006 inspection by the West Virginia Fire Marshall's Office indicated a requirement for an additional escape route from the second floor of the Wiles Hill Senior Center, \$3,000 of CDBG funding is being provided for an engineering plan.

The Wiles Hill School Senior Center rehabilitation project is located in the Wiles Hill neighborhood in Census Tract # 102.

BOPARC Marilla Center - \$1,297

Activity: Marilla Recreational Center

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: Public Facility

Regulation Citation: 570.202 (b)

Consolidated Plan Objective: D3

Project # 2007-14

The Marilla Center furnace is currently located in a limited space preventing proper airflow for good combustion. The furnace will be moved to a better location eliminating any code violation, \$1,297.

The Marilla Center is located in the Greenmont area Census Tract 101.00

Mountain Line Transit Authority -- \$6,000

Activity: Public Facility Improvements

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Area-wide Benefit

Eligible Activity: Public Facilities

Regulation Citation: 570.201 (c)

Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

Project # 2007-15

Bus Stoppage Sign Proposal will allow waiting passengers to conveniently view bus route information at night, notify an on-coming bus that a passenger is waiting to board, and provide a security light. This proposal for signage will be limited to the geographical areas of low and moderate-income.

Section I. Institutional Structure of the Consolidated Plan:

[The Community Development Office works with the City's Planning, Public Works, Police Department and Board of Parks and Recreation to address infrastructure, code enforcement and public safety needs. This partnership will identify areas of need throughout the community to correct problems of access, barriers, recreational and public safety concerns.]

City of Morgantown - \$175,582

Activity: Public Facility Improvements

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Area-wide Benefit

Eligible Activity: Public Facilities

Regulation Citation: 570.201 (c)

Consolidated Plan Objective: D1, G1

Project # 2007-16

The CDBG will provide \$175,582 for ADA rehabilitation of sidewalks on High Street. This project uses \$19,010 of rolled over funding from the 2004 and 2005 program years.

The City of Morgantown will address the need for ADA compliance along the sidewalks on High Street relocating sewers where curb cuts need to be placed and adding truncated dome placements. Recent pedestrian incidents occurring in the downtown area identify a need to address accessibility at crosswalks in downtown. Bringing intersection on High Street into ADA compliance will improve visibility and movement. CDBG funds will be leveraging Department of Transportation and local funding.

The High Street sidewalk addressing ADA compliance is located in Census Tract # 101.

Approximately 6000' of sidewalk and seven curb cuts will be installed.

Rehabilitation -- \$42,648

Christian Help Roof -- \$33,750

Activity: Roof Replacement

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation

Regulation Citation: 570.202 (a) (4)

Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

Project # 2007-17

Reoccurring leaks from the roof have damaged the plaster on the fourth floor ceilings. In addition to the falling plaster, water on the floor causes concern for the safety of the volunteers and clients. The CDBG funding is important to make the repair and preserve the building and service in the downtown area.

The roof replacement will involve the removal of the existing roof, repairs and replacement of the wood deck, and the Fully Adhered EPDM Roof System. The Christian Help Center is located downtown in Census Tract 101.00. Approximately 3,000 very low and low-income individuals will be served.

Caritas House, Inc. -- \$8,788

Activity: Roof Replacement

Source: CDBG Entitlement

National Objective: L/M Income Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: Rehabilitation

Regulation Citation: 570.202 (a) (4)

Consolidated Plan Objective: H1

Project # 2007-18

Caritas runs a permanent shelter in Morgantown for homeless individuals or families with HIV/Aids. Caritas will replace the existing roof on their shelter with a new metal energy efficient roof.

An additional \$1,398 is being provided as the cash match for the SHP grant from HUD.

The shelter is located in Census tract 101.00.

Geographical Distribution

1. Night Shelter Case Management Program, Project # 2007-1 is located in Census Tract 101.00 in the downtown Morgantown area. Census Tract 101.00 is a low-income Census Tract.
2. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Project # 2007-2, operates citywide, advocating for low and moderate-income children.
3. The Mental Health Association in Monongalia County, Project # 2007-3, The Friendship Room is located in Census Tract 101.00 in the downtown area. Census Tract 101.00 is a low-income Census Tract.
4. Milan Puskar Health Right, Inc., Project # 2007-4, the Health Right Clinic is located in Census Tract 101.00 in downtown. Census Tract 101.00 is a low-income Census Tract.
5. Morgantown Area Youth Services Project, Project # 2007-5, this is a citywide program targeting low-income children and families.
6. Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity, Inc, Project # 2007-6, the Habitat Program is a citywide program targeting low-income individuals and their families.
7. Monongalia County Schools (Kaleidoscope), Project # 2007-7, The Kaleidoscopes academic enrichment program will serve children within the corporate city limits. Mountainview Elementary School is located in an identified low income Census Tract # 109.01.
8. Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers, Inc., Project # 2007-8, The Literacy Volunteer Center is located in the City Library located on Spruce Street in Census Tract # 102.

9. Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, Project # 2007-9, The Boys and Girls Club facility is located in downtown Morgantown on Spruce Street in Census Tract # 101.00.

10. Home Rehabilitation Program, Project # 11, The Housing Rehabilitation Programs are citywide by application targeting low and moderate-income individuals and families.

11. BOPARC Wiles Hill Senior Center, Project # 2007-12, The Wiles Hill School Senior Center rehabilitation project is located in the Wiles Hill neighborhood in Census Tract # 101.

12. BOPARC Marilla Center, Project # 14, the Marilla Center is located in the Greenmont area Census Tract 101.00.

13. Mountain Line Transit Authority, Project # 2007-15, this proposal for signage will be limited to the geographical areas of low and moderate-income

14. City of Morgantown, Project # 2007-16, The High Street sidewalk addressing ADA compliance is located in Census Tract # 101.

15. The Christian Help Center, Project # 2007-17 and is located downtown in Census Tract 101.00.

16. Caritas House, Inc, Project # 2007-18, the shelter is located in Census tract 101.00.

Homeless

“Colligo House” a Permanent Housing Project with Supportive Services. Under this program, Caritas House, Inc. will be rehabilitating a structure to contain 5-10 housing units for homeless individuals and or families who have mental health, substance abuse, and/or HIV/AIDS diagnoses.

It is anticipated that 90% of the residents utilizing permanent housing will be from various shelters in the region served by Caritas. Another 10% seeking permanent housing will most likely be referrals from other homeless services providers such as the Bartlett House, Marion County and Clarksburg Missions.

The Bartlett House, Inc. operates an emergency shelter/public inebriation service at the University Avenue location that currently opens at 5:00 pm and closes at 8:00 am seven days week.

Each of these projects receives support from the CDBG Grant in 2007.

Anti-Poverty Strategy

The City continues to assist social service agencies with education, job skills training and after school programs for working parents. Programs with a direct impact to their client receive special attention as well as programs meeting the goals in the Consolidated Plan.

Christian Help roof rehabilitation, reoccurring leaks from the roof have damaged the plaster on the forth floor ceilings. In addition to the falling plaster, water on the floor causes concern for the safety of the volunteers and clients. The CDBG funding is important to make the repair and preserve the building and service in the downtown area. Christian Help serves a large part of the low income, extremely low income and the homeless in Morgantown with clothing, food, transportation and emergency assistance.

The Morgantown Housing Authority will assist families with the necessary modifications or adaptations that will make their home livable as needs change. Many elderly or disabled persons run the risk of moving to assisted living facilities due to failing health or physical limitations. Adaptations may include installing grab bars, handicapped showers, modifying home entryways.

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The Mental Health Association in Monongalia County operates the Friendship Room, a program of social Support and mental health education for adults who receive or need mental health care.

Lead-Based Paint

Morgantown Housing Authority will do lead based paint assessments, testing and clearance for projects as needed.

Other Actions

The Down Payment Assistance Program will assist low-income first time homebuyers with \$2,500 grant for down payment when purchasing property in the City of Morgantown.

Monitoring

To ensure appropriate use of public dollars while maintaining a consistency with Federal program requirements and regulations, the City of Morgantown Community Development staff will plan, implement, and enforce a monitoring plan for each project. In addition, this monitoring plan will ensure satisfactory progress toward the

Consolidated Plan goals, promote program accountability, and further demonstrate compliance with Federal requirements.

The Community Development staff will conduct on-site monitoring of sub-recipient agencies periodically. As stated in each contract, payment is made by reimbursement only. Quarterly reports and an end-of-year performance report are also required for each project. Staff will also work with the sub-recipients on a regular basis as a resource for technical assistance in planning, implementation, project evaluation, and capacity building.

Program Income

It is anticipated that the Morgantown Housing Authority will receive \$17,400 in program income and use 15% or \$2,610 for administration and \$14,790 for rehabilitation projects.

Citizen Participation

Summary of Public Hearing/Input and Approval Process

Community Development Director opens each meeting by providing information about the Community Development Block Grant Program and the expected funding levels. The discussion then turned to the status of the program year soliciting comments.

All meetings are published in local newspapers, Channel 15, and the City Web Site. Flyers were posted at sites around Morgantown to encourage low- and moderate-income individual participation. The City Administration for compliance with Federal regulations reviews the proposed projects.

Council Presentation

At the March 27, 2007 City of Morgantown City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, the CDBG proposed FY 2007 Action Plan was presented to the City Council. Council Meetings are public and televised.

Sub-Recipient Contract Overview

The March 27, 2007, Draft FY 2007 Action Plan for all agencies or groups receiving funding from the 2007 CDBG entitlement, 30-day public comment period. Discussions concerned the reporting requirements, contract, and the desire of the agency to accept the funding. During the public comment period, copies of the Action Plan were available at City Hall, the Morgantown Library, and on the City's Web Site.

CDBG Technical Meeting

The October 6, 2006, CDBG Technical Meeting presented prior to the proposal kick off meeting giving prospective agencies an opportunity to explore their desire to pursue funding. CDBG National Objectives and the City's Consolidated Plan Goals and Strategies are gone over with explanation of eligible and non-eligible activities.

FY 2005 Program Year Review and FY 2006 Action Plan

November 4, 2005, 2006 Program Year Review and FY 2007 Action Plan proposal kick off. Review of the 2006 program year gathered information showing agreement of change for funding directions. Then a brief discussion centered on the next fiscal year.

Fair Housing

The Community Development Office continues to work with community agencies to address and support Fair Housing actions. Specifically the ReStore Proposal by Habitat for Humanity is an effort to address two potential impediments to Fair Housing Impediment 3 lack of available housing for elderly and handicapped populations and Impediment 7 collaborating with local housing authorities and non-profit housing corporations.

The Barrier Free Housing Program works to eliminate issues of accessibility with single family owned homes and rental units.

In 2007 the Community Development Office and the Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living will work together in bringing a trainer to address specific legal aspects of the Fair Housing Act for code enforcement, building inspectors and developers.